

CHAPTER X

"Harry Saves The Day!"

The enemy starship began its climb up into the heavens en route to deep space as the helpless heroes watched...

GEOFFREY: Darn it, it looks like we've lost. <defeated look>

SLIPPY: Ah, man! The empire is getting away.

SALLY: No, not yet. <still mad> Falco!

FALCO: Here, boss.

SALLY: Let me borrow your jet pack, I need it for stopping Sleuth at once.

FALCO: Yes sir! <salutes her, hands it over>

FOX: This is crazy, you'll never catch them in time.

SALLY: <quotes the Terminator> I'll be back. <sneers and activates thrusters>

Then she was gone, blasting away into the sky in hot pursuit. Onboard the Syndicate ship which was still climbing through the gravity field to reach outer space...

SLEUTH: It's done, we've seen the last of the Galaxy Rangers and Sally Acorn.

TAI: Not yet, leader. <looks out window> Here she comes again, closing fast.

SLEUTH: <looks for himself> Impossible! Open the weapons hatch.

The big guns slid into position and began tracking the princess as she closed in on the fleeing vessel, totally unaware of being locked onto and about to be fired upon.

SIMIAN: We have lock on, boss. <confirms readings>

SLEUTH: Fire! <gives order>

Laser bolts shot away to strike a startled Acorn who cried out, winced from the stinging impact and went spiraling out of control towards the ground far below as the enemy whooped and cheered.

DRACO: Yes, yes! You got her, you got her.

SNAPE: Aye, down she goes. <grins evilly>

TAI: Perfect shot, ha-ha-ha! Hope she doesn't have too bad of a crash landing though. <sneers>

SLEUTH: Simian, full throttle. We're going home, our home.

SIMIAN: Yes sir! <works his console>

The ship continued its trajectory climb into the atmosphere. While back on the ground the friends watched in horror as the princess plummeted towards her doom.

MCGONAGALL: Oh, no! <alarmed> It's Sally, she's been hit!

HAGRID: Good grief, she's out of control!

NEVILLE: She's going to crash! <panics>

Just then, two forms shot into the sky on their brooms as Ron and Hermione raced in to intercept the falling princess at the last split second, catching Acorn between them. The impact of her colliding into their strong arms made her gasp, eyes pop wide open in surprise and she glanced at both of them, recognition hitting her immediately of what just happened.

SALLY: Oh?! Ron, Hermione? <shocked>

HERMIONE: Yes, hang on, we got you.

RON: Hold tight and don't let go!

SALLY: Don't worry, I won't! <yells back> Get me down.

Together the two friends maneuver Acorn gently onto terra firma again, back onto her boots that is as the humans and mutants rushed over to make sure she was all right.

KRYSTAL: Boss, are you okay?

NINJARA: Did you get hit bad?

SALLY: No, I'm fine, I'm all right. <checks herself over> But thank you for being concerned.

DUMBLEDORE: You did all anyone could do, Acorn. But I'm afraid it was not enough to stop your adversary from escaping.

HAGRID: Nuts, <mad look> that villian escaped our clutches.

SALLY: Good grief, foiled again! <angry glare into the sky> Ooooooooooh...curse you, Sleuth!

All of a sudden, Ginny called out, getting everybody's attention that someone was missing.

GINNY: Hey, Harry Potter's not here, he's gone!

MCGONAGALL: What?!

DUMBLEDORE: Oh, my!

HAGRID: Harry? <looks around> Harry, where are you?

HERMIONE: Uh-oh, you think he evaporated and we did not know?

RON: It's possible, maybe he went after the enemy himself to stop them.

Fox, Slippy, Falco, Geoffrey, Tigress, Kato, Ninjara and Krystal gasped in stunned disbelief with eyes wide and mouths open at this shocking news. Sally's own face turned chalk white in horror!

SALLY: Noooooooooo! <screams> Harry! <fear in her voice, in her eyes, hands clasp both sides of her head>

And back onboard the Syndicate craft...Dog believes victory is finally his at last.

SLEUTH: At last, total victory is within my grasp.

TAI: <takes aim at him> Not yours, boss...mine.

