

((**Note:** This story is not canon to the RP. This section takes place during [Chapter 55](#).)

Rhino had gone off to go and rescue Frostfire from harm. The humans started to set up their camp with Eddo helping out. Ryan went to build the campfire. He had Eddo dig the surface of the ground to create a spot of bare dirt where the fire can be made. The guy set the twigs up in a pile and surrounded them with stones to keep the fire from spreading as an extra safety precaution. Henry and Yukki went to set up the tents, starting with their own. Once the tents were up, the siblings put their luggage inside them to keep night thieves from getting into them. As Henry was taking his bag of comics inside his tent, he saw his sister taking out a first aid kit. The boy guessed her purpose, "Yukki, is that for Frostfire?"

The girl confirmed, "Yeah you know, just in case she really is hurt. That roar didn't sound like she was trying to be scary."

"I didn't think so either," said Henry, knowing full well what the high pitch of the roar meant. Ryan had assumed that the dragoness has been attacked by hunters. The blonde never thought that any of them would encounter such people on this journey. He figured that after everything that happened with the global dragon rampage, people would be hiding somewhere safe and never daring to mess with dragons again. Frostfire probably must have gotten hurt by a bear she tried to hunt. He frowned, "I hope she's not hurt too badly."

"Me too," Yukki agreed. As she opened the kit to take out a roll of bandages, she continued with a hint of humor, "After all, I need to save these for when I bonk you on head."

Her brother cringed and gritted his teeth as he squeezed one eye shut while the other just narrowed. He was basically feeling the imaginary pain on his head. He winced, "Don't even get me started on that, sis." Why did she have to make hurting him sound fun?

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With the camp completely set, everyone waited for Rhino and Frostfire's return. It did not take more than several minutes for them to arrive. When they did, they were shocked to see arrows sticking out of her body. Ryan was less than astonished and that was because he suspected what her attackers are. So there are still dragon slayers running amok. They must have either attacked to save themselves from this "threat" or they were still killing for sport. Eddo cried, "Frostfire!"

Rhino carried the groaning dragoness on his back and got to a spot with space large enough for her. He sat down and carefully let her slide off his back to lay her on the ground. As Yukki came to the rescue with the first aid kit, Henry asked, "Frostfire, are you alright?"

The dragoness groaned truthfully, "No, I'm hurting."

Yukki began to pluck the arrows off Frostfire's body. But as she pulled out the first arrow off the neck, the dragoness flinched and roared painfully. The girl told her, "Stop moving, I'm trying to get the arrows out so I can heal you."

Frostfire replied, "I know, but the sharpness of these arrows hurt."

Yukki told her, "I know that, but you gotta brace yourself for all this. And I mean all of these arrows are going to hurt."

The dragoness mumbled understandingly, "Okay, I'll try."

Rhino offered, "Let me get you a branch so that you can have something to grit your teeth on." He turned to one of the trees and clamped his jaws on one of its branches. He bended the base of the branch as the leaves on the end were close to touching the ground. Soon, a snap was heard and the dragon carried the broken off branch to the dragoness. Frostfire took the branch into her mouth and bit on it as Yukki pulled out another arrow and tossed it to the side.

After the girl took out the third one, she saw Ryan approaching Frostfire and taking an arrow out. He grinned at her, "Don't mind me; just helping you out." Yukki smiled back in appreciation and the two worked to pluck the dragoness, who winced for each shot of pain she felt.

Henry looked at the arrows lying on the ground and thought, *'Looks like I got myself some free ammo.'* Of course, he'll have to clean the blood off of them first, so that they don't stain the inside of his quiver.

With Frostfire's neck completely rid of the arrows, Yukki placed a cotton pad on a wound and used the roll of bandages to wrap around it. She went to do the same for the wounds on the legs that were plucked. But for other wounds like those on the wings and the torso, they needed to be healed a different way. It would take like the whole roll to wrap them up and Yukki did not want to run out of bandages before they got to Windfall. So she put the bandage roll back into the first aid kit and took out some gauze pads along with a roll of medical tape. She put the pads on each wound and used the tape to hold them. After the last wound was patched up, the girl felt relieved that her job was now done. She said, "Okay finished!"

Frostfire looked to the three who played their part and appreciated, "Thank you, everyone." Yukki just smiled back as if to say that the dragoness is welcome.

Then Ryan asked, "I'm glad Frostfire's fixed now, but what are we going to do about dinner? Those hunters got in her way for that." Henry felt his stomach aching a bit for food. It seems like his body did

not want to go to bed without having his fill.

Rhino volunteered, "I will go hunt for us." His head turned to the campfire and continued, "But I'm going to need some light to help me see."

Henry said, "I brought a flashlight. I can go with you and use it to find your way."

Ryan picked up his bow as he said, "I'm going, too. There are probably more hunters out there and having another fighter would us survive more easily."

Henry thought, *'Or I could just try to talk these men out of hurting Rhino. Like say that he's my loyal pet dragon.'* He did not see the redhead's archery as useless; it was just that he would rather take a more pacifist option if there was one.

Rhino replied, "Thanks Ryan, but these people are probably going to need you a lot more than me." He was referring to Yukki, Frostfire and Eddo. "Who knows if someone's going to burst into camp and cause a ruckus?"

