

### CHAPTER III

#### "A Cure For The Poison Curse"

SALLY: Good thinking, Krystal. That stupid, ooooooh! <snarls again, glowers> idiotic Malfoy dare assassinate my brave warriors...argh! <yells> When I get my hands on him, I'll make him sorry, oh-ho, yes. <sneers>

KRYSTAL: But meanwhile, leader we must first find a cure to save our friends from dying.

GINNY: She's right, princess.

SALLY: Ahem, please do not refer to me as princess for the moment, okay? <frowns> Yes, we must learn the secret of the Empire poison and what else they have planned.

GINNY: Yes, my leader. <bows>

KRYSTAL: This mission requires brains, not brawn! <she points at Falco>

FALCO: I heard that, mind reader! <snaps back at her>

SALLY: Fox, Ninjara. I'll need you for espionage and intelligence gathering. We'll infiltrate the hideout of the Syndicate, that is if they're using their former base again or not.

FOX: Aye, leader! <salutes her>

NINJARA: Me too. <also salutes>

Lombardi growled inside his chest as Krystal smirked back at him playfully. Just then Hagrid shows up, pulling a covered wagon, stops the wagon and throws back the tarp to reveal several more vials with glowing liquids within each.

HAGRID: Here's some emergency potions that should at least protect you in case you've been poisoned yourself accidentally. Dumbledore tested them and deemed them safe.

SALLY: Thanks, sir. <takes vial for herself> I did not sample any of Potter's, ahem...good luck potion myself in case it was contaminated.

HARRY: Well, excuse me, lady. <scowls at her> I had no intention of making my #1 girlfriend sick.

NINJARA: I hope not, sir! <scowls back, arms crossed>

HARRY: And who asked you, misses?

NINJARA: Grrmph! <snarls back, bared teeth>

HERMIONE: That's enough, you two. <stops a fight from breaking out>

NEVILLE: Sally, you need our assistance in this mission? We can help if you insist.

SALLY: Yes, I'll need your assistance, Longbottoms. <bows to him> Harry, Ron, Hermione, Ginny, Luna, Neville shall accompany me, McCloud, Ninjara, Krystal and I to find a cure for the mysterious poison that has struck down half my forces.

RON: Your wish is our command, boss!

GINNY: Here-here!

LUNA: We're with you all the way.

HARRY: That Draco is going to pay for hurting our allies.

HERMIONE: I agree, he must pay.

NEVILLE: Then let's roll.

Nodding, her highness gave the command for Fox, Krystal and Ninjara to change to their vehicle forms and in minutes the fox and vixens were ready to move out with the chipmunk leader who was transformed into her Big Rig form too.

HAGRID: Good luck, all of you out there. And be careful!

SALLY: Don't worry about us, we always come back...yes?

HAGRID: Of course, you always come back. <winks>

Then the 18-Wheeler rolled out of the HQ followed by the three other vehicles and the three wizards and three witches on their brooms who flew through the air, providing air support. They traveled in the direction of Malfoy's escape route. Acorn takes the lead, followed by her brave warriors of Mobius and their Hogwarts allies overhead as always.

After what seemed like hours or minutes of traveling the countryside, the princess called for a rest period halt and everyone took a quick break.

HERMIONE: We've gone a hundred miles and no Syndicate terrorists in sight yet.

LUNA: Why don't we check out the hidden base? Maybe they're still there?

KRYSTAL: It's possible they are still taken residence at that former base, or then again maybe not.

LUNA: Oh...

HERMIONE: Oh...

SALLY: Come on, rest period's over. Let's keep going.

Again they proceeded on their way to search for the hidden HQ. After making their way up a mountainside trail the convoy reached the top and gazing down into the valley on the far side.

FOX: Holy cow?! <shocked by what he saw>

NINJARA: Holy bleep?!

KRYSTAL: Oh, my god! <quotes Joey Stiles of ECW>

RON: Will you look at that destruction down there, huh? <can't believe his eyes>

NEVILLE: Whoa, that is definitely black magic indeed.

HARRY: It sure is, dudes. Like something Lord Voldemort would do to destroy mother nature.

Everything below is scorched and polluted. Trees stand like bare, black skeletons. A stream runs with sluggish yellow-green water. Smog or fog blots out the sunlight for miles around.

HERMIONE: The Destructix Syndicate! <looks angry> Who else would turn nature into a mess?

Ginny and Luna nod in agreement, also looking angry too at what they witness. Not to mention Fox, Ninjara and Krystal whose faces also show fierce-angry frowns as well.

SALLY: We'll roll down the hill to check it out so be alert, team.

