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Part One

Prologue

Strange Vortex

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Radu the Robo Monk's memories were quite fuzzy from the past. He knew he received his fancy robotic body from the mysterious Celestial Ninjas led by the mysterious Wise One. Even Saker Falcon, the former Mongolian scout's memories were also quite fuzzy. All that Radu remembered was he formerly was a monk from the 13th century who fought against the Mongols. He and Saker were tossed into a portal by the Wise One to be sent off into the far off future of the year 2180 AD.

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“Uh, where the heck are we Saker?” asked Radu.

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Radu felt a bump on the head, he gazed around noticing he was at some sort of park. Saker could see the various trees and strange buildings. These structures were not at all familiar to the former Mongolian scout.

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“What are they?” asked Saker.

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Saker gazed at the strange buildings, even Radu noticed how odd they were. He had never seen buildings this modern at all as the picture became clearer. Then Radu noticed a fellow robot delivering some ice cream in the park. He rushed over towards the robotic citizen asking where

he was.

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Confused Radu

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Radu tapped on the robot's shoulder, the robot turns around and sees the strange monk-like robot before him.

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“Do you want an ice cream?” asked the robot.

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“Please, fellow robot tell me what time am I in?” asked Radu.

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“Why, the 22nd century sir?” replied the robot, “specifically the year 2180.”

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“Really, phew for a moment wait the year 2180 AD?!” cried Radu.

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Radu couldn't believe it, he heard a faint echo from the mysterious Wise One.

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“You must become this city's protector” said the Wise One's voice.

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Radu still wasn't sure, he headed over towards where Saker was resting peacefully under the tree.

#

“Let's relax for a moment” said Saker.

#

“Yea, good idea, no sense in jumping the gun if we don’t know where the heck we are” said Radu.

#

Radu glanced around some more. He figured out he was in MacArthur Park, Los Angeles. MacArthur Park was in the center of downtown Los Angeles. It had improved overtime towards the 22nd century. Radu and Saker rested for a bit, they didn’t realize they were breaking any rules for resting too long. Inspector Epistor who was on patrol noticed the strange robo monk taking a nap.

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Waking Radu

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Inspector Epistor had seen a lot of strange things, he never imagined seeing a strange robo monk.

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“Strange, what model are you?” asked Inspector Epistor.

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Epistor then began to shake Radu thinking he was a homeless robot.

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“Hey, what did you do that to me for?!” cried Radu.

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Radu then glanced at Inspector Epistor, he was but the least pleased with Radu.

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“What are you doing here sleeping in the park for this long?” asked Inspector Epistor, “There are

anti-camping rules you know.”

#

“Uh, I didn’t I’m new to this city” said Radu.

#

Radu explained to Epistor that he flew through some sort of strange portal with his associate Saker. Epistor thought Radu could be more expendable. He figured out he could use a new model robot like him and an able bodied person like Saker to be part of the police force.

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“Well, how about if I gave you two a job?” asked Inspector Epistor.

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“Us, a job with you?” asked Radu.

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“Well, you have to go through the academy first, and you will have to train” continued Inspector Epistor, “the mayor Zachery Hans-Fromm has a special program for your kind.”

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Radu didn’t know what Epistor meant by that he just knew things were not looking good for him.

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Registering Radu and Saker

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The Social Security Office was oddly the place where new robots would register, the ones that were more sentient. Saker since he was human didn’t have any real native home country to be deported to. Saker would have to undergo some physical, mental training too before being fully naturalized into the system.

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“From the looks of it, you two sound like time travelers from your story” said Inspector Epistor, “so I have decided to go through the right regulations to get you both into our system.”

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Epistor knew members of the Department of Relativity who could provide further assistance to Radu and Saker. Both of them were relieved, they had heard of the Department of Relativity, even when they were with the Celestial Ninjas, but never got a chance to be fully involved.

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“I just need you both to sign some paperwork first before we begin the process of inserting you into our society” said Inspector Epistor.

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The clerk handed Epistor over the paperwork, and Radu and Saker were both looking over.

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“So much red tape!” cried Radu.

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Radu couldn't believe the red tape he had to go through just to get around.

Chapter One

Training at the Academy

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After registering with the Department of Social Security under the supervision of Inspector Epistor, both Radu and Saker headed off to the main training facility. The training facility was linked up with the police academy. Polydora El, the gray alien in charge was trying to integrate his training course with the Department of Relativity for future time travelers. Polydora was at first suspicious upon meeting with Radu and Saker as Inspector Epistor introduced them as time travelers.

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“Time travelers you say?” asked Polydora, “From what century?”

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“The 13th century, some strange ninjas and their Wise One sent me here” said Radu.

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“Do you recall the reason?” asked Polydora.

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Radu and Saker both shook their heads.

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“I guess all that travel through their strange vortex caused us to have some amnesia” said Radu.

#

“Good thing that you two are going to take my course” said Polydora.

#

Epistor watched from the sidelines, as Radu and Saker were given a tour of the course. Radu was nervous he wasn't sure he would be able to make it.

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"This sounds tough" said Radu.

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"You can do it, I believe in you" said Polydora.

#

The gray alien then led both of them to the start of the course where he fired a gun filled with blanks in the air.

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The Training Course

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Polydora's training course was quite extensive, Radu and Saker had to crawl underneath some barred wire to climbing walls that had ropes attached to the top.

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"This is hard work!" cried Radu.

#

"Yes, hard work!" cried Saker.

#

Both of them couldn't believe so much training in order to get through the academy training. They were being timed for it as well. Radu and Saker continued to trek through each course. Saker, since he didn't have a robotic body couldn't get through some of the courses as fast as Radu could. Radu waited on the other end for him to finish.

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“So hard” said Saker.

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“It is” sighed Radu.

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Once the two finally made it to the finish line, Polydora stopped the timer.

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“Hmm, you two took a combination of 40 minutes to complete my course” said Polydora.

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“Did we pass?” asked Radu.

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“Just barely, the 50 minutes was the maximum time” said Polydora.

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Radu and Saker fell down tired from their ordeal. As they rested in Polydora’s office, Epistor came to check up on them. He had another assignment for them — a bounty hunter program that Mayor Zachery Hans-Fromm was promoting to see who would become the Protector of Los Angeles.

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Protector of Los Angeles?

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Inspector Epistor provided Radu and Saker with details over what they would have to do as protectors of Los Angeles. They would have to go after Los Angeles’ troublemakers.

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“Okay, the mayor will give you two time travelers an interesting proposition” said Inspector Epistor, “complete this laundry list of bounty hunts, and you will become full protectors of our fine city.”

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“Really, what’s the pay?” asked Radu.

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“You get your own temple, you will have a new title Robo Monk” said Inspector Epistor, “but first things first, you will have to answer to the likes of me for the time being before that ever happens.”

#

Epistor then headed towards his government issued cellphone and brought up a bounty hunter list. As Epistor scrolled through the list, he was trying to find an easy but difficult target that the regular police couldn’t apprehend. He came across a known shoplifter — Yeray Vicente.

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“This gentleman has been known as a serial shoplifter” said Inspector Epistor, “I want you and Saker to bring him to the police station before the end of the following week.”

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After the training with Polydora, Epistor then took Radu and Saker to their quarters which was within the police academy in its own special wing — the Robo Monk wing.

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Radu Rests for Now

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Radu couldn’t believe he received his very first case — capturing Yeray Vicente. He and Saker

knew they had their hands full with this case.

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“A serial shoplifter, how the heck are we going to find him?” asked Radu.

#

“Hmm, maybe we should check the new gadgets?” asked Saker.

#

Both Radu and Saker were given cellphones by Epistor to make their task a little easier. Social media was new to them, since they were from the 13th century.

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“So many apps to choose from!” cried Radu.

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Radu and Saker focused on the main apps as they checked social media over Yeray Vicente. Once they received his last hit, they noticed it was a super market not far from the main downtown area.

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“Come on Saker, we got to move” said Radu.

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After some rest, Radu and Saker headed off. They didn’t know how to use scooters, so they had to go on foot most of their journey. It took them at least twenty minutes to get to the downtown area. They headed towards the supermarket. There the robotic manager — Purkiss the supermarket robot manager greeted Radu and Saker seeing they knew Inspector Epistor.

Chapter Two

Showing Radu and Saker the Footage

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The social media accounts that displayed Yeray stealing various items from the shelves were only part of the footage that the public could see. Purkiss showed them the rest as he led them to the security area of the supermarket.

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“So that’s how he’s pulling it off, where does he hang out?” asked Radu.

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“Some say he’s a valet assistant at a place called Nettie’s” replied Purkiss, “but those are just the rumors. You will have to stakeout the place for yourself.”

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This was going to be Radu and Saker’s first stakeout — at Nettie’s. Nettie’s was quite a shady place. Rumors circulated around Los Angeles of all sorts of underworld mobsters, humans, aliens and robots alike attended the restaurant. Radu and Saker knew they had to do their best to hide. As they arrived at Nettie’s, they could see the main bouncer a redish alien known as Stadiel observed the various valet assistants take in new clients for the restaurant.

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“You sure the supermarket manager was telling the truth?” asked Saker.

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“We don’t know for sure, we’d just have to wait it out” replied Radu.

#

Radu and Saker were able to find a proper hiding space among the bushes and watch from a safe distance as valet assistants began to change shifts.

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Yeray Arrives

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Just when Radu and Saker were going to give up, Yeray arrives on the scene in his valet attire. Stadiel greets Yeray.

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“Glad to see you have arrived on time, just be careful with the customers’ cars” said Stadiel.

#

“Will do” said Yeray.

#

Yeray didn’t just participated in shoplift, he was involved in a burglary scheme with his fellow valet assistants. The scheme was simple — all they would have to do was find the address of the customer within the glove compartment of the car. It was easy since it was there most of the time. Yeray didn’t tell anyone who his associates were.

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“Look, Saker, it’s him” whispered Radu.

#

Saker gazed at Yeray from afar, they both knew they had to move with caution. As Yeray waited with his fellow valet associates, some of his associates were quite nervous. They didn’t know if Yeray was being followed since he was now on some sort of bounty list. One such colleague who was worried for Yeray was Oeste Al, a gray alien valet assistant.

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“You sure about not being followed?” asked Oeste.

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“Come on, no one would be that dumb to follow me if they did capture me it will alert my friends in the underworld” said Yeray.

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Radu and Saker didn't know what he meant by that, but Radu knew he would have to try to lure Yeray away from his post.

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Radu's Plan

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Radu knew this plan was full proof, he and Saker would dress up as janitors pretending to be cleaning. When in reality, they would knock Yeray on the head by accident and pretend to take him away to the hospital for help.

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“That sounds, sounds like a good plan” said Saker.

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“It is” said Radu, “you just have to trust me that's all.”

#

Radu and Saker then headed around the back area of the restaurant, they could see a few janitors had placed their additional attire outside to be taken in for the next shift. Radu and Saker immediately snagged the janitor clothing for themselves and the other sort of equipment.

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“Now all we have to do is go back to the front of the restaurant” said Radu.

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They then headed towards the front, there Yeray was already retrieving a car from a customer who was heading into the restaurant. Yeray didn't seem to mind he was stealing from fellow shady clients. It served him and his associates a chance to go up in the underworld.

#

“Okay, we should just head towards the parking lot” whispered Radu.

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Radu and Saker headed towards the parking lot where the cars were being parked.

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The Parking Lot

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As Yeray drove the car into the parking lot, he was being tailed by Radu and Saker. At first, he wasn't paying attention since he was looking through the glove department for any confidential documents.

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“Ha, what luck!” laughed Yeray as he found the insurance paperwork.

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Yeray then took photos of the addresses and sent it to his crew. But as he stepped out he was confronted by Radu and Saker.

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“What the heck are you two doing here, are you two new at Nettie's?” asked Yeray.

#

“Quick Saker, think of something!” cried Radu.

#

Saker then takes a broom and smacks Yeray over the head with it — WHAM. Yeray ends up falling unconscious.

#

“Wow, we did it!” laughed Radu.

#

“Need to take him back to Epistor” said Saker.

#

“You’re right” said Radu.

#

Radu and Saker then lifted up Yeray’s body, they needed not to be seen by any of the staff at Nettie’s. As they managed to make it pass the establishment, they then headed towards the police station with Yeray still unconscious.

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“That was so easy!” laughed Radu.

#

“Yes, easy!” added Saker.

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It was easy — perhaps a bit too easy. Little did either of them realize Stadiel already knew Yeray was missing on his shift.

Chapter Three

Getting Suspicious

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Stadiel, the redish alien bouncer gazed at his electronic watch to see how long Yeray was gone. He then gave the marching orders to Oeste and a few other valet assistants to figure out what happened to him.

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“Go to the parking lot” said Stadiel.

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“Will do” said Oeste.

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Oeste was nervous, unsure what to expect. He and the other valet assistants arrive to see the car he drove to be parked was partially opened. Then they noticed the janitorial equipment nearby.

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“That’s odd” said Oeste.

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“He’s been taken by the bounty hunters!” cried another valet assistant.

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They all feared this would happen one day, and Oeste knew this. He and the other valet assistants headed towards Stadiel to give him the bad news. He wasn’t surprised by all of this, someone new must have taken up one of the bounties that Yeray was on. Stadiel then reached for his cellphone and called upon Madame Africa Navarro, a mixed race African-Latina attorney

based in Pasadena. Jonathan Lockhart, who was a rising JD candidate at the time was mentoring under her.

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“Yeray has been arrested?!” cried Africa as she received the phone call in her office.

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Jonathan was manning the desk outside, he could hear every part of the conversation.

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Jonathan’s Back Story

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Jonathan Lockhart and his family were no strangers to controversial subjects such as helping criminals. After all, Jonathan’s most infamous ancestor Kenneth Lockhart was also an attorney and the former Boss DC of the Blue Eagle Collective. Yes, it would be this very same young Jonathan Lockhart who would become a force to reckon with with Radu the Robo Monk and his associate Saker Falcon in the coming years.

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“I don’t believe some bounty hunters would just kidnap someone like that!” cried Africa over the phone.

#

Africa was no doubt enraged over Yeray being captured by Radu and Saker, though she didn’t know their names YET. She could tell this was the work of Inspector Epistor of the Los Angeles Police Department.

#

“I will set a bail bonds right away and pick up Yeray myself” said Africa.

#

“Yes, please do ma’am” said Stadiel.

#

Stadiel was relieved that the best defense attorney was on the case for Yeray. For Yeray, he was still unconscious as he was brought into Inspector Epistor’s office at the police academy.

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“MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!” laughed Radu as he tossed Yeray on the sofa.

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Epistor brought out some handcuffs and placed them on Yeray’s wrists before he could wake up.

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Yeray Under Arrest!

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Yeray soon wakes up from his ordeal, only to find himself not in the proper police station to be booked. He could very well see Radu and Saker hovering over him as well as Inspector Epistor.

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“Ah yes, Yeray Vicente, we finally caught up with you!” laughed Inspector Epistor, “You have the right to remain silent. Anything can and will be used against you in the court of law!”

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“I want my lawyer!” cried Yeray.

#

“Fine, I’ll give you the phone” said Inspector Epistor.

#

Epistor headed towards his desk and retrieved the phone. Yeray did his best to dial Africa’s

phone number. As she picked up, she was relieved that he was safe and sound.

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“Glad you are safe, where are you being held?” asked Africa.

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“The police academy” replied Yeray.

#

“WHAT?!” cried Africa.

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Africa was shocked with the way her client was being treated.

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“You better put the inspector on the phone now!” ordered Africa.

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“She wants to speak to you” said Yeray as he handed Epistor the phone.

