

The Fuzzy Five: Mission Save the Girl
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It was an ordinary day in Fluffton at the Ominous Mountain State campus, the birds were chirping, the squirrels scampering about in the trees, and the students were getting pumped for the big football game that was to occur tonight against central state. Otto really didn't care about any of that right now; he was more concerned with getting some more sleep since he had been awake most of the night on Claire's laptop. He was curled up at the foot of Claire's bed as Claire herself was getting ready to leave for class.

"Bye Otto! Be good for me okay? Oh and if that new Spanish girl comes in here to steal my notes cause she didn't write her own like usual; you know where to hide them!" Claire said as she shut the door.

"Ah some peace at last..." Otto yawned as he was about to doze off to sleep...

"OTTO; THERE IS DANGER IN THE AIR!" Nina Jr. yelled out as she popped out of the closet; causing Otto to almost jump out of his fur.

"Ugh... Nina, I thought we got rid of the danger remember?" he groaned.

"Yeah but, there's a new danger! Even bigger than the last!"

"Okay what is this so called "danger"?" he said air quoting.

"There's been a rumor of someone here who wants to get rid of all the Squishables on campus."

"So what? Plenty of rumors get spread around a college campus, how are you so sure that this is an actual threat to us?" Otto continued to edge her on.

Suddenly as if on cue a note flew under the door. Otto crawled over and picked it up.

"Dear Squishable civilian:

Enjoy your last few weeks here at Ominous Mountain State, because they'll be your last... MWAHAHAHA!!! *ahem* I'd recommend you gather your things and remember resistance is futile ;)

– Love your Resident Bad Dude.

P.S. I have no connection to the library whatsoever."

Nina simply raised an eyebrow and smirked as Otto frowned and handed over the paper to Nina.

"Okay I'll go get the rest of the Fuzzy Fighters; you get a head start and get to the library A.S.A.P."

With that Nina Jr. exited the room and Otto sighed and crawled out of bed to get to the library.

When Otto reached the library the place was dead quiet and the few people who were there seemed to be too busy working to notice him so he went ahead and searched the computer area only to find...

"Who are you?"

“Shhhh!!!” the rest of the library responded.

“Be quiet or they’ll have you thrown out!”

“Oh, right,” Otto whispered as he climbed onto a seat to talk to a panda Squishable who seemed to have been left on a desk of a computer.

“So who are you?” Otto asked again.

“My name’s Sherri; my human’s a student here. Who are you?”

“My name’s Otto.”

“Otto the Octopus?”

“Well... not exactly.”

“It’s still very nice to meet you, Otto.”

“The pleasure’s all mine.”

“You look tired, what happened?”

“Well I was up all night watching Dangerous Galactic Encounters...”

“Oh my gosh me too!”

“Did you see the one where Dr. Jax has to save the life of that mutant spider monkey?”

“Yeah! Oh did you see that episode where the crew get on to planet Qasntett and figure out that the inhabitants want to eat them?”

“I did! All I can remember that I was doing was yelling at Captain Eric to not go into the temple!”

“Me too!”

“Wow I’ve never meet anyone that has the same interests as me!” Otto said joy gleaming in his eyes.

“Me neither, well actually you’re the first Squishable I’ve ever talked to actually.”

“Really? Have you talked to anyone at all?” he said concerned and raising an eyebrow.

“Nope.” she said sadly while eyeing the ground.

“Well you don’t need to worry about that any longer; I’ll be here for you whatever you need,” Otto said holding her paw with his tentacle.

“Thank you, you know I...” Sherri began as she began gazing into his eyes.

“OMG SHERRI! I almost left you here! Come on we need to get you to the school of jocks right away!”

“You know Gracie; these things wouldn’t happen if you’d pay attention,” a friend of Gracie’s answered back.

“Oh be quiet you!” Gracie replied back pouting.

She then picked up Sherri and ran off with her friend. Otto, who was forced to hide under the desk when her owner came around was left speechless at what just happened only watching the panda girl he just met on her way out.

“The school of jocks? What could she be doing there? Oh who cares! ♪ Sherri, Sherri! Maybe we’ll meet again somewhere again! Oh.... ♪”

“Why are you singing?”

Otto turned around to find all the Fuzzy Fighters behind him.

“Oh um... I got bored?”

“But the name of the song is “Carrie” not Sher--” Spirit began to point out.

