

CHAPTER IV

Save Hogsmead From The Flood

Inside the power plant station, workers and bosses were going about their routines of monitoring equipment or instruments and maintaining the correct flow of water through the dam's spillway system to channel into electricity and thus creating power for the village below the structure itself. All of a sudden a loud explosion shook a section of wall and a large hole appeared in one side of the building as in stormed Sleuth Dog and horde, accompanied by Draco Malfoy and Servius Snape. As the people began to run in fear of these intruders, the magician in black fired a blast of energy from his wand into the air to get the attention of all personnel so his friend could make a so-called speech so to speak, to which Sleuth did just that, a speech that is.

SLEUTH: Greetings, foolish mortals. <leers evilly> I am Sleuth Dog, leader of the Destructix Syndicate Empire from the planet Mobius. As of now, we are taking over this facility so no one try anything silly or stupid unless you value your lives.

SNAPE: Hm, very good speech, I might add. <grins evilly> You heard him, <glares down everybody in sight> no one try anything and you will all not be harmed.

In fact, no one wanted to dare attempt anything foolish for the moment. Alarms began ringing madly and warning lights flashing constantly to evacuate the building in an orderly fashion. By this time waves were sloshing over the side of the dam walls to cascade down like giant waterfalls and tiny cracks formed on its surface. The needle dials on the gauges were jumping about, almost nearing the danger zone but the Syndicate leader did not care if innocent lives were destroyed, the only thing that mattered to him was collecting resources from this facility to create the ENERGON cubes for now.

SLEUTH: Tai, prepare your null ray to silence the alarms.

TAI: As you wish, my lord. <inclines his head>

DRACO: Oh, wait. Allow me to accomplish that task for you, sir.

TAI: He, duh?! <scowls his way> Who asked you, wizard?

DRACO: Duh?! <gives it right back> You have a problem with that?

SNAPE: Hold on, my #1 student. No need for violence right now. <to Lung> Sorry, he was only offering his assistance.

TAI: Hmmph! <continues to scowl>

SLEUTH: Very well, Malfoy. <nods> Go ahead, assist my 2nd in Command. <gestures>

DRACO: Yes, my lord. <bows head>

TAI: What?! <shocked> Doh! <slaps forehead with hand, cries like Homer Simpson>

That made the other horde gang chuckle and snicker behind his back before a glaring snarl from the kung fu master stopped them in seconds. Together the two prepared to carry out the task.

TAI: <nods to Malfoy> On three, 1-2-3-FIRE!

DRACO: Fire! <repeats word>

As one the teenaged boy wizard and snow leopard warrior shot lightning bolts from paw hands and wand simultaneously at the same time to silence the alarm systems, also paralyzing the generators with one shot, so to speak.

SNAPE: Bravo, bravo! <claps for his student> Well done, indeed.

DRAGO: Wow, he sure knows how to use his wand like a pro.

FIONA: Yeah, I'll say he does.

SHE-LION: Awesome! <impressed>

LEON: Okay, the next step, boss?

PANTHER: We are ready when you are.

SIMIAN: This should be easy to accomplish.

SLEUTH: To work, Destructix...began creating the ENERGON cubes and filling them immediately.

SNAPE: You sure you don't need my help right now?

SLEUTH: No, you can make sure my horde makes no mistakes for the moment.

SNAPE: As you wish, my lord. <bows his head>

And meanwhile...outside are the convoy of vehicles representing the Galaxy Rangers pulling up and stopping in the parking lot of the power plant station, then changing

back to mutant forms like magic with Harry, Ron, Hermione touching down on their broomsticks beside their friends, Hagrid having jumped out of the cab of the Peterbilt only seconds before it changed back to the princess.

SALLY: We got to work fast, lives are at stake here.

HAGRID: Aye, your highness. Stop the Empire from destroying HogsMeat.

RON: You, ah...think they...<suddenly he is distracted> Huh?!

Suddenly a loud bang and flash of brilliant light erupted to one side of the Alliance warriors and they all spun towards its source, only to discover a smirking-laughing Snape, taunting them atop the roof of the station, his wand held like a Sith Lord light saber in both hands, pointed directly at Potter with a cocky sneer on his face.

SNAPE: Oops, I almost got you, Potter! Good thing you ducked in time or I would've tagged you.

HARRY: Curse you, Snape! <yells angrily back at him> You'll pay for helping Voldemort in killing my parents!

SNAPE: I doubt it very much, foolish boy. <continues to sneer> But if you wish, insist on taking revenge...<shrugs> go ahead.

HERMIONE: No, Harry! <tries restraining him> He's only wanting you to make a foolish move so he can defeat you.