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Inspector Epistor knew he was going to be yelled at. He was ready for whatever mental abuse that Africa was going to through at him.

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Upset Attorney Africa

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Madame Africa Navarro wasn't pleased with the way her client was being treated. She blasted Epistor for now booking Yeray properly at the police station.

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“HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN WHERE THE OTHERS WERE BEING BOOKED!”

cried Africa over the phone.

#

Jonathan was eavesdropping on everything, he was having a thrill up his leg over Madame Africa's outbursts at Epistor. The outcry and the yelling took a mere ten minutes, but it was enough to rattle Epistor's circuits.

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"Okay, okay, I will accept the bonds, but only within the processing time frame" said Inspector Epistor.

#

Epistor couldn't believe that Radu and Saker's first capture was going to be released through the bail bonds program! This was a shock to Radu and Saker who were surprised by this.

#

"What the heck just happened, we caught him!" cried Radu.

#

"Fair and square" said Saker.

#

"Uh, I am going to have to take him to the police station and book him properly, then within a few days the bail bonds will send us the check" sighed Inspector Epistor.

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Epistor knew this wouldn't be the last clash that Radu and Saker will have with Madame Africa Navarro nor her associate Jonathan Lockhart.

Part Two

Chapter Four

Smirking Yeray

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Yeray gave off a sinister smirk after the phone conversation between his attorney and Epistor had ended. The inspector had no choice but to take Yeray in the proper way, only to accept the bail bonds afterwards.

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“I’m sorry fellas, there are others on the list that I can send I will still count this to your test” said Inspector Epistor.

#

Radu and Saker were no doubt relieved that it would be counted as a win, even though Yeray would eventually get released. Yeray gave the smirk to both of them as he was being helped up by Inspector Epistor as he was led out of the office.

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“I just don’t get it Saker, we captured him and he’s going to be released anyway!” cried Radu, “THE SYSTEM IS RIGGED!”

#

“YEA, RIGGED!” added Saker.

#

“It’s probably worse system than the system the Kahn had, when you were working under him” added Radu.

#

Saker could barely remember his time as a Mongolian scout in the 13th century. The vortex had managed to destroy part of his memory.

#

“Still trying to remember” sighed Saker.

#

Radu and Saker were still dumbfounded on the society that they were dropped in by the Wise One.

#

Booking Yeray

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Meanwhile at the police station, Inspector Epistor arrived with Yeray’s hands behind his back. He was checked in properly and given the proper mugshots.

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“I will be out” laughed Yeray to the police officer taking the mugshots.

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The police officer wasn’t surprised by this, he and his other colleagues, human, alien and robot alike knew of Madame Africa Navarro’s legacy around the department. Yeray then was escorted by Epistor towards his holding cell where he would await being picked up. Epistor could tell that Radu and Saker were both disappointed, the inspector had always this feeling inside of him that Africa worked very closely with her clients on these shady activities and knew he would have to catch her in the act. He then headed towards his office and took out his cellphone.

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“Yo, Radu and Saker got a job for the both of you” said Inspector Epistor.

#

Epistor had a suspicion everyone on the bounty hunter list were connected with Madame Africa. If they took her down, they would be taking down the entire bounty hunter list too.

#

“Yes, anything inspector” said Radu.

#

Epistor gave a detailed plan to both of them explaining his theory on Madame Africa Navarro. Both of them attentively listened they knew something was up with her. Their next task would be to head towards Pasadena and figure out who she’s connected to among her clients.

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Epistor’s New Course of Action

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Inspector Epistor felt confident he could link Madame Africa Navarro to the bounty list. If she was indeed the main attorney freeing everyone she could be culpable in their crimes as well. Radu and Saker headed out of the police academy, Radu downloaded a rider share app featuring a driverless car.

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“Oh, this looks neat” said Radu.

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Epistor then sent both of them the address of Madame Africa’s office in Pasadena. Her office would soon become Jonathan Lockhart’s office in the near future once he passed the bar exam. As the driverless car rolled up, Radu and Saker both got into the back seat.

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“Strange” said Saker as he gazed at the driver’s seat with nobody there.

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“Yea, it is, usually even in the 13th century when we had horses there was always someone there giving the commands” added Radu.

#

The driverless car then started once both Radu and Saker buckled up.

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“We will be there within twenty minutes” said a computerized voice from the car.

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“Fancy” said Saker.

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As the car drove throughout Los Angeles, it finally reached the freeway where it fought traffic there before arriving in Pasadena, California.

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Pasadena in the 22nd Century

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Pasadena in the 22nd century was just about the same as it was in the last two centuries with a few details. Most of the streets were neon lit where drivers could see more clearly. Radu and Saker were amazed with all of the lights in the main district of Pasadena.

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“So fascinating” said Radu.

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The driverless car steered towards the curb arriving at Madame Africa’s office.

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“Here we are” said the computerized AI voice.

#

Radu and Saker then emerged from the car, they knew they couldn’t just barge in. They would have to have another stakeout.

#

“We’ll head over towards that alleyway” said Radu.

#

Radu and Saker then strolled over towards the alleyway, they hide around some boxes. As the evening approached, they could see a man emerging from the office — Jonathan Lockhart was ending his shift for the day. He was pleased he was going to be selected to pick up Yeray from the police station the following day.

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“Can’t believe how fast those bail bonds work” laughed Jonathan.

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Jonathan then headed towards his black car. He didn’t see either Radu or Saker as he got in and drove off.

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Madame Africa Leaving Her Office

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Madame Africa then emerged a few minutes later after Jonathan left. Radu and Saker could see her with her signature blue jacket as she emerged. Saker did his best trying to stay focus, but he

couldn't get his eyes of the blue jacket.

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“Blue jacket” said Saker.

#

Saker was in some sort of strange trance, which Radu had to snap out of it.

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“What are you doing, stay focused” whispered Radu.

#

“Sorry” replied Saker.

#

Madame Africa could have sworn she had heard some voices in the alleyway. She shrugged it off before heading towards her car. Her car was also a blue car, matching her blue jacket. As she got in, she drove off. This gave Radu and Saker the chance they needed. They headed up towards the front door of the office.

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“Great, it's locked” said Radu.

#

Saker then noticed the back area of the office in the alleyway they were just in.

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“Maybe we can go there?” asked Saker.

#

“Brilliant idea Saker” replied Radu.

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Both of them then headed back to the very alleyway and noticed the door leading towards the back of the office.

Chapter Five

Back Door

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Radu tried to pull the back door, it refused to budge while Saker did the opposite by pushing it open. Nothing was working.

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“Well, I don’t think we’re going to get in this way” said Radu.

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Saker then headed over towards the trash and found a crowbar just lying in a pile.

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“This will do” said Saker.

#

Saker gazed at the crowbar and began to use it to actually open the back door. Much to Radu’s own surprise, it worked! The door swung wide open and both of them managed to make it safely into Madame Africa’s office even if it was just the back area of the office.

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“Phew, good thing no one is on security watch” laughed Radu, “now we have to find the evidence for the inspector.”

#

Radu and Saker scanned the office as they came through the break room area where the kitchen was located. There they could see Madame Africa’s office. Radu could tell that the office was locked.

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“Great, just our luck” said Radu.

#

Saker was keeping watch, making sure nobody would see them. Radu decided to use his new robotic fingers as a lock pick trying to open the door to Madame Africa’s office.

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Getting Inside Madame Africa’s Office

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Radu knew he had to search the file cabinets, as he did, he and Saker began to comb through the files. Though there wasn’t anything incriminating they could find.

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“Great, nothing” said Radu, “I could have sworn Inspector Epistor was leading onto something very juicy and good.”

#

“Yea” sighed Saker.

#

But as they were about to give up, they noticed a strange note on Madame Africa’s desk — she had written down a possible dinner date with a relative of her client’s. Since she was amoral already, she didn’t seem to mind at all.

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“See Francis Mujinga for a date this Saturday evening at 7 PM at Nettie’s” said the note.

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This was a reminder for Madame Africa, since her schedule was quite busy. Francis was the

brother of Iradom Mujinga. Iradom was Yeray's main boss who he reported to after assisting a team of valet assistants to steal addresses from clients at Nettie's.

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"This is the link we have been looking for Saker!" cried Radu.

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Saker took a photo of the note on the desk with his new cellphone. After that, they were prepared to leave the office the way they found it.

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Reporting Epistor on Madame Africa's Date

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Radu called Inspector Epistor once he and Saker closed the office and were safe outside in the alleyway.

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"I have good news, this Saturday Madame Africa is going on a date with Francis Mujinga at Nettie's" said Radu.

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Nettie's, Inspector Epistor had always hated that place.

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"Nettie's!" cried Inspector Epistor, "I should have guessed. Nettie's is a notorious place for all of the underworld's shadiest people, alien and robots alike."

#

Epistor knew this would be an even higher priority if Radu and Saker were to infiltrate Nettie's.

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“Radu, Saker I am going to give you two the necessary promotions to do this job properly” said Inspector Epistor, “Radu, you will be promoted to Robo Monk! Saker, you will be his faithful assistant!”

#

“Thank you sir, I won’t let you down” replied Radu.

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“Come to the police station for further briefing” continued Inspector Epistor.

#

Radu nodded and ended the call. He and Saker then headed out towards the street where Radu pulled up the driverless car rider share service. A driverless car then arrived ready to take them back to the police station. As both of them got in, they were going to be in for quite the adventure of a life time.

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Heading Back to Epistor

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Radu and Saker then got into the driverless car, as they drove off. Radu couldn’t help but to figure out why Madame Africa would want to hang around with such a shady crowd. What did it had to benefit her he thought? As the driverless car continued through traffic, Saker gazed out to see how many strange flying cars there were.

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“Flying cars” said Saker as he gazed out.

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Radu also took notice as he gazed out, both of them could see how amazing everything was.

#

“So fascinating” said Radu as he glared out of the window. Both of them were amazed with the sort of society they had been flung into. Epistor was already texting them back.

#

“I hope you two are ready for a good briefing” said Inspector Epistor.

#

Both of them were eager, as the car rode up towards the police station, Radu and Saker emerged. They headed right on inside greeting Inspector Epistor.

#

“Now Madame Africa is going to send someone to pick up Yeray tomorrow” said Inspector Epistor, “I don’t know who this individual is.”

#

“So what’s this beef you have with Nettie’s, that’s where we spotted Yeray the other day” said Radu.

#

Inspector Epistor then led both of them into his office.

#

Briefing Radu and Saker Over Nettie’s

#

Inspector Epistor had his own issues with Nettie’s, as he sat Radu and Saker down in chairs across from his main desk Epistor then brought up a profile of Zachery Wang.

#

“This is the owner of Nettie’s, he’s a shady business man associated with the Nettie’s franchise”

said Inspector Epistor, “I don’t know that much about his background, other than his kin are from Australia a mixture of Australian and Jewish ancestry.”

#

“What does he have to do with Madame Africa?” asked Radu.

#

“He serves as a go to point for all of her clients at Nettie’s, and whoever will succeed her” continued Inspector Epistor, “I want you to find more incriminating stuff that’d link either him or Madame Africa to any of their clients other than emotional relationships.”

#

Radu swallowed, that meant he would have to head back to Nettie’s. He always considered that place to be pretty shady.

#

“Consider this as part of your first major assignment” continued Inspector Epistor.

#

After meeting with Epistor, Radu and Saker headed out. They knew they had to return to Nettie’s. Radu was kind of fearful over the large red alien bouncer — Stadiel.

Chapter Six

Returning to Nettie's

#

As the week progressed, Radu and Saker knew they would have to have a stakeout around Nettie's. It was going to be a very long week. Saturday was just a few days away.

#

"We're not getting anything" whispered Radu as both of them were hiding in the bushes.

#

"Boring" added Saker.

#

"I agree, which means we should we probably find some other place to hang about first" said Radu.

#

Lucky for both Radu and Saker, there was a pink alien fruit seller known as Pontia near Nettie's. Pontia would often make a living selling her fruit from her garden she grew at her apartment. Perhaps she would make a perfect witness for Radu and Saker.

#

"Excuse me miss, can we ask you a few questions about Nettie's?" asked Radu.

#

"Why certainly" replied Pontia.

#

Radu explained to Pontia how he is the new Robo Monk, the Protector of Los Angeles a title

given to him by Inspector Epistor and Mayor Zachery Hans-Fromm. Pontia at first was confused over why Radu and Saker were there until he mentioned Madame Africa Navarro.

#

“Oh, her, yea I have seen her blue car being parked by the valet people from time to time” said Pontia.

#

Pontia was always aware of her surroundings making her the perfect witness.

#

Saturday Arrives

#

Saturday had finally arrived and both Radu and Saker were quite tired. They even were able to make a sleeping compartment within the bushes they were in.

#

“This is quite cozy isn’t it Saker?” asked Radu.

#

“Yes, cozy” replied Saker.

#

Saker could sleep and relax all day as he stretched. However, the signature blue car that Madame Africa was driving had returned. Just like Pontia stated, it was her as she emerged. But it appeared to be with her date — Francis Mujinga!

#

“It’s him!” cried Radu.

#

Radu could see clearly thanks to his robotic features with his eyes. Francis had a strange style, he was dressed up more like a French noble from the 18th century which was rather strange for someone from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Madame Africa had a sparkling blue dress. Stadiel, the bouncer of the establishment greeted them both.

#

“I hope you both have a pleasant stay here at Nettie’s” replied Stadiel.

#

“Oh, I’m sure we both will” laughed Madame Africa.

#

Both of them strolled into the restaurant with Francis taking Madame Africa’s shoulder. Radu and Saker then headed straight towards the back area of Nettie’s just like before.

#

Same Trick Twice

#

Just like before, the janitors were sloppy in terms of leaving their attire outside the back so that the next shift of janitors could arrive. Both of them placed on their clothing and headed right inside the back area of the restaurant.

#

“Okay, we’re in” whispered Radu, “we have to find information linking Madame Africa to any of her shady clients.”

#

Saker then noticed Zachery Wang’s office which was just a few paces away.

#

“Office” said Saker.

#

“Good thinking Saker, we’ll make them think we’re cleaning up the office but in reality just snooping around” laughed Radu.

#

Radu and Saker headed inside, Zachery wasn’t around at all since he was greeting guests in the front area of his restaurant.

#

“Where the heck should we search first?” asked Radu.

#

Saker thought for a moment, as they glared around, they noticed Zachery’s desk.

#

Radu began to pull each drawer from the desk, seeking any sort of incriminating information. It was almost a slap-stick style as Radu and Saker did their best in combing through the desk. As for Zachery he was meeting with Madame Africa and her date Francis.

#

Meeting Madame Africa and Her Date

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Zachery was quite pleased with Madame Africa bringing in Francis to his fine establishment.

Zachery knew Francis’ brother Iradom very well.

#

“Ah yes, your brother Iradom recommended hiring a few members of his crew one of them is sadly awaiting a bail bonds to have him be released by next Monday” said Zachery.

#

“Yes, that’s sad that I didn’t get to see Yeray Vicente, he always brighten up the place with his smile” said Madame Africa.

#

“I’ll seat you to your table” said Zachery.

#

Zachery did the honors in seating both Madame Africa and Francis to their table. Francis sat across from Madame Africa.

#

“Oh, you have intriguing taste in attire” said Madame Africa.

#

“Likewise, the same can be said with you” smiled Francis.

#

“May I get you, your drinks?” asked Zachery.

#

“Yes, I’ll have your finest wine” replied Francis.

#

“Very good” said Zachery, “and you Madame?”

#

“The same as him” replied Madame Africa.

#

Francis had always admired Madame Africa, but it was because of her skills as a lawyer not because of her shadiness. Francis had tried to become a lawyer himself but could never pass the

bar.

