

The limousine had finally arrived at the Orange Star district after driving through city streets to get to the neighborhood area. They went to a few houses before they drove over to Max's place. The only Halloween decorations on Max's porch were two jack-o-lanterns with candles inside the shells to make the faces shine in the dark. Andy rang the doorbell and they all heard a manly husky voice calling, "I'm coming!"

Then the door opened to reveal the big muscular blue-haired man, who was the powerhouse of Orange Star, with a basket full of candy. "Trick-or-treat!" the kids shouted as they held their bags up.

Max saw the werewolf in the familiar red clothing first and greeted, "Hey Andy buddy, how you've been doing? That's a really great costume you got there!"

Andy said, "Hi Max, I'm doing great! I just invited my friends from the other nations to go trick-or-treating with me, since you and the others will be busy doing whatever like handing out candy for Halloween or something." Originally, he had been planning to go out with Max, Sami, and Nell. But since they were too old for this kiddy stuff, he had to go out with the kids his age instead.

"Is that so, huh?" Max asked as he put a handful of candy into Andy's paper bag. "Well you guys have a great time out there, okay?"

Andy assured, "Don't worry Max, we will!"

Then the burly man gave some candy to Sonja and then to Colin. But he stopped when to his surprise and dismay, he saw Lash among the group. "Hey Andy, what the heck is she doing hanging out with you guys?" Max asked, not liking this Black Hole CO one bit.

Andy answered, "Well Lash and Colin somehow became girlfriend and boyfriend, so they kinda went on a date together with us."

Max looked at Colin in shock as he pointed to Lash asked, "You got together with her?! What the heck were you thinking, kid?! She's Black Hole for crying out loud; you shouldn't get too lovey-dovey with her!"

Lash asked offendedly, "Hey, what's wrong with being Black Hole, you big ape?!"

Max yelled at her, "You're bad guys for crying out loud! You always go around and cause trouble for the other nations!"

Lash told him, "Hey, we helped saved Omega Land from turning into a huge wasteland; we aren't all that bad!"

Max yelled, "Maybe, but still, I wouldn't trust you; not even for a million bucks! You'd probably turn bad again when we don't suspect it."

Lash could see that Max wasn't ever going to be too friendly with her, even after all the things they went through at Omega Land. She asked, "So does that mean you're not going to give me a single piece of candy?"

"Damn right! You ain't getting nothing from me and that's final! Now shoo, good bye!" Max yelled as he whipped his hand to gesture Lash to go away.

Lash huffed and stomped back to the limousine while saying her last words to Max, "Stupid ugly gorilla!"

Max glared at Lash as he growled angrily when he heard that insult. Then he turned his attention back to Andy & friends and said, "Well anyway, it was nice for you guys to come and stop at my house. I'll see you tomorrow, Andy! And Happy Halloween to everyone, except Lash."

"You too, Max!" Andy cheered. Everybody else said their farewells and Happy Halloween to Max before they headed back to the limo and got inside.

Once they put their seatbelts on, Lash started to groan and complain, "Why the hell do the houses with the COs have to be mean to me?"

Colin guessed, "Uh... Because you're Black Hole?" That seemed like a most probable answer since Black Hole was known for its notorious actions.

Kanbei asked, "So where do we go next, Andy?"

Andy said, "How about Sami's place."

The Yellow Comet emperor told his driver, "Commander Sami's house it is. Driver, take us there now!" The limousine drove away from Max's house and followed the directions that Andy told him to go to reach Sami's.

The COs had finally arrived at their next destination. Sami's yard had ghost and skulls hanging down from the trees. There were also a few tarantula props on the door step and a fake web with smaller spiders on the white door. The group went to the door and rang the door bell. They waited for the infantry specialist CO to answer the call, but when the door opened, they saw a young boy of age 9 standing at the door with a basket of candy that he was holding. This was Tommy, the younger brother of Commander Sami. He had spiky hair that was the same color as his carrot top sister. He wore a green denim shirt, blue jeans, and black & gray sneakers. Tommy looked at the COs jealously and spoke bitterly, "Oh what a surprise! The big kids can go out and get to have fun, but I have to stay at home and hand out candy, which by the way is suppose to be the babysitter's job after she takes me out to trick-or-treat. But too bad she's taking a long time getting here. What a boring way to spend Halloween! I can't believe I'm stuck here doing this while my sister goes over to her boyfriend's house." If Sami could hear her baby brother insulting her now, Tommy would be receiving a hard whack to his head.