Ryan looked at these three with Henry noticing his eyes were more focused on the wounded dragoness. He looked back to the dragon, "You're right, I got to look after them."

Henry went to his tent and took a flashlight out of his backpack. Then he went to the dragon's side and turned it on. He looked up and asked, "Ready?"

"Yes," Rhino responded.

Before the two could leave, Frostfire told them, "Rhino, before you go. There are three bats I've frozen and they're close by those hunters. I was going to give them to Eddo and the humans."

Yukki felt weirded out by the dragoness's idea of dinner. She thought that they were going to have deer for tonight. Bats were not something she expected to eat. She questioned with a bit of disgust, "We're going to eat bats?"

Ryan confirmed with an amused smile, "Yes Yukki, we're going to eat bats." He gave a short nod and continued, "It sounds crazy, I know. But that's what we're going to have to make do with. Just hope that one of them doesn't turn out to be a vampire, okay?" He smiled at his own joke.

The girl said, "Well good thing that the Count doesn't exist." She was referencing the famous vampire from an old time tale.

The boys laughed while the dragons looked at them with confusion like they did not understand what they were talking about. Eddo asked, "Who's the Count?" After Yukki told him who that character is, the

hatchling replied, "Oh..."

Rhino said to the dragoness, "Okay Frostfire, we'll get us those bats and some more animals." To the blonde, he told, "Come on, Henry. You show the way while I follow Frostfire's trail."

"Got it," the boy simply replied. The two departed from the camp and ventured off into the woods. Henry held his flashlight in front of him and occasionally waved it left and right to see if there were any animals and obstacles in the way. The pair navigated their way past trees until they saw a man frozen in ice and stopped. His eyes were wide in fright, his mouth hung down open and his arms were up, having stopped midway in the process of shielding his face. "Whoa!" cried Henry who was a bit startled. To his eyes, it looked like he just walked into some dangerous territory with a sign telling him to stay back or else he will suffer the same fate as this man. But the boy knew that this was the work of Frostfire trying to defend herself.

Rhino said, "Looks like we're here, kid. Start looking for these bats, will you?" Without a word, Henry pointed his flashlight everywhere in search of the frozen critters. His light flew onto other frozen hunters; there were 4 of them in total.

Then the boy swung the flashlight to the size and found the three frozen bats. He announced, "There they are!"

The dragon nodded and said, "Good, we'll come back here for them after we hunt. Let's see if we can catch ourselves some bigger animals." The two walked off and began to look for prey. Henry hoped that they will not get lost in the woods. The night's darkness made such a vast place as this more difficult to find their way. They probably will not find any landmarks they can easily remember. But Rhino can smell Henry's scent trail back to the bats and the camp, right?

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After several minutes, the flashlight found a rump of a deer munching on some leaves. Rhino told the boy, "Stay quiet, kid." Henry did what he said and went stiff to keep his movement from making any sounds. The dragon opened his mouth for half a second before he shot out a fast bolt of lightning at the creature. There was a flash the moment the deer got zapped and Henry shut his eyes tightly and looked away to keep from getting blind. After the flash died out, the boy pointed his flashlight at the deer and saw that it has fallen over to its side dead.

Rhino went to his prey and started eating it. Henry thought that he intends to eat, so that his load of animals he has to carry back will be lighter. At the same time, the boy sadly frowned with hunger and a bit of envy at having to watch him. *'Geez, he gets to eat while I'm standing here waiting for my food. I*

hope he leaves some for me.'

After the dragon was done feasting, he got up and the boy went to look at the eaten carcass. Unfortunately, most of the meat was gone off of it. The boy let out a disappointed sigh. Rhino apparently heard him and asked, "Did you wanted to eat that too? You should have asked."

Henry replied, "Yeah, I should have." Even though it would have been smart to do so, the boy was just being nice to let the dragon eat as much as he wanted. They probably will not find another animal, but he can survive one night without food. Plus, he still has those snacks from home they can eat if nothing else turns up.

The two continued the hunt for a while and they caught two more animals: a bobcat and another deer. Rhino carried them in his mouth and they retraced their steps back to where Frostfire killed the bats. By now the ice on every victim had melted to the point of being thin. Henry picked up and carried the bats in his free arm. They went all the back to camp, where they found their friends conversing with each other. Ryan looked to the hunters and said, "Hey guys, they're back." Everyone looked to the returning pair.

Eddo bounced and beamed, "Alright food!"

Yukki felt glad about this and noticed one particular prey. "Well finally, now I can have something to eat. I call dibs on the bobcat." She was not having bat for tonight; those things were too cute for her to eat. Henry found her choice a bit amusing and giggled inside his mind beneath his small smile.

After Henry and Rhino put the caught animals down, Ryan took out his knife and said, "Time to get skinning! Gotta do that first before we eat." The redhead started with the bobcat and cut the pelt off before removing the organs. He let the bats defrost by the fire before he would do the same to two of them. After the ice on Eddo's bat melted, the hatchling began to eat it. Rhino gave Frostfire the deer and she ate it. After the skinning was done, the humans cooked the bats and bobcat meat before they too would eat their meals. After everyone ate their dinner, the humans went into their tents with Eddo going into Yukki's and everyone slept for the rest of the night.