HARRY: No! <yells back> I will make him pay dearly for telling Lord Voldemort how to track down and kill my father, James Potter.

FOX: Oops, not good. <quotes Jack Sparrow in Pirates of the Caribbean>

KRYSTAL: Potter, please...<she tries reasoning with him> do not give into your anger or hate, otherwise it will consume you forever.

RON: Um, is this sounding like Star Wars here? <puzzled look> Harry's a Jedi Knight and Snape's a Sith Lord?

FALCO: Duh? <also puzzled>

SNAPE: Well, Potter...<smirks> are you going to strike me down or just wait around till you're ready to face me, he?

NINJARA: Up yours, butt head! <gives bird sign at him>

RON: Yeah, big bully! <gives same sign>

SNAPE: Ooooooooooh! <glowers angrily> How dare you insult me like that?!

SLEUTH: <voice heard behind him> Professor, I need you in here, now!

SNAPE: Yes sir! <calls back> Sorry, got to go...at-tah, asta-la-vista! <vanishes>

SALLY: Harry, do not worry. <assures him> You will have your chance at revenge, soon. But for now the main goal is to prevent the Syndicate from getting away with harming innocent lives for the moment.

HAGRID: She's right, Harry. We must stop the dam from breaking or it'll flood all of HogsMead.

HARRY: Yes, we must save the village. <recovers>

KRYSTAL: Now you're talking sense. <grins>

TIGRESS: Let's do it.

GEOFFREY: Roger, let's roll out.

HERMIONE: Me too.

FOX: Princess?

SALLY: Rangers, to the air, follow me! <risers into the sky>

FALCO: Woo-hoo, we're gone! <he too rises into the sky>

SLIPPY: Look out, Destructix, here we come. Ready or not!

KATO: It's time to take out the trash, Empire trash that is, ha!

One by one the heroes of Mobius flew off in the direction of the power plant just beyond the parking lot area. That left Ron and Ninjara alone, together as they flew off in another direction towards the source of the white cap waves until reaching the upper river bank in minutes to gaze in stunned disbelief at the waves speeding past their feet.

RON: It looks like the heart of the tidal wave is right here. <he points>

NINJARA: Only one way to find out, wait here. <she dives into water>

RON: <calls after her> Be careful, Ninjara!

The vixen swam to the bottom where she spotted Lightning Lynx still pounding away on the bed (another term for bottom of river bank) completely oblivious to her presence until it was too late as Ninjara cannon balled into Lynx from his blind spot and they wrestled each other underwater. Meanwhile...outside the main entrance of the building:

SALLY: Right, are we all set?

HARRY: Check.

HERMIONE: Check.

FOX: Check.

HAGRID: Check.

FALCO: Check.

KRYSTAL: Check.

GEOFFREY: Check.

TIGRESS: Check.

SLIPPY: Check.

KATO: Check.

SALLY: Very well...3-2-1-CHARGE! <leads the assault>

One by one they rushed inside, followed by their allies bringing up the rear. While inside the station, the Syndicate have completed the task of filling the cubes, compressing them down into humming-glowing colorful boxes of ENERGON and now get ready to escape with their stolen loot, that is.

SLEUTH: Okay, each take as many as you can carry. Return to base.

DRACO: Yes sir! <salutes him>

SALLY: Not so fast, Destructix fool. <aims laser gun at him> Freeze!

SLEUTH: <whirls around> Auuuugh! <gasps, then glares> Point that gun someplace else.

SNAPE: Holy cow?! How did you get in here? <stunned>

DRACO: Uh-oh, we got a BIG problem here.

SALLY: Stick it in neutral, Dog. You're not going anywhere.

SLEUTH: Then try and stop me from getting away, Acorn! <shoots back at her>

HARRY: Never! <returns fire with his wand> Eat this!

His blast of magic slapped the laser rifle out of Sleuth's hands, sending it crashing to the floor. Stunned by this attack on him, Dog back pedaled briefly before recovering and yelling to his warriors.

SLEUTH: Destroy them, idiots!

HERMIONE: Oh, no you don't! <she throws a spell of her own>

The female witch cast a barrier to trap the entire Empire gang, immobilizing Drago, Fiona, Simian, Panther, Leon, She-Lion in paralyzing magic, unable to move for the moment. Glaring back with fire in his eyes, bared teeth in a snarl, Sleuth made his next move.

SLEUTH: You dare attack my horde, foolish girl?! Now you take this. <scoops up his rifle and shot at her>

HAGRID: NO! <throws himself forward>

The 6-ft giant took the blast instead, staggering him back a step or two in pain before setting him down onto his butt, so to speak where he sat, stunned that is. Enraged, the princess ordered her warriors...