“Can we just move on?” Otto said sheepishly smiling as he put one of his tentacles over Spirit’s mouth.

“Alright did you find anything out of the ordinary?” Nina asked.

“No, not yet anyway I didn’t get to fully check out the computers here.”

Nina then hopped onto the chair in front of them and used the computer on the desk Sherri was a mere minute ago. A message booted up.

“Dear Fuzzy Fighters:

You will never be able to stop my plans! So I will tell them to you anyway in true villainous format! Tonight during the school’s football game I will kidnap the school’s mascot! And I’m sure there’s no way you’ll find a way to stop me with all the people around!

–Love once again your Resident Villain.”

“So you searched for how long?” Nightshade commented.

“That’s not important right now! The important thing is that we protect that mascot before the villain snatches him up!” Nina declared.

The group walked outside until reached a sitting area full of benches, until...

“Who is the mascot anyways?” Breakfast felt the need to ask.

“Um... no clue sadly; I never thought it was important.”

“Well from what I remember some Alfred guy was the mascot but... they had some kind of debate and he quit so really I don’t know who he is,” Spirit explained.

“Well maybe you should read the paper it’s very informative,” a strange voice answered.

“Who goes there?” Nina said picking up a nearby stick and wielding it like a sword.

“Hey, take it easy uni-horn, I’m one of you.”

Suddenly an owl squishable appeared before them.

"Who are you?" Spirit asked.

"My name's Luna; I'm new around here."

"You're new but I have a feeling you might just know something we don't," Breakfast replied back.

"My, my aren't you a skeptic little rooster aren't you?"

"Hey who you calling little?!"

Breakfast was about to head over there but was stopped by Otto, Spirit, and Nightshade stopped him.

"What is it you know?" Nina asked.

"Well for one the new mascot is a Squishable; it was in the news about a week ago. Apparently they couldn't find anyone else willing to do the job," she said holding up a newspaper and pointing to a picture.

"Sherri!" Otto yelled out.

"Sherri?" Everyone except Luna replied back.

"I... met her a few minutes ago, had great time talking to her but then her owner came all panicked and took her away to the school of jocks."

"They're probably going to get her ready for the game," Nightshade answered.

"Bingo," Luna replied back.

"Alright Fuzzy Fighters it's time for action!" Spirit yelled out.

"Right; we need to infiltrate the school of jocks before the bad guy does," Nina exclaimed.

"How are we going to do that? There's obviously a ton of people there prepping for the game!" Breakfast stated.

"Please I'm a master of espionage, we'll be in and out of there in no time!" Nina replied.

A hop, skip, and a plan to get inside the building later...

"What are these stuffed animals doing here? I'd better put them outside."

A football player took the "Fuzzy Five" outside and left them on a bench.

"Well that was a success." Nightshade commented.

"You guys should've asked me for help; I am a B&E expert," Luna said bragging.

"Why would we believe you?" Breakfast said annoyed.

"Easy, how do you think I manage to get into lover boy's room all the time and steal his human's notes?"

"That was you?!" Otto yelled.

"Well are you guys coming with or not?" Luna said as she began walking towards the entrance.

Everyone started to follow her except Nina causing everyone to stare at her.

"I'm the leader here, not this owl."

"Yeah well tried your way and it didn't work; and as much as we hate to we need to trust the owl," Breakfast struggled to say.

The team continued to look at her as she remained silent.

"Alright I guess we're going, come on," Luna said as they walked in.

The first hallway was empty enough though the rest of the building was much trickier. Because it was so small there wasn't much room for the people inside much less the Squishables but luckily for them the football players were leaving right now to the field to gear up. Unluckily for them they had to jump into a trash bin to avoid the stampede of football players.

"Yuck! This will take forever to wash off!" Spirit said as she removed the smoothie cup on her head.

"Hey guys look!" Luna said as she pointed out the next room.

In the room there was a vanity, a table with chairs, and a small sofa with a small coffee table in front, and a window. There was as well Sherri, being dressed in a nice headband and given flags and other thing to wave around.

"Aw you look so cute! The crowd's just going to eat you up! But if the Central State mascot tries that, DESTROY HIM!!! Got it?" Gracie said as her face turned scary at the mere mention of Central State.

"Yo Grace! The ref says he forgot a few of his score board letters and numbers in storage come help me look!"

"Coming! I'll be back in a bit Sherri," Gracie said as she skipped off to her friend.

The team quickly moved in as she left.