SNAPE: Oh, no. <rolls eyes> Not this again.

SLEUTH: <hands on hips> I see you've learned nothing, Tai Lung.

TAI: Wrong, I've planned a great deal. I won't miss this time.

SLEUTH: Beware, Lung. If you assassinate me, there will always be someone waiting to kill you.

TAI: Let them try if they dare. <sneers> My time is now to become new leader of the Empire.

DRACO: What are you waiting for? Go ahead, hit him with your best shot. <shrugs>

SLEUTH: Yes, strike me down...I won't even stop you. <smirks and offers himself an open target>

All of a sudden, something materialized into full view on the bridge of the empire ship, startling the terrorists. It was that of a young man with glasses, brown hair, lightning bolt scar on his forehead...HARRY POTTER!

SIMIAN: My lord, we have an intruder onboard!

HARRY: Freeze! <aims his wand> You'll not succeed in taking over the galaxy, foolish mortals. I'll see to it your plans fail!

With that, the son of James and Lillian Potter shot a magic curse-hex into the main computers that erupted into flames and sparks, setting off alarms. Enraged at this attack, Lung wheeled on Harry and blasted him before the wizard could defend himself, sending Potter crashing to the floor, stunned as a shocked Malfoy and Snape looked on, eyes wide. Unfortunately that move put the snow leopard's back to the golden retriever as Sleuth responded by striking down his 2nd in Command then yells into his surprised face.

SLEUTH: Extinction to all traitors of the Empire Clan!

FIONA: <calls out from her station> Starship losing power!

Everyone rushed about frantically, putting out the fires raging on the bridge, alarms still blaring their warnings. Sleuth realized he was about to fail in ruling the galaxy forever and started to panic.

SLEUTH: Do something, Kong. Regain control!

The vessel wobbled and staggered as it fought and clawed for airspeed and altitude but began to slow down gradually as its thrusters ran out of power, then shut off all-together. Without warning it went into a stall regime, the nose pitched down violently and it started to freefall back towards the ground below.

SIMIAN: <fights for control> Unable to regain control! We're stalling, falling!

FIONA: Prepare for crash landing! <panics>

DRAGO: We're gonna die!

LIGHTNING: No, I don't want to die!

LEON: Aaaaaaah!

SHE-LION: Gaaaaaah!

PANTHER: Oh, no, oh, no! <fear in his voice>

TAI: Auuuuuugh! <screams like Charlie Brown>

Both Snape and Malfoy froze where they stood, horror stretching their eyes as they feared they too would perish with their new allies in the end.

SLEUTH: No, you can't let us crash, Kong...DO SOMETHING! <panics>

Potter got back to his knees and palms and fighting the G-Forces hitting him, made his way to the emergency escape hatch and opened it before looking back to bade farewell to the enemy.

HARRY: I'll say hello to, to Sally for you Sleuth...happy landing, NOT! <gives bird sign gesture>

DRACO: NOOOOOOOOOO! <screams>

SNAPE: Get him! <shrieks in rage, eyes wide in half anger-half fright>

SLEUTH: Stop that wizard!

HARRY: See you later, alligator! <dives out the hatch> Look out below! <starts to free fall down>

Down fell the Syndicate starship trailing flames and smoke in its wake as the Galaxy Rangers watched from below in stunned disbelief, it finally disappeared from sight behind the trees and then a huge impact as the vessel struck the ground, accompanied by a fireball that rose into the air, then turned into a pillar of smoke and faded away to the cheers of all students and teachers of Hogwarts Academy!

SALLY: Finally, at last. The Destructix Empire is gone, our path is clear now to go home.

TIGRESS: <confused> I wonder what went wrong, huh? Must've been a failure of sorts.

KATO: I don't think so, LOOK! <he points upward>

There, coming down and using a levitation spell to gently glide towards the ground was Potter himself a big grin on his face.

HERMIONE: Harry! <shouts in excitement> You did it!

RON: Yes, you single-handedly stopped the Empire!

HAGRID: That's my boy! <pumps fist into the air> Come on, let's hear it for Potter!

Everyone began cheering Potter's name over and over as the young man landed on his shoes again, posed and called out.

