

Beware the Mary Sue

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Kapitel 1: Prologue

The mission itself hadn't sounded too hard. Superman, who was off-planet along with half of the League members, had given the team a short mission briefing back in the base. Some villain had appeared in some of the major cities, not causing any serious harm, but quite a lot of confusion and mischief. The Man of Steel's bets were on his old enemy Mr. Myxztlk, an imp and prankster from the Fifth Dimension. He wasn't all too dangerous, he had said, but still, the team decided to be careful. After all, their supposed enemy wasn't bound to the laws of this world - And that could be dangerous.

Luckily, Happy Harbor was the town the trickster had chosen to play in when Superman's call came. In a matter of mere minutes, the team was there. And finally, they could see what kind of "havoc" the imp was creating.

"Wait... what?" Kid Flash came to stop on a roof along with the team, watching the small town drown in... chaos? No, that wasn't the right word. In fact, not many people were even panicking. It didn't look like a threat at all.

Artemis, who hadn't realized that she had been ready to shoot an arrow ever since they arrived, relaxed a little, putting it back into her quiver, looking around with questioning eyes. It really seemed like everything was alright. But then she picked up a faint blue glow and pulled at Robin's cape.

"Hey, did you guys see that?" She looked at the others, and Aqualad and Robin nodded as they watched the glow disappear and reappear.

"We should follow the glow." Their leader said, causing the others to agree. Aqualad took a few leaps to jump off the roof, followed by Artemis, Miss Martian and Superboy. Robin and Kid Flash were the last to follow, and the first to arrive at the glow, which suddenly reappeared right in front of them.

"Remember, you have to make him say his name backwards." Came Aqualad's voice through the mental link as Robin reached out, trying to touch the blue orb, his other hand holding a birdarang. Before he could do anything, the light encased his arm, forming a ring around his body. And with a small, ringing sound and a short flash of white light, it was gone again, reappearing in front of the others in a matter of seconds.

"What happened?" Robin asked, voice sounding a little unsure, not as even as he intended it to be. He didn't feel different.

"I don't know." It was Kid Flash who replied as the light formed a ring around him as well. The same flash of white light. And that happened to all of them, leaving them

confused but not harmed.

All of the sudden, the glow was gone. It only took a few seconds for someone to scream though, and the teenagers quickly got to their senses, running to the source of the scream. It was a young woman with a pale face, shaking and tearing up. In front of her were a man and a kid - with turkey heads, making gobbling noises as walking around with their heads bobbing. And behind the woman, there was the blue glow again, a faint sound of laughter in the air.

Miss Martian slightly tensed as she suddenly picked up a voice in her head – as if it was an open mental link.

But instead of a high male voice, the one she had given Mr. Myxzptlk judging from the description Superman had given them, it was a female one. A very immature sounding, amused female voice.

“Okay, that one wasn't that good. Nah, it actually sucked. Fuck, I'm getting' all rusty... Never gonna find a good plot like that!”

As soon as she had heard the last word, the two turkey heads were replaced by normal, albeit massively confused, ones, and the woman gasped before she threw herself at both the man and the child, breaking into tears.

And the Martian heard the voice again.

“Maybe I'm gonna make the kids make out or something... Gawwwd, I hate those writer's blocks! Probably should scan them again...”

Again, the glow disappeared.

“I don't think it's the imp Superman told us about,” Miss Martian finally said, earning a surprised look from the others.

“What makes you say that?” Aqualad seemed like he wanted to comfort the woman and her family, but stayed with the group for the sake of everyone's safety.

“I... I heard it's voice in my head. I don't think it's able to control it's thoughts, or maybe it... Maybe it wants me to hear it?” That spiked Robin's interest. The boy crossed his arms for just a moment, as if he didn't know what to do with them.

“What did it say?”

The green-skinned girl was floating a little, a light blush on her cheeks.

“Well... It seemed like it's trying to overcome a... It said it's trying to find a plot. And that... That it wants to make us make out...” Her blush got a little deeper. “And that it wants to scan us. Again. I think that was what it was doing with the light.”

That alarmed them. Their unnamed enemy scanned them? That meant that it probably knew their secret identities.