Chapter Seven

Shady Iradom

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Francis had always had issues with his brother Iradom. Iradom was always dishonest and amoral, even more than Madame Africa. This was Francis' one chance to impress her.

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“You are so unlike your brother Iradom” said Madame Africa.

#

“Yes, yes I am” replied Francis, “Iradom doesn't have a taste for the classics. He is more into the modern era.”

#

Madame Africa giggled as Francis gave his smirk. She couldn't help herself but to be lost in his eyes. However, Radu and Saker were about to ruin their date. They continued to rummage through Zachery's office without finding anything incriminating linking Madame Africa to any of her shady clients other than dating a relative!

#

“Saker, did you find anything useful?” asked Radu.

#

“Nope” replied Saker.

#

“Well, we're probably going to have to deliver the bad news” said Radu.

#

As Radu and Saker did their best trying to leave the office the way they found it, a chef noticed commotion inside as he was preparing to head towards the kitchen.

#

“Hey, what are you two doing?!” cried the chef.

#

Radu and Saker gazed at the chef, they knew they were going to be caught sooner rather than later.

#

Radu's Alibi

#

Radu had to think of something quick, he gazed at the chef who was about to head off to tattle on them.

#

“Uh, we're new janitors and we have been assigned to clean this very office” said Radu.

#

“Yes, very messy office needs to be tidy and nice” replied Saker.

#

Saker gave a big smile to the chef, the chef grew more suspicious to Radu and Saker.

#

“I have never seen either of your faces in any of the interviews” said the chef, “but I'll take your word. Still keeping an eye on the both of you!”

#

The chef finally left, leaving both of them alone for a moment.

#

“Phew, that was a close one Saker, maybe if we tailed this Francis fellow he could lead us to Iradom, and Iradom would lead us to Madame Africa” said Radu.

#

“Yea, good idea” said Saker.

#

Both of them then left the office in peace, but Radu soon realized he was facing more of a complicated challenge. He and Saker gazed at the incoming guests of the restaurant. Many of them were past clients of Madame Africa. They would surely notice something would be off with the new janitors.

#

Scanning the Restaurant

#

Radu and Saker did a scan of the restaurant to find the best route possible towards the table where Madame Africa and Francis were sitting. They knew they had to be around the walls of the restaurant, even ducking around tables before they could get to their destination.

#

“If we sneak pass them, they won’t see us” whispered Radu.

#

“Yea, good plan” said Saker.

#

Both of them crawled underneath some tables and headed over towards the darker portion of the restaurant. They did their best not to be seen. However, they came across another table that

housed an alien couple — two humanoid lizards — Ashook and his date Camroth. Both of them were known thieves to Inspector Epistor and were also on the bounty hunter list. Though they were not associates of Iradom or Francis it was just as well that Radu and Saker knew they had to be careful.

#

“Ew, lizard” thought Radu.

#

Saker did his best not to rub himself against the scales on the legs of the lizards.

#

“Did you feel something rub against your leg?” asked Askook to Camroth.

#

“Uh, I don’t know what it was” said Camroth.

#

The humanoid lizards could sense heat, and noticed a figure underneath their table.

#

Spotting Saker!

#

The two humanoid lizards could see that Saker was underneath their table while they couldn’t detect Radu in his robotic body.

#

“Someone’s intruding on us!” cried Ashook.

#

Stadiel, the bouncer of the restaurant overheard the commotion and quickly headed towards their

table.

#

“RUN SAKER!” cried Radu.

#

Radu and Saker immediately got up before either Camroth or Ashook could tackle them. The rest of the restaurant guests were in panic mode seeing both Radu and Saker as intruders.

#

“What’s the meaning of this?!” cried Zachery.

#

Zachery could hear the commotion as well, he could see that Radu and Saker were not recognizable faces at all. Both of them pushed through the guests who did their best trying to prevent their escape.

#

“Abort, abort!” cried Radu.

#

Radu and Saker eventually made it outside to the valet area. They were confronted by Oeste Al who wasn’t pleased that his friend Yeray was apprehended the other day.

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“KIDNAPPERS!” cried Oeste.

#

The gray alien stood in their path along with a few valet assistants ranging from human to alien.

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“We’re making a citizen’s arrest!” bellowed one of the valet assistants.

#

Radu and Saker knew they had to fight their way through but they would soon realize that they would be cornered.

Part Three

Chapter Eight

Stadiel Catches Up!

#

Before Radu and Saker could realize it, they were surrounded! Stadiel was right behind them while the valet assistants were blocking their path.

#

“Oh, what do we do?!” cried Radu.

#

“Panic!” cried Saker.

#

It was already their first major mission for Inspector Epistor, and already they were failing pretty badly. But as Oeste and the other valet assistants were moving in — a miracle happened. Pontia began tossing fruit at them.

#

“STAY AWAY FROM THEM!” cried Pontia.

#

“PONTIA!” cried Radu.

#

Radu and Saker couldn't believe that she found them. The flying fruit by Pontia saved their bacon as they managed to scramble out of there. A large apple came huddling towards Stadiel's face where the apple splattered right on it.

#

“That’s for messing with Radu and Saker!” cried Pontia.

#

Pontia was making her point to Nettie, she had nothing against the patrons but against those who ran it. Radu immediately grabbed Pontia and dashed right off with her.

#

“We need you to get to a safer place!” cried Radu.

#

Pontia shook her fist at Stadiel as he was given a napkin to rub the apple juice right off his face.

#

What a Mess!

#

Zachery then came out to the main entrance of the restaurant. He could see fruit all over the floor.

#

“What the heck happened here?!” cried Zachery.

#

Oeste couldn’t believe it — this would be the first job he would have to ever walk away.

#

“Here is my resignation, I quit!” cried Oeste.

#

Zachery was quite sadden with Oeste departing with one valet assistant down it was going to be harder to keep everything in check for the cars. No doubt Zachery was outraged at Inspector

Epistor, he got a sense he was involved with all of this mess. After assessing the damage, Zachery arranged the real janitors to clean it up. As for Radu and Saker, they arrived at a nearby park with Pontia.

#

“That was a close one!” cried Radu.

#

“Yea, close one” added Saker.

#

“Thanks again for helping us” said Radu to Pontia.

#

“No problem, I hate seeing bullies pick on people” said Pontia.

#

“We can’t let her be near that place anymore” said Saker.

#

“Saker’s right, Nettie’s isn’t safe for you now that you know you’re on our side” said Radu.

#

Radu was trying to think of a plan to place Pontia — then Radu noticed the marketplace nearby near MacArthur Park would make perfect sense near Pershing Square.

#

Pontia’s New Place

#

Radu and Saker were hopeful that Pontia would stay safe in this new location. Pershing Square seemed like a safe enough place. Police officers were always on the beat, even on scooters.

#

“This place looks safe enough to me” said Radu, “you can sell your fruit here instead of back at Nettie’s.”

#

“But I do miss seeing my clients” sighed Pontia.

#

Radu knew he would have to make sure Pontia would be safe, it would be another priority for him and Saker, aside from reporting to Inspector Epistor. Epistor began calling them up after receiving an angry text message from Zachery Wang.

#

“It seems that Zachery isn’t happy” said Inspector Epistor as Radu picked up the phone.

#

Radu sighed, he knew he would be remaindered back at the station. Both of them agreed to head back. Pontia was pleased with her new location at Pershing Square. Radu and Saker had to take another driverless car towards the police station since they were quite some distance away. Once they had returned, they could see a mysterious man in some sort of business suit at the front counter. No doubt, Jonathan Lockhart was there to secure Yeray’s release.

#

Encountering Jonathan Lockhart

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The processing time of the bail bonds was earlier than anticipated, instead of being out by next Monday, Yeray was free by late Saturday evening. This was much to the disbelief of those at the station hoping that Yeray would stay behind bars in his cell for just a little longer. Epistor had

no choice but to follow through with the demands from the bail bonds.

#

“Well, it looks like everything is in order” said Inspector Epistor to Jonathan.

#

Jonathan was all smiles as he stood in the front counter. The clerk was sitting this one out as Epistor was processing the bail bonds.

#

“I’ll go retrieve Yeray” sighed Inspector Epistor.

#

Radu and Saker couldn’t believe it — Yeray was going to be free!

#

“After all that hard work in getting him, he walks!” cried Radu.

#

“Yea, can’t wait to takeover Madame Africa’s clients once she retires!” laughed Jonathan.

#

Jonathan was certain he would pass the bar, and earn the rights to Madame Africa’s office. This was an insult to Radu and everything he stood for. He couldn’t believe how someone like amoral like Jonathan would rise through the ranks like that.

Chapter Nine

Yeray's Laugh of Freedom

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Yeray finally emerged after Epistor retrieved him from his cell. The inspector wasn't but the least happy with seeing Yeray free.

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“Ha, I bet this makes you angry inspector” laughed Yeray.

#

It was a nice jab at Epistor, one that steamed his circuits pretty good. Yeray then recognized who were at the front counter waiting to be let in — Radu and Saker!

#

“If it isn't the newcomers, let me tell you who's in charge NOT YOU!” laughed Yeray.

#

Radu again was steamed, but his anger and rage was even greater than Epistor's. The inspector could see it very clearly. Epistor then opened the gate towards the office and allowed Yeray to walk free with Jonathan.

#

“We're going to send you to the Mujinga residence” said Jonathan, “it'd be safer for you there.”

#

Yeray was quite relaxed and calm as he walked away. He didn't give off anymore obscene gestures at all. Radu was still in disbelief seeing the justice system fail first hand. Even in the 22nd century! Inspector Epistor could see Radu and Saker's disappointments on their faces.

#

“Come on boys, we have a job to do” sighed Inspector Epistor.

#

Radu and Saker lowered their heads and walked inside.

#

Yeray's Next Moves

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Jonathan led Yeray towards his black car that was in the parking lot. As Yeray headed towards the back seat, Jonathan got into the driver's seat and started the car.

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“Ah yes, this is the life!” laughed Yeray, “FREEDOM!”

#

“Yes it is, but we have work to do” replied Jonathan, “you need to be more careful around those two newcomers. Don't get too cocky with them.”

#

“What do you mean?” asked Yeray, “They're amateurs at best!”

#

“So what, they managed to capture you, they're going to find something incriminating on Madame Africa” continued Jonathan.

#

Jonathan knew his mentor Madame Africa was going to go down eventually. He was okay with that as he started the engine to his car. She had already gotten herself entangled too much into the Mujinga family. She was dating Francis, and Francis was reeling her in as his latest

girlfriend. Jonathan drove through the streets of Los Angeles, after passing through he finally made it back to the Mujinga residence based in Los Feliz.

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“Here we are” said Jonathan, “safe and sound.”

#

Yeray smiled as he got out of the car, he then headed up the steep stairs towards the front entrance.

#

Mujinga Residence

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Iradom Mujinga owned a three story house that felt more like a mini-mansion towering over the neighborhood. Iradom felt very proud of his property, and was determined to protect it. He was pleased to see Yeray was safe and sound after being bailed out by Madame Africa. He could see Africa’s associate Jonathan just outside in his car before he headed off. Iradom headed downstairs to answer the door as Yeray rang the doorbell.

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“Yeray, glad you made it safe” said Iradom.

#

Iradom could tell how tired Yeray was from his ordeal with the police and their two new recruits.

#

“Radu the Robo Monk that’s the new name that’s been floating around the station” said Yeray.

#

“Robo Monk, is that like a new rank?” asked Iradom.

#

“Probably for a new specialized robot model that the police force are preparing to implement” said Yeray.

#

Yeray was intrigued by the new “Robo Monk” model, he wanted to study it some more. Iradom knew he would have to get back at Radu and Saker for this. As he showed Yeray inside, Yeray made himself comfortable in the living room. He sat calmly on the sofa as Iradom prepared to head towards the kitchen.

#

Iradom’s Kindness

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Iradom wasn’t just your average run of the mill criminal, he wanted to build his enterprise from the ground up. This meant hiring lower members like Yeray to do his dirty work in robbing his competition who were at Nettie’s. He didn’t seem to care if they were other clients of Madame Africa, it made it all the more easier for him to operate.

#

“I think you need to expand the operation” said Yeray, “we are big fishes in a small pond.”

#

“I think you’re right” added Iradom, “which means we should target the new Robo Monk.”

#

Iradom made some iced tea for Yeray and sat the tea down on the coffee table. Yeray took a glass of iced tea. It was a fine slice of life for the criminals strategizing on their next moves.

Yeray also remembered a strange fruit alien seller Pontia, there were reports that she tossed fruit

at the valet team who were trying to make a citizen's arrest of Radu and Saker.

#

“We need to teach Radu a lesson, but we need bait to do it” said Yeray.

#

Iradom thought of kidnapping Pontia, but he'd prefer his brother Francis would pull it off.

Chapter Ten

Calling Up Zachery

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Iradow then began to call up Zachery Wang. Zachery could tell that someone had been through his office. But nothing of value was thankfully taken. He knew it was Radu and Saker. He picked up his cellphone knowing it was Iradow asking for a favor.

#

“Yes Iradow?” asked Zachery.

#

“Need a favor from you” replied Iradow, “my brother Francis wants to impress my attorney Madame Africa, but she only likes the criminal type.”

#

Zachery thought for a moment as he sat down trying to see what he could do.

#

“What would you like me to do for your brother?” asked Zachery.

#

“Get Francis to arrange a kidnapping of Pontia, but make it seem like she threaten Madame Africa instead of your establishment” replied Iradow.

#

Iradow wanted to trick his brother into kidnapping her, it was a fun way into getting him into a more criminal element. Zachery smiled at the idea, he decided to do just that. He called up Francis who was back at his apartment.

#

“Yes Zachery?” asked Francis.

#

Francis really wanted to impress Madame Africa. He would do anything and everything for her.

Zachery and Iradom knew this very well.

#

Orders for Francis

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Francis listened in on what Zachery had to say. He made up a story on Pontia threatening Madame Africa Navarro after the fruit incident at Nettie’s. He couldn’t believe that fruit vendor would side with Radu and Saker like that.

#

“You mean to say that that lovely pink alien fruit seller said those mean, nasty words to Madame Africa, my girl Africa?” asked Francis.

#

“Yep, she was pretty mean and nasty about it” replied Zachery.

#

“What do you want me to do about it?” asked Francis.

#

“I want you to find her, force her to your brother’s place” said Zachery.

#

“Isn’t that kidnapping?” asked Francis.

#

“No, it’s retribution” replied Zachery, “it’s a form of justice. You know, she promised physical harm to Madame Africa Navarro!”

#

Francis froze in horror once those words were spoken — physical harm? That sweet fruit vendor? Really? Francis felt quite dazed and confused about this. He paced back and forth in his apartment.

#

“Where can I find her?” asked Francis.

#

“Last my people saw her, that pesky Radu and Saker took her to Pershing Square as her new place to sell fruit” replied Zachery.

#

Francis smiled, he knew he was doing the right thing for Madame Africa.

#

Fooling Francis

#

Francis lived not far from Pershing Square, oddly enough he lived a few paces away in MacArthur Park where Radu and Saker were formerly found by Epistor. Francis headed out of his apartment. He then headed down through the elevator and towards the parking garage.

#

“Gotta do this for my lady Africa” thought Francis.

#

Francis then got into his fancy green car. As he started the engine, he then took off. He was

certain he was going to come across Pontia very soon — he couldn't miss her. He arrived at Pershing Square area just a few minutes. He began to scan through his window on where she was on the street. Surely enough, there Pontia was selling some fruit to some new customers.

#

“Thank you, come again” said Pontia.

