

CHAPTER V

The AllSpark Is Found?!!

Days, weeks later the activities around Hogwarts Academy continued smoothly with students coming and going to their respective classes as always in studying the fine arts of wizardry and witchcraft magic, making potions for cures against curses, placing hexes against enemies, wand dueling bouts of trying to disarm-disable one another by throwing chants at each other, then attempting to block the attacks and return them in person since the objective was to knock one's wand from his/her hand.

Then there was the Quidditch matches between the houses of HufflePuff, RavenClaw, Gryffindor and Slytherin since the grand champions were Gryffindor who captured the trophy cup so to speak and now were defending that title against the other houses who were trying to take it away from them also. In all this, however the Galaxy Rangers continued living on the grounds of Hogwarts Castle as honored guests, attending all the meal rituals of breakfast-lunch-dinner in the Great Hall, watching the Quidditch matches at the stadium, hanging out with the students in their Common Halls, etc. It was during one of these routines that Tigress the female tiger kung fu warrior was visiting Hagrid in his cabin not far from the castle, joining him for tea.

TIGRESS: So, what was it like to be a student at Hogwarts Academy? I mean, it must've been hard training to become a wizard.

HAGRID: It was, let me tell you. Going to classes, one after the other and trying not to fall asleep in class while listening to the teachers, doing your assignments, blah-blah-blah.

TIGRESS: What's with blah-blah-blah, huh? <frowns>

HAGRID: Oops, never mind, he-he, <chuckles> I like to say that now and then. Unfortunately I failed in many of my classes, got in trouble with the head master Dumbledore and he had me expelled from the school all-together.

TIGRESS: Oh, no. <alarmed look> I'm so sorry. <bows, sad look on her face>

HAGRID: Well, it was not that bad. Anyway, Dumbledore took pity on me and agreed to let me stay on as his personal gardener instead where I had my very own cabin to live in since I no longer was a student at the academy. That way, I could grow vegstables and fruits to be used in the kitchens for the cooks to prepare the meals.

TIGRESS: Ah, a so-called consolation prize instead of the grand prize, I see. <nods> Do you still teach here, I mean?

HAGRID: Correct, madame tiger. I teach the young ones now and then in-between my chores since I'm now qualified as a teacher.

Tigress smiled in appreciation of Hagrid's life here at the castle. They continued chatting and enjoying tea when a knock came on the front door.

HAGRID: Enter! <calls out>

HARRY: <calls back> Thanks, Hagrid. Hope I'm not bothering you or your visitor for the moment.

TIGRESS: Wait, don't you have to see who it is before you let them inside first?!
<shocked>

HAGRID: It's okay, I recognize that voice anywhere. <grins at her> Come on in, Harry.

Sure enough, Harry himself stepped into the cabin, or at the moment there was nobody there as the door opened then closed behind the unseen person. Tigress gaped in astonishment, eyes going wide in disbelief.

TIGRESS: Where is he, Harry Potter I mean? <looks around> I don't see him.

HARRY: Boo! <pulls off invisibility cloak> Got you. <sneers playfully>

TIGRESS: Eeeeeeeek! <cries out in terror, then recovers> Why you...oooooooooh!
<glares, bared teeth snarl>

HARRY: Hey, cool down, lady. I didn't mean to anger you, really. It was only a joke, honest.

TIGRESS: Yeah? <still glares, rises out of her chair> Well, ha-ha-ha, look who's laughing here, grmph! <snarls again> I'll show you in scaring me, ki-yah! <assumes kung fu stance>

HAGRID: Uh, no fighting please. <tries acting as peace maker> Don't want to break anything in here.

HARRY: Uh-oh, not good. <quotes Jack Sparrow in Pirates of the Caribbean>

TIGRESS: Fight me, Potter. Let's see how good you are in defending yourself against my skills of kung fu, ha!

Without warning she leapt straight toward him, letting forth a ninja yell but Harry spun out of her reach, then retaliated back by launching several spell chants with his wand in turn. Tigress ducked, cartwheeled, flipped out of range constantly then struck back with more kicks and punches as she tried disarming the young wizard who fought back with several kicks of his own, including more spells thrown at the female tiger warrior. In the end, Tigress pinned Harry to the floor, knocking his wand from his hand and glaring down at her opponent, about to finish him off when Hagrid stepped in, grabbing the female tiger from behind.

HAGRID: Enough! No more fighting, okay? <glares at the mutant> Harry...<frowns down at his friend>

HARRY: I'm sorry, Tigress. <looks ashamed> I made a mistake in scaring you like that, it was wrong.