SALLY: Attack, now! Hermione, release them.

HERMIONE: Yes, your highness! <frees the horde from her spell>

Once freed from the paralyzation barrier, the Syndicate mutants closed with the Ranger mutants to do battle! Snape and Draco traded magic powers with Harry and Hermione while Hagrid just sat where he was, unable to move or help his friends.

HAGRID: Dang it, <mutters to himself> can't move...tingling all over my body, here...

As the battle commenced with mutants shooting at each other or engaged in martial arts fighting techniques, Sleuth, Draco and Snape attempted to get away via a catwalk suspended high above the main floor of the power plant when Acorn confronted the trio, ready for a fight of course. With an evil laugh, the big bully of Slytherin House shot forth his wand to blast the princess off her feet, off the catwalk.

DRACO: Have a hard landing, girlie, he-he! Hope it's not that bad. <sneers>

SALLY: Aaaaaaaah! <cries as she falls>

HARRY: NO! <zooms up on his broom>

HERMIONE: Sally! <also flies in to save her life>

At the last second, the two magicians catch or cushion the falling Alliance leader between them, supporting her weight together then glare up at an bemused Malfoy who only shrugged and smirked.

DRACO: Oh, wow...the dashing knight comes to the rescue of the fair maiden, charming.

HARRY: I'll kick your butt for that, you bully! <yells at him>

DRACO: Go ahead, Potter. Take your best shot, I won't even stop you. <continues to smirk>

SNAPE: Not now, you idiot. <hisses at him> We must escape while we can. <glares at Harry> Another time, Potter.

HARRY: Oh, I'll be waiting...COWARD! <shouts him down>

That made Snape scream in anger and he lashed out with a burst of power from his wand in retaliation. But Harry was quick to dodge the blast, even shielding Acorn's body with a force shield conjured by Hermione's wand herself.

SALLY: Thanks, Harry, Hermione. <grins at them> Say, <whispers to them> can you both give me a boost back up there?

HERMIONE: No problem, princess. <grins back>

HARRY: On 3, then. 3-2-1-heave ho!

They both zoom upward and at the same time, throw Acorn into the air where she front flips through the air to touch down lightly onto her booted feet to face down her adversary, again ready for a fight with her allies keeping back in case she needed assistance.

SLEUTH: Any last words?

SALLY: Bah, nothing you would want to hear said from me, Dog! <glowers fiercely>

SLEUTH: Nothing can stop me now. Not even you. <glowers back>

SNAPE: You don't need my help, sir?

SLEUTH: <over his shoulder> I can handle her myself, professor. You help get the ENERGON cubes out with my horde back to our hidden hideout.

SNAPE: But, of course, sir. <bows> Draco, let's be off.

DRACO: Yes, teacher. <follows him out hatch> See you later, losers. <sneers again>

Hermione and Harry glare angrily at the departing teacher and student as they made their way out an emergency escape hatch onto a causeway atop the dam itself and were gone, leaving only Dog and Acorn squaring off against each other. Down below on the main floor, Hagrid was having his own fun in beating down the Syndicate terrorists like he was taking part in a professional wrestling match.

HAGRID: This is lots more fun than tending to my gardens or feeding Buckbeak.

Just then he spotted Tai Lung nearby taking aim with his laser rifle as though preparing to open fire on the unsuspecting Rangers, the snow leopard warrior was grinning as if he was about to play a stupid joke on his enemy.

TAI: So long, Rangers. Here's one super spit ball special for you. <takes aim>

HAGRID: Oh, no you don't, I wouldn't if I were you! <gets his attention>

TAI: What-the? <starts to spin around, then> Offmph! <grunts in pain from blow>

HAGRID: Take that, you no-good feline cat! <strikes him down>

Even as the giant knocked down Tai, the leopard's laser gun accidentally misfired, sending a brilliant laser bolt flying harmlessly into some consoles that exploded. The Shockwave staggered Sleuth who wobbled, regained his feet then yelled down in anger.

SLEUTH: You idiot, Lung! Help save the ENERCON cubes, get them out of here.

SALLY: Yaaaaaah! <leaps his way> Take that! <slams a kick into his face>

The blow reeled Dog off his boots, driving him out the door onto the causeway outside where he recovered, and snarling in anger faced off the princess who snarled back, bared teeth and poised like a kung fu master. For the moment they waited for the other to make the first move, so to speak.

SALLY: You destroy everything you touch, Sleuth.

SLEUTH: Because everything I touch is food for my hunger, my hunger for power.