Andy asked, "So Sami and Eagle are on a date and the babysitter hasn't come yet?"

Tommy yelled angrily, "Yep! Well actually, it's supposed to be a sleepover. Seems like everyone, except me, are having a great time now. It's not fair; when do I get to go trick-or-treating too?! When?!"

Lash whispered to Colin and Sonja, "Wow, it sure sucks to be him right now." She had never seen a child handing out candy on Halloween before.

The two peers nodded in agreement and Colin said, "Yep."

Kanbei pitied the poor child and told him, "Aww, you poor child. Come with us, we'll take you trick-or-treating with us and I'll send one of my soldiers over to do your job while you're out."

Tommy shook his head as he refused the offer, "Nah, my sister will get mad at me if I left home and let a stranger take care of the house."

Andy had an idea and said to the younger boy, "Hey Tommy."

"What?" the spiky-haired carrot top asked.

The werewolf said, "After we're done going all over Fourside City, we're going to come back here and give you some of our candy." Then he looked at everyone asked if they all agreed with that plan, "Right, guys?"

Kanbei said proudly as he put his hand over his heart, "Of course! A true warrior would be generous to give something to person in need."

Sonja said with a smile, "I'll be glad to give him some of my candy."

"Yeah, me too!" Colin also smiled and said.

Lash spoke, "Well usually I'm not that generous, but what the heck." She decided that this time she was going to give.

Tommy was touched by everyone's willingness to donate their candy to him later. "Thanks guys," he said happily.

Andy said with a smile, "No problem! And I can ask Sami to take you with me next Halloween."

Tommy said, "Andy, you're cool! And before I forget, let me give you guys some candy before you go." He gave each of the four kids a handful of candy. After that was done, he gave them a farewell, "Bye and Happy Halloween!"

"You too, Tommy! See you later," Andy replied before they all went over to the other houses and got the candy from them. Then they went back inside the limo and headed for Nell's place next.

While the limousine was driving, Lash said, "Teeheehee, this is the first time I got candy from a CO's house without any trouble at all!"

Sonja told her, "That's because Sami wasn't home that time." Though, she didn't know if Sami would be willing to give candy to Lash or not. He infantry specialist didn't seem to have a grudge against Black Hole.

Lash said, "Well if that's good, then let's hope Nell isn't at her house too, so that I can get more candy."

Andy, who know Nell better than anyone else in limo, said, "Don't worry, Lash. Nell isn't going to be mean to you like Max and Olaf were. I'm sure she understands that you're not all that bad."

Lash replied, "Then I guess that's better too, teeheehee!" She was glad that no matter Nell's situation, she was going to get candy.

Now Andy and friends were at the footstep of the door and they rang the doorbell. Nell, who was wearing purple turtleneck gown with a matching headband, golden jewelry, & open-toed dress shoes opened the door to see them and the kids cheered, "Trick-or-treat!"

"Hi Nell!" Andy greeted his superior as his tail wagged happily.

Nell was delighted to see Andy among the other COs here and said, "Ah Andy and everyone else, it's so nice to see you all here! Your costume looks very authentic; your wolf muzzle, that you talk through, looks realistic and your wagging tail looks like it's being moved by your will. The manufacturers of this costume must be real geniuses to design it this well. But I bet the costume might have been expensive because of those parts, am I right Andy?"

Andy explained, "Nah, I got it for free because it was made by Lash."

Nell looked impressed at Lash as she said to Andy, "Ah so Lash made that. She's really talented at inventing everything at a young age."

Lash boasted proudly, "That's right, I'm a genius! I can build anything I want that no one else can do!"

