Inside the huge abandoned warehouse, where most of the floor was dusty and there was barely a thing inside except for pillars and lights. Trina set the small cage down in front of her. She opened the cage's iron bar door and proceeded to put the screaming and squirming moogle inside. Once Mog was inside, Trina slammed the door and used the key to lock the cage and keep him from escaping. She snickered as she was pleased with having removed a cheater who tried to home in on her to make the game easier for her pursuers and she was amused at Mog grabbing the iron bars and trying to shake the door down. The poor moogle, who was quite claustrophobic, desperately wanted out of the cage. "Kupo! Kupo!" he cried out frantically.

Trina said, "Oh save your strength! You're never going to get out of there without this." She teasingly held the cage key's chain between her finger tips. "And now look at what I'm about to do with it." Trina went over to the air vent on the floor at the edge of the wall. She knelt down and dangled the key over the holes of the air vent. Mog started to panic as he reached his arm out to the little girl and cried 'kupo' over and over again as he was begging her not to drop the key into the vent. But unfortunately, his cries went ignored as Trina deliberately dropped the cage key into the hole, sending it down into the dusty abyss. Mog was stunned with shock at the girl removing, no, destroying his only way out of the cage. The moogle sulked in self-pity as he walked to the back of the cage and sat there with his head down. The black-haired girl picked up Mog's staff, that would have helped him teleport out of the cage, off the window sill and twirled it with her fingers. She knelt down and looked at the trapped moogle inside his cage. "Oh, don't look so sad! After the grown-ups lose the game, I promise you we're going to have lots of fun together, my little pet. We'll play games; steal some candy and eat them; draw cute pictures; and my favorite, play pranks on people!" she said to him cheerfully, but Mog's mood didn't change at all. Trina put the clock staff back on the sill and ran to leave the warehouse. "I'll back! Be a good boy, okay?"

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Serah and Noel had been searching for Mog and Trina everywhere in alleys and the outskirts of it; they went to every nook and corner, they looked inside buildings to see if they were there, and they checked inside trash boxes to see if Trina was hiding herself and him there. They even called Mog name many times to get a response back and find out where he was at, but there was no luck at all and they were starting to get tired. After she rejoined Noel, Serah said, "I can't find him anyway. Where did Trina take him to? Oh, I hope Mog's okay."

Noel said, "Me too, Serah. Who knows kind of crazy mischief she's pulling on him as we speak? Come on, let's go try somewhere else and find him."

"Right," Serah replied. Then they left the alleys and headed for the shopping section of the city. They walked in the middle of the road, staying close together as they kept a sharp look-out for Trina and Mog.

Unbeknownst to them, a svarog was flying from behind carrying a red uppercase letter 'A' that she ripped off from a bank's signboard. She looked down to see the pair walking alongside each other. Trina plotted a surprise that would scare the hearts out of them. She quietly hovered down to the ground

before shapeshifting into a silver lobo and putting the 'A' on the ground. The beast walked quietly and quickly to catch up to unsuspecting adults while matching her footsteps with theirs. Her mouth curved into a laughing, but silent, smile appeared as she getting closer to them with every second.

Noel had sharpened his hearing senses to pick up the slightest sounds that may lead to whoever they were looking for. When he did that, he started to have a feeling that someone was following behind them. "Uh Serah," Noel said a bit nervously.

"What is it, Noel?" the pinkette asked as she shifted her blue eyes to look at him. She was totally unaware of the stalker behind them.

Suddenly, the pair shrieked as they were both pounced on by the silver lobo. The Monster Girl laughed as she said, "Ohh, I got you both good! I bet you two didn't hear me when I was sneaking up on you!"