#

The pink alien was making a killing with the money coming in. Francis then parked his car in a parking lot and headed off. He could get the sense he was going to finally force Pontia to have some justice. He cautiously made his way towards where Pontia was, seeing her, she came face to face with him. At first, she thought he was going to be a new customer.

#

Kidnapping Pontia!

#

Francis wasted no time, before Pontia could even speak one word to him he jumped her. He tackled her to the ground causing panic among those in the marketplace area.

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“WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING?!” cried Pontia, “PUT ME DOWN!”

#

“THIS IS FOR MADAME AFRICA!” cried Francis.

#

Francis carried Pontia towards his car, the pink alien did her best trying to struggle to free herself from his grasp. But it was no use. The kidnapping was already reported to the police who arrived on the scene. Epistor received the call in his office from the officers in the field.

#

“Sir, there’s been a kidnapping in Pershing Square!” cried a police officer on the other end.

#

Radu and Saker knew who it was — Pontia! They knew Zachery had gone nuts after her for the fruit throwing incident earlier.

#

“We have to take this assignment” said Radu.

#

“Fine, don’t let me down boys” said Inspector Epistor.

#

Radu and Saker were allowed to ride in a police car. Officer Harper Franklin was the one who was more than happy to give them the ride to Pershing Square.

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“Don’t worry boys, we’re on our way” said Officer Harper.

#

As the officer drove off, Radu and Saker were hoping they were not too late.

Epilogue

Scene of the Crime

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Police were already interviewing witnesses at Pershing Square over what happened.

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“A man just came and tackled that pink alien vendor!” cried a blue alien male citizen.

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“Yes, the human just came and grabbed her!” cried a white male citizen.

#

There was so much chaos and confusion as Radu and Saker arrived on the scene with Officer Harper. Officer Harper gazed at the cart that Pontia operated. He could see the struggle happened rather quickly.

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“Where do you think they took her?” asked Officer Harper.

#

“I don’t know” replied Radu, “but we better figure it out.”

#

Radu knew he would have to put his skills to the test to find out what happened to Ms. Pontia. Saker got a sense a Mujinga brother took her. He didn’t know which one, but he felt confident it was Madame Africa’s date Francis.

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“Madame Africa’s date” said Saker.

#

“What do you mean her date?” asked Radu, “Did this Francis Mujinga took her?”

#

Saker nodded in assurance. Now the problem came was where did they take her? For poor Pontia, she found herself in the trunk of Francis’ car as he was driving off.

#

Fighting Pontia!

#

Pontia wasn’t going to let herself become a victim of a kidnapping, the pink alien was going to fight Francis all the way. Even if she were stored in the back, she did her best trying to fiddle with the back area hoping that drivers would see something was wrong with Francis’ car and get police to force him to pull over.

#

“Come on, come on!” cried Francis.

#

Francis was doing his best tracking his progress on the GPS heading towards his brother Iradom’s house. Iradom was waiting patiently for him to arrive with Yeray. Yeray didn’t know what he would be doing with Pontia, his real beef was with Radu and Saker.

#

“You sure this plan of yours will work?” asked Yeray, “I have nothing against that fruit vendor.”

#

“I know, she’s bait” replied Iradom, “for Radu the Robo Monk.”

#

Yeray smiled, he knew Radu and Saker will surely come to her rescue sooner rather than later. Iradom waited patiently as he gazed out the window for his brother Francis to arrive. He knew Francis would do anything for Madame Africa, lying about Pontia's behavior was the best card he had ever played with him.

#

Francis Arrives

#

Francis arrived just in time, he parked his car in the drive way and then opened his trunk. Immediately Pontia swung her fist at him, landing one blow to him. Francis still shook it off, Yeray emerged from the house ready to assist him. Yeray had brought some rope with him to tie her up.

#

“Sorry to do this, I have nothing against you” said Yeray.

#

Pontia couldn't believe it, she was being taken again to Iradom's house! As they tied her up, they brought her up the stairs. They were ready for Radu and Saker. But would they be ready for what was to come? Find out in the next exciting book!

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RADU THE ROBO MONK: ORIGINS BOOK 2

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Part One

Prologue

Kidnapped!

#

Pontia struggled as Francis Mujinga and his partner Yeray Vicente did their best trying to take Pontia up the stairs. The pink alien fruit vendor couldn't believe she was being kidnapped!

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“WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO ME?!” cried Pontia.

#

Yeray and Francis refused to answer, Francis was surely doing this for Madame Africa Navarro feeling that Pontia was quite dangerous towards her. Yeray on the other hand wanted a second round with Radu. Pontia did her best trying to free herself but it was too late. She had arrived at the front door where Iradom Mujinga was waiting for her.

#

“Ah yes, Ms. Pontia, so nice to see you” said Iradom.

#

Pontia wasn't pleased at all as she was tossed on the sofa. She had quite a hard landing. As she got up, she could see how nice of a home Iradom oddly had. Not the sort of criminal she thought she was being taken to.

#

“What's your beef with Radu and Saker?” asked Iradom.

#

Iradom knew who Radu the Robo Monk was, already Radu and his associate Saker Falcon were having quite the reputation in the criminal underground since their episode at Nettie's.

#

Iradom's Reasons

#

Iradom wanted to give Pontia the reasons for bringing Radu into this conflict. He knew he didn't want to provide any harm at all. It was just business as usual.

#

"You are nothing more than bait for Radu and Saker" said Iradom, "that's all we're going to use you for. This is an end result of you interfering for throwing fruit at the valet people and Stadiel the bouncer."

#

Pontia lowered her head in shame, she was only doing what was being fair to Radu and Saker.

#

"You should be kinder to those around you" said Pontia, "you never know who is going to snap."

#

Iradom was taking note of it. He then sent a text message to his Attorney Madame Africa Navarro. Madame Africa was just getting up preparing to head to work when she received the text message.

#

"We're going to resolve our problem regarding the pesky Robo Monk" said Iradom in the text message.

#

Madame Africa wasn't so sure, she didn't realize her love interest Francis was involved in the scheme believing whatever lie to honor her defense. She strolled out of her apartment heading towards her signature blue car.

#

Pershing Square Crime Scene

#

For Radu the Robo Monk and Saker Falcon, both of them were at the crime scene still with Officer Harper Franklin. Officer Harper was doing the usual round of investigation which was taking hours for him to do. Radu and Saker were no doubt impatient, wondering what have become of Pontia.

#

“Oh where could she have gone Saker?!” cried Radu.

#

“She was kidnapped!” cried Saker.

#

Saker was no doubt enraged by all of this, and Radu was frying his circuits with the kidnapping. He couldn't believe someone like her would be a target. Then again, her actions in terms of saving them would be certain thing of sealing her fate.

#

“We have to find out where they took her” said Radu.

#

Officer Harper paid more attention to documenting the crime scene before letting Radu

and Saker dig deeper.

#

“Maybe we should go back to the Pasadena office” said Saker.

#

Radu thought about it, going back to the shady lawyer office where Madame Africa was stationed along with her protege Jonathan Lockhart. Something told Radu that Jonathan would become a very big threat to him in the near future.

#

Radu's Gut Feeling

#

Radu had his gut feeling telling him something that Madame Africa was more involved than previously thought. Going back to her office made sense, but they needed a window of opportunity to make sure the place was empty before they ventured in.

#

“We'll take a ride with the driverless car app” said Radu.

#

“You two can go on ahead boys, I got lots of work to catch up with this crime scene” said Officer Harper.

#

Officer Harper allowed Radu and Saker to head on off. Radu knew he had to alert Inspector Epistor on where he would think Pontia was taken.

#

“Francis or Iradom Mujinga's places?” asked Inspector Epistor as Radu sent a text message on

his theory, “You sure about that?”

#

“It has to be one of their places, what else?!” cried Radu.

#

“You better be careful” said Inspector Epistor, “If you rescue Pontia, I will have Mayor Zachery Hans-Fromm promote you for sure to Robo Monk Protector of Los Angeles!”

#

Radu was pleased to hear that, he knew he had to do this by the book. As the driverless car arrived to pick them up, they headed straight back to Pasadena but this mission was to retrieve the addresses of Francis and Iradom from Madame Africa’s office.

Chapter One

Returning to Madame Africa's Office

#

Both of them were in a race against time to find Pontia, knowing she was in grave danger at the hands of Iradom Mujinga and his brother Francis. As they arrived at the office, they immediately darted around the alleyway.

#

“Oh, I hope we can get inside” said Radu.

#

“Inside, yes, inside” said Saker.

#

Both of them gazed through the window and noticed Jonathan was in the kitchen area making some coffee for himself. They knew they had to cause some sort of emergency to get both Madame Africa and Jonathan out.

#

“How can we get inside, they will surely see us” said Saker.

#

“You’re right, which means we should mess around with their building’s temperature equipment!” said Radu.

#

Radu and Saker searched the back area of the building and surely enough found the thermometer that controlled the temperature inside. So long as it was working, the occupants of the building

could regulate how hot or cold it was.

#

“Let’s fiddle with this” said Radu.

#

Saker then gazed around the alleyway to find any sort of tools that would assist him.

Surely enough he found a piece of plywood.

#

Just Smack It!

#

Saker went to work and just smacked the thermometer with the plywood in his hand —

BANG, BANG, BANG. Radu did his best hoping that no one inside heard the noise.

Jonathan grew more suspicious of the strange noise and decided to investigate.

#

“Uh, better not be those pesky raccoons!” cried Jonathan.

#

Jonathan headed towards the alleyway, which forced Radu and Saker to duck around some of the trash cans. He didn’t see any sort of damage to the thermometer in the back and promptly headed back inside.

#

“That was a close one, you need to be more careful” said Radu.

#

“But how are we going to get them to leave?” asked Saker.

#

“Leave that one to me” said Radu.

#

Radu then did his best to use his new mechanical hands to try to fiddle with the thermometer in the back. He managed to unscrew some of the bolts with his mere robotic hands.

#

“Mmm, just like that” thought Radu.

#

Radu kept at it, unscrewing various parts of the device. Inside the office building everything was normal as Madame Africa was inside her main office going over her files.

#

Change of Temperature

#

Madame Africa knew her clients would become targets of Inspector Epistor’s new recruits. She hardly knew who Radu or Saker were but could get the feeling they were using unorthodox methods to obtain information instead of just the usual search warrants. She had received calls from Ashook and Camroth, the two humanoid lizard clients of hers who were unhappy of their ambush at Nettie’s.

#

“Can’t believe those two would go that far” sighed Madame Africa.

#

Madame Africa was just reading over their profiles when she could feel the change in the temperature. All of a sudden, it got really hot for some strange reason. Even Jonathan could feel it over his desk area.

#

“Ew, Jonathan did you turn up the thermometer device?” asked Madame Africa.

#

Jonathan shook his head.

#

“I checked the alleyway because I heard some strange banging thought it might have been those raccoons again who were trying to start their own band in the back alleyway” said Jonathan.

#

“Well, check on it again” said Madame Africa.

#

Madame Africa attempted to change the temperature inside, using an app to her cellphone but somehow it wasn't working at all.

#

Second Check

#

Jonathan sighed as he once again headed towards the back alleyway to check. As he glanced around he at first saw no one was around. He then headed towards the trash cans just to make sure. Then he heard some strange noises in the nearby dumpster.

#

“Someone's there, I know it can't be raccoons” thought Jonathan.

#

Jonathan attempted to open the dumpster, but couldn't. Someone was sealing it shut

tight. He then began to bang on the dumpster itself hoping to scare off whoever was inside.

Radu and Saker no doubt were inside the dumpster hiding.

#

“Come on out you cowards” said Jonathan.

#

Again, no response, both of them were doing their very best to stay silent. Jonathan shrugged as he decided to check up upon the thermometer. Just as he suspected, as he checked some important screws were missing and the device had stopped working altogether. He took out his cellphone and took a few pictures sending them to Madame Africa.

#

“Uh, I think we’re going to have to be forced to work from home” sighed Madame Africa in a response.

#

This was the chance Radu and Saker wanted — getting them to leave!

Chapter Two

Watching Them Go

#

Both Radu and Saker slowly emerged from the dumpster and headed towards the front area of the building. They were just around the corner watching Madame Africa and Jonathan leave the office building.

#

“I’ll get the city to come to inspect the meter” said Madame Africa, “it might take a few days for that to happen.”

#

“No worries, glad we’ll be working from home” laughed Jonathan.

#

As both of them headed off towards their respected homes, this was the chance Radu and Saker had waited for. They headed towards the front area of the office just to be sure no one was there.

#

“They’re gone” said Saker.

#

“Yes, this is going to give us the right chance, let’s sneak around the back and enter like before” added Radu.

#

They headed back towards the alleyway and found the back door. Radu was able to use

his metal finger as a lockpick for the door. The door was able to swing right open with both of them heading inside.

#

“Now to find the addresses of the Mujinga brothers” said Radu.

#

Both of them began to search the office, more likely it was in Madame Africa’s own personal office.

#

Madame Africa’s Office Again

#

It didn’t take Radu and Saker that long before they found themselves in Madame Africa’s office. For Radu, it was easy to come across the physical address of Francis Mujinga. Francis lived just within the MacArthur Park area of downtown Los Angeles the same location where they were found by Inspector Epistor after the strange vortex pushed them into the 22nd century.

#

“Look Saker, a lead!” cried Radu.

#

As for Iradom, he wasn’t dumb enough to give Madame Africa his address. It was impossible for both of them to figure out where his physical address was located in the office with so little time on their hand. They knew they had to rescue their pink alien friend Ms. Pontia.

#

“Come on, let’s go” said Radu.

#

Radu felt confident that Pontia was at Francis, unaware that she was really in Iradom's Los Feliz home. As they headed out after leaving the office the way they found it. Radu ordered a driverless ridershare service to take them to MacArthur Park address. The driverless car then pulled up to the curb and both of them headed into the back seat ready to search Francis' apartment.

#

Back to MacArthur Park

#

The driverless car took at least twenty minutes for Radu and Saker to arrive at the MacArthur Park address. They could see that Francis' apartment was on the third floor. However, once they arrived at the address they had to face one major obstacle — Corptax, the humanoid lizard manager who was making sure every tenant of his building was happy along with making sure there were no intruders barging through.

#

“How are we going to get pass him Saker?” asked Radu.

#

Saker thought for a moment, he noticed a row of delivery people being allowed through by just pushing the button on the inner comm to the main front desk where Corptax was located. It was a way for Corptax to make sure they were telling the truth on who they were.

#

“Hmm, this could be harder than we imagined” thought Radu.

#

Radu needed to figure out a proper delivery service, he gazed around the street for a possible answer — flowers he thought. Since Francis did dated Madame Africa they would make more sense. Radu grabbed a few flowers from a nearby garden and headed towards the front door. Saker still wasn't sure if this would work since it was only one delivery person.

#

Flower Delivery!

#

Radu did his best trying to look the part as a delivery robot, he and Saker both strolled towards the inner comm and pressed the button.

#

“This is Corptax, the property manager, state your business” said Corptax.

#

“We're here to delivery flowers it's from Madame Africa Navarro for a Mister Francis Mujinga!” said Radu.

#

“They're a surprise” added Saker.

#

“Oh, in that case, his room is on the third floor” replied Corptax, “hope you make a fine delivery.”

#

Corptax then allowed Radu and Saker inside the main lobby area and towards the elevator.

#

“Third floor Saker, we're going to actually see if Ms. Pontia is being held here” said Radu.

#

As the two headed up towards the third floor, they came across Francis' room. Just like before, Radu used his mechanical finger as a lockpick to open the door. Francis' apartment was smaller than anticipated. It was mostly meant for a single individual instead of a family unit.

#

“Quick, search the place before the management finds out that we're here” said Radu.