One by one the vehicles started their careful descent down the incline to the valley floor below. Soon they reach the bottom of the incline hill. Taking cover behind some trees they peer out again. On the other side of the polluted stream they see the entrance to a cave of sorts. Smoke curls from cracks at the top. A familiar "nWo" symbol, white lettering in white rectangle box on black background spray painted above the entrance leading into the cave.

HARRY: Sal, we found it. It's the DestrucTix's laboratory where they make the bad medicine.

SALLY: Correct you are, Harry.

SALLY: Rangers, transform. We've got to cross that stream and investigate that laboratory - if that's what it is.

FOX: You got to be kidding, leader. <shocked> Wade through that stuff? <points at sludge> No way.

NINJARA: Me too, uh-uh, I ain't stepping into that s\*\*\*. Oops, pardon my language, princess. <quickly bows>

SALLY: Hmmp! <frowns> Well, how else do you propose that we get across, huh?

RON: Allow us to escort you across that polluted stream, ladies. <he bows>

NINJARA: Oh, will you? <smiles at him, winks> My hero...<clasps hands together, winks again>

NEVILLE: He-he, she's got a crush on you, Weasley.

RON: Right! <sneers>

HERMIONE: Care for a lift, McCloud? <she offers>

FOX: Hey, why not? <grins back> I could use a free ride on a broom anytime.

HERMIONE: Hop on.

FOX: You bet! <thumbs up sign like Sonic and grins>

McCloud clambered onto Granger's broom behind the witch and held onto her middle tightly as the young woman kicked off the ground and rose into the air. Ninjara got on behind Weasley and clung to his waist, head pressed lovingly against

his shoulder, or rather had her arms around his shoulders area instead as Ron rose into the air on his broom.

GINNY: Wait for me. <follows after her brother>

NEVILLE: Going my way, shaman?

KRYSTAL: Why, thank you, sir. <smiles> I'd be honored to ride with you, friend.  
<bows>

NEVILLE: Cool! <smirks back>

The blue fur-vixen climbed onto Longbottom's broom and clung to his waist as the young man pushed off the ground and made his way across the polluted stream. Acorn watched, shaking her head and trying not to laugh at her allies assisting her warriors to safety.

LUNA: Oh, well. <shrugs> Better go join the others, I guess. <she flies away>

SALLY: Oh, oh my, he-he-he-he! <giggles> Look at that, how nice of them to help Fox, Ninjara and Krystal across the stream like that.

HARRY: What's so funny?

SALLY: Nothing, Potter. It's just that, I like seeing you and your friends always willing to lend a helping hand to my cause. <smiles> Yes, that's the way it should be.

HARRY: Uh, yes. So, care for another ride, he?

SALLY: YES! <gets excited> Just like last time, woo-hoo! <shouts in joy>

HARRY: Figured as much, hop on.

Acorn jumped on, but in front of Harry instead of in back. She held him around the neck, snuggled close to his body and smiling deeply into his face, kissed him fully on his lips again with closed eyes while Potter concentrated on flying across the stream and maintaining balance on his broom at the same time. Looking on, Hermione-Ron-Neville-Ginny-Luna-Fox-Krystal-Ninjara erupted into laughing fits of mirth at this romantic scene before their eyes.

Once landed, Sally got serious again. First chastising or scolding everybody for making fun of both her and Potter's love affair and warning them that it was a secret and must not be spread around - OR ELSE! Second, as soon as her friends agreed not to tell a word of what they witnessed, the princess of Mobius led her troops behind

some more trees where they peeked out at the entrance to the hidden laboratory, reeking with the evil smell of poison fumes coming from inside.

FOX: Now what, leader?

SALLY: Okay, here's the gameplan. <she huddles everybody> We'll go in together.

Like a quarterback describing a play sent in from the coach on the sidelines before executing it, Acorn explained how they would pull off the deadly assignment at hand.

SALLY: Harry, you and your wizards & witches will flank and cover our rear and sides, me, Fox, Ninjara and Krystal will cover the front position. This way, should we encounter any resistance before entering that cave, <points out the entrance> we can take them down.

HARRY: Fine with me, leader.

NINJARA: Excellent gameplay, leader.

RON: Our wands are charged and ready for use. <holds his up>

HERMIONE: Mine too. <she holds up her wand>

GINNY: Ready.

KRYSTAL: Ready.

NEVILLE: Ready.

LUNA: I'm ready as I'll ever be.

FOX: Let's roll.

SALLY: On three, 3-2-1-break!

Everyone clapped hands and broke the huddle, spreading out with Sally in front, Krystal on her right, Fox on her left and Ninjara next to him, their laser guns up and aimed as they advanced cautiously towards the cave with the wizards and witches behind, Harry-Ron-Neville and Hermione-Ginny-Luna to the far sides, their wands up and glowing ominously.

