

During the first houses in Yellow Comet's residential area, Andy had gotten positive remarks on his costume from the people they've visited. But they were more excited to see Commanders Kanbei and Sonja visiting their houses. Soon, when they went to the next house, an elderly man in his late seventies greeted the Yellow Comet commanders warmly before he spotted Andy and thought he was a demon from one of Yellow Comet's mythical folklores. He frantically stamped an anti-devil ofuda on the boy's forehead before he quickly retreated inside his house and slammed the door shut. Lash giggled and said, "Well this is something new. I've never seen anybody do something like that before. What's that tag thing suppose to do anyway?"

Sonja explained, "It's called an ofuda. The Yellow Cometese used them as wards to repel demons and diseases. But they can also use them inside their homes as protection from those things."

Andy removed the ofuda from his forehead and made a face at it as he said, "But I'm not a demon; I'm just a kid wearing a costume!" Then he dropped the ofuda on the ground.

Colin asked Sonja, "So where can I get one of these? Do they actually work?" If there was something that could prevent diseases like colds, Colin would like to have it so that he and his sister won't have colds the next time winter comes, when Blue Moon would become colder than ever.

Kanbei said, "Ah yes, they sure do, young Colin! Sonja and I have plenty of those at home and we've never gotten sick once."

Sonja told him, "No they don't, father. An ofuda's powers are just a myth. The only reasons we never got sick were because we ate healthy, took our vitamins, dressed correctly for certain weathers, and exercised."

"Really?" Colin asked Sonja. Then he asked Sasha, "Sis, are we eating healthy?"

Sasha replied, "We are, Colin. But that doesn't mean we'll be safe from getting sick. It just lessens the chances of that."

"Oh, okay," Colin said.

Then they went over to the next house with Japanese demon statues on the yard and rang the door bell. "Trick-or-treat!" they shouted as a bald fat man wearing round sunglasses opened the door.

Grimm, who wore an oni costume, greeted heartily, "Gwar har har har, Happy Halloween, kiddies!" His whole body was painted red, he had a pair of golden horns on his head, and he wore a brown loincloth. Then he recognized everyone in the group, except for Andy, and said, "Hey guys, how you've been doing? Been a while since I saw you guys!" Then he saw the werewolf boy and asked, "And who's the doggy boy coming to my house and cosplaying here as Andy? Is he your pet or something?"

Andy frowned at the remake, not liking being called a pet, and told him coolly, "Uh no, I'm the real Andy. Who the heck are you anyway?"

Grimm boasted, "Me? Gwar har har, I'm Lighting Grimm boy, one of the best COs in Yellow Comet!"

"Really?" Andy asked, not really believing him since he's never seen the fat man in action before.

Kanbei confirmed, "Oh yes, he is! Grimm is the fiercest commander I know. He's got his talent from training under Sensei, the same man who mentored me."

Colin said, "And he's also helped saved Omega Land, too. You should see how strong his soldiers were."

"How strong?" Andy asked.

Grimm said, "Strong enough blast a bomber in a single hit with an anti-air tank or smash a neotank with anyone."

Regarding what Grimm said about destroying it with anyone, Andy asked, "How can you destroy a neotank with infantry?"

Grimm said, "Figure of speech, boy. But if you don't believe me, then I can rumble with your buddy, Max, and you can see for yourself. How about that?"

Andy nodded and replied, "Alright sure, it might be fun to see you guys go at each other."

Lash said excitedly, "Save me a seat for this, Andy. I can't wait to see the look on monkey boy's face when he loses." She would bet her money on Grimm to win and eat popcorn as she watches the fat guy kick the Orange Star kwyjibo's butt. "You better win this one, Grimm," Lash cheered him.

Grimm said in a cocky tone, "Oh I will! You all sit back and watch me sock him in the mouth, alright?" He could easily see his victory in the future.

Kanbei cheered, "Show them the might of Yellow Comet, Grimm! Because I'm looking forward to it as well."

Andy looked at Sasha, Colin, and Sonja as he said, "I don't know about you guys, but I'm rooting for Max on this one." It was obvious that he would, since Andy was Max's best friend.

Grimm said to Andy, "Tell Max I'll be whooping his butt in five days, alright?"

"I will!" the werewolf boy replied. Then they said goodbye to each other and got back into the limo as they drove away.

