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CHAPTER 1

RESPONSIBILITIES



On a small peaceful planet one thousand light years away, a young couple with extraordinary fighting abilities train their ten year old son in an open field on a full moon. This little boy was very special. Having a human mom and a dad who came from an alien race of human like wolves, made him the first and only person to be born of both races. His name, is Wolf-Kid.

Bamboo sticks clash as Wolf-Kid defends himself from his mother's attacks.

"Mom why do I have to train tonight? I wanna catch fireflies," Wolf-Kid whines.

Mom grins and replies, "you are going to grow up and be stronger than your dad and I combined. When we are gone, everyone is going to be counting on you to keep them safe."

Wolf-Kid blocks an attack, jumps back and lowers his bamboo stick. "You and dad are always going to be there

right?” Wolf-Kid asks. Mom lowers her bamboo stick and walks over to Wolf-Kid. She puts a hand on his shoulder and replies, “we will always be there for you, no matter what.” She smiles, “now, again!” Mom raises her bamboo stick. “Can I get a drink of water first. Pleeese,” Wolf-Kid begs. Mom nods her head and Wolf-Kid drops his bamboo stick and darts off towards the nearby creek.

When Wolf-Kid arrives at the creek, his dad is setting up camp for the night. He runs over and gives his dad a big hug. Pretending to be surprised, his dad says, “Whoa! You scared me there. You are getting better at hiding your footsteps.” Delighted, Wolf-Kid responds, “I train everyday dad.”

“Yes, you do son.”

“... Dad?”

Dad gets down on one knee. “Yes, son.”

“Can I be done training, so I can play with the fireflies?”

“Sure... When your mom is done training you. These pointy ears of mine, are not just for looks.”

Dad rubs the top of Wolf-Kid’s head and says, “Go get that drink of water.” Wolf-Kid runs to the creek. Mom approaches dad at the camp site carrying the bamboo sticks they used for training. “He did well,” mom said. She hands the bamboo sticks to dad who forcefully shoves them in the ground. Dad replies, “I would expect nothing less from someone who shares your talent and strength.”

“Are you trying to sweet talk me into making dinner tonight?”

“Is it working?”

“Not even a little.”

They chuckle as they watch Wolf-Kid chase fireflies near the creek. Later that night they all sat by the fire before bedtime. Mom smiles and says, “we have something for you.” Dad is holding his hands behind his back and Wolf-Kid is trying to position himself to see what it is. Dad explained, “I received the same gift as a boy. The gift will help you learn how to use your strength and will become your best friend.”

Dad reveals in his hand is a small baby raccoon like animal. “He shape shifts!” Mom exclaimed. Dad hands the baby animal to Wolf-Kid. “I’ll name him Switch,” Wolf-Kid announced. Suddenly a loud eerie ghost like screech echoed though-out the land and shortly after came the sound of screaming.

Mom and dad stood to their feet. “Stay here,” dad commanded. Mom put a hand on Wolf-Kids head and said, “we’ll be back sweetheart.” Both mom and dad race off towards the screams.

... Ten years later.

Wolf-Kid stands in the heart of the forest practicing his fighting skills with a bamboo stick, when Switch approaches him. "Let's play hide-n-seek," Switch recommends. Wolf-Kid replies, "I have to be ready. People are depending on me"

"I know, but you train all day."

"Yep."

"How about... instead of hide-n-seek we do a new training?"

"I'm listening."

"I'll shape shift into a monster and chase you and if I tag... I mean touch you, you have to then chase and touch me. This will help you with chasing monsters and running from them."

Wolf-Kid stops swinging the bamboo stick. "I'm in." Without warning, Wolf-Kid drops the stick and sprints away. "I didn't say I was ready!" Complained Switch. Switch shape shifts into a monster and gives chase.

Wolf-Kid looks back and laughs at Switch who is struggling to catch up to him. At that exact moment a small black hole opens in front of Wolf-Kid and in a blink of an eye he was gone.

*** At the end parents come back; in the middle parents come back; parents are remembered in the night sky; parents in the black hole; parents come back as ghosts; Switch sucks into black hole too;

CHAPTER 2

PROTECT AND SERVE



On the other side of the galaxy, on a planet that looks a lot like Earth, lived the most beautiful and magical creatures of all, the Unicorns. These beautiful and magical creatures are one of the most peaceful in the galaxy and because of that they are usually targeted by those who want to take from them. The leaders of this planet, known as the Unicorn Council, decided to train a selected bunch of Unicorns who showed signs of having special magic and were born with wings. This team, created to protect and serve is known as the Pegasus Unit.

