

Creature Academy

"Quick, Serg, make it! Do it! Let's go! WOOOH0000!" Spyra hoots. Serg makes some quick turns and lands gracefully on the platform. Spyra runs up to him. "That was great! You're a natural at this!" Serg grins from ear to ear. "Hey, Puke. Got your little girlfriend there?" Serg looks up. Zymonus leans closer. "You think that was awesome? All you did was go fast. Also you got 18/20 points. I got 20/20." Serg was about to say something when suddenly a sleek red and black shape swiftly landed in front of them. "Well at least Serg passed fairly, Zymonus. I saw you knock out the Unicorn giving out the scores and enter that score yourself." The huge werewolf squinted his eyes. "*Don't you dare tell a single soul that.*" Zymonus hissed. "I won't if you buzz off." Zymonus scowls and flies toward his pals, Bif and Harjo. The red and black shape turned around so that Serg and Spyra got a good look at him. Suddenly, they both recognized him, but Spyra said it first. "Demon! I haven't seen you since last year!" Demon grinned. "Hey guys. Did you both pass the test? I got here early this year so I got to take the test early." "Of course we both passed! Phoenixes and Griffins are great at flying and dipping and such." Serg was not happy Demon was back-even though they were friends-for only one reason: he did think of Spyra as his girlfriend, but Demon keeps showing off in front of her, and so Spyra barely pays attention to him. *I wish I was a dragon. THEN Spyra would pay attention to me.* He thought.

SPYRA

"And that is the first negotiation the Trolls and the *blah blah blah.....*" Her teacher droned on and on as Spyra felt something slip into her notebook. The Griffin looked down and there was a note that had the messy handwriting of Demon on it. It was so messy that Spyra could only make out a few sentences of it. The first bit said 'hey Spyra wanna go to the' and then she made out : 'The training grounds don't invite Ser'. Spyra knew the last part was Serg. She didn't want to skip class because she would get in trouble, but she was curious why Demon wanted to meet her at the training grounds-without Serg-and also she was bored out of her skull right now. She quietly slipped off her desk (at creature academy the desks are jagged rocks that float in the air) and soared silently out of the classroom while Mr. Pacvac turned his back to set up a picture of a Troll and a Fairy shaking hands. Spyra turns left and then a quick right and then gets to the map of the school grounds. She looks at it, finds the quickest route to the training grounds, then glides toward her destination. She gets there after a few minutes, but when she lands, she doesn't see anybody. But then there is some rustling in some bushes near her, and a shadow steps out. She tries to look closer but she can't see him very well. But she does know one thing: that shadow isn't Demon.

SERG

After Serg's final class is done he flies over to Spyra's class to find her. He starts toward her desk, but he sees Demon hovering next to her empty desk, looking confused. He zooms to Demon and yells: "WHERE IS SHE? WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER?" Demon whips around, startled. "I didn't do anything! When I came, she was gone!" Serg glared at Demon. He knew the sneaky dragon had done *something*. He just didn't know what. "Why did you even come over?" Demon frowned, as if he knew Serg suspected him. "Well, you know that unicorn Halei? The one that's crazy about me?" "*All the girls are crazy about you.*" Serg muttered. "Well, she was chasing me and you know that Spyra and Halei are sorta friends. So I wanted Spyra to help me, so I came over here and I found *THIS*." He holds up a piece of paper with messy writing on it that looked kind of like Demon's writing. And it also looked like..... "Zymonus!" Serg exclaims. Demon nods. "And look what it says" He handed the piece of paper to Serg. He started reading:

*hey spyra, wanna come over to the training grounds
don't invite serg come alone I have some things to tell you.....
signed,
Deman*

Serg was furious. He knew Zymonus did this, (because the name was spelled wrong) and he is going to do some thing to her. "We have to go and stop that stupid low born Werewolf." Demon nodded, and for once his feelings were not covered by a mask of coolness. Serg could see the worried look on his face. "Let's go." Demon growled.