#

Both of them searched high and low for Pontia, but couldn't find her. They were running out of luck and even out of time. Corptax noticed the room to Francis' apartment was open through security footage.

Chapter Three

Wrath of Corptax!

#

Corptax hated being tricked like this, he couldn't believe that someone would lie about being a delivery for flowers! He oddly loved flowers himself having a vase of his own in his main office.

#

“How dare those two lie!” cried Corptax.

#

Corptax didn't realize that Radu and Saker were working for Inspector Epistor on the case. He stormed out of his office and headed towards the elevator. He wasn't going to make sure those two were going to pay. But for Radu and Saker, they were about to give up when they came across Iradom's address based in Los Feliz.

#

“Hey, what's this it's a note” said Radu.

#

Radu noticed the note on the fridge in the kitchen, it had Iradom's address listed based in Los Feliz. Both of them knew they had to get out fast, they could hear loud footsteps coming their way.

#

“We better get out Saker, probably through the fire escape!” cried Radu.

#

Saker opened the window, both of them squeezed right through just when Corptax spotted them.

#

“HEY, STOP INTRUDERS!” cried Corptax.

#

Corptax then ran towards them, but it was too late, they had shut the window tight behind him.

#

Escape Through Fire Escape

#

Both Radu and Saker then climbed down the stairs of the fire escape. They did their best trying to race against time.

#

“Hurry, I think that crazy lizard might make it to the bottom first!” cried Radu.

#

“DOING BEST AS I CAN!” cried Saker.

#

Both of them scrambled the short flight of stairs down that they had to take. Once they reached to the lowest one both of them leaped onto the ground level. Just in the nick of time as Corptax emerged. The large humanoid lizard then gave chase with both of them running for their lives.

#

“RUN FOR IT SAKER!” cried Radu.

#

Corptax was having none of it, no one tricked him and got away with it.

#

“GET BACK HERE!” cried Corptax.

#

Humans, aliens and robots alike heard the commotion on the street doing their best trying to get out of the way. Corptax pushed them aside moving through the crowd. He could see Radu and Saker were just a few paces away.

#

“I’LL GET YOU TWO FOR TRICKING ME!” cried Corptax.

#

Both of them then ran into a music shop and began to hide.

#

The Music Shop

#

The store owner Roxrus the Music Bot at first didn’t know what was going on. She was minding her own business going over some of the finances of her store. But when Corptax emerged through the front door his behavior was quite rude and disruptive towards her.

#

“Where are those two?!” cried Corptax.

#

“Excuse me, but are you going to buy something first?” asked Roxrus.

#

Corptax hated that sort of comment, he had no choice but to pretend to be browsing for music. Most music could be bought on social media, but Roxrus had some specific genres of certain music that couldn't be found anywhere else. Radu and Saker hid around some cutup billboards of some alien band doing their best trying to blend in the store.

#

“Let's head towards the restroom, maybe he won't follow us” said Radu.

#

“Yea” said Saker.

#

Both of them then crawled on the ground hoping that they wouldn't be spotted. But as they headed down one aisle Corptax finally spotted them.

#

“FOUND YOU!” cried Corptax.

#

Corptax was having none of it as he was determined to apprehend them for trespassing. Radu knew he and Saker had to make a run for it again.

#

Run!

#

Once again both of them had to make a run for it, Corptax did his best, but soon bumped right into the cutup billboard of the alien band. The humanoid lizard tripped falling flat right on the floor. Radu and Saker then headed into the back area.

#

“A CODE, THE RESTROOM REQUIRES A CODE?!” cried Radu as he glared at the code panel before them.

#

Corptax then picked up himself up, as he entered the back area he was going to enjoy making Radu and Saker’s lives miserable. But before he could do anything, he was smacked around in his back by a broom. Roxrus had enough of Corptax’s behavior.

#

“Hey!” cried Corptax.

#

“Restrooms are for paying customers only!” cried Roxrus.

#

Again Corptax was smacked by the broom, the humanoid lizard felt he couldn’t win. Roxrus was innocent and it wouldn’t be right for him to go after her. He had no choice but to leave. Radu and Saker were no doubt shaken from the experience.

#

“You two alright?” asked Roxrus.

#

“Yes, thank you miss” said Radu.

#

Roxrus had made some sort of educated guess that Radu and Saker were some detectives. They thanked her for saving their skin before heading out of her store.

Part Two

Chapter Four

Safe for Now

#

After thanking Roxrus, both Radu and Saker emerged from her store. They were still shaken but felt confident that Ms. Pontia was being held in Iradom's home rather than Francis' apartment.

#

“We need to get to Los Feliz quickly Saker” said Radu.

#

Radu brought up the rider share app, after calling in a driverless car, they headed into the back seat.

#

“Nothing but smooth sailing from here on out Saker” said Radu.

#

Saker still wasn't sure as they drove off. They didn't know what to expect at Iradom's place. Meanwhile for Ms. Pontia, she was being dragged towards the main attic of the house. Pontia could see a rusty old robot model in some strange Roman garb.

#

“This old thing” said Iradom.

#

Iradom and his brother Francis and Yeray dusted the robotic model revealing it was a female Roman robot.

#

“We’re going to activate Sura to make sure that pesky Robo Monk and his associate won’t come to rescue you in time” laughed Iradom.

#

Iradom had a remote app on his cellphone as he pressed to activate it. Sura came to life with golden glowing eyes. She began to slowly move about, she gazed at her the user who activated her — Iradom.

#

Sura Obeys Iradom!

#

Yeray and Francis stood back the moment Sura began to move. They didn’t know what to expect from this old rusty model. Sura could feel her circuits flowing through her. She then glances at Pontia before glaring at Iradom again.

#

“What are your orders master?” asked Sura.

#

“Make sure this Radu and Saker don’t get to her” said Iradom, “I want them to fight for this!”

#

Iradom was determined to use Sura to keep them at bay. Pontia no doubt was afraid for her safety. She was left in the attic by the trio where Sura was there guarding her.

#

“You shouldn’t be following their orders so blindly” said Pontia.

#

“I’m sorry, I am programmed to follow” said Sura.

#

Sura gazed out of the window, she could tell that Radu and Saker were coming. Already she was searching social media for information on what they looked like. She scanned through some past events from the last few days. Once she had found the right information she knew what they both looked like. But as for Radu and Saker, they were arriving towards the Los Feliz area. They could see how hilly the terrain was.

#

Hilly Los Feliz

#

Both of them emerged from the driverless car, as the car drove off. Both of them then gazed at one particular house that had a flight of stairs going up. Radu then checked Iradom’s physical address — yep the house matched the address.

#

“This has to be the location where Pontia is being held!” cried Radu.

#

“Go to the front door?” asked Saker.

#

Radu then glanced at the front door. He could tell that, perhaps that’s what they WANTED them to do.

#

“No Saker, I got an even better idea, we’ll climb this hill and get inside the back way!”
cried Radu.

#

Saker couldn’t believe how steep the small hill was. Sure it was small but it was more
than a struggle for anyone to get up.

#

“Better start climbing” said Radu.

#

Radu encouraged Saker to move forward. Saker struggled a bit as he began to climb up.

#

“Don’t look down” thought Saker.

#

Saker did his best trying to stay focus behind Radu. Radu led Saker up the hill. Both of
them were heading towards the fence towards the backyard.

#

“All we have to do is climb up the fence” said Radu.

#

Saker went first, he didn’t want to stick around the hill portion.

#

Into the Backyard

#

Saker climbed up first over the fence, then Radu. Once they got over the fence they

noticed there was a large pool in the backyard.

#

“Oh, he has a pool!” cried Radu.

#

“POOL!” laughed Saker.

#

Saker was going to take a dive, when Radu grabbed him before he could.

#

“We’re supposed to stay focus on infiltrating the house and finding Pontia” said Radu.

#

Radu gazed up to the attic of the house, he figured she had to be up there rather than down below in the basement. As the two headed towards the back entrance, they ducked around some bushes seeing a few figures move inside. They glanced through the window seeing Iradom, his brother and Yeray.

#

“It’s Yeray, I say we have a second go with him first before we rescue Pontia” laughed Radu.

#

Radu wanted to have some payback over Yeray escaping justice. Lucky for them, the back door was left wide open by Iradom who previously wanted to let in some of the cooler air. Once they were inside the house, they knew they had to face off with Yeray directly first before heading towards the attic.

#

Stalking Yeray

#

Yeray Vicente was their first arrest, and they were going to teach him a lesson what happens when he escapes justice. They waited until Yeray headed off towards the hallway. They ducked around a closet room before continuing to stalk him further. Yeray got a sense he was being followed he knew Iradom and Francis were in the main living room but unsure who else could be there.

#

“Something doesn’t feel right” thought Yeray.

#

Yeray glances around only to find no one there. He heads towards the restroom. This gives Radu and Saker a chance to actually block the restroom. As Yeray closes the door, he hears movement with furniture being moved to block his path. After finishing using the restroom, Yeray attempts to try to open the door only to find a few chairs blocking it.

#

“YOU!” cried Yeray.

#

Yeray immediately recognizes Radu and even Saker.

#

“Where are you keeping Pontia, is she in the attic?” asked Radu.

#

“Ha, even if she was, you will never be able to retrieve her we have a special surprise for you up there” said Yeray.

#

“A surprise?” asked Saker.

#

Radu shook his head knowing it wasn't a good surprise.

Chapter Five

Heading to the Attic

#

Radu decided it was best to leave Yeray stuck where he was. Rescuing Pontia was a priority. He and Saker headed up the stairs to the second floor. From there, they headed towards the third floor.

#

“Phew Saker, so many flight of stairs this crazy house has!” cried Radu.

#

“Yes, so many!” cried Saker.

#

Both of them were about to collapse on the ground. They knew they had to continue. Pontia would have wanted her to be rescued. Radu managed to pick himself up along with Saker. They headed towards the master bedroom on the third floor. As they headed towards the closet there was a ladder leading up to the attic.

#

“Hmm, that seems about right” thought Radu.

#

Radu brought down the ladder and a hatch to the attic opened up.

#

“Careful, it could be a trap” continued Radu.

#

Saker decided to be the first one to see if it was safe. He poked his head up and gazed around the attic. He noticed Pontia sleeping soundly on a coat.

#

“Yes, this is safe” said Saker.

#

“OH BOY!” cried Radu.

#

Radu then got up to the attic first, unaware that Sura was right behind him.

#

Ambushing Radu!

#

Sura was on top of Radu, the two robots were struggling with each other. Pontia couldn't believe the fight she was seeing.

#

“QUICK, SAKER GET HER OUT OF HERE!” cried Radu.

#

Saker obeyed, he grabbed Pontia, and the two began to head downstairs. However, Iradom and his brother Francis were aware of this. Francis freed Yeray from the bathroom by removing the chair.

#

“QUICKLY, THEY'RE FLEEING!” cried Iradom.

#

Francis and Yeray both felt confident that Saker would be an easier opponent to fight. Little did

they realize Saker had more willpower in him to fend for himself. Once Saker emerged to the first floor of the house with Pontia, they were confronted by them.

#

“Not so fast, you and Radu have been behaving terribly to Madame Africa Navarro!” cried Francis.

#

Francis was going to defend the honor of his date Madame Africa from anything, even if that anything was a lie contrived by Zachery Wang and Iradom. Saker knew he had to face off with them.

#

“Stay here” said Saker.

#

Pontia watched as both men began to make their way towards Saker. Saker searched the room for any possible tools he could use to defend himself.

#

Throwing Pottery

#

Saker noticed how Iradom had some fine African pottery all around the house — enough for him to use against Francis and Yeray who were approaching fast.

#

“Hmm” thought Saker.

#

Saker grabbed a few pieces of pottery, the vases were quite expensive and Iradom knew

this.

#

“WHAT ARE YOU DOING, PUT THEM DOWN!” cried Iradom.

#

Saker refused and threw one of the vases at Francis as he came charging at Saker. The vase managed to knock Francis backwards. Yeray decided to approach this with more caution. He could see Saker wasn't a fool at all.

#

“You're not as dumb as they say you are” laughed Yeray.

#

Saker did his best trying to stand his ground. He was scanning for an escape route when he noticed the door to the backyard was the only option for him and Pontia.

#

“What do we do?!” cried Pontia.

#

The pink alien knew they couldn't escape, but Saker decided to be brave by grabbing her by her wrist.

#

“THIS WAY!” cried Saker.

#

Saker took Pontia towards the backyard, Francis manages to pick himself up from the ground still dizzy from the vase that was smashed right on his head.

#

Follow Them!

#

Iradow wasn't going to let Saker leave so easily with Pontia, he was angry with them.

#

“STOP THEM!” ordered Iradow.

#

Saker headed towards the fence.

#

“OVER!” cried Saker.

#

Saker tossed poor Pontia over the fence. She barely was able to cling on a scrub that was on the hill. Then Saker leaped right down from the fence.

#

“Where's Radu?!” cried Pontia.

#

“He can find us later” said Saker.

#

Saker took Pontia by her hands again and made a mad dash down the hill. Iradow rushed towards the front door of his house. He could see how difficult it was to take the flight of stairs downwards. Likewise his brother and Yeray also knew this as well.

#

“THIS IS RIDICULOUS!” cried Iradow.

#

“But we still have the Robo Monk” said Yeray.

#

“Right, there’s him as a bargain chip” laughed Iradom.

#

Iradom decided to focus more on Radu, Radu was struggling with Sura in the attic. Both robots were tossing and turning around.

#

“You think you can stop me!” cried Radu.

#

Sura wasn’t giving up, she was wrestling with Radu on the ground. Sura managed to grab Radu by the neck and toss him towards the ground.

#

Radu Fights Sura!

#

Radu knew his only chance was to get outside on the roof of the house. Perhaps that way he would have a chance against Sura. Sura then used her strength and tore off a metal leg from the coat that was in the attic. She began to attempt to use the metal leg as a metal pipe trying to swing it at Radu. The Robo Monk dodged her, as best as he could.

#

“Whoa, watch where you’re swinging that!” cried Radu.

#

Radu again dodged the oncoming attack. She did her best trying to fiercely fight him. Radu saw his chance, he headed towards the window of the attic. He used his mechanical hand to punch

through the glass of the attic.

#

“I hope I can get out!” cried Radu.

#

Iradow then arrived with Francis and Yeray. All four of them were blocking Radu’s path.

#

“Ha, you’re our prisoner Radu, Nettie’s will be pleased that I am going to be a beloved customer!” laughed Iradow.

#

However, they forgot about the window leading towards the roof of the house.

#

“See you later suckers!” laughed Radu.

#

Radu then found himself on the roof of the house with Saker on the street level with Pontia.

Chapter Six

Like Ants!

#

Radu gazed below, he could see that Saker and Pontia were like ants.

#

“Hey, Saker, I can see you and Pontia below!” laughed Radu.

#

Radu waved at both of them, he had noway of getting down other than leaping down from roof to roof. Sura wasn't going to let him escape that easily.

#

“Go out and get him!” ordered Iradom.

#

Sura nodded, she then opened the window and finally got onto the roof of the house. Once there, Radu realized he had to leap from the roof to the other floor of the house.

#

“Better think quickly!” thought Radu.

#

Sura lunged towards him at full speed, Radu dodged each swing that was coming towards him. He eventually was able to leap right down to the second floor. The roof of the second floor had very little room to go by. This gave Sura a chance, as she leaped down to the roof of the second floor the two continued to fight each other.

#

“Oh come on!” cried Radu.

#

Radu dodged each oncoming swing. He did his very best hoping that he would elude her.

She managed to smack him, but Radu was able to recover.

#

Back to the First Floor!

