

## CHAPTER II

### "Sally Surrenders To The Empire?!!!"

The booming voice everyone heard is that of Sleuth Dog in person, unseen for the moment but can be heard via a magna-microphone device to throw his voice out into the open, sounding like Almighty GOD that is.

SLEUTH: *I HAVE DEVELOPED AN ANTI-GRAVITY LASER EVEN POWERFUL THAN THE ONE DR ROBOTNICK ONCE USED ON MOBIUS DURING HIS REIGN OF EVIL AGAINST THE ORIGINAL FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND SONIC, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, OF COURSE...*

SALLY: *<to herself> Did he have to bring it up again, huh? <scowls angrily, tapping boots on the ground, hands on hips>*

GEORGE: Who's Sonic? A friend of yours?

SALLY: Not now, sir. *<snaps back>*

GEORGE: Oh, sorry...*<backs off>*

SLEUTH: *WE WERE TESTING IT OUT ON THAT TOWN YOU PASSED THROUGH JUST RECENTLY, HE-HE...<snickers> FUNNY HOW IT MAKES PEOPLE FLOAT AROUND LIKE IN ZERO G'S, EH?*

SALLY: *Oooooooh! <snarls> You think that's funny?! <shouts back> It's not nice to make fun of innocent life, you bully!*

SLEUTH: *NYEH-NYEH-NYEH-YAAAAAAAHAH! <taunts her back over the microphone> BUT THAT WAS JUST A TEST, MY DEAR...COMPARED TO WHAT THE LASER CAN DO...IF I DARE USE IT FULL FORCE, SAY FOR EXAMPLE...<here he pauses>*

Acorn's face burns red hot with rage, eyes narrowed to almost slits and bared teeth in snarling open-mouth grimace expression and fists clenched, shaking in fury as the nWo leader insults her and her teammates. Sleuth rants on as if oblivious to her anger.

SLEUTH: *EVERYTHING WILL FLOAT AROUND FOREVER, POSSIBLY INTO DEEP SPACE!*

That made the Weasley twins gasp in horror, eyes wide in shock at that threat they just heard. Not Sally, however as she shouts back, almost screams back a threat of her own to her unseen adversary.

SALLY: *Sleuth!!! I won't let you do such a stupid, terrible thing like that to these earthlings, you hear me?!! I will stop you as always, oh-ho-yes!*

SLEUTH: THEN I DARE YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS TO STOP ME...ON THE OTHER HAND, NOW THAT I THINK OF IT...<again he pauses>

SALLY: Yes?!! <yells back>

SLEUTH: I WON'T EVEN CONSIDER HARMING THE EARTHLINGS ON THIS PLANET, IN EXCHANGE FOR SOMETHING IN RETURN...

SALLY: And what's that?

SLEUTH: SURRENDER, SALLY ACORN! <threatens her>

SALLY: What?!! <gasps in shock & anger> Do what, surrender?!!

FRED: No way, not Acorn?

SLEUTH: YES, GIVE YOURSELF TO THE DARKSIDE OF THE FORCE, SO TO SPEAK...WHY NOT BRING AN END TO THIS WARGAMES BETWEEN OUR TWO SIDES FOREVER, EH?...THE CHOICE IS YOURS, PRINCESS ACORN...

All the Rangers are stunned by this chilling remark Dog just demanded of her highness to commit herself for the moment. Just as Fox, Falco, Krystal, Slippy, Ninjara, Kato, Tigress, Amy, Bunnie and Geoffrey attempt to figure out a way around this problem, it is the twins who come up with a solution.

GEORGE: I got it! <snaps his finger>

FOX: Got what?

GEORGE: I have the answer to this problem.

FALCO: Really? <curious look>

FRED: Have Acorn give herself willingly to the dark side, and...

SALLY: Now wait a minute! <whirls on him> What are you saying, sir? Are you suggesting I go ahead and give myself up to the Empire?!!

FRED: Whoa, chill out, lady. <backs off> You didn't hear the rest of the story, so to speak.

DULCEY: <frowns> I don't think I like the sound of that idea, young man. My stepmother surrendering to the Empire sounds bad.

GEORGE: Not exactly, dragon warrior. <stands up for his brother> Here's how she'll do it.

KRYSTAL: He? <she too is curious> This I got to hear for myself.

The twins outline the game plan to the Alliance warriors who listen with curiosity looks on their faces. Acorn also listens to the plan, though it sounds risky and dangerous, it might just work after all.

FRED: Back on Earth, long ago...a group of Roman soldiers built a giant wooden statue of a horse-god and hid inside the false idol outside the walls of a city controlled by the Trojans during their siege on the city. Their plan was to fool the opposition into believing the giant statue was a god to be worshipped and taken into the city.

TIGRESS: Uh-huh, and it worked?

GEORGE: It sure did. The Trojans fell for the trick in the end. They took the horse-god into the center of their city and left it in the plaza, unguarded over-night. Then, while the entire metropolis slept, unaware...<here he pauses for effect> the Romans emerged one by one from the inside of the statue and swept through the city, capturing and forcing the surrender of the entire metropolis without putting up any resistance.

KATO: Who-ho! So this idea you speak of will work?

FRED: It can't fail. <grins>

GEORGE: What do you expect from wizards like us, he? <also grins>

NINJARA: Yeah, <grins back> I like it.