SPYRA

Hissssss..... Spyra stood taller and looked into the shadows. Suddenly a dark blur jumped out and landed on her! "AAAAAHHHHHHHHH!" Spyra screamed. The blur sunk it's teeth into Spyra's shoulder. She dug her sharp claws in the fleshy attacker and ripped it off of her, which really hurt because it's claws were still in her. Fresh blood poured out of her wound. "I see you have met my pet, Ripper. But he seems to like only one part of you.....your blood!" Zymonus smiled as Bif and Harjo laughed. *Why do bully sidekicks always do that? They always laugh at things that aren't even funny!* "Did you send that note? If you did, that is not funny." She barked. Zymonus stopped laughing. "Oh really. Then answer me this: If it wasn't funny, would people be laughing?" He gestured to the Cyclops and the Manticore, who were cracking up. "They aren't laughing with you, they're laughing at you. We all are. Since you were born," said Spyra. She gestured to everything around her. "You take that back." The Werewolf snarled, grabbed Spyra and smashed her into a tree, then slammed her onto the ground, pushed her into a obstacle course and bit into her wings, almost shredding them, as Spyra shrieked and scratched at his chest with her claws. Bif and Harjo watched wide eyed as the two fought. Finally, with a sickening *crunch* Spyra was thrown down about one foot through the surface of the earth. Ripper jumped on her and started to bite her, but Harjo lifted the little monster up along with Bif and flew after the bleeding Werewolf. (he always hitched a ride on a bird.)

DEMON

"OH NO!" screamed Serg. "What happened?" Demon asked. Then he saw it. The sickening sight of a still Spyra crushed into the earth. "SHE'S BEEN HERE FOR TOO LONG! SHE NEEDS WARMTH!" Serg cried as he quickly digs and lays her out on the grass. Serg curls up next to her and squeezes her. Nothing happens. "DEMON! FIRE DRAGONS CAN BREATH FIRE! DOOOOOOOO IIIIIITTTTTT!" "Um, I haven't really learned how to control my fire very well so..." Serg glared at him. "Fine. I'll do it." He sucked in a breath, and fired a perfect circle of fire right around Spyra so it was warming her up on all sides but not burning her or anything. Serg looked around nervously as if something was about to pounce out of the shadows and swallow him alive. Meanwhile, Demon was doing something useful: examining the blood and feathers/fur around Spyra. "Hey Serg, look at this. There is fur around here, and it doesn't look like Zymonus did this alone....." Serg glanced over at Demon with bloodshot eyes. "WE NEED TO TELL PROFESSOR WINTERFUR! HE WILL KNOW HOW TO HELP HER! GO NOW!" And then he collapsed into sobs. Demon stretched out his wings and started in the direction of Winterfur's den.

SERG

For Serg, it was the worst day of his life. He first gets a D in history, found out that his sister (Sero) got to go to the fire mountain (the greatest place EVER) with her class, THEN guess what happens? SPYRA GETS HURT!!!!!!! It was horrible, looking at her crushed body, but what was even WORSE was having to wait for Demon to come back with Winterfur. 10 painful minutes later Demon arrived with Professor Winterfur riding on his giant bat. "Let me see the patient." Winterfur said gently. Serg gingerly handed Spyra over to him. Winterfur looked her over with a grave expression on his face. "We'll see to it that Zymonus and the others are expelled. Spyra is at the verge of dying. To save her, you need to find 4 crystals. The crystal of Sky, Fire, Night, and Water. They each have a guardian. The guards are very strong and powerful. Are you sure you want to do this for a Griffin?" "YES!!" Serg and Demon yelled at the same time. "Very well. I will give you an excuse from classes for *one day*. (then he handed them a map) After that, you will-" Winterfur looked around. Demon and Serg were nowhere to be seen.

DEMON

"What crystal first?" Demon asks as they fly out of the academy. "Let's do the water one first." Serg answers. They open up a map of the world. "There! It's circled in blue for water. The name of the guardian is: Whirlpool. The place is: Crystal waters. C'mon!" Demon holds the map in front of him and looks off into the distance. "Look! There is the crystal waters ocean!" Both of them pounded their wings and flew as fast as they could. Soon they got to their destination. "Now what?" Demon asks. "Um, say 'I am here for the crystal?'" Demon nodded, summoned up all of his courage, and yelled "I am here for the crystal!" Nothing happened. Demon breathed out a sigh that was both frustration and relief. "Wait a minuet, the water is churning...." Serg observed, **SPLOOSH!** A grey green blob shoots out of the water. "AAAAHHHHHH!!!!!!!" Serg and Demon screeched at the same time. The blob crashed back down into the water. Soon there was only a head sticking out of Crystal Waters. "I heard you are looking for the water crystal. Well, you came to the