"I was," Noel said in annoyance. "I just didn't have enough time to react." He cursed himself for falling victim to Trina's pranks again. As he tried to heave himself up, Trina hopped backwards off of the couple before she ran to go pick up the 'A' she left behind. Serah got herself up after Noel got to his feet again. They turned around and ran hard after the fleeing lobo to try to catch her. The beast picked up the 'A' with her teeth before she tossed it high into the air. Then she did a 360 degree turn before she did a short run towards the flying 'A'. When the time travelers were close enough to Trina, they head dived to try to catch her, but the silver lobo jumped quickly and changed into a flying svarog. Serah and Noel fell face-flat onto the ground as they came out empty-handed of the 'mouse'. The svarog caught the falling 'A' with her tail. The two humans got up and watched Trina fly away as Noel cursed, "Darn it! We almost had her!"

Serah was just as mad at herself like Noel was with himself, but then she quickly calmed down as she knew they still had a chance to get Trina. "It's okay, Noel! We can still catch her. Come on, let's go after her," she said. The pair ran after the flying Monster Girl as they tried to keep up with her. The wings gave Trina an advantage to fly over buildings and cut corners, leaving her pursuers to deal with the few obstacles of buildings and turns in their way. Serah asked, "Trina, what have you done with Mog?! Where did you take him?"

The svarog said, "He's locked up all alone inside a cage. But I'm not about to tell you where he's being kept. You're going to have to catch me first!" She flew faster than ever and left the 'cats' behind. But even when Trina had escaped their sight, Serah and Noel knew the direction she was flying to and headed that way to keep up with her. Soon the Monster Girl stopped in front of a restaurant and laid the 'A' against the pole with the restaurant's logo sign at the very top.

Serah and Noel stopped by a sporting goods store and saw the svarog flying up to the 'Five Guys' signboard. "What's she doing now?" Noel asked curious of the child's intention.

Serah said, "I don't know. But let's go inside this store and get a net to catch her. You get the stuff, while

I go pay for them." So, they went into the store to do what they have to do.

Trina flew up to the restaurant building's row of letters which read: <u>FIVE GUYS</u>. She went to the 'U' and grabbed it with her teeth. She began trying to pull it off the building, but 'U' wouldn't budge. This time, she added more strength to her pull, but still the 'U' was being too stubborn to move. *'Come off already, you stupid 'U'!'* she thought with annoyance. Throughout the while of pulling and taking a few brief brakes, the 'U' was slowly being ripped away from its spot among the letters. *'Almost there! Just a few more pulls and I'll have this 'A' off in no time!'* she thought. With one final pull, the wires behind the 'U' snapped and the svarog fell over to the ground as she carried the letter with her. She looked at the 'U' and smiled triumphantly as she was glad to have ripped it off. Trina was about to proceed with the next step of her prank, when suddenly a net was thrown at her. The shrieking svarog frantically tried to fly up to push the net off of her, but the iron balls on it made it too heavy for her to get free from.

"Yes! We got her!" Serah cried out triumphantly.

Then they went over to the Monster Girl and they looked down at her as Noel said, "Game over, Trina! Now give up the artefact and tell us where Mog is."

"Never!" the svarog refused to comply.

Serah told her, "Then we'll just have to leave you under this net and call your parents over, so that you can be in trouble."

"Oh really now?" Trina smirked. Then she grew in size and transformed into a long gui. Serah and Noel looked up at her in awe as they wondered why they didn't put this form of Trina's into consideration when trying to catch her with the net. They moved out of the way of the long gui's head when she went to pick up the 'A' and stuck on the restaurant. The restaurant's sign now read: <u>FIVE GAYS</u>. Then the giant monster threw the net off her head before she turned around and started running away.

Noel reminded her, "Hey! You can't run away! We just caught you! You said that once we get our hands on you, you'll give us the artifact!" He emphasized the word 'once'.

Trina replied, "Well tough luck, pal! I don't play fair! So, you're going to have to figure how to catch me in the most excellent way possible without me escaping. See you later, suckers!" Then she laughed as she ran off into the distance. Her laughter was quite loud as her long gui form had increased it volume.

Serah wondered, "The most excellent way possible; just what is it that we need to do to catch her for good?" The net idea was crossed off the list as that had failed to capture the Monster Girl.