#

Radu made another leap, this time he managed to make it to the first floor of the house.

He was almost towards the ground level. It was quite a drop. Saker and Pontia were waiting below.

#

“Come on, you can do it!” cried Pontia.

#

But before Radu could realize it, Sura was right behind him. She was still not going to let him leave that easily.

#

“You will regret entering this property illegally” said Sura.

#

“Me, doing something illegal, your boss is the one who kidnapped a fruit vendor!” cried Sura.

#

Kidnapped, what did he mean by kidnapped? Francis thought for a moment after hearing those words.

#

“You said she was threatening Madame Africa with Radu and Saker’s assistance” said Francis as he turned towards his brother Iradom.

#

“I did, oh yes, I did” laughed Iradom.

#

Yeray backed away seeing the Mujinga brothers turning against each other. As for Radu and Sura on the roof of the first floor. The fight was far from over. She swung again, and Radu ducked and she missed. He then made the leap of faith by leaping from the first floor.

#

Radu Stumbles!

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But as tragic as it may seem, Radu missed by a few inches as he leaped from the first floor of the roof. Instead of on the ground, he landed on the stairs and instead began to stumble down the stairs. Sura decided to record this in her data banks as a way for making sure Radu was actually hurt.

#

“Ouch, ooof!” cried Radu as he began to stumble downwards.

#

Saker and Pontia couldn’t believe how many flight of stairs Radu was stumbling downwards. It was quite a heavy fall with each breaking Radu’s new robotic legs. Lucky Radu was no longer human or this would certainly hurt. The Robo Monk finally landed on the pavement of the street. Radu felt quite dizzy as he tried to pick himself up. Saker and Pontia had to come to his

assistance.

#

“Are you alright?” asked Pontia.

#

“Yea, nothing better” said Radu.

#

There was one problem — Radu could barely walk on his feet. The fall and the stumbling did a number on them. He would likely have to seek repairs on his metal feet. Saker could see the damage along with Pontia.

#

Calling for a Driverless Ride

#

Radu was still able to get a driverless car to come and pick them up. Pontia and Saker had to lift Radu into the back with them. As the car drove off, Radu was somewhat relieved it was all over.

#

“Thanks for rescuing me” said Pontia.

#

Pontia gave Radu and Saker a big hug.

#

“Thanks, that means a lot, I gotta repair my legs!” cried Radu.

#

Radu was hurting badly from his fall. He couldn't believe such a fall nearly shattered his

metal legs. He knew this wasn't over not by a long shot. He called Inspector Epistor to report on the good news.

#

“Sir, we've managed to find Pontia safe and sound, she was at Iradom's address instead of Francis” said Radu.

#

“Excellent work” replied Inspector Epistor.

#

“There's just one thing, I need to seek medical attention my legs are broken, I feel and I stumbled down the stairs with them” said Radu.

#

“Oh, that's bad, just head towards the nearest mechanic shop, I will get the best mechanic there is to assist you with those repairs” said Inspector Epistor.

#

Epistor was relieved that Pontia was safe and sound, but for the Mujinga brothers their problems were far from over.

Chapter Seven

Francis Turns on Iradom

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Francis was infuriated with learning that Pontia was kidnapped instead of it being a ruse of getting back at Radu and Saker. Iradom could tell it was a mistake not letting him know the truth.

#

“Brother, please, we have too much to lose if you turn on me now” said Iradom.

#

“I don’t care, I have never done anything illegal in my entire life up until NOW” said Francis.

#

Yeray stood by the side lines along with Sura as she arrived. Sura knew she didn’t want to interfere in a family dispute even as instructed. Iradom could see the rage on his brother’s face.

#

“You lied about Madame Africa Navarro being threaten by that vendor and those two we fought” said Francis.

#

Iradom could see rage in his brothers eyes. But instead of actually attacking Iradom, Francis felt it was best to just storm out of his house instead of continuing with the fight. He glared at his brother one last time before marching out.

#

“I’m telling Madame Africa the truth and there’s nothing you can do to stop me!” cried Francis.

#

Francis knew where Madame Africa lived, she lived in Glendale which was just a few miles away from where she worked in Pasadena.

#

Francis Heads Out

#

Francis arranges a rider share service towards Madame Africa’s apartment in Glendale. As the gray alien driver picks him up, Francis glares one last time at Iradom’s house.

#

“What the heck happened to you?” asked the gray alien driver.

#

“Family disputes” sighed Francis.

#

Francis hated getting this angry, but he had to, to show how disgusted he was with his brother Iradom. Iradom knew it was too late to say sorry. He knew he just had to let his brother go.

Yeray and Sura could both see a sad look on his face.

#

“I don’t believe it, we were this close to getting rid of Epistor’s new rookies!” cried Iradom.

#

Iradom knew he had to get some rest before worrying about the drama later. As for Radu, he arrived at a nearby mechanic place that was close by the police academy. The local mechanic

shop was owned by a naturalized Martian-American citizen Faris Derwent. Faris was familiar with various robotic parts and other gadgets. He was about a block away from the police station. Saker had to carry Radu to the mechanic shop himself. Radu was grateful for Saker's service.

#

Fixing Radu's Legs

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Faris was pleased to see Radu in his shop, he wasn't sure what kind of robotic model Radu was at all. He had never see a Robo Monk model before. Radu explained his story to Faris that some mysterious Celestial Ninjas gave him a body after his human body was deceased back in the 13th century.

#

“Interesting” said Faris, “I will see what I can do about your legs.”

#

Faris headed back to the back area of his shop. He searched for various robotic legs that would replace Radu's feet. Surely enough he came across a pair that felt could match Radu's model. After taking the pair of feet, he headed back where Radu was waiting on the operating table.

#

“Now just sit back, I will do the rest of the work here” said Faris.

#

Faris could see the damage legs, he unscrewed them using his screw driver. Then he began to attach Radu his new feet. It was just like that, good as new. Radu could move

his feet.

#

“Wow, I guess I will be coming to your place more often” laughed Radu.

#

Radu stood up on his feet again, he could feel like a brand new robot.

#

Meeting Up with Epistor

#

For Pontia, she was dropped off at the hospital just to be checked over. Inspector Epistor was at his police academy office ready for a debriefing to Radu and Saker.

#

“We’re back from the mechanic, good as new!” laughed Radu.

#

Epistor was relieved to see that Radu and Saker were safe and sound from their ordeal with the Mujinga brothers.

#

“I am pleased that Ms. Pontia is recovering safe and sound in the hospital” said Inspector Epistor, “she states that Iradom lied to his brother Francis over Madame Africa Navarro being threaten by her and by both of you.”

#

“Really, so that’s the reason why he got himself involved” laughed Radu.

#

“I want you two to now try to track down Francis but to see if you can bring him to our side”

said Inspector Epistor, “he won’t face any charges, and he will be pardoned by Mayor Zachery Hans-Fromm for his assistance.”

#

“You can count on us, we’ll find Francis but where is he heading?” asked Radu.

#

Radu knew he would have to look up where Madame Africa lived — it made the most sense. Epistor decided to assist them with that.

Part Three

Chapter Eight

Located in Glendale

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Epistor did the honors for Radu and Saker by looking up the address for them. Though Madame Africa had an office in Pasadena, she had a home based in Glendale. The home was listed on her website as her remote office if anything happened to her Pasadena location.

#

“There, he’s likely heading there right now” said Inspector Epistor.

#

“Thank you very much sir” said Radu.

#

Radu and Saker then headed off. They knew they had to find Francis fast, unsure if Iradom was going to program Sura to do anything else or use Yeray to find Francis. Radu called for a driverless car to have a priority pick up. Once the driverless car arrived, both of them got into the back seat.

#

“Come on Saker, we’re going to find Francis before Iradom does” said Radu.

#

As the car drives off, the driverless car ends up fighting through traffic. As for Francis the gray alien driver took longer than anticipated as he arrived at Madame Africa’s

apartment.

#

“Phew, so much traffic” said the gray alien, “here you go buddy.”

#

Francis then got out of the car and headed towards the apartment complex.

#

Enter Tol Cairseeker

#

Francis knew most of everything with Madame Africa’s background, especially her apartment manager — Tol Cairseeker, a small yellow alien. But don’t be fooled by this small yellow alien, he was riding in a large mech suit which was used to often greet visitors or boot out intruders.

#

“Ah, Francis Mujinga, it’s been sometime since I saw you” said Tol, “are you here to see Madame Africa on another date?”

#

Tol knew who usually visited his apartment, and Francis was a regular visitor.

#

“Not really, just to speak with her” said Francis as he was at the front desk.

#

“Very well, I will alert her over your visit” said Tol.

#

Tol pressed a button to her floor which was on the fifth floor of the building.

#

“Madame Africa, you have a visitor” said Tol on the inner comm.

#

“Is it Francis?” asked Madame Africa.

#

“Yes it is” replied Tol.

#

“Great, send him up” replied Madame Africa.

#

“Go ahead, she’s all yours” laughed Tol.

#

Francis then heads towards the elevator, as he heads up stairs, Radu and Saker arrive in the driverless car. They were hoping they were not too late.

#

Blocking Radu’s Entrance

#

Radu and Saker emerged through the doors of the lobby of the apartment, they gazed at the small yellow alien in his mech suit at the front counter.

#

“Can I help you two?” asked Tol.

#

Tol didn’t know who they were at first, he was suspicious of outsiders just strolling right on by.

#

“Um, we’re here to see Madame Africa, she knows Francis Mujinga” said Radu.

#

“And just how do you know this Francis Mujinga?” asked Tol.

#

“Well, we need his cooperation to build a case against his brother Iradom Mujinga for kidnapping a fruit vendor” said Radu.

#

Tol heard of the commotion dealing with Pontia, he didn’t put two together for the moment.

#

“Sorry, I can’t help you with that, perhaps when you have an actual legitimate visit” said Tol.

#

“But we need—“ said Saker.

#

Tol then pressed a button on his mech and soon rose to about eight feet tall.

#

“Gentlemen, and I use that term lightly, please get out of my apartment complex or I will make you get out” said Tol.

#

Radu and Saker knew they had to figure out another way inside.

#

Getting Around Tol

#

Radu glanced through the window as he and Saker were on the curb of the street stuck where

they were. Neither of them had any bright ideas at all.

#

“We can’t disguise ourselves as janitors, this little fella looks too smart for that” said Radu.

#

“Yes, I agree” sighed Saker.

#

Both of them sighed together, still trying to figure out on what to do with Tol on how to get around him. But as they sat stuck, they heard a strange whistling tune — Excel Knight, who was Ty “Turbo” Knight’s father was on his way to a job within the apartment complex in question. Excel had spent his earlier years working for the city as a contractor assisting not just the city of Los Angeles, but also neighboring cities like Glendale on how to operate apartment complexes.

#

“You boys look like you’re both down on your luck” said Excel.

#

“We need to get inside to the fifth floor” said Radu, “please we need some sort of clearance.”

#

Excel thought for a moment, he did needed help with chores around the apartment complex that Tol operated. Why not get Radu and Saker to be involved?

Chapter Nine

Enlisting Radu and Saker

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Excel could always have a helping hand, he needed the cheap labor after all.

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“I think you two look like trustworthy faces” said Excel, “do you have any experience?”

#

“Um, I can use my robotic fingers as lockpicks” said Radu.

#

“And I can get into odd places” added Saker.

#

“Good, you two will do” said Excel.

#

Excel then strolled into the apartment complex lobby with Radu and Saker behind him. Tol was ready for them, ready to kick them out again.

#

“You two again, I thought I told you—“ said Tol.

#

“They’re with me” said Excel, “I work for the City of Los Angeles and even doing part time contracting work for the City of Glendale.”

#

Excel showed off Tol his credentials, Tol looked them over.

#

“Fine, you can take these two, but you better keep an eye on them” said Tol.

#

“Will do” laughed Excel.

#

Excel headed towards the elevator with Radu and Saker.

#

“We’re going to get to Francis” laughed Radu.

#

“Yea” laughed Saker.

#

Both of them were quite surprised that Excel coming in like that would work so well. As the elevator arrived on the fifth floor both of them were about to knock on Madame Africa’s door when instead Excel led them to the apartment next door instead.

#

A Short Detour

#

Much to Radu and Saker’s disappointment, they passed Madame Africa’s door and instead headed towards her neighbor’s door — Hailey Dozier. Now Madame Dozier was a retired city of Glendale employee. She had hired Excel to do a few contracting work around her apartment.

#

“Boys, welcome to the world of contracting!” laughed Excel as Madame Hailey greeted

them.

#

The old woman gazed at Radu and Saker, she was suspicious over the two newcomers.

#

“Who the heck are they, I think I’ve seen them on the news from somewhere” said Madame Hailey.

#

No doubt, Madame Hailey was paying attention to the current events. She had heard of the commotion that happened in Los Feliz a few hours ago with two robots being on the roof of Iradom Mujinga’s residence. Radu did his best trying to pretend that he never was there at all. Saker likewise had to be as clueless as ever.

#

“These two are just temps for the day” said Excel, “we’ll make sure all of your appliances are working safe and sound.”

#

“Good, the dishwasher has been acting up, plus the manager intends to replace my fridge” said Madame Hailey.

#

It was going to be like this for the next few hours — an old woman nagging at Radu and Saker.

#

Madame Hailey Montage

#

For the next few hours, poor Radu and Saker had to listen to what Excel had to say. Radu did his

best trying to understand each order. He inspected the dishwasher while Saker began to clean the fridge. Saker couldn't believe what a tedious chore this was, he had never cleaned a fridge before in his entire life.

#

“So much old food!” cried Saker.

#

Saker was already exhausted, but Madame Hailey used her poor cane to get Saker's attention. As for Radu, the more he did chores around Madame Hailey's apartment, he could still hear Madame Africa next door speaking with Francis. He did his best trying to eavesdrop by putting his robotic ear closer to the wall.

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“STOP EAVESDROPPING ON THEM!” cried Madame Hailey.

#

Madame Hailey then whacks poor Radu with her cane, cane ends up being forced to focus on his chores. Meanwhile inside Madame Africa's own room she was perplexed that her client Iradom would put Francis up like that in terms of kidnapping a fruit vendor. She was even more shocked at the claims that these charges of threatening her were all made up!

#

Dumbfounded Madame Africa

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Madame Africa was shocked and dumbfounded by these revelations that Francis was put up to be kidnapping a fruit vendor. She couldn't believe what she was hearing from her

date.

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“Are you certain your brother Iradom told you those lies about me being threaten by that pink alien fruit vendor outside of Nettie’s?” asked Madame Africa.

#

“Yes ma’am, I am certain, my brother and Zachery Wang put me up to it, they stated that you were being threaten by her and her two strange associates Radu and Saker” said Francis.

#

Madame Africa couldn’t believe it, she had to call up Inspector Epistor to report on the matter. She got out her cellphone and began to dial his phone number to his main office at the police academy. Lucky Epistor was still there when he picked up on the other end.

#

“Yes, this is Inspector Epistor, what can I do for you?” asked Inspector Epistor.

#

Epistor listened on Madame Africa’s concerns, he was relieved that Francis had gotten to her first instead of Radu and Saker. Both of them were busy doing some other activities with her neighbor.

Chapter Ten

Relieved Epistor

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Inspector Epistor was no doubt relieved with this revelation that Madame Africa agreed to cooperate with the investigation against her own client Iradom Mujinga. That meant Madame Africa might think of retiring sooner rather than later.

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“This line of work seems rather complicated for your own personal life” said Inspector Epistor to Madame Africa over the phone.

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“Sadly it has gotten to that point where I am interfering far more with my clients that I should be doing” said Madame Africa.