The Pegasus Unit is made up of 5 skilled Pegasus Unicorns. The squad captain of this special unit is an adventurous and daring Unicorn named Cupcake. Under her command is Sprinkles, a jokester who has the ability to control rain; Uni-Kitty, who is in touch with the environment and can control

animals with her mind; Uni-Nite, who lacks a sense of humor and has the ability to temporarily blind his enemies. Last, but not least, there is Fluffy, he's always snacking, and always ready to use his ability which creates an unbreakable barrier.

Cupcake was a special case in the Pegasus Unit, because she was the only one who didn't have a special ability, although she showed the signs for a great power. Cupcake had to work her way up to squad captain by practicing more and working harder than everyone else with abilities. Everyone on the planet looked up to her.

On a perfect sunny day, like all of the days on this planet, the Pegasus Unit had just completed a flight training session and decided to rest in the bright green fields below them. Uni-Kitty laid in the grass and took a deep breath. "I love the smell of grass after a good training session," said Uni-Kitty. "You like the smell of grass all the time," Sprinkle said.

"So true," responded Uni-Kitty as she rolled in the grass.

Uni-Nite, the only one in the unit who is standing shakes his head. "I am up for another 3 hours of training if you all are," said Uni-Nite with a straight face. "Are you serious? We've been training for 8 hours straight. I'm sure we're all hungry and completely out of energy," replied Fluffy while eating a handful of chips.

Uni-Nite looks behind Fluffy and states, "looks like all of us are not completely out of energy." Curious, Fluffy turns around. Behind him is Uni-Kitty prancing around, chasing a butter fly. Uni-Kitty pants, "you're fast. Next time we play tag

you're going to be it." Cupcake laughs, stands up and announces, "I appreciate your commitment to training Uni-Nite, but Fluffy has a point. Plus, since we did so well today I wanted to take everyone to get ice cream."

Fluffy quickly stands up and says, "That sounded like an order to me, okay let's go." Fluffy jumps in the air and with a fierce whoosh his wings flap as he flies towards the town. Cupcake chuckles and with the same force whooshes into the sky. Uni-Nite says to himself, "well, I do like ice cream." He whooshes into the sky and looks back at Uni-Kitty who is still chasing the butterfly. Uni-Nite yells, "we're leaving to get ice cream." Uni-Kitty stops in her tracks, waves bye to the butterfly whooshes into the sky. "Wait for me! I thought we were a team," Uni-Kitty cried.

The unit sat at a table outside of the ice cream shop. The sun was warm and the wind that blew past them was cool. They laughed, talking about funny moments that happened during their training sessions. Suddenly, a loud eerie ghost like screech echoed though-out the land and shortly after came the sound of screaming.

Everyone immediately jumped up from the table. The Pegasus Unit knew this was the day they were training for. Before they could jump into action a huge energy blast was headed right for them. There wasn't enough time to react... but there was just enough time to think. At that moment Uni-Kitty took control of Cupcake and made her move out of the way.

“BOOM!!!” The ice cream shop was gone and everyone that stood there was gone as well. The only thing that remained was the sign to the ice cream shop and that was in bad shape. From the distance three dark shadows, flying at high speed towards what was left of the ice cream shop, were blowing up everything in their path.

The ice cream shop’s sign flies into the sky as Cupcake stands to her feet with anger in her eyes. The three shadows swoop down and let out an eerie screech as they get ready for a head to head collision with Cupcake. With a tear rolling down her eyes and the dark shadowy ghosts a few feet away she lets out a scream that sends a sound wave so strong that blasts the ghosts into air. Cupcake’s vision becomes blurry and her legs start to wobble. Her eyes roll as she passes out.

10 years later...

Cupcake is in a field training the Pegasus Unit’s new recruits. “Okay everyone that’s enough for today,” Cupcake commands. One of the new recruits runs to Cupcake and says, “you want to go get ice cream?” Cupcake yells, “do I look like your friend!” The new recruit shakes his head and quickly walks away. Cupcake instantly regrets how she handles the situation and flies away. She lands in the field where her original squad rested on that horrible day and does what she has been doing for the last 10 years. She walks the field taking in the scent of the grass. A butterfly appears. Cupcake smiled and gives chase to the butterfly.