"Of course, you are," Nell replied to her.

Andy decided to give his snout a new test by attempting to move his tongue. The tongue moved out of his mouth and licked the brown fur around his muzzle. *'So the tongue does work too. I wonder if Nell can handle getting licked by a dog, er I mean werewolf,'* Andy thought. Then he called to his superior, "Hey Nell!"

"Yes Andy?" Nell replied. Then she started to get licked on the face by werewolf boy mechanic. Nell giggled as Andy swiped his tongue around the soft skin of her face and said, "Oh Andy, hahaha! That tickles!" She found it cute to be licked by a werewolf, especially one who was her friend. The tongue went from chin to cheek and nose to forehead.

Everybody else, who was watching, had the same opinion as Nell and were amused to see Andy acting like a dog greeting its master. *'He looks so adorable that way,'* Sonja thought with a smile.

Lash giggled at the scene, "Teeheehee, doesn't he look cute when he acts like a dog?"

Sasha nodded and replied, "He sure does!"

After half a minute later, Andy stopped licking Nell and he moved his snouted away from her face and said, "I can do this again next year, if you want."

Nell said to Andy, "Sure, go ahead. I don't mind this at all."

Kanbei was the next person to speak to Nell, "Greetings Commander Nell, I heard from Andy that the restoration in Macro Land Orange Star has been completed. The other nations have fully recovered as well."

Nell nodded in regard to Macro Land's progress and said, "Yes, I've heard about that as well. It's great to hear that all of Macro Land is back on its feet and that everyone can live peacefully again."

Lash, who starting to get tired of waiting for the candy to come, said, "Yeah yeah yeah, we're all happy that Macro Land's licked its wounds, but can get some candy now?"

Nell turned her attention to Lash and said, "Oh right, I almost forgot about that." Then she picked up the plate of candy and put some in each of the children's bags as she said, "Here you go!"

Colin noticed that a few of the candy that Nell put in his pumpkin bucket was his favorite flavor of chocolate. "Wow, cookies & cream chocolate bars; my favorite! Thanks Nell!"

"You're welcome," replied Nell.

Andy just noticed that Rachel, Nell's younger sister, hasn't been seen or heard since the group got here. He asked, "So Nell, where's Rachel?"

Nell answered, "She went out on a Halloween date with Jake and they're trick-or-treating like you guys are,"

Lash said to her boyfriend, "Oh my gosh, everybody's on a date tonight! Looks like Valentine's Day just came early and decided to share a room with Halloween, eh Colin." First it was Lash & Colin, then it was Sami & Eagle, and now it was Jake & Rachel.

Colin replied to Lash, "Yep, it sure looks like it." Then he asked Nell, "But it really okay for Jake and Rachel to go out trick-or-treating at this age?" Jake was 17 and Rachel was 19; he was surprised to hear that people at that age can do that, too. Colin always thought that Halloween was for younger people like himself.

Nell nodded and answered, "Yes, Colin. Halloween is for all ages and no matter how old you are, you're too old to go out and get some candy."

"Really?" Colin asked in amazement.

Lash hugged her arm around the frankenstein boy's neck and said excitedly, "Yeah, isn't that great?! We can get to celebrate Halloween every year in our lives!"

Colin smiled at Lash before he asked Sasha, "Sis, is it okay if I trick-or-treat every year?"

Sasha replied, "Well if that's what you want, then sure."

Colin was glad to hear that, but Lash was even more enthusiastic about it than he was as she hugged him and cheered, "Yay, we get to go on Halloween dates forever!"

Colin blushed at the way Lash had hugged him and said, "Uh yeah, that's great."

Andy decided that it was time to go and said to Nell, "Well Nell, it was nice stopping by your house, but we've got other places to get to."

Nell told him, "I see, well you all take care out there. And if you see Jake and Rachel, be sure to say hello to them, alright?"

Andy assured, "Don't worry Nell, we'll tell them than when we see them." Then everybody said goodbye to Nell and she replied back to them in the same way before they left her place.

Lash said to Andy, "Wow Andy, you were right. Nell is a lot nicer than that fat bag Olaf or that monkey boy Max."