right place." Demon plastered on a nervous smile. "Um, where is the crystal?" Whirlpool spewed out a jet of water (it knocked down a tree!) and laughed. "Where is the crystal? Right here!" He pointed to a blue green stone on his forehead. Demon stared at it. "Uh, what do we have to do to get it?" Serg finally piped up. The huge sea creature turned his head in Serg's direction and smiled a unusually toothy smile. "We FIGHT!" He jumps out of the water and lands on Demon. "BEGIN!" Demon somehow gets a scale stuck in his throat, and coughs it up with a big ball of fire mucus. "YOW!" The lump on him yelps. Whirlpool stands up and Demon sees a big smoking wound on his stomach. The sea monster glares at him. "Now you've done it!" Serg cried, "He's gonna kill us!" Demon spits out a fireball. "Not if I can help it. RAH!!" Demon flings himself at Whirlpool and keeps breathing fire and tries to ignore the claws ripping through his shoulder. After a painful 10 minuets the guardian collapses onto the ground, literally smoking. "Okay, you win. You get the crystal." Whirlpool gasps. Demon and Serg both reach for the crystal on his head. "NO, you idiots. Just wait." The guardian wheezes. They step back. All of a sudden Whirlpool got sucked into the crystal! Then the crystal slowly floats toward them. Demon catches it and stows it in his bag. Demon smiles. Serg laughs and says: "I get the next crystal, AND I get to choose which one we are going to."

SERG

"A flying competition?" Serg asks the Pegasus. "Yes, a flying competition to get the crystal! Choose who's going." Demon looks at Serg. "You go. I insist." Serg sighs. "Great! The route is to the end of the forest and back. If you beat me, you get this." Pearl shows the yellowish stone on her forehead. "Ready, Set, GO!" The sky guardian says. Serg shoots off like a bullet. He winds through a maze of trees and tumbles into a ditch and looks around. "Holy cow! The end is all the way over there? Well.....No I can't do this...oh fine." He gets up, dusts himself off, and flies back. "WOW! You made it back before Pearl! You're even better than I thought!" Demon exclaims. *Not really* Serg thinks. A few minuets later Pearl arrives and stares in shock at Serg. "How, how did you..." She trailed off. She was shimmering, about to be absorbed into the crystal. "Wait!" Pearl stopped. "I...I cheated." He could hear Demon gasp behind him. "I don't deserve the crystal." He hung his head. "Well of course you do! You told me that you cheated! I love honesty!" Pearl chirped. Then he felt a crystal in his hand with a carving of a horse with wings. "Thank you." He whispered to it.

DEMON

The god looked down at him. Demon cupped his hands around his mouth and yelled "I *said*, what do we have to do to get the crystal!" He pointed to the pure black gem on Silent's head. "*Find my voice. It's in a teapot here somewhere.*" Demon looked at Serg. "Okay, we're on it!" He quickly began to look for it. He flipped over rocks, dug into the blackened earth, and such. Serg flies over. "Hey Demon, maybe Silent has it! He's just wasting our time and tricking us!" Demon nodded and flew back to Silent and looked around. He saw some sort of odd glow coming from Silent's hand. He flew up and pried open the god's fist. In it was a small teacup, and then Demon looked in the cup and in it was a even smaller teapot. Demon opens it up and suddenly a black

mist floats up and goes into Silent's mouth. The dark god chuckled. Soon Serg came over and saw the gem in Demon's hand. "One more to go!"

SERG

"Okay, last is Fury, the lava monster." Demon concludes. "He is at fire mountain. We need to move fast!" They are very close to the mountain, so it only took them 20 minuets to get to it. Just when they got to the top, a creature explodes from the volcano. "I've heard about you. Now, I would normally do a fight, but I am in a bit of a bind right now, so to get the crystal, break this." The guardian hands Serg a lava rock. Serg looks at it. He notices a weird hole in the rock, sticks his claw in the hole, and twists. The edges of the rock scrapes against his talon, but other than that nothing happens. Then he spies a oddly shaped stone wedged in Fury's chest. He goes closer to inspect it, and then nabs it and runs away. "HEY!" Fury roars. Then he goes mute even though his mouth is forming out words. Serg stabs the stone into the rock and turns it, the lava in the center of the lava rock flows out. Then it all zooms to Fury and bonks him in the face. Serg saw him mouth out *fine*, and then the next thing he knew, a blood red crystal with a picture of lava on it was in front of him. Serg picks it up and palms it. Demon came over and Serg saw he had a silly grin on his face. "Well, what are we waiting for? Let's go!"

SPYRA

"She's coming to!" "Get ready!" "OMG!" Spyra opens her eyes. All she sees are faces, faces, and more faces. But she could only recognize 2 of them: Serg and Demon. She gets up, and sees Winterfur holding four shiny stones. "We have punished the Werewolf, Cyclops, and Manticore responsible for this!" Later, she met up with Serg and Demon. "You guys saved my life!" She ran up and gave each of them a huge hug. "Well, I couldn't have done it without my new friend." Serg confesses. Demon looks up. "Me neither."