Panting, Cupcake said to her self, “I guess Uni-Kitty was on to something, this is pretty fun.” At that exact moment a small

black hole opens in front of Cupcake and in a blink of an eye she was gone.

CHAPTER 3

ON THE OTHER SIDE



On an unknown planet, a small black hole opens in the sky over a beautiful forest. “AAAAWWWW!!!”, Cupcake yelled as she fell out of the black hole, hitting the ground with a loud thud. Cupcake slowly stands, looking around at this unfamiliar place. She knew immediately she was no longer at home. Although this was not her home, she could not deny that this forest was a beautiful place.

The forest had beautiful bright flowers that came in colors of red, pink, sky blue, and yellow. The forest was also the perfect temperature and although it was shaded, sunbeams lit the ground as if they were leading you to somewhere special. Cupcake followed the sunbeams as a smile slowly grew on her face. Although she had no idea where she was, she somehow felt that she was going where she should be.

The sunbeams lead Cupcake to a small clearing in the forest surrounded by bushes. Squatting next to a bush, picking berries, was a young man with pointy, furry ears and a

very large raccoon. It was Wolf Kid and Switch! Cupcake slowly approach the young man and the raccoon, listening to their conversation.

Switch slaps a berry out of Wolf Kids' hand "No, not that one. Pick only the ripest berries, are you not listening to me?" Wolf Kid replies, "why would I listen to someone who lands on a strange planet and stuffs their face with the wrong berries? You still smell like puke."

"Hey, I was testing them for you," Switch exclaimed. Cupcake interrupts, "excuse me. So both of you are new to this place too?" Wolf Kid turns and jumps to his feet. Switch continues to sort through the berries on the bush. Switch smirks and says, "You were so focused on the berries that you didn't hear the horse coming? Just sad."

"I am not a horse. My name is Cupcake and I am a Pegasus Unicorn." Cupcake stated.

"Yeah, whatever."

Wolf Kid tosses a berry to Cupcake who catches it in her mouth. Wolf Kid introduces himself, "I'm Wolf Kid and that's Switch. Nice to meet you Cupcake." Cupcake eats the berry. Wolf Kid asks, "did you come here through a black hole like we did?" Swallowing the berry, Cupcake replies, "yeah I did. The question now is, who sent us here and why." At that moment an unfamiliar voice spoke, "perhaps I can answer that." Cupcake and Wolf Kid jump into their fighting stance. They look around the area to find who it was that just spoke to them. Switch walks by carrying a handful of berries. He

tosses one into his mouth and states, “she’s right there. The voice... Yeah, never mind they’re coming out.”

The shaded parts of the forest were suddenly filled with little specks of light, each glowing their own unique bright beautiful color. One of the specks of light, a bright pink one, floated over to Cupcake and Wolf Kid, and with a bright flash of light transformed into a fairy. The fairy wore a beautiful skirt and on her head sat a tiara made of twigs. Her hair was curly and she had wings that were almost the same size of her body. When the sunlight touched her wings, they sparkled with all the colors of the rainbow. The fairy cleared her throat and said, “I’m Princess Raina of the Fairy Folk, and the beautiful lights that surround you are my kin. We are peaceful and mean you no harm.

Cupcake smiles and responds, “Princess Raina, it is nice to meet you. I’m Cupcake, this is Wolf Kid and the other one eating berries is...” Wolf Kid interrupts, “That’s my best friend, Switch.”

Princess Raina chuckles and replies, “nice to meet you all.” They all sit in silence for a few seconds before it is interrupted by a burp. Switch wraps a few berries in a leaf to snack on later and says, “oh excuse me, these are some great berries. Princess, I think you were going to tell us why we are here and who brought us to this place.” Princess Raina’s smile fades from her face. She looks at the surrounding Fairy Folk for a few seconds and then turns to Wolf Kid, Cupcake and Switch. She responds, “you are correct Switch... I summoned you three here with all the magic I had.” “But, why!?” Cupcake asked.

Princess Raina explains, “we don’t have a lot of time, but I need your help. See, we fairies can see into the future. Not very far into the future, just a few hours. I’ll get to the point. Our whole planet is going to be destroyed and we need your help.” Wolf Kid’s ears perk up and he asks, “what is this threat?”

Princess Raina answers, “three ghosts named Stinky, Winky and Dinky. All I know is that they have destroyed hundreds of worlds and you both have survived it. In fact, my spell was to bring everyone who has defeated this threat... It looks like you two were the only ones.”