SALLY: No, I'm going to end it once and for all.

With that they exchanged a series of jabs, chops, kicks, blocks, ducks, sweeps, flips back and forth like Neo and Smith in the MATRIX battle scenarios.

HERMIONE: Wow, look at her go. I didn't know she knew martial arts?

HARRY: Yeah, me neither. Go Sally, take him out!

SALLY: You're old, Dog. Time for retirement, I would presume, he? <sneers>

SLEUTH: We'll see who's ready to retire first.

SALLY: Then why don't you go first, <gestures> there's no need for us to be fighting this silly war games anyway, right?

SLEUTH: If you think I'm going to give up in your presence, madame chipmunk...<sneers back> YOU'RE NUTS!

SALLY: Ooooooooooh! <snarls back in rage> How dare you?! <glares>

SLEUTH: Come on in, <beckons her with a finger> finish me off.

SALLY: Aaaaaaargh! <lunges his way again>

Once again they closed with each other, now wrestling each other in a test of strength battle with clasped hands, bulging muscles straining, glowering snarling faces and pushing against each other to force one or the other to their knees in submission.

SLEUTH: Urrrrrrrgh!

SALLY: Urrrrrrrgh!

Down below on the riverbank, Ron Weasley was getting worried about Ninjara not coming back up from beneath the surface and fearing the lady fox was drowning.

RON: Ninjara! You all right down there?

Under the water, the vixen slammed the lynx into the bank and closed to finish him off but Lightning kicked out hard with both feet, driving Ninjara back and away into the far bank where a mudslide rained down, trapping her in minutes. Snickering to himself, the lynx headed to the surface but ran into a started Ron who gasped at seeing this mutant pop out of nowhere.

RON: Hey, where is Ninjara?

LIGHTNING: Butt out, wizard. <ignores him, starts to walk away>

RON: Not so fast, terrorist scum. <raises, aims his wand> Eat this, sucker! <releases spell>

His magic in the form of a lightning bolt shot from the glowing tip of the wand to impact into Lightning, knocking him sprawling onto his face briefly. Growling angrily, the Syndicate warrior wheeled on Weasley and struck back with his own magic, his ring that is.

LIGHTNING: Okay, now it's my turn. Let's see how you like it, huh? <glares> Now you take this!

His return strike hammered into Ron before he could deflect-repel or protect himself at the same time, the energy bolt lifted the teenaged boy into the air then dropping him flat onto his backside, dazed and stunned for the moment. Laughing at the helpless fool before him, Lightning Lynx gave a taunting farewell gesture and flew off into the sky. Even as he got away, Weasley cried out...

RON: Heeeeeelp!

His cries were heard by both Hermione and Harry who snapped their heads around in time to witness the horrifying spectacle of their friend being attacked by Lightning Lynx and the evil mutant escaping.

HERMIONE: Ron! <panics> Come, we must help him. <starts to fly away>

HARRY: Right! <starts to follow her, then> Sally? <starts to look back>

SALLY: <distracted> Ugh, what?! <whips head around>

SNAPE: And now, to finish that stupid wizard-boy for good. <leers to himself> Die, Harry Potter! <aims his wand and casts spell>

SLEUTH: What the heck?! <also caught by surprise> Hey! <ducks head to avoid bolts>

Unfortunately, that move threw Acorn off balance briefly as she reeled backwards at the same time that Dog's head collided into her head, making the princess grunt in pain from the blow, wobble-stagger and then topple over the side of the dam to plummet down into the river below. Simultaneously, Potter sensing Snape's attempts to kill him, swerved out of the way to barely avoid the bolts.

HARRY: Sally, noooooo! <zooms down after her>

SNAPE: Curses! <gets mad> Missed him, darn it. Oh, well...better luck next time, ha-ha-ha. <zooms into the sky>

DRACO: Wait for me, teacher! <follows him into the sky> Bye-bye, Potter! <mocks him like a true bully>

SLEUTH: Who's retiring now, Acorn? <yells down at her> You'll never stop me. Ha-ha-ha-ha-haah! <he too flies away>

As the enemy forces flew away into the horizon to disappear from sight, Harry meanwhile flew after a struggling Acorn who was fighting to keep from being pulled under by the currents as the river swept her downstream in the process. He leaned over his broomstick, reaching out one arm and hand but this was not like he was trying to grab the Golden Snitch in Quidditch, instead he was trying to save her highness's life.

HARRY: Sally! <yells to her> My hand, grab my hand!

SALLY: <looks up> Harry? Here, <reaches up to him> take my hand, hurry!