Andy told her, "Yeah, she is. But don't call Max that, because he's my friend you know."

"Whatever," Lash replied. No matter what Andy said, Max was always going to be the gorilla in her eyes.

Several minutes later after visiting more houses, the kids saw that their bags were half-filled, but Colin's pumpkin basket was completely full that he had to leave in the limo for later and replace it with his second one. Andy looked inside his paper bag and said, "Wow, we sure got a lot of candy tonight!"

Sonja predicted, "If we keep this up, our bags will be full by almost 11:00."

Kanbei said, "Then let's get going and keep filling our bags then."

Then as they walked on some more, they saw two blonde teens walking across the street. One of them was a boy wearing a navy blue ninja suit with a mask that covered the lower half of his head while leaving his golden blond hair out to be seen, the costume had a golden chest plate and a black belt on it, he had a plastic katana by his side, he wore a slim black headband around his forehead, and he wore brown boots. The other figure was a young lady wearing a glittering purple gown with fairy wings

of three different colors: pink, yellow, and light blue. The ninja boy stopped and recognized the faces of everyone, except Andy, and waved at him as he greeted, "Hey guys, 'sup?!"

The COs stopped in their tracks and looked at the familiar duo. Sasha greeted back, "Hello Jake, we heard from Nell that you and Rachel were on a date." Though she was feeling a bit jealous that the boy she had a crush on was going out with the other girl from his home nation.

Rachel, the girl in the fairy costume, asked, "Oh, so did Commander Nell tell you about that when you guys went to her house?"

Andy said to her, "Yep, and she even told to say 'hi' to you guys when we meet you."

Jake noticed the werewolf boy among them and asked, "Yo guys, who's the wolf kid here?"

Sonja answered, "That's Andy. He's wearing a motion-sensing costume that Lash made for him; that's why his tail wags and his snout does the talking."

"Wow cool!" Jake, who was impressed, replied. Then he looked at Andy and greeted him, "Hey Andy, the name's Jake and I've heard a lot about you! You did a great job owning Black Hole's ass twice. You inspired me to become a great CO like you."

Andy grinned and replied, "Heh heh heh, I better tell Max and Sami that I made an impression on someone. But you were awesome too, Jake. You and everybody else here all saved Omega Land from drying up; you guys are real heroes, especially you Jake." Just like Jake admired Andy, Andy admired Jake for being the best.

Rachel and Jake smiled at each and she said, "Looks like you've made an impression on someone too!"

Jake said modestly, "Nah, it was nothing; the others smoked those Black Hole chumps better than I did."

Colin said, "But sir, you were greatest out of all of us. Your strategies and tactics were better than any of ours and they got us through the whole war without any losses."

Jake replied, "Yeah, but that's only because I had Rachel and you guys rollin' with me. We all got together and used teamwork to bounce Black Hole's butts."

Sonja said, "Well I suppose that's true, because one man alone couldn't have handled all the work by himself."

Rachel said, "And that means everyone did equally well; with all our unique skills put together we couldn't have done it without your help."

Jake said, "So we all rock then."

"Pretty much," Rachel said.

Then Lash decided to change the subject by asking the fairy girl, "So Rachel, where did you and Jake go on your date?" She was only asking so that, so that she would know which houses they could go next.

Rachel said to her, "Well we went to many houses on N. Elm Street, Cornett Road, and Reeve Avenue. We even visited Max and Hachi's houses."

Lash said, "We've already gone to those two streets, so all we have left is N. Elm Street and then we'll be outta here."

Andy said, "N. Elm Street, that's where Hachi lives." Then he asked Rachel, "So Rachel did you guys go to Sami's house yet?"

She replied, "No, we haven't gotten to that place. But we are on our way there."

Andy told her, "Okay, when you guys get there, be sure to give Tommy some of your candy. He was really upset when the babysitter never stopped at the house to take him out to trick-or-treat while Sami's sleeping over at Eagle's house."