Switch quickly turns towards the forest and drops his berries. The hairs on his back slowly start to stand up. Switch growls, “you feel that Kid?” Wolf Kid responds, “yeah, I know this feeling. We felt it before.”

Suddenly, a loud eerie ghost like screech echoes though-out the land and shortly after, the sound of screaming. Princess Raina turns to the forest and under her breath she says, “they’re here.”

CHAPTER 4

THE BATTLE



Wolf Kid paces back and forth and says, “we never faced them before, mom and dad defeated them.” Switch yells, “get a hold of yourself Kid. If your parents beat them and you’re stronger than your parents, then you can handle this. This is what we trained for.”

Wolf Kid shakes off the doubt and fear from his body and says, “sorry friend you’re right.” Cupcake interrupts, “we should hurry and confront Stinky, Winky and Dinky before they hurt too many people.” A small fairy appeared and reported, “Princess Raina! There are three ghostly figures headed our way now!” Princess Raina states, “looks like they are headed here.”

From the distance, the sound of leaves rustling through trees can be heard. Stinky, Winky and Dinky were on their way and they were moving fast. Princess Raina tells all of the fairies to hurry and hide before the ghosts reach their location. Cupcake and Wolf Kid get into a fighting stance as Switch transforms into a monster. The sound of rustling leaves grow louder. Cupcake yells, “here they come!” Skinky, Winky and Dinky burst through the trees. Cupcake, Wolf Kid and Switch each takes on one of the ghostly ghosts.

Dodging trees and bushes, Cupcake chases Stinky through the Fairy Forest. During the chase Cupcake begins to get angry as she thinks about the team she lost on that sunny day. She began to fly faster and finally corners Stinky. Anger is steaming off of Cupcake's body as she approaches Stinky. Cupcake says, "You killed my friends, my only family. You do not deserve to live." Cupcake had 10 years to perfect her energy blast and she did. She knew that at this distance if she charged to even half power Stinky would be nothing more than dust after the blast. Cupcake charges up to let a blast loose when Princess Raina appears. The princess states, "we do not need to kill anyone to win Cupcake. We are not the monsters we fight."

Cupcake lowers her charge and states, "you're right Princess. Ghost, leave here and never attack anyone again." There is silence... Stinky screams, "NEVER!" Stinky swoops down to eat Princess Raina who has her back turned. Princess Raina turns as Stinky is face to face with her. Cupcake threw the slight charge she had left at Stinky and knocked him unconscious. In shock Princess thanks Cupcake and with the magic that has returned to her, created a prison for Stinky. "Let's go help Wolf Kid and Switch, I have enough magic built up to create prison for Winky and Dinky too." Cupcake and Princess Raina run to find Wolf Kid and Switch.

Switch stands over Dinky, who is unconscious. "Well that wasn't as hard as I thought it would be," Switch says as he limps away in pain. Meanwhile, Wolf Kid is getting beat up pretty bad by Winky. Winky hits Wolf Kid sending him flying. While Wolf Kid is down, Winky shoots a ball of fire at Wolf Kid as a finishing blow. Wolf Kid closes his eyes as the ball of

fire approach. There is a small explosion on impact. Dust and smoke fill the air. Wolf Kid opens his eyes and notices he is unharmed. On the ground next to him is Switch in his raccoon form and badly injured. Wolf Kid lets out a wild howl and grabs a nearby stick. Wolf Kid stands to his feet with anger in his eyes and swirls the stick so fast that he builds electricity with it and sends the electricity at Winky who is struck and knocked unconscious by it.

Cupcake and Princess Raina arrive to see Winky and Switch laying on the ground. Princess Raina screams, “oh no! Is Switch...? Wolf Kid lowers his head. Cupcake, Princess Raina and Wolf Kid sit in silence... “If you cry I am going to make fun of you every day from here on out,” mumbled Switch. Cupcake and Princess Raina smiled as Wolf Kid ran over and gave Switch a hug. “Don't squeeze me too tight, or I won't make it,” Mumbled Switch.

Princess Raina trapped Winky and Dinky in a magical prison with Stinky and sent the heroes to their own worlds with a sincere thank you and many gifts. Cupcake returned and trained her new unit while being a friend to everyone. Wolf Kid and Switch returned home and continued their training just in case another threat arrived, but they also made time for some good ole fashion tag.

While Wolf Kid was hiding from Switch he heard rustling come from the bushes. He put his guard up to defend himself from a possible threat. Shocked Wolf Kid lowered his guard and said, “mom... Dad?”

THE END