HARRY: Hey, Lucy? I'm home! <quotes the famous line in the television show "I LOVE LUCY">

MCGONAGALL: He's a hero!

DUMBLEDORE: Aye, a true hero indeed.

Immediately, McCloud and gang ran over and hoisted Harry onto their shoulders, then paraded him around like a hero he was as all the staff, personnel and students of Hogwarts Academy continued chanting his name. Sally smiled happily, hands clasped to her chest as she watched the celebration taking place before rushing over to embrace her #1 lover-boy in her arms, crying for joy.

SALLY: Oh, oh my love! I knew you would do it, I just knew somehow you would find a way to stop them, YES! I thank you with all my heart. <tears in her eyes>

HARRY: Yes, I did it for you, Acorn. <smiles back at her> Destructix Syndicate are defeated forever, including Professor Snape and Draco Malfoy, their allies.

DUMBLEDORE: You mean, they're destroyed?

MCGONAGALL: Is it true?

HARRY: Yes, they are destroyed.

SALLY: Then, let it be so. Again, thank you for preventing Sleuth and horde from getting away. Here is your reward, my love.

And once again they kissed each other, holding one another close to the cheers of the witnesses looking on. Parting, they both bowed and raised clasped hands together over their heads. It was then that McCloud spoke up.

FOX: Let's get back to base, we have a ship of our own to repair.

KRYSTAL: Aye, it is time for us to return home again, back to Mobius.

FALCO: And the successful end of our quest in saving the universe.

SLIPPY: And we rescued the AllSpark cube.

NINJARA: And to return it back to its rightful home again where it belongs.

GEOFFREY: Hopefully an end to this war forever with the Empire.

TIGRESS: I can't wait to get back.

KATO: Me too, lady tiger, me too.

Then her highness spoke up, gesturing for Ron, Hermione to join her with Harry because she had something to tell them.

SALLY: Ahem, in thanking you wizards and witches for helping the Alliance stop the Empire from returning to Mobius or Corneria, I, Sally Acorn hereby invite you Hogwarts heroes to accompany me, come with me to my home planet for a well-deserved vacation. Besides, you earned it, he? <grins and winks> Is it a deal?

HERMIONE: Deal, lady. <grins back>

RON: Sounds like fun, I could use a vacation myself.

HARRY: Where you go, my love...I will follow, be with you forever.

SALLY: Deal! <shakes his, Ron's Hermione's hands> All right, let's go home. Nicole!

NICOLE: *Galaxy Rangers, transform! And roll out.*

Once again the heroes of Mobius-Corneria changed into cars and trucks and drove back to the headquarters base with the friends of Hogwarts Academy following them. Once there, construction work commenced on rebuilding the Alliance's ship till it was ready for takeoff into space again. Later...Dumbledore, McGonagall,

Hagrid, the other teachers, Nurse Madame Pomfrey, Ron's mother and father, Fred & George the twins, and students assembled to witness the launch, so to speak.

SALLY: Farewell, brave magic users of Hogwarts Academy of Wizardry and Witchcraft. I will never forget you all, nor of the help you showed in aiding my cause to save the galaxy from destruction at the hands of the evil Empire. One day soon we will come again, return that is to see you young men and women, ahem...once you've graduated that is, he-he! <blushes red> Oops, never mind, he-he. Right, then...Harry, Ron, Hermione? <turns to her new comrades beside her> Are you ready?

ALL THREE: Ready, ready, ready.

SALLY: Very well, <nods then stares ahead> Nicole, beam us up...energize!

A shimmering energy beam engulfed the four forms, caused their bodies to glow brilliantly then dissolve, break down to molecules before fading away again to nothingness. Moments later the engines blasted to life as the Galaxy Rangers ship rose into the air on a pillar of fire and smoke, climbing up and away into the heavens above to reach outer space, and was gone!

MCGONAGALL: Farewell, Rangers. Have a safe trip back home.

DUMBLEDORE: See you next time you come back again! <calls after them>

HAGRID: Bye, Harry Potter, Ron Weasley, Hermione Granger...<tears in his eyes> Good luck out there.

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