Rachel was shocked to hear that as she asked, "What, the babysitter hasn't arrived at the house yet?! What kind of lazy hack would promise to look a child but then suddenly turns it down?"

Jake said, "Hey chill Rachel, maybe something bad happen to him or her. I mean it's not like they were doing it on purpose or anything."

Rachel thought about that and said, "Hmm... Maybe you're right. If that's the case, then I suppose I can let it slide for now, but only once." Then she asked her boyfriend, "Jake, would you mind looking after Tommy with me until Sami gets back tomorrow?"

Jake gladly replied, "Nah, it's cool. Maybe we could have some fun there while we crash at her house."

"Thanks Jake," Rachel appreciated. Then she said to the others, "Okay, we'll be going over to Sami's now. You guys take care and have fun, alright?"

Andy promised, "Don't worry Rachel, we will!"

Then as the couple started to walk past them, they had just now noticed the white limousine nearby. Jake pointed to it and asked, "Yo, is that your car over there?"

Kanbei answered proudly, "Why yes, it is! Jake, Rachel, meet my grand prized personal limousine. Doesn't she look beautiful?"

"Yeah, she does look good," Rachel said as she admired the beautiful dragon designs on the limo.

Kanbei offered, "I can use this limo to take you young couple to Sami's house now."

Rachel said, "That'll be wonderful, thanks Commander Kanbei."

Kanbei replied, "You're very welcome, Rachel." Then they all went back into the limo.

Jake looked around at the insides of the car and saw all the luxuries the limousine had in store. "Neat! You guys have a TV, a Jukebox, and a drink counter!" he said in amazement.

Kanbei laughed heartily and said, "That's why this limousine is great, boy! It got everything to keep you satisfied on the go."

Jake said, "I wish I had a car like that."

Kanbei said, "Doesn't everyone wish that." The limo drove back to Sami's house and dropped Jake & Rachel there. Then it headed for N. Elm Street where they would visit Hachi's house.

During their time on N. Elm Street, the COs visited the houses of the Orange Star soldiers who were surprised to see Andy's animatronic costume and became fascinated with it that they decided to tell the other soldiers at the HQ about this tomorrow. The soldier suggested. "Commander Andy, you should really come in that costume tomorrow, the others are going to be amazed at what it can do!"

"Really? Alright, if you say so," Andy replied before the soldier gave them candy and left.

Colin said, "Wow, a lot of people here seem to really like your costume, Andy."

"I know, it's best thing ever!" Andy said as his tail wagged proudly.

Lash seemed to be getting jealous of the attention Andy's costume was getting as she complained, "Booo, it's not fair! How come everyone takes one look at Andy's costume and get interested in it? But when I flap my wings to appeal, they ignore me." At every house they went to, Lash had tried to gain the attention of residents by flapping her animatronic bat wings, but nobody seemed to notice or cared as Andy's costume stood out the most.

Colin looked at the size of Lash's wings and guessed the answer, "M-maybe because your wings are too little?" That was probably why nobody noticed that since small makes things harder to see.

Lash thought, "Or maybe because I made Andy's costume a little too well." Then she turned on Andy and said, "Come here, Andy. Let me take that muzzle off your face!"

Sonja told her, "You do that and you'll have no more people to scare." Not that she wanted to see frightened neighbors, but she was trying to point out and remind her of the negative side of Andy's costume.

After reminding Lash about that, the vampire girl started to remember the terrified looks of people's faces at the Blue Moon district and saw how funny these moments were. Lash calmed down and said, "Alright fine, I guess I'll let Andy keep it on a bit more, only since I like to see scared people."

Then Andy pointed to the next house and told everyone, "Look guys, it's Hachi's house over there! Let's go!" Then they went over there and rang the doorbell. The merchant, carrying a basket full of candy bags, opened the door and heard the kids shout, "Trick or treat!"

Hachi smiled and said, "Ah looks like I have some famous customers tonight! Ah Sonja, you're grown more beautiful since I last met you, how have you been?" Hachi had used to be a citizen of Yellow Comet before he moved to Orange Star and became a CO before he retired into a salesman. Plus, it had been about twelve years since he last saw the princess.