This fact made everything far more serious.

Another scream managed to break their conversation, as they had to look what happened again. It seemed like it was going to be a long day.

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It was a goose chase through the town. The mysterious glow managed to cause a few more weird situation, such as a fountain spewing maple syrup instead of water, or a giant inflatable (and bright pink) actually eating people, spitting them out mostly unharmed.

The sun was already setting when the team - tired and unnerved – managed to corner the glow. It had given Miss Martian a few more insights throughout the day, and actually had dropped a hint how to stop it back at the fountain.

“If it comes in contact with anything sticky, it will show it's true form.” She reminded them through the mental link as they circled around the floating, twitching orb of blue light. This time, she couldn't pick up anything other than muttered swearing as the glow seemed to think.

Until Robin threw a small grenade spewing glue right beneath it. A squeal, a blinding light – and all of the sudden, a small, furry creature, more than a foot shorter than the Boy Wonder, was in it's place.

And boy, did it look pissed.

“We finally got you.” Artemis said as she looked down at it. Even with it's rather large, rounded ears it barely reached her chest. It's grey fur was covered in pale yellow glue, and it's small and thin tail were sticking to the ground.

“Well, fuck, look like ya did!” The creature was growling, but there was nothing remotely intimidating about a four foot tall - was it a bipedal dog? A cat? - wearing an oversized hoodie that was covered in glue. As it was swearing and trying to get free, Kid Flash and Aqualad tried to calm the people gathering around them down, managing to do so quite well. The other heroes were left with the little trickster that had caused all that mischief.

It was Superboy who stepped a little closer first, crouching down to be face to face with the creature. The glue had hardened by now, making it impossible for it to free itself.

“What'cha lookin' at, ya bloody-” It was cut off by Artemis, who gripped the mop of black hair on the seemingly female furball's head, causing it to squeal in distaste.

“Quit whining. Who are you, and what are you doing?” The blonde archer asked, obviously sick and tired of their enemy, after chasing them for a few hours. She'd rather fight a real villain, instead of having a game of hide and seek with... whatever that thing was. Especially because now it started swearing at her, growling and showing off it's actually pretty sharp looking teeth.

“Weeeell, I don't see any reason why I should tell you!” The thin tail twitching, it tried to rip itself free from the hardened glue, only managing to rip out a few hairs. It was hopelessly trapped.

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“Tell us!” Superboy demanded, grabbing the creature's collar, yanking it a little. There was an ugly ripping sound, like velcro, and the captured foe gasped in pain as it's leg was freed. However, ever kick it tried to deliver to the Boy of Steel's shin simply bounced off.

“But I don't wanna! I-”

All of the sudden, it stopped kicking, struggling and complaining, an ugly grin coming

over its features, showing off way too many, way too sharp teeth. A short, cackling laugh followed and the creature raised its sticky hands, putting them on Superboy's cheeks.

"Plotbunny!"

With that, it yanked its hoodie up, exposing a pouch on its stomach. As it had been covered, it wasn't covered in glue, so she – by now, everyone was sure that it was a girl – pulled out a large jar of glitter and a gallon jug with a label that had a skull on it, breaking both on the ground before anyone could react.

When Aqualad and Kid Flash had cleared the obnoxious cloud of glitter, the furry creature was gone, leaving nothing but a bunch of glass shards, with traces of a fuming green liquid, an absurd amount of glitter and a crudely drawn smiley face in the dissolving glue.

The faint trace of a blue glow was still there, and so was a voice in Miss Martian's head.

"Beware the Mary Sue. The Author will be back."

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As the weird foe had escaped and they didn't know what to do, Young Justice had returned to Mt. Justice, to wash off the glitter, analyze the liquid and discuss what to do next.

Well, that was what they had planned, at least. As they all gathered around the kitchen counter, freshly showered, ready to talk about strange, furry monsters and the meaning of "Mary Sue", they heard footsteps behind them. Grabbing their weapons, they turned around, just to look into the face of an obscenely pretty girl in an obscenely tiny outfit, smiling brightly at them.

"Hello, my name is Black Wolf and I'll be your new team member. Nice to meet you!"