TIGRESS: Very well, <anger turns to smile> you are forgiven, here, let me help you stand up again. <she helps Potter back to his feet> Oh, I believe this is yours too? <hands over wand>

HARRY: Thanks, kung fu expert. <grins, takes his wand back>

HAGRID: Now that's more like it, you two. <grins also>

TIGRESS: Aye, you fought well and with honor. <bows to him>

Harry returned the bow, that made Hagrid laugh and both mutant and human turn to scowl at him before they too broke out laughing with the gardener. While that was going on, meanwhile Ron Weasley was having his own do-do so to speak with the vixen twins, Krystal and Ninjara who both were deeply in love with the red-haired teenaged wizard. Ron didn't mind anyway, that's because he had slipped a love potion spell into the lady foxes meals or drinks on one occasion and now both were wanting to spend lots of quality time with Weasley.

NINJARA: Are you interested in hanging out with me or her?

KRYSTAL: He, which one is it?

RON: Hey, I don't mind hanging out with the two of you together, rather than having you fight each other to see who will make love with me in the end.

KRYSTAL: Well, that seems to make perfect sense.

NINJARA: Yes, in that case...it's more fun that way, yeah!

RON: Yeah, what do you say, girls? Care to rumble with Ronnie, he? <grins>

In answer to his question, both vixens jumped onto him, laughing and giggling playfully as they wrestled about with Weasley, kissing and running their hands over his body together, moaning-gasping in pleasure when he did the same to them in return. And at the same time that was taking place, her highness was speaking with McGonagall and Dumbledore inside Mission Control with Nicole about the status of the mission to track down the hiding place of the AllSpark.

DUMBLEDORE: So far you have not yet located the AllSpark's hiding place?

NICOLE: *No, but I assure you, sir we are still looking for it...sooner or later we will find it.*

DUMBLEDORE: In that case, you have full support of the castle staff behind your boss to find that cube of power.

NICOLE: *Thank you, head master...<bows to him>*

MCGONAGALL: So, you have any clues as to where it landed on this planet?

SALLY: No, I...<suddenly she reacts> Huh?! <hears a strange sound> Nicole, is that what I think it is? <gets excited>

NICOLE: <begins search> *Yes, my maker...it is, the AllSpark! <also looks excited> I believe we've found it at last.*

MCGONAGALL: All right! <she too is excited> That's good news.

DUMBLEDORE: Yes, well done, hologram. <praises Nicole> So where it it, he?

NICOLE: <again she searches> *Yes, it would seem it is hiding inside an underground chamber of sorts, like a cave or something like that...there appears to be a series of ante-chambers and passageways connecting everywhere...*

SALLY: Hmm, <frowns> is there such a cave like she mentions near here?

DUMBLEDORE: Hmm, very interesting, my dear. <he too frowns> Wait, I got it! <snaps his finger>

He nodded to his 2nd in command, so to speak as the head mistress witch conjured up her crystal ball and peered into its shiny surface to discover what looked to be a opening to a dark cave in some high hills just beyond the Forbidden Forest. McGonagall showed the image to the princess and hologram butler who gazed intently at it.

MCGONAGALL: The cave, your hologram friend mentioned is in fact the entrance to a mountain mine beyond the edge of the Forbidden Forest where no mortals dare venture, especially at night-time because of the dark evil creatures that lurk within.

SALLY: Oh, what?! <alarmed> Forbidden Forest? Gosh, that does sound scary, but...we may have to penetrate that interior to reach the place where the cube rests, awaiting to be found that is.

NICOLE: *Aye, we must brave that scary woods, master...*

DUMBLEDORE: Very well, I shall summon the Centaurs who live in the woods to help guide you Rangers to the mines safely.

SALLY: Thank you, professor. <bows to him> I appreciate everything you and your staff at Hogwarts Castle are doing for me and my army so far in aiding our cause to save the galaxy from the Empire.

MCGONAGALL: You're welcome, my dear.

NICOLE: *I'll inform your teammates ASAP to be ready to move out on your command, master...<she bows, then vanishes>*

SALLY: Good, see to it.

And so now it was a matter of time and luck for the Alliance to find the AllSpark before the Empire succeeded first in getting to it.

Meanwhile at the secluded Empire hideout, construction work was still in progress of building a starship to be used in transporting the ENERCON cubes as well as the AllSpark once it was stolen that is. Simian reported to his boss of the ongoing project...

SIMIAN: Starship nearly completed, sir.

SLEUTH: Good, on schedule so far. And the energon cubes?