#

Madame Africa knew her protege Jonathan Lockhart wouldn't like her decision of temporarily closing down her practice. It served to her that not every defense lawyer was going to be shady. But this might motivate Jonathan to be more careful when he took over after passing the bar. She then sent Jonathan a text message over meeting with her date Francis.

#

“Really, you're thinking of closing the practice?” asked Jonathan in the text message.

#

Jonathan was shocked, but not surprised. Her entanglement with the Mujinga brothers

proved how impossible it was for her to operate. Jonathan thought for a moment about taking over the practice sooner, it would provide him ample amount of experience.

#

Handing Jonathan the Mantle

#

Jonathan knew this was his chance, his moment to shine.

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“Why don’t you give me your practice now, even though I am still in my last year of law school I will pass the bar and I will be looking for my own place as an office” said Jonathan.

#

“Very well, I will hand you over the keys once we get to the police station with Francis” said Madame Africa.

#

Jonathan smiled at that text message, he knew he was going to get her office and everything in it including her own shady clients. This was a chance for Jonathan to show to the world he was going to be more careful than she was. After that fateful message, Madame Africa began to prepare to head on out with Francis.

#

“We’ll take my blue car to the police station” said Madame Africa.

#

Francis was pleased that Madame Africa believed in his story about being used to kidnap Pontia like that. As they were heading out, Radu and Saker finally emerged from Madame Hailey’s room finished with all of their chores. They were tired — a bit too tired — and they also heard

everything too.

#

Introducing Themselves

#

Radu and Saker did their best trying to catch their breath. Madame Africa and Francis could see how exhausted they were.

#

“Well boys, it looks like your days as temps are finished” laughed Excel, “see you again soon Madame Hailey.”

#

“Until next time dear” laughed Madame Hailey.

#

Madame Africa and Francis glanced at Radu and Saker who were still shaken from their ordeal with her neighbor.

#

“I’m Radu the Robo Monk and this is my close associate Saker Falcon” said Radu.

#

“Yes, we’re tired!” cried Saker.

#

“Want to head to the police station with me and Francis?” asked Madame Africa.

#

“YES!” laughed Radu.

#

Radu and Saker were both relieved that their journey was going to finally come to a close. They headed down to the elevator with them. Tol laughed the moment he saw Radu and Saker still tired as ever.

#

“Ha, that’s what you get for trying to sneak around me” laughed Tol.

#

But they were still both too tired to care about what Tol had to think. They followed Madame Africa and Francis towards the parking lot. Once they got there, they were prepared to head on off.

#

Resting in the Back

#

Once both of them were in the backseat of Madame Africa’s car, Francis got into the shotgun seat.

#

“Sorry about what happened back at my brother’s house” said Francis to Radu and Saker.

#

“It’s okay, it wasn’t your fault he tricked you” said Radu.

#

“Yes, he tricked you” added Saker.

#

Both of them strapped on their seat belts, then Madame Africa took off. It would be sometime before she would arrive at the police station. As for Iradom, he was in panic mode back in his

Los Feliz home. He was complicating on what to do next now that his brother was tattling on him through Madame Africa.

#

“I need to get to a safe place” said Iradom.

#

“How about Nettie’s, they won’t dare arrest you there” suggested Yeray.

#

“Yes, that’s a good suggestion” said Iradom.

#

Iradom then headed towards his car in his garage. Sura was left behind back at his house while Yeray followed. Yeray would be relieved heading back to work assisting Stadiel and Zachery Wang. As Iradom started his car, he then headed off. He was hopeful that he could find some sanctuary at Nettie’s.

Epilogue

Meeting Epistor with Madame Africa

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An hour passed and Madame Africa arrived at the police station with Francis, Radu and Saker. The four got out of the car and headed towards the police station. There they were led in by the clerk.

#

“Ah, good to see you have come to your senses” said Inspector Epistor.

#

Epistor was quite pleased to see Madame Africa on the right side with Francis. They both strolled into his office while Radu and Saker waited outside. They were all but exhausted from their ordeal.

#

“What a day Saker!” cried Radu.

#

“Yea, I know” added Saker.

#

Saker and Radu rested on a bench nearby. They knew Epistor would handle most of the talking. As for the meeting inside, Epistor assured Madame Africa that she along with Francis would receive full pardons from Mayor Zachery Hans-Fromm.

#

“I’ll get the mayor on the phone, you can tell him everything you know about the criminal

underworld” said Inspector Epistor.

#

Epistor then headed towards his phone and pulled up the mayor’s number. The mayor responded. Though the mayor was signing a few bills here and there in his office he always had enough time to work with law enforcement.

#

A Mayor’s Word

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Mayor Zachery Hans-Fromm was always ready to keep his word to the public. He knew this was important as it was Inspector Epistor on the other end.

#

“Yes inspector?” asked Mayor Zachery.

#

“Mayor, we have two guests Madame Africa Navarro and Francis Mujinga, they have agreed to testify against Iradom Mujinga and any member of his crew” said Inspector Epistor.

#

“Ah yes, very good” said Mayor Zachery, “always good to see turncoats for the right cause. Anyway I will give you two proper pardons so that you can work freely with us without being pressured.”

#

No doubt there were smiles with Madame Africa and Francis. They had achieved the unthinkable. As the meeting continued, the scene switches to Iradom traveling with

Yeray to Nettie's. Neither of them knew what the future held for them, knowing that they'd surely go to jail. They were however, unaware that Jonathan Lockhart was going to play his cards properly with Zachery Wang the owner of Nettie's. Inside Zachery Wang's office, a strange phone number was on the receiving end. Zachery curious to know who it was picked it up. He wasn't familiar with the number but was ready to speak to whoever was on the other end.

#

Jonathan's Proposal

#

Zachery Wang listened in on the strange proposal by Jonathan who was nothing more than a mere JD candidate. Zachery let out a laugh at it.

#

"You're saying you're taking over Madame Africa Navarro's practice even when you're not even a legitimate attorney?" laughed Zachery.

#

"I know more about the law than even my mentor" replied Jonathan, "and I can prove it by defending Iradom Mujinga in the court of law."

#

This was going to make Jonathan shine, will it? Will Radu and Saker get their wish with Iradom being put away? Find out in the next exciting book!

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RADU THE ROBO MONK: ORIGINS BOOK 3

ROBO MONK RISES

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Part One

Prologue

Jonathan's Proposal Continues

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Zachery Wang, the owner of Nettie's and business partner of Iradom Mujinga listened in on Jonathan Lockhart's proposal. Jonathan continued explaining how he has a sure defense planned for Iradom and also for Yeray Vicente, his associate. No doubt Zachery was still wary on who could he trust since he heard Madame Africa Navarro was going to cooperate with Inspector Epistor.

#

"If you want to save your business, let me do all the talking I know Madame Africa, I know how the system works" said Jonathan, "let me do everything."

#

Zachery was still skeptical since Jonathan was still a JD candidate and not fully an attorney yet.

#

"Fine, but if you mess up, never show your face around Nettie's or the financial district of Los Angeles ever again!" bellowed Zachery.

#

"Fine by me" laughed Jonathan.

#

Zachery felt Jonathan was being too over confident when it came to dealing with Epistor

and his new recruits — Radu the Robo Monk and Saker Falcon. Both of them had caused quite a dent in his business ever since their surprise infiltration. He couldn't believe how Stadiel, his trusty red alien bouncer had failed him.

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Iradom Arrives

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Iradom and Yeray both needed a sanctuary and Nettie's was the place to be — filled with many shady characters who were running from the law. Iradom parked his car in the valet area. The other valet operators were pleased to see Yeray was back.

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“Glad you've returned” said one of the valet operators.

#

“Uh, I need to be in a safer place than here” sighed Yeray.

#

Yeray followed Iradom inside, Zachery immediately greeted the two after Stadiel allowed them to stroll right through.

#

“Gentlemen, what in Sam Hill is going on?!” cried Zachery.

#

“Uh, it's that new recruit of Epistor's, Radu and his faithful associate Saker” sighed Iradom.

#

Iradom was too tired to plan any revenge schemes, he just wanted to rest — likewise with Yeray.

#

“I have a special guest room for the both of you, this way” said Zachery.

#

Zachery showed both of them their room. It was all Zachery could figure out on such short notice — two coats with pillows for them to rest.

#

“This will do, thank you for helping us” said Iradom.

#

Zachery smiled, he was grateful he could be of service. He decided to take up Jonathan’s offer and give him another call.

#

Jonathan’s Apartment

#

Jonathan Lockhart didn’t live in a penthouse, at least not yet he didn’t. He lived in an apartment complex a few paces away from where Madame Africa Navarro lived in Glendale. He received a phone call from Zachery being ever so gleeful that it was from Nettie’s.

#

“Ah, here we go” laughed Jonathan.

#

Jonathan picked up the call, Zachery was desperate in need to get the police off his back.

#

“So, ready to take up my offer?” asked Jonathan.

#

“Yes, on one condition, you make sure the police will leave Nettie’s alone” said Zachery.

#

“Alright, it’s going to cost you” said Jonathan.

#

Zachery could feel the pit of his wallet, he knew he would have to pay up. After a long conversation, Zachery agreed to Jonathan’s terms. When it was going to be all over, Jonathan would have enough money to buy the penthouse of his dreams but not before he could secure Iradom’s legal woes. He then called up Iradom’s number, Iradom was just getting ready to rest on the coat when his cellphone rang.

#

“Yes, who is this?” asked Iradom.

#

“This is Jonathan Lockhart, Madame Africa’s protege, I hear you have a huge legal issue with the police” said Jonathan.

#

Jonathan knew he had Iradom right where he wanted him and Iradom would gladly pay him a good sum of money.

#

Iradom Listens

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Iradom listened in on what Jonathan had to say. He could see that Jonathan was being a bit confident, perhaps too confident for this.

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“You want to get out of this ordeal, don’t you?” asked Jonathan.

#

Iradow sighs on the other end.

#

“Yes” replied Iradow, “but I fear you could be too inexperienced.”

#

“What do you mean inexperienced, I know all of Madame Africa’s clients, I can help you out” said Jonathan.

#

“Fine, then get the District Attorney to drop the case against me do whatever it takes” replied Iradow.

#

Jonathan smiled on the other end, this was his chance to shine — a chance to show Iradow that he could actually defend his clients just as Madame Africa did when she was in charge. Jonathan knew who the District Attorney was — Violet Goodwin. Violet was formerly a friend of Madame Africa Navarro during their law school years. Violet graduated before Madame Africa did and got into the District Attorney’s office.

#

“Hmm, I think the simplest way in handling this one if I found someone who was willing to wiretap her office, then use it against her” laughed Jonathan.

#

Jonathan knew a few shady characters who would assist him.

Chapter One

Jonathan's Insiders

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Jonathan had two specific insiders working within the District Attorney's Office — Ethan Lisle and Rebecca Silver both had knowledge in terms of wiretapping and were more than eager to help out a their fellow colleague. Jonathan knew that District Attorney Violet Goodwin would get to Iradom since his brother Francis was being cooperative. They immediately received a text message from Jonathan.

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“Need you two to do a favor for me, Iradom Mujinga has a case brewing in the District Attorney's office, I want you to wiretap the office to make sure I know everything about the DA and her case” said Jonathan in the text message.

#

It was a risky move, but Ethan and Rebecca were both up for the job. DA Violet was already out on another assignment. This was the right opportunity for them to move forward with the wiretapping exploitation. They headed into the main office and began to place the wiretap devices around the office.

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“Put them around the other staff area so I would like to know who else has information on the case” said Jonathan.

#

Jonathan's insiders went to work doing just that.

#

Wiretap App

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Jonathan was able to listen in on the wiretaps through a shady app that he had downloaded on his cellphone. The wiretap devices were live in real time, and could be understood through the app.

#

“Perfect” laughed Jonathan.

#

All Jonathan had to do was to be patient, his insiders would be the ones who would egg on the other members of the staff to speak about Iradom’s case. One such individual was a new attorney that the District Attorney’s office had hired — Mason Phillips. Mason was naive with those around him. He hardly knew the right protocols, and Jonathan felt confident that his two insiders could weed out the information for him.

#

“Who’s he?” asked Jonathan in a text message to Ethan and Rebecca.

#

“Oh, Mason, new attorney that the DA office hired” replied Rebecca.

#

“I want you two to gain as much information about him” said Jonathan.

#

Rebecca and Ethan followed through obeying Jonathan’s orders. All the while, Radu and Saker were recovering at the police academy. They were resting up, unaware that

Jonathan had fully infiltrated the District Attorney's office, the very office that was supposed to prosecute Iradom.

#

Some Relaxation

#

Radu and Saker rested on their beds, they couldn't believe what an exhausting ordeal they had to go through just to rescue Pontia. Pontia was scheduled to be released from the hospital the following day.

#

"Can't believe that this Iradom fellow went through all of the trouble lying to his brother Francis thinking that little Pontia was going to do harm to Madame Africa Navarro" said Radu.

#

"Yea, very bad man" said Saker.

#

"You said it Saker, he is" said Radu, "I have been thinking, maybe we should stroll by the District Attorney's office just to see how his case is doing. I bet the staff wouldn't mind some help from the experts who caught him in the act."

#

"Yea, yea" added Saker.

#

Both of them then got up from their beds and headed out of the police academy. The District Attorney's Office wasn't far away. Just a few streets down. They walked the streets of downtown. Things were now cleaner thanks to the police being allowed to do their job. Once

they arrived at the DA's office, they passed through a checkpoint before being allowed inside. The security guards recognized Radu and Saker as newcomers.

#

Checking Out the DA's Office

#

Radu and Saker were amazed by the DA's office, they both ran into Mason who was in the hallway.

#

"You must be one of the attorneys working for the DA, would you mind to give us a tour we rescued Pontia who was kidnapped earlier in the week" said Radu.

#

"Ah yes, the Iradom case, everyone is working on that case to get that man put away sure" said Mason.

#

Both of them jumped with joy, they were given visitor passes and were allowed to enter the main desk area. They were both amazed with the setup.

#

"So, this is some sort of front counter where the clerk sits?" asked Radu.

#

"Yes, I will show you what we're working on since you are from the police academy" said Mason.

#

Mason followed protocols in terms of visitors, Saker then noticed some odd devices

underneath some of the desks.

#

“Something strange” whispered Saker.

#

“What do you mean by that?” asked Radu.

#

Radu was still confused on what Saker meant. The tour continued, but what Saker didn't realize is that he spotted a wiretap device! The very one that Jonathan was listening in real time and Jonathan wasn't too happy with Radu and Saker snooping around the DA's office.

Chapter Two

Alerting the Insiders

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Jonathan could hear Radu and Saker on the other end at his apartment. Radu's presence would ruin everything! Especially Saker's own comments about the strange devices.

#

"Great, just great" sighed Jonathan.

#

Jonathan went to work, he alerted both Ethan and Rebecca of their presence.

#

"I need the both of you to cause a distraction for Radu and Saker, it seems that both of them are snooping around in places that they shouldn't — distract them pretend to be big fans of them. I don't care just do it" said Jonathan in the text message.

#

Ethan and Rebecca could hear them approach their area. Rebecca wanted to pretend to be a fan girl to Radu and Saker. She immediately began to cozy up to Saker since he was the only other human present. Ethan did his best trying to drum up his admiration for Radu's unorthodox methods.

#

"Oh, we have heard so much about how you rescued that poor fruit vendor" said Rebecca.

#

“Who are these two?” asked Radu to Mason.

#

“They’re Rebecca and Ethan, my two law students” replied Mason.

#

“Always a pleasure in meeting some fans” said Radu.

#

Radu and Saker didn’t mind the fanfare, but Saker was becoming increasingly uncomfortable with Rebecca.