Sonja asked, "I've been doing well, thank you. But Hachi, why did you call us customers? Are you selling those candy bags to us?"

Hachi smiled mischievously and said, "You've guessed it, young lady! Each of these bags cost one dollar and nobody's gonna lay a hand on it unless they have the cash on them."

Andy made a disappointed frown and asked, "What? We have to pay for those on Halloween?" This was unusual since normally, everybody gets free candy during this holiday.

Hachi asked, "Of course, I'm a businessman! What do you think I am, a freegiver?"

"You greedy rip-off!" Lash called Hachi that, not liking how he was trying to sell candy on Halloween.

But the salesman laughed and said, "Hahaha, I'm just kidding! I wasn't really going to sell these treats here." Then he looked at Colin and continued, "But of course, I'll be making a profit out of rich boy here by offering these bags at a price of 500 dollars. What do you say, kid, want to pay up?"

Colin said, "But sir, we didn't bring any money with us."

Sasha asked, "And don't you think 500 dollars is too pricy for a simple small bag of candy, Mr. businessman?"

Hachi said, "Hahaha, I was also joking about that, too! Come on people, who sells kids candy for money on Halloween? Nobody does that! Now here you go, have some free candy to enjoy." Then he gave each of the four kid COs a bag of candy.

"Now that's more like it!" Lash cried happily. Andy looked at the small white bag as he wondered if Jake & Rachel had encountered a similar event with Hachi, too.

Then Hachi looked at Kanbei and asked, "So Mr. Emperor of Yellow Comet, how's our old teacher Sensei been doing lately?"

The samurai costume-wearing emperor replied, "Let's just say Sensei's starting to get a little bit frailer every day. But other than that, he's doing fine; he's got his family taking care of him at home."

"That's good to hear," Hachi said to Kanbei. Then he said to Andy, whose costume he had taken an interest in, "Hey Andy boy, after you're done wearing that costume for tonight, how about you come to my shop tomorrow and give to me so that I can sell it on Ebay."

Andy said, "Nah, I think I'll keep it until I get bored of it. Then that's when I'll give it to you."

"Well okay, if you say so. Anyway, here's a little story that might be best suited for Halloween," Hachi said to everyone. "Somewhere in the woods at the Yellow Comet district of Fourside City lies an old and abandoned mansion. Recently, rumors are saying that the mansion has suddenly become haunted by ghosts and other mysterious spirits. Nobody dares go inside to check it out for they're afraid that they'll be cursed or possessed by the souls that wander this mansion."

Sonja said, "I've heard of those rumors before, but I doubt they are true." Being the realistic person she was, she didn't believe in superstitious stuff like ghosts, magic, or outer space aliens. Not even once in her childhood did she ever believe in Santa Claus or the Tooth Fairy.

Lash seemed excited about the story and squealed, "Oooh, a haunted mansion! This will be fun; we should all go there and have a look at it!"

Colin asked, "I-I don't know, Lash. What if the ghosts get us and place a curse on us?" He was not comfortable with the idea of going to a haunted place.

Sonja told him, "Colin, there's no such thing as ghosts. It's probably just a couple of tricksters at the mansion making people think there are ghosts there."

Lash asked, "But we could go over there and solve the mystery of the rumors, right? Won't this be fun?"

Sonja said, "Well, I guess we could go there and disprove the existence of ghosts for ourselves. Then these nonsense rumors will end." She took an interest in exploring the mansion.

The samurai man said, "Then I, Kanbei, will go, too, and solve this mystery as well."

Andy said, "Me too, I'd like to see what kind of scary things that mansion has."

Sasha asked, "So we'll all go there about we've been to the Green Earth district?"

Lash said, "Well, we're all planning on that, aren't we? So it's a 'yes'."

Then everybody waved 'goodbye' to Hachi, "Bye Hachi, Happy Halloween!"

Hachi waved back and said, "Happy Halloween to you too and don't let the ghosts get you!"

Then the limousine took the group out of the Orange Star district and went into the Green Earth district.