AMY: Me too!

BUNNIE: What do you say, Sally-girl?

SALLY: What do I say? <pretends to look surprised, then smiles> I say...LET'S DO IT!  
<gives thumbs up sign>

GEOFFREY: Yes!

TIGRESS: Aye!

Fox-Falco-Krystal-Slippy also agree to the plan and put it in motion, so to speak. Sally instructed her dragon pet to send a message to Sleuth, to which Dulcey did as ordered by her stepmother, letting the leader of the Syndicate know her highness agreed to his demands of surrender. Later that night, Acorn stood alone in PETERBILT rig form, this time with a trailer attached to cab of the semi. Hidden inside the trailer were the Rangers and the Weasley twins!

Gleefully the Syndicate mutants take the big rig into their hidden base and display it like some kind of statue to taunt and make fun of the defeated Alliance leader. All the while, Acorn mutters angrily to herself, under her breath that is while listening to the laughing going on around her as she patiently waits to spring her trap.

SALLY: That's right, idiots...go ahead and have your fun for now. But I'll have the last laugh in the end on you, he-he!

All of a sudden in the middle of the party, the princess springs her trap as planned. Without warning, she throws open the trailer doors on her PETERBILT form and one by one, out rush the Galaxy Rangers, ready to rumble! In the next, Fox McCloud, Falco Lombardi, Krystal, Ninjara, Slippy Toad, Amy Rose, Bunnie Rabbot, Geoffrey St John, Kato and Tigress stand ready for martial arts action, poised and alert in front of the shocked-surprised enemy forces before them.

SALLY: <in big rig form> Attack, my Rangers...destroy the New World Order!

ALL RANGERS: YEEHAAW! <give the famous Dukes of Hazzard rebel yell> LET THE LIGHT SHINE!

And the rumble began, so to speak with mutants again trading punches-jabs-kicks-blocks-flips all over the place. Meanwhile, while that's going on...Nicole has gone to deactivate the force field surrounding the stronghold so Dulcey can launch her air assault from high above, that is. Suddenly the lynx program is confronted by a sentry drone.

DRONE: Password?

NICOLE: *Huh, uh-oh...<looks shocked>*

Nicole has no way of knowing which password, since she heard of two such phrases spoken long ago...it could be either "DEATH TO SALLY" or "SLEUTH IS SUPREME" but which is it? So she takes a gamble and picks one.

NICOLE: *Death to Sally Acorn! <curses herself> Oh, nuts, why did I say that about my master?...*

For a moment the drone stands silent as if processing the information. Nicole fears she said the wrong password and the robot will attack her when it suddenly speaks again.

DRONE: Affirmative, password is correct...you may pass, my friend...

NICOLE: *Whew! <sighs in relief> That was a close shave, the man said to the barber...he-he! <giggles>*

Moments later she finds the control panel and engages the instruments to deactivate the force field around the base, thus allowing Dulcey to fly in and launch her air attacks on the Syndicate from above. As soon as the field goes offline, Acorn spots the laser cannon in the courtyard plaza of the fortress, manned by She-Lion, the Copy Cat warrior.

SALLY: Hurry, destroy that laser gun!

SHE-LION: Yeah? <sneers> Come on, I dare you to try it, suckers.

In the meanwhile...Fred and George Weasley who have been all but forgotten sneak into the base unseen. Both twins watch the princess and Rangers charge the laser gun with She-Lion sneering triumphantly and getting ready to blast them with the deadly beam itself.

FRED: We got to do something, brother. They need our assistance.

GEORGE: Right! <agrees> Let's roll.

Even as they make their move...Dulcey the dragon happens to land next to them, startling both boys who gasp and jump when she taps them on the shoulders, giggling at their startled reactions.

DULCEY: He-he, did I scare you two men, he? <grins playfully> Sorry if I did that.

GEORGE: Oh, very funny. <scowls back>

FRED: You always do that, sneak up and shock people like that?

DULCEY: Of course not, sirs. <apologizes> What-the?! <startled by what she sees>

Immediately both men look up upon hearing her gasp and watch in horror as Sally is struck by the laser beam of the Anti Gravity gun and goes floating helplessly into the air, legs and arms wind milling frantically.

SALLY: Aaaaaaaaaah! Heeeeeeeelp! <cries out as she floats away>

SHE-LION: Whoops, have a nice flight, your highness! <calls out to her>

DULCEY: Mom! <cries in horror>

FRED: Hurry, save her!

GEORGE: Yes, we'll destroy that laser gun...go!

DULCEY: Okay, be careful! <takes to the sky> Mom, I'm coming!

SALLY: Dulcey, get me down! <starts to panic>

With all eyes watching the leader of Mobius float off into the sky and the dragon racing after her to save her life, no one notices the twins approach the laser gun. George and Fred scan the control panel as if looking for something to tamper with.

GEORGE: Let's see...maybe we can cast a spell that will disable the control systems, render it useless.

FRED: Good idea, at least it'll stop making Acorn float away. <looks up> Hope Dulcey can save her in time.

All of a sudden, Sleuth Dog spots the two magicians at the gun and yells angrily at them both!

SLEUTH: Hey! Get away from there, you fools! <gestures madly> Arrrrrgh! <rushes them>

GEORGE: Yikes, here comes trouble!

FRED: Quick, we have to do something.