#

Rebecca’s Odd Hug

#

Human affection was something that Saker was never quite use to, since he spent most of the time as a Mongolian scout in the 13th century. Rebecca hugging Saker made it all the more uncomfortable.

#

“What is this?” asked Saker.

#

“It’s a hug silly” replied Rebecca.

#

Rebecca then began to make some strange faces towards Saker, they were seductive faces but not even Saker knew what to do.

#

“Too much!” cried Saker.

#

Saker wanted to leave, but Radu did his best trying to calm down his friend.

#

“We’re guests, we should stick with the tour” replied Radu.

#

Mason continued the tour with Radu and Saker following him. They were being tailed by Ethan and Rebecca.

#

“May I have your autograph sir?” asked Ethan to Radu.

#

Radu had never been called sir in his entire life, he agreed to give Ethan his signature after Ethan provided a notepad and paper. All this commotion was enough to deter them from ever being suspicious about the strange wiretap devices that were planted around the office. When Mason’s tour finally ended, they headed out the back way into the main hallway.

#

Saker Remembers Strange Devices

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Saker then remembered the strange devices that he saw underneath the desks. He knew that Ethan and Rebecca were somehow spawned as a diversion of some sort. But since Saker wasn’t smart enough to figure it out all he could do was warn Radu about the wiretap devices.

#

“Saker remembers, the strange devices!” cried Saker.

#

Radu thought for a moment — he did see one of those strange devices too.

#

“We can’t just go back inside, they’ll surely kick us out” said Radu.

#

Radu knew he and Saker would have to come up with a plan if the place was truly bugged. A few janitor robots were emerging preparing to end their shift. Radu thought of the perfect idea.

#

“Excuse me fellow robot, I couldn’t help but to hear that you were going to end your shift soon?” asked Radu.

#

“Ah yes” said the janitor robot, “we were.”

#

“Me and my associate Saker would love to take up the afternoon tasks” said Radu.

#

The janitors thought for a moment. They knew it wasn’t the right protocol but seeing that they were the same people who rescued Pontia they saw no harm.

#

Infiltrating the DA’s Office

#

As the afternoon arrived, Radu and Saker were given access to the DA’s office to do some cleaning. It was the right ruse for them to seek out the wiretap devices. Neither of them knew

who planted them nor realized it was Jonathan Lockhart.

#

“Just where should we look for them Saker?” asked Radu.

#

“There!” cried Saker.

#

Saker spotted one of the strange wiretap devices. Radu then began to collect it.

#

“Good, good, next” said Radu.

#

The commotion caught Jonathan off guard, he didn’t anticipate that Radu and Saker would infiltrate the DA’s office just to get rid of his wiretap devices.

#

“They’ll ruin everything!” cried Jonathan.

#

Jonathan could hear their voices through the app he had downloaded. He knew it was going to be trouble for him. He did his best trying to alert Ethan and Rebecca trying to stop them. But they were busy meeting with Mason and DA Violet Goodwin.

#

“No response” thought Jonathan as he gazed at his text messages.

#

Jonathan knew he would have to find someone else who he could trust — perhaps a shady robotic worker who was within the building itself.

Chapter Three

Jonathan's Other Insider

#

Aside from human insiders like either Ethan or Rebecca, Jonathan had one insider who he knew could assist him — Dogut the robotic security guard. Now Dogut was always keen on making sure the right faces would appear each time, but this time he was on alert after receiving a message text message from Jonathan over two individuals sneaking in.

#

“Two intruders?” thought Dogut as he glanced at Jonathan’s text message.

#

Dogut knew he had to be on high alert, as the robotic security guard began to move through the hallways, he eventually came across Radu and Saker who were busy removing the wiretap devices from the DA’s office.

#

“Hey, that doesn’t look like cleaning to me, come back here!” cried Dogut.

#

Dogut had his laser baton ready and charged at them full speed.

#

“RUN FOR IT SAKER!” cried Radu.

#

It soon became a cat and mouse chase, almost cartoonish in nature, Radu and Saker found themselves darting back from door to door in each hallway they ventured through the DA’s

office. Dogut was also hot on their tail as well, doing his best trying to catch up. But no matter how hard he tried, he couldn't catch them.

#

Dogut's Demands

#

No doubt Jonathan had successfully deceived Dogut into thinking Radu and Saker were infiltrators of some sort. As the trio continued to chase each other throughout the hallways, Radu and Saker knew they had to find a place to rest. The closet was the only safe place.

#

“We have to figure out a way to get out!” cried Radu, “He’s not going to give up!”

#

“Yea, he’s not” replied Saker.

#

Radu then noticed the air vents was the only option that he could choose.

#

“Saker, lift me up, I’ll see if I can pull you into these air vents” said Radu.

#

Radu opened the air vent and managed to squeeze right through. Since he had a robotic body, it made things easier. Not so much for Saker, Saker became somewhat stuck as he tried to squeeze through. The bag of wiretap devices could make it.

#

“Hmm, better push you back this is priority number one” said Radu.

#

Radu pushed Saker back into the closet, the commotion caught the attention of Dogut who zeroed in on the closet.

#

“Ah ha, there you are!” laughed Dogut.

#

Dogut began to fiddle with the closet door trying to get it to open but Saker was holding onto it for his dear life.

#

Radu Flees!

#

Radu then made his way through the network of air vents, while Saker did his best trying to hold off Dogut. Eventually, Radu found an opening and leaped right through. He found himself in the parking garage just where he wanted to be.

#

“Ha, now to bring these wiretap devices and tell Inspector Epistor everything, I just hope Saker can find me” said Radu.

#

Radu knew he would have to go back to retrieve Saker, if he were somehow detained by Dogut.

As for Dogut, he continued pounding on the closet.

#

“I know you’re there intruder!” cried Dogut.

#

Dogut no doubt was getting frustrated, he could have shown he had seen those two individuals from somewhere. Giving up on the closet, Dogut then leaves giving Saker some breathing room.

#

“He’s gone” thought Saker.

#

Saker slowly opened the door and peeked right through. He knew he had to be extra cautious when roaming the hallway. Saker began to creep ever so cautiously around the hallways doing his best trying to find his way back. Eventually, Saker did find the front door and made it out safe and sound. Now all he had to do was head to Inspector Epistor’s office.

#

Meeting Up with Radu

#

Eventually Saker found his way back to Inspector Epistor’s office with Radu. Epistor was suspicious over the claims that the District Attorney office was bugged and Radu had brought over the proof.

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“Bugged you say, well, I’ll determine that” said Inspector Epistor.

#

Epistor then was given the bag by Radu, as Radu poured the bag over his desk, Epistor noticed how odd the wiretap devices were.

#

“Hmm, that’s strange” said Inspector Epistor, “these are mostly listening devices.”

#

“Ha, I knew it, it was a wiretap!” cried Radu.

#

“Yea, but we don’t know who did it” replied Saker.

#

“Yea, it can’t be Madame Africa Navarro, she’s now on our side nor Francis Mujinga.”

#

“Mmm, it could be his brother Iradom” replied Inspector Epistor, “I want you two to go back to Nettie’s and flush out the guests. Once they are out, the police will apprehend them all and question them.”

#

Flushing out the guests at Nettie’s, that sounds like a hard plan. But Radu and Saker knew they had to be up for the challenge. They would have to return to Nettie’s very soon to pull it off.

Part Two

Chapter Four

Back at Nettie's

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Radu and Saker took a driverless car app ride to Nettie's, but purposely just a few blocks away from the location. Both of them ducked around the bushes.

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"How the heck are we going to get them all out, they seem like they're having such a wonderful time inside" said Radu.

#

"Fire alarm" said Saker.

#

"That's right Saker, fire alarm, we'll try to cause some commotion in triggering the alarm, but how?" asked Radu.

#

"Being chefs" replied Saker.

#

"Brilliant!" laughed Radu.

#

Radu and Saker headed towards the nearest clothing store and bought chef attire. They then headed towards the back entrance of Nettie's. Stadiel who not only manned the

front, also was encouraged to check the back from now and then. The red alien opened the back door seeing Radu and Saker in their chef attire gear.

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“Yea, what do you two want?” asked Stadiel.

#

“Jobs” replied Radu, “we’re known chefs.”

#

“Yea, we can make food very good” replied Saker.

#

Stadiel was suspicious, he had seen these two faces before. But the red alien bouncer allowed the two inside feeling that the kitchen area was under staffed.

#

Using the Extra Help

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Chef Omar Moretti was thrilled to have the extra help, he thought Radu and Saker looked familiar from somewhere. It was really Chef Omar who noticed both of them in the janitor attire a few days ago. But for some reason, it didn’t register any agency in Chef Omar to question Radu or Saker.

#

“You two are chefs, right?” asked Chef Omar.

#

“Uh, yes, we have known to create some of the oddest cuisines” said Radu.

#

“Yea, fusion type cuisines” added Saker.

#

Chef Omar then asked for a demonstration, he pulled out a fusion cuisine cookbook and laid it in front of the two.

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“Cook me a mixture of German and Jewish food” said Chef Omar, “you two know how to follow the recipe right?”

#

Radu swallowed, it looked like a complicated meal — matzo ball soup fusion of a known German soup.

#

“We’ll do our best” said Radu.

#

Radu and Saker went to work in making the meal before them. They did their best in grabbing each necessary ingredient. They were also able to make the matzo ball, then all that was left was the noddles for the soup.

#

Their Chance

#

This was Radu and Saker’s chance to try to cause a fire in the kitchen. Radu was purposely turning up the heat in the kitchen when he was making his soup. Chef Omar was suspicious with Radu over his behavior.

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“What are you trying to do, cause a fire?” asked Chef Omar.

#

Radu continued to ignore Chef Omar’s warnings, and began to crank it up. Saker followed with his soup in the pot. The kitchen then became quite humid. Zachery Wang who was strolling by heading to see the guests could feel the heat.

#

“Geeze, it’s hot there!” cried Zachery, “What the heck is going on?”

#

“New chefs, trying to train them first before letting them serve the customers” replied Chef Omar.

#

Zachery was suspicious of them, he knew he saw them from somewhere before. The smoke for the soups began to rise up into the ceiling. This began to trigger the fire alarm.

#

“Now look what you idiots have done!” cried Chef Omar.

#

“ALL OCCUPANTS PLEASE EVACUATE!” ordered a computerized voice, “PLEASE EVACUATE, SENDING REPORTS OF A FIRE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT!”

#

The entire row of guests were no doubt unhappy over being told to evacuate Nettie’s for safety issues.

#

Unhappy Guests

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Even Iradom and Yeray were among the guests fleeing the restaurant. Iradom couldn't believe his peaceful slumber was rudely disrupted by the sound of alarms. Ashook and Camroth were not pleased either. The two humanoid lizards were enjoying some fine dining and enjoying the finest things in life.

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"The nerve, a fire in the kitchen!" cried Ashook.

#

"Yea, fire!" added Camroth.

#

Iradom was suspicious on who caused the fire, Yeray was beginning to have some ideas too.

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"You don't think that Robo Monk and his sidekick are at it again?" asked Yeray.

#

"Don't know, maybe" replied Iradom.

#

All the guests waited out in the parking lot as two firetrucks pulled up to the emergency curb area. Once the firefighters were allowed inside, Stadiel supervised them encouraging them to head to the kitchen. The firefighters found the source of the alarm. But while the firefighters were trying to put it out, Radu and Saker headed towards the back area to call the police.

#

"Inspector Epistor, get a few members of the police to round up some of those on the bounty list" said Radu.

#

“Sending police to the area now” said Inspector Epistor.

#

Epistor was pleased to see how resourceful Radu and Saker were, he was hopeful he would catch Iradom and bring him in for questioning.

#

It's a Trap!

#

Iradow and the other guests waited patiently outside until the fire was over. But this was the perfect opportunity for the police to arrive. Officer Harper Franklin led the charge. A mixture of human, alien and robot police officers arrived on the scene.

#

“You’re all on the bounty hunter list and under arrest, put your hands up in the air!” ordered Officer Franklin.

#

Most of the guests complied, they knew they were too out in the open to actually fight the police. Radu and Saker couldn’t believe it, their plan had worked solidly against them.

#

“Ha, we got every member of the bounty hunter list in one area!” laughed Radu, “It’s the perfect plan, we’re sure to be promoted by the mayor!”

#

“Yea, promoted!” added Saker.

#

Both of them sat back and watched as they observed Nettie's guests being rounded up and had handcuffs being placed on each of their wrists. Iradom, especially wasn't pleased. He could tell this was the work of Radu and Saker, he noticed them hiding in the nearby bushes. Yeray could also see them as he was being hurled away by the police.

Chapter Five

Rounding Up Most Suspects

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Officer Harper Franklin supervised the arrest of Iradom Mujinga and his associate Yeray Vicente. Others who were arrested included Ashook and Camroth. Chef Omar Moretti was left alone since he had no criminal history. Radu and Saker watched with amazement at the mass arrests at those at Nettie's. But Zachery Wang was one step ahead, he already gave police details on an attorney willing to assist them.

#

“Jonathan Lockhart will bail out most of those you have arrested today” said Zachery, “you can go tell your supervisor Inspector Epistor all about that.”

#

Zachery also wasn't put handcuffs on either, despite being the host. Stadiel was saved as well since he was too large of a red alien to apprehend.

#

“Looks like we're safe boss” said Stadiel.

#

Stadiel then gazed over at the bushes and noticed Radu and Saker. He could tell it was because of them most of Nettie's patrons were arrested. As the police began to leave with the patrons in handcuffs, Stadiel turned towards both of them.

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“You think you have won this round, but think again!” bellowed Stadiel.

#

Stadiel didn't bother to pound either of them, since the police were close by still.

#

Heading Back to the Police Station

#

Radu and Saker felt their business at Nettie's was done, as the police left with the last patrons of Nettie's, they decided to head back to Inspector Epistor. Epistor was quite pleased that everything went well with the take down at Nettie's. He couldn't believe that almost all of the known patrons were wanted criminals on the bounty list.

#

"Well done boys, it looks like Mayor Zachery Hans-Fromm can have a proper swearing in ceremony where Radu will get to be the Robo Monk of our fair city!" laughed Inspector Epistor.

#

"Really?" asked Radu.

#

"Yes" replied Inspector Epistor, "I will be there, along with a number of other city officials. The ceremony will take place at the end of the week on Friday."

#

Epistor was pleased that nearly every member of the bounty hunter list was apprehended. But Saker still had a sinking feeling that something could happen before the end of the month. As both of them left to celebrate, there was still some uneasiness with the celebration.

#

"What do you mean that those apprehended could get out, we saw them be all arrested" said

Radu.

#

Saker still wasn't certain, but he knew something was up.

#

Iradom in Jail

#

Iradom and Yeray found themselves in jail. Iradom decided to make the call to Jonathan Lockhart's cellphone. He knew that Jonathan owed him that favor in getting out of jail. He couldn't believe his only brother Francis would turn on him.

#

"The nerve of this Jonathan Lockhart, claiming he's some sort of expert" sighed Iradom.

#

Iradom was allowed to head to the phone by the police officers at the police station.

There he called up Jonathan's number. Jonathan was quick to answer.

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"Yes?" asked Jonathan.

#

"You said you'll help us, where where is that help?" asked Iradom.

#

Iradom was getting impatient, after all he was imprisoned by the police. It was for the kidnapping of Pontia, aside from a series of other crimes he and his crew had committed over the years. Iradom was nervous that he was going to jail for quite a long time. But Jonathan reassured him that his bail money will be secured.

#

“But you’re not an actual attorney yet, how are you able to secure the bonds?” asked Iradom.

#

“I have my connections” said Jonathan.

#

Lucky for