The house they arrived at was the home of the veteran copter commander, Sensei. Lash joked, "Think he'll give us some candy that's OLD-fashioned like himself?" She emphasized the fact that Sensei was an elderly man and implied that old people have an affinity to passé things that were once popular in their era.

"Like what?" Andy asked, curious about the kinds of old candy that Yellow Comet had.

Kanbei glared at Lash and told her, "Watch your tongue, Lash! This is Sensei you're talking about here. He's the greatest teacher in Yellow Comet and he has trained many like Grimm and myself to be the finest COs we are today. So if I were you, I'd learn to respect my elders."

Lash looked away and huffed, "I was just trying to humor you guys, sheesh!"

As they got closer to the door, Colin noticed a note on it and pointed it as he said, "Hey guys look!"

They went up to the door and looked at the paper taped to the door as Sasha said, "It's a note; let's read what it says."

The note read, *"Dear young 'uns! I am temporarily unavailable as I have gone to the convenience store to buy food and drinks for the house. But there is candy on the doorstep for you to take with you. Until I return, Happy Halloween to you!"*

Kanbei said, "It seems Sensei has gone out for a bit. What a pity, I was hoping I'd get to have a friendly chat with him when we got here. But I guess that can't be helped now." He noticed the old man's car wasn't at home, too.

Sonja said, "Well maybe you can visit him tomorrow, father. But for now, let's take some of the candy and go." Each of the kids grabbed up a handful of candy out of the basket and put them into their bags.

While 5 out of the 6 COs went returned to the limo, Lash stayed behind and watched carefully to make sure Sonja or anybody else for that matter weren't looking at her. Once she was sure of it, Lash bent down to reach the basket so that she could horde all of the candy into her sack bag. But after she had taken a second handful into her bag, she was hit on the back of her head with the pole of the witch broom and she cried, "Ow!"

Lash rubbed the spot where she was hit as she turned to look at Sonja, who was standing behind her and telling her strictly, "Let's go, Lash!" Then the witch girl grabbed the vampire girl by the pair of wings and dragged her back to the limo.

"Nooo, but I want the candy! You really are the wicked witch of Yellow Comet, you know that?" Lash said to the girl, whom she thought was too matured for her age to have fun, as she was forced into the vehicle.

After the next several houses, the COs decided to make their one last stop at the next house as their Halloween bags were getting quite full. Kanbei said to everyone, "Alright, this is it children. After this house, we all go home and eat our candy."

Lash said excitedly, "Woohoo, I've been dying to get to that part after the last house! I can't wait to eat all these sweets at Colin's house."

Andy said, "Me too, I can't wait to see what these candies from Blue Moon, Green Earth, and Yellow Comet taste like!"

Sonja told them, "You could've eaten some of them while the limo was driving, you know." During some of the trips between neighborhoods, she had eaten a few of her candy on the way to see what the foreign candy tasted like.

Andy felt dumb now as he asked, "Darn it, why didn't we think of that?"

Colin asked, "Yeah, why didn't we do that?"

Lash teased playfully, "Probably because you boys are too dumb to think that."

Andy told her, "Hey you didn't eat any candy in the car, Lash. That means you're dumb, too!"

Lash said, "No, I'm not! I ate a candy on the way here."

Andy tested her, "Oh yeah? Then prove it! How do we know you're not lying?"

Lash took out a candy wrap out of her bag and showed it to the werewolf boy for proof, "See this? I ate the gummy inside, so that makes me one of the smart people."

Andy said, "Okay, I see. I get your point now."

Then they got out of the limo and rang the doorbell at the house. They waited until the door open to reveal a pale-skinned & purple-haired man with dark circles around his eyes wearing a black dress-like clothing with eight straps. "Trick or treat!" Andy and Lash were the only two who shouted, since Colin, Sonja, and their chaperones quickly recognized the man known as Adder and became wary of him. Andy didn't know who it was that he had talked to until now after he studied the man's appearance for a quarter of a minute and realized who it was.

Lash finished the sentence, "Smell my feet and give us something good to eat, Adder!"

Adder frowned and glared at the Allied Nations COs, obviously not happy that his enemies had trespassed on his home property.

Colin saw the look on Adder's face and whispered to Lash nervously, "L-L-Lash, I don't think Adder likes us hanging out. He looks like might call his whole army over here to kill us."

Lash replied quietly, "Don't worry, he won't. I'm a Black Hole CO like him, he won't do anything as long as I'm around."