SIMIAN: I believe we acquire more supplies than what we already have so far, sir?

SLEUTH: Indeed, we need at least one more source before we are satisfied.

It was then the gorilla bodyguard thought of something that came up, like a light bulb going off inside his mind and spoke up.

SIMIEN: Boss, I found the hiding place of the magic cube.

SNAPE: Oh, where did you find it, may I ask? <curious>

SIMIEN: Duh? <scowls at him> Since when are you interested in its power, he?

SNAPE: Just curious, that's all.

SLEUTH: Excuse me, <curious frown> did you say you already found the magic cube?

SIMIEN: Yes, boss. I found it buried deep within a cave nearby. Or a series of networks of tunnels and shafts.

SNAPE: You are referring to the mines, I presume? Perhaps that is where the AllSpark is hiding.

DRACO: Cool, now all we do is find it before our enemies do.

SLEUTH: Yes, Malfoy. <agrees with him> Once I've possessed its power, nothing will stand before my quest of ruling the universe.

DRACO: Good luck, Dog. <salutes him> Let the darkness grow.

SNAPE: Meanwhile you can also dig out the crystals within the mine shafts to be used as ENERGON cubes since they contain magic as well.

SLEUTH: An excellent idea, sir. I can almost see those crystals now, he-he-he...<chuckles>

All of a sudden there came a whirring-humming sound that caught his attention, that of Snape, Draco and Simian also who all turned in the direction of the noise.

SLEUTH: What was that? <frowns>

DRACO: It came over there. <he points>

SNAPE: What on earth is causing that sound, huh?

It turned out to be Tai Lung test firing a laser Gatling gun at some stand-up targets but the weapon was connected onto some cubes and half their contents were drained away.

SIMIAN: Yegads! What is he doing? <panics>

SLEUTH: Tai! What is the meaning of this?

TAI: Testing the energon cubes, my lord. They work.

SNAPE: What have you done, you idiot?! <gasps in anger>

TAI: Grrmph, <growls> who are you calling an idiot?

SLEUTH: Did you believe the cubes would not work? <frowns>

TAI: You never tested them, I proved it.

DRACO: Oh, ho-ho...sure you did. <smirks or sneers> From the looks of it, though.

TAI: Why you, <glares his way> you dare mock me?!

SLEUTH: Now thanks to you, <points to half empty cubes> we need more strikes before we'll have enough energy to return to Mobius.

TAI: What's the difference? There's plenty here for us.

SLEUTH: The difference is time you fool, you set us back!

SNAPE: Yes, you idiot! <yells him down> Shame on you, you should know better than that.

Angered at his 2nd in Command's antics, Dog kicked over the Gatling gun with Snape blasting apart the weapon with a burst of energy bolts from his wand. The professor was about to do the same to Tai who stood his ground, daring the Slytherin teacher to strike him down until Simian intervened quickly.

SIMIAN: Excuse me, if I may ask...I believe we also acquire rocket fuel to power the engines of our ship to return home again.

DRACO: Ah, yes. Rocket fuel to ignite the thrusters to fly the ship into space and beyond again.

And while that was taking place...not far away were Potter, Neville Longbottom and Falco Lombardi hiding and spying on the enemy forces, undetected for the moment as they listened in and heard everything about the Syndicate's attempt to invade the mines and steal the AllSpark first!

NEVILLE: Uh-oh, this sounds like trouble. The enemy now knows of the hiding place of the magic cube.

HARRY: Darn it, <looks mad> I was afraid of that. We'll have to alert her highness about this bad news.

FALCO: Aye, she must know this at once.

And while the friends sent the transmission back to Alliance HQ, meanwhile Tai was hopping mad, that is about being scolded of getting into trouble all the time because he was trying to overthrow Sleuth, replace him as the new leader of the Empire.

TAI: Don't push me, Dog. My desire for power is as great as yours.

SLEUTH: Power flows to the one who knows how. Desire alone is not enough.

TAI: I make all things possible, I can wait.

SNAPE: Don't count on it, snow leopard warrior.

DRACO: That remains to be seen.

SLEUTH: Assemble the strike force.

SIMIAN: <moments later> Strike forces assembled, my lord.

Sure enough, the terrorists of Fiona, She-Lion, Lightning, Drago, Panther, Leon, including Tai and Simian were ready to move out.

SLEUTH: Scramble! <leads horde into the sky> To the crystal mines.

SNAPE: Victory for the Empire! <follows Dog>

DRACO: Let the darkness grow! <zooms off on his broom>