HARRY: Hang on, your highness. <moves in closer> I got you! <grabs her hand in his> Hold tight, don't let go.

SALLY: Okay, I won't! <promises him> Ugh, mmmph! <struggles to pull herself onto his broom>

HARRY: Stop struggling, I got you. Hang onto my broom with your other hand, don't let go.

SALLY: As long as you don't drop me either, Potter. <smiles weakly up at him>

NICOLE: *Master Sally...<flies in to the rescue also> I'm coming, hang on...*

HARRY: Huh? <looks up surprised> Where did you come from?

NICOLE: *No time to explain, sir...let me assist in saving my maker, okay?*

HARRY: Sure, I could use an extra pair of hands. <grins> Up we go.

Together the lynx hologram and teenaged wizard rose carefully into the air, carrying Sally between them as she clung tightly to her savior all the way to dry ground again. Once back on her boots again, she leaped into Potter's arms, hugged him tightly around the neck, buried her face against his shoulders and cried in relief.

SALLY: Thank you, thank you Harry Potter for saving my life. I owe you my life debt in my honor, yes. <smiles warmly into his face>

HARRY: The honor was mine, princess. <smiles back, pushes glasses up his nose>

NICOLE: *Are you okay, master? <looks worried>*

SALLY: I am, thanks for coming to my rescue also, program.

NICOLE: *Certainly, sir...<bows to her>*

Then she vanished from sight like a ghost to the shocked look from Potter before Acorn spoke to him again.

SALLY: Harry, that was very brave of you to rescue me. You have proven yourself a worthy-honorable member of my club so far.

HARRY: You're welcome, your highness. <inclines head> I was not going to let you drown.

SALLY: No, you did not let me drown. For that heroic deed, here is your reward. <again she smiles>

And with that she kissed him fully and deeply on his mouth, leaning in close to his body with her own pressed against him, arms around his neck & shoulders, eyes closed. Harry kissed her back, his own hands around her waist with eyes closed too

as together they shared the reward between them, that is. In the meanwhile, Hagrid caught up with Hermione who were checking over Ron who by now had regained consciousness.

HERMIONE: Ron, you okay?

HAGRID: Yes, say something, lad.

RON: <sits up, opens eyes> Wha-huh? <looks up> Hermione, Hagrid? What are you doing here?

HERMIONE: I heard your cry for help and came as quickly as I could.

RON: Oh, thanks. <shrugs, then> Holy smokes?! Ninjara, she did not surface yet!

HAGRID: What?! <alarmed> Krystal's twin sister?

RON: Yes, she's still down there! <panics> I've got to save her.

HERMIONE: What are you...no, wait! <tries stopping him>

But too late as Weasley dove into the river and swimming to the bottom spotted Ninjara trapped and fighting to break free from the mudslide encasing her body. She looked up upon seeing him swim to her in disbelief, then watched as another form came swimming towards her, that of Hagrid of course. Together they scooped away the debris covering the vixen's body and helped Ninjara back to the surface again where Hermione waited, a look of horror on her face.

HERMIONE: Ninjara! Are you okay?

NINJARA: Yeah, <gasps for air> I think so...<coughs up water> ooooh, <looks dizzy>

HAGRID: Easy, misses. <comforts her> We saved you.

RON: If I hadn't got you back up, you would've drowned.

NINJARA: Thank you, my hero. <smiles, winks at him> I hear my sister likes you, he? I believe I do, too.

RON: Oh, no. <looks nervous>

HAGRID: Oops, what's going on here? <puzzled>

HERMIONE: Oh, great. <rolls eyes> Here we go again.

And as they both watched, Ninjara began to kiss and make love with Ron who had no choice but to allow her to play with him for the moment, in fact...the same sensation he had with Krystal previously returned again so he enjoyed every minute of it so to speak. Both Hagrid and Hermione just shook their heads and laughed at this spectacle. Meanwhile not far away, her highness was addressing the other Rangers of the mission so far.

FALCO: Maybe we should take our ship back home, once we've found the magic cube and forget about the Empire.

SALLY: We can't do that, Lombardi. If Sleuth succeeds here, if he finds the AllSpark before we do, he'll be impossible to defeat in the end.

FALCO: Oh, hadn't thought of that.

SLIPPY: Yes, we must keep fighting if we are to win.

FOX: Victory for the Alliance.

KRYSTAL: Aye, victory!

GEOFFREY: And death to our enemies!

TIGRESS: Destruction to the Destructix Syndicate, yes!

KATO: That's a big 10-4, good buddy.

HARRY: Good grief! <quotes Charlie Brown>

SALLY: Never mind, Potter. <smirks>