Adder yelled at them, "Hmph! I don't have any treats to give to any of you lousy Allied Nation COs, so get off of my yard or else."

Lash told him, "I'm sorry Adder, but it's Halloween! So you better give something else that's really good. And if you don't, then we won't be sad. But I'll make you wish you had!" She said with evil glints in her eyes and her mouth open to reveal sharp vampire fangs.

Adder gulped nervously as he sensed what Lash was about to do with him if he didn't do what was told. She could bite his neck with those fangs or hers or she'll probably put him in random dangerous experiments later like what Lash usually does with Flak. "Um alright, fine. Just wait outside for a bit, okay?" he told Lash. Then he went back into his and headed to the kitchen. He searched the cupboards and fridge for something to give to the kids that would make a good substitute for candy. But unfortunately, there were only veggies, frozen meat, canned food, and everything else that was too bitter for the kids' taste. Adder sighed and said to himself, "Darn, there's nothing here for the brats to enjoy. I didn't want to resort to the other solution, but..." Then he left the kitchen and went into his room. He took the black wallet off of the wooden dresser and counted the money inside which counted up to the total of 500 dollars. Adder sighed glumly, "There goes my valuable money. What a shame that they have to be wasted on these rotten kids outside."

Then he heard Lash calling impatiently from outside, "Hey Adder, what's taking so long in there? We're getting bored here!"

As Adder started to leave his room, he thought up a plot to get his revenge on the COs. "Coming, coming," he replied with a crooked smile. Then he got back to the door and gave each kid a 100 bill.

Lash was thrilled to see what she had gotten and said, "Wow, a 100 dollar buck! This is way better than candy! Thanks Adder!"

Andy was also feeling the same and cried, "Whoa, cool!" Sonja was calmer than the other two, but nonetheless she was happy to get that kind of money as seen by the smile on her face. Colin didn't show signs of thrill or happiness as he was already rich with tons of money at home and didn't feel the need to get any more of that. So the 100 bill he got was nothing more than a tiny and bland gift.

Adder saw how apathetic Colin was towards the dollar he got and thought with a resentful frown, *'Ungrateful little child, I'll make sure you'll pay for not showing any gratitude!'*

Suddenly, Lash remembered the rumor that Hachi was talking about and asked Adder, "By the way Adder, have heard of that haunted mansion in the Yellow Comet district that everybody was talking about? We want to go over there and see the ghosts inside!"

This jogged everybody's memories as Andy said, "Hey I forgot about that!"

Sasha asked, "How could we forget that?"

Kanbei thought about the mansion and said, "Hmm, now that you mentioned it, Lash. We all did recall wanting to go there."

Colin cried, "H-h-hey, I never agreed to go with you guys there."

Lash assured him, "Don't be a wuss, Colin! We're not going to let the ghosts get you, alright?"

"Uh, okay if you say so," Colin replied, not entirely convinced, but he'll trust the others, especially Sasha, to protect him.

This is the kind of revenge Adder was trying to unleash on the COs; getting them to go to the mansion. Many people in the neighborhood thought that those went to that place would all return alive, but only with many years scared out of them. But Adder was the only one who had witnessed one or two people that nobody cared about to go inside the mansion and never come out again, plus he knew what was going on inside that place, but he wasn't about to tell it to anyone though. Maybe and hopefully the same fate could happen to these people here in front of his house. "Ah yes, that mansion everybody's been talking about. Now if you really want to go to that place, you'll have to go to Kumori Woods where it is not too far from the park. To get there you'll need to..." Adder told them and then gave them directions on how to get. After that he said, "And that's how you get there. Now if you've told you everything, I want you get off my property and never let me catch you here again!"

Andy retorted, "Well good, because we didn't want to stay around, anyway!"

Adder said, "I'm glad the hostility between us is still mutual. By the way, try not to let the ghosts kill you." He had a sinister smile at the end of his sentence before he closed the door in front of everyone.

"Alright people, to the mansion now!" Lash told everyone as she was eager and excited to go there. They went back into the limo and the driver followed the directions that Lash gave him.

While on the go, Sonja started to think about wicked smile on Adder's face before they went into the car. She had a bad feeling that he had purposely led them to the mansion so that something horrible could happen to her and her friends. She thought, *'I just hope my feelings are wrong, but then again this is what the kind of man, Adder is.'*