"Otto?" Sherri said bewildered

"Be quiet, me and my friends have come to protect you," Otto said as he headed towards the chair in front of the vanity Sherri was sitting on.

"Protect me? From what exactly?" she said in a whisper.

"Some villain left a note saying that they were going to take you before the game. He wants to get rid of all the Squishables on campus!" Spirit squeaked out.

"Yeah but don't need to worry me and my friends and here to make sure nothing happens to you," Otto said finally reaching the vanity.

Suddenly a smoke bomb went off everyone in the room started coughing except Otto who immediately grabbed on to Sherri. When everything cleared there was another Squishable dressed in ninja attire with only a small opening for the mouth and the eyes which revealed his fur

to be brown.

“Give me the girl!” he yelled.

“Never!” Otto yelled back as poor Sherri was being pulled back and forth.

The rest of them quickly ran towards the vanity to only have him jump to the table on the other side of the room. The team kept trying to catch him as he dashed across the room more times than they could count.

“Luna look out!” Breakfast yelled as he immediately pounced on her and the two rolled away under a coffee table as the ninja missed his kick and leapt off the wall.

“You saved me!” Luna said shocked.

Then during the mix up there was a scream.

“AAHH! STRANGER DANGER, HELP!” Sherri screamed at the top of her lungs as ninja was about to carry her off.

“NOT SO FAST!”

Suddenly Nina came right out of nowhere and slapped the ninja across the face with her tail.

“Nina!” The group exclaimed in happiness.

The ninja flew backward towards the floor and let go of Sherri; who Otto sticking out all eight arms out and mostly being lucky caught her. As soon as the ninja hit the ground he stood right back up and took out a small bamboo sword.

“Bring it on, mine’s natural,” Nina stated charging towards the ninja.

The two jumped at each other in mid-air and continued to do so when they lost momentum as they had a sword to horn fight while everyone else in the room watched and cheered on Nina.

Soon Nina had the ninja cornered in the actual corner of the room with her horn at his neck and the rest of the Fuzzy Five and Luna surrounding him. He took out what looked like a small ball and smashed it on the ground to find out that it was another smoke bomb.

“Quick catch him!”

“But I can’t see anything!”

“Ow!”

“I got him!”

“Let go of me Spirit!”

“Opps, sorry Nightshade!”

“Would you two stop messing around?!”

Finally when the dust cleared he was gone. The window was opened and a breeze was

what got the smoke out.

"He escaped!" Otto blurted out.

"And he left a note," Sherri added as Nina quickly went over and read it.

"Dear Fuzzy Five:

I must admit I underestimated what you were all capable of, but don't celebrate yet I will be back soon with an even better plan. You can count on it! P.S. I look forward to our next one on one Nina

– With lots of hate your Resident Bad Dude."

"Well if he comes back we'll be ready for him! Right Nina?" Spirit asked.

"Right! Now come on everyone let's move out." Nina said as everyone walked out except Otto.

"Otto what you did for me today was amazing! I've never had anyone do anything that nice for me, ever!" she said hugging the stuffing out of him.

"Aw but I did nothing my friends did."

"Yeah but you still came over here to help me and that's good enough for me."

Sherri then picked up some mascara from the vanity and wrote on the back of the note the bad guy left.

"Here's me and my human's dorm room number; come over when you want, just make sure my human Gracie isn't there."

"Thanks and I will," Otto said smiling warmly as he was about to walk away.

"Oh Otto, I have one last thing."

"What?"

"This," she said as she gave him a nice kiss on the cheek.

Otto then smiled widely as walked away looking back and waving at her.

"Oh come on lover boy," Luna sighed as she dragged him away.

They all got outside where Nina discussed new plans to deal with their new enemy as Luna then silently started walking away. Only to be followed by Breakfast.

"Where do you think you're going?" Breakfast asked.

"Home. What's it look like?"

"Now? But we're discussing plans!"

"Look I'm not ready to be a part of your group or whatever it is you guys call it."

"Why?"

"Let's just say I have a few things to think about before I can decide. Oh and by the

way... thanks for saving me. I guess chicken really doesn't suit you even if you are a little cocky."

And before Breakfast could protest she had hopped into a bush and was completely gone.

"Dude what happened?" Nightshade asked as the group walked up to the rooster.

"I think I'm in love," he replied dreamily.

"Not you too!" Nightshade replied.

Everyone laughed as their mission came to a close.