KRYSTAL: If this is a Empire stronghold, they would not leave it unguarded.

LUNA: If that's so, then where are the guards, he? <looks around>

UNSEEN FIGURE: Right here, suckers, ha! <calls out>

NEVILLE: Who said that?! <starts looking around>

FIONA: Here I am, brat! <leaps into view, assumes kung fu pose>

NEVILLE: Augh! <gasps like Charlie Brown>

RON: Whoa, it's her...Fiona Fox!

FIONA: Well-well-well, if it isn't the famous magicians of Hogwarts Academy, he? <sneers> Long time, no see.

SALLY: Hi-yah! <assumes kung fu pose also> Prepare to rumble, fool.

TAI: Bonzai! <jumps into view, poses> Time to evict the so-called un-invited visitors, he!

HERMIONE: Great, it's Tai-Lung again. <readies herself>

HARRY: You're going down, hard! <aims his wand>

TAI: Oh, yeah? <leers back> Bring it on, sorcerer, I dare you.

FIONA: Yeah, come on...<beckons with finger> let's see what magic powers you have.

SALLY: Yaaaah! <leaps at her>

FIONA: Haaah! <leaps at her too>

Immediately the two clash in kung fu fighting, trading jabs, chops, blocking each other's strikes, knee strikes, side kicks, front kicks as they fought fiercely. Simultaneously Tai hurled his attacks on Ninjara, Krystal and Fox who attacked back with their own martial arts fighting techniques. Acorn gets slammed by a spinning side kick and went down, stunned briefly as Fiona sneered at her, daring her to get up again.

FIONA: Oh, did I hurt you too bad? <pretends to look sorry> Maybe this will make it better.

SALLY: Forget it, <leers back as she vaults back to her boots> it didn't hurt, much!

FIONA: Huh, what?! <growls at her>

SALLY: Okay, now you take this. <launches another assault>

Again they closed to do battle with each other. Tai dropped Fox, then stunned Krystal who collapsed in shock to the ground, gasping in agony. Snarling in rage, Ninjara focused her anger on Lung as she struck out with a combination of punches and kicks.

NINJARA: I'll make you pay for hurting my sister, yes! No one does that to my older sibling!

TAI: Really? <blunts her strikes> You're slipping, misses. <taunts her>

NINJARA: Oooooooh, grrmph! <snarls> TO THE DEATH! <throws herself at him>

TAI: Never! <yells back at her>

Suddenly the red-brown fur vixen crashed to the ground, crying out in pain and holding her chest with both hands, eyes clenched shut, head bowed over. Lung laughed triumphantly as he stood over his fallen opponent. Without warning, he is blasted by bolts of lightning energy thrown by the magic wands of Harry and friends who all cast spells at the same time. Howling in rage and pain, the snow leopard kung fu master attempted to break free from the powers that held him captive for the moment, but in minutes he fell to the ground, unconscious as his morpher ring lost its power and went dull.

Immediately Ron ran to his girlfriend's side, cradling Ninjara's head in his hands and spoke into her contorted-pained face.

RON: Ninjara! Are you hurt, say something.

NINJARA: <eyes slowly open> Oh, Ron? <focuses on his face> It's you, thank goodness. <she smiles at him>

RON: Where did that bully hurt you?

NINJARA: Here, <winces as she touches her stomach area> it hurts.

RON: Hang on, this will cure it. <gently touches wand to her chest>

In seconds the pain was gone and Ninjara again smiled at her loverboy, actually kissed him and hugged him tightly while he kissed her back, holding her gently in his strong arms. Simultaneously Hermione, Ginny, Luna, Neville and Harry went to the aid

of Fox and Krystal to heal their pains too. Meanwhile Sally subdued Fiona in a submission hold, demanding her surrender.

SALLY: Yield, or I'll be forced to hurt you really bad!

FIONA: Okay, all right! <snarls back> I yield, for now.

SALLY: Fine! <sneers at her, releases her hold>

FIONA: This isn't over between us, lady. <glowers up> I'll be back for a rematch.

SALLY: Oh, is that so? <eyebrow arches> I'd suggest you take care of your friend instead, <nods and jerks thumb in direction of Tai> it would appear he is indisposed at the moment.

FIONA: NOOOOO! <runs to his side> Tai Lung?!

Then the Alliance Leader shouted to her soldiers even as the wizards and witches helped Fox, Ninjara and Krystal to their feet again, all three healed of their pains and feeling strong again.

SALLY: Hurry, into the cave now! <leads the way inside>