Noel crossed his arms, "That's a good question and I can't even figure that one out." This was game of Cat & Mouse was going to be quite tricky.

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At the Guardian Corps HQ, a squad of Guardian Corps troops were making plans and strategies on how they were going to capture the Monster Girl and bring her to justice. The troops listened to their leader and captain explaining everything about the plan until he said at the end, "And that's how we catch the Monster Girl! Now move out, people! We got a shapeshifting juvenile delinquent to catch." So, the troops left the briefing room and went into their flying vehicles. They departed out of the HQ to go hunt for Trina.

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Trina was walking on the sidewalk in her human form and looking for inspiration and ideas for her new pranks. 'Hmm... I wonder what I should do next?' she wondered as she rubbed the below the bottom lip. She could go and prank Serah and Noel again, but didn't have a new trick up her sleeve right now for it.

A GC soldier was riding a velocycle through the air when he spotted the Monster Girl walking by below him. "There she is," he said to himself. He pressed one of the buttons and the screen next to the buttons turned on to show face of his captain. "Captain, I've found the Monster Girl! She's at sector 9 walking east along the sidewalk."

The captain replied, "Very good, soldier. I shall notify the others to your location and they'll be here shortly. Keep following the Monster Girl until we all reach her; don't let her out of your sight, no matter what." So, the velocycle driver kept following Trina without being seen by her. He drove very slowly so that he could keep pace with her and so she wouldn't hear the rumbling engine of the flying motorcycle-like vehicle. He also followed her from high up in the air so to further decrease the volume of the engine's noise she would hear.

After a while, Trina turned onto the next street and past three buildings until suddenly, the Guardian Corps vehicles came over to her location. The soliders and their militarized monsters came out of the tanks and surrounded her while the skytanks hovered above them. The captain told her, "Give it up, Monster Girl! You're finished! Your days of shenanigans and small crimes are over! We have you surrounded, so be a good little girl, stand still and put your hands up. And don't even try anything funny or make some attempts to escape. We don't want to have to shoot you or send our monsters on you." He walked over to apprehend her.

Trina raised her hands up and stood stiff with fear as she looked at all the armed Corps soldiers aiming their guns at her and the militarized monsters snarling at her. Her heart pumped rapidly and the knot of fear tensed inside her as she wondered how she was going to get out of this safely. Poor Trina felt like crying as she thought about being thrown in prison for a long time. When the captain was getting closer to her, the Monster Girl took a few baby steps back as if buy herself a few more seconds of freedom before getting arrested. Then she felt something she stepped on under her foot. She looked down and saw that she was standing on a manhole cover. Hope flashed on her face as she smiled with relief at

having found her escape.

When the captain got to Trina, he took out his hand cuffs and flashed a grin as he said, "You've been a big pain in the butt for this town, you little monster. For everyone, for us, and for your parents. We're going to take you back to them, claim our reward, and even request them to have you put in juvenile detention." He reached for hands to put the hand cuffs on, but then suddenly the girl shrunk down and transformed into a chocobo chick before she fell down one of the manhole cover's small holes. The captain was taken by surprise as he cried, "What the?!"

"She's escaped!" one of the soliders shouted.

Trina flew through the sewer as she looked for the other way out. The smell within this place was quite horrid and wet, thus urging the chick to search faster. She saw a storm drainage hole at the edge along tunnel and flew towards it.

The captain picked up the manhole's cover and poked his head into the hole. "Where are you, you little brat?!" he called as he looked around in the sewer for her, but she was nowhere in sight.

"Right behind you, morons!" a taunting voice shouted. The Guardian Corps looked behind themselves to see Trina in her human form running away from them as she stuck her tongue out at them and waved 'good bye'.

"Get her! Don't let her get away!" the captain ordered his men, even though the soldiers had been right ahead on pursuing her. The Monster Girl transformed into a feral behemoth to give herself a bigger size and four legs, both of which would give her an extra boost into her running speed to make a getaway from the Guardian Corps. Trina made a sharp right turn onto the next street, where she ran too close to a dollar store and knocked over a gumball machine, which cracked onto the concrete ground and released a horde of gumballs that scattered over the road. The soldiers and the pantherons carelessly ran over the gumballs and they ended up tripping over and falling down hard. Though she may not have looked back to see what happened, Trina let out an animalistic laughter as she imagined the corps looking like clowns when they slid on the gumballs. The other soldiers and monsters following by were careful to avoid the gumballs after having seen their comrades slid and fell on them. The tanks had no problem treading over the round candies as their heavy wheels could easily crush them.

The behemoth saw two cars ahead of her driving side by side. Trina's purple fur became yellow feathers and her face grew a beak as she transformed into an adult chocobo to make herself slim enough to run between the cars and through the traffic. The drivers in the cars saw the chocobo running on the street, so out of fear of running into her, the drivers either swerved their cars out of the way or stomped hard on the brakes to avoid running into Trina. Unfortunately by doing so, car accidents occurred as each car crashed into another and formed a big barricade of damaged cars in front of the Guardian Corps, thus preventing the tanks, monsters, and soldiers from getting by. Only the skytanks were left to pursue the Monster Girl. They aimed their bazookas at her and trap her in the paralyze net they would fire at her.

Trina heard the gunshots and looked up to the skytanks to see two small balls falling towards her before they opened up into nets with yellow electricity on them. Her eyes went wide in fright and she screamed out a 'kweh'. Trina ran faster than ever to avoid the nets that touched the ground instead before she transformed into a svarog and took off into the air. The skytanks followed after her as one of the pilots contacted the others and said, "Alright everyone, let's split up so that we can corner the Monster Girl and get her."

"Roger!" the other pilots replied. Then skytanks split up and went their own ways as they looking for a place to cut the Monster Girl off. Only one skytank pursued the svarog through air as they swerved, made turns, and did zigzags while avoiding flying cars. After ten minutes of chasing, Trina saw another skytank fly out from the corner of a building and hovered in front of her path. Then two more skytanks came from the sides to trap Trina at the intersection.

The squad leader of the pilots said, "Okay, we finally got her. Everybody, launch the paralyzing net now!" The machine guns on the skytanks changed into bazookas before cackling yellow electric sparks ran around on the weapons as the bazookas were preparing to fire the nets at Trina. The Monster Girl had a gasping look of shock on her face as she looked at the bazookas aimed at her and they looked about ready to fire at the next second; there was no way she was going to escape this. But then suddenly, four huge balls of light fell down at the skytanks and destroyed them, sending the Corps vehicles crashing onto the ground where they all exploded. The svarog looked at the mechanical corpses of the skytanks that were lit ablaze on fire before she flew off to somewhere. She didn't bother to look at what save her as she didn't want to stick around much longer in case more of the Guardian Corps showed up.

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Serah and Noel still didn't have the perfect plan to catch the 'mouse', but they decided to keep on trying to capture her and find Mog in the meantime until they had a solution in mind. They came to a street where they saw a bunch of broken cars with a few ambulances parked nearby for the nurses to carry the injured into their vehicles. "Holy cow, what the heck happened here?!" Noel asked as he and Serah stared at the disaster that happened today.

One day years ago, I was in the car with my mom and we were driving by Five Guys. I thought of a joke and said to her, "Hey mom, what if somebody switched the 'U' in Five Guys with an 'A'?" So, this idea was brought into the fanfic. But unfortunately, mom said that she was not going to take me to Five Guys anymore for coming up with a dirty joke like this. Thankfully, she forgets like she always does and was able to take me to Five Guys again.

I'm thinking about speeding up the next chapter, if I ever get back into it, by writing a series of pranks

Trina does on Serah & Noel, the Guardian Corps, and the random civilians she encounters. So, I'll be writing short versions of all the pranks she does before a certain someone snaps at the end. Also, I don't know if the city the story takes place in already has a name, but I'm going to call Trina's hometown Thyania.

Serah, Noel, and Mog from Final Fantasy XIII-2 (C) Square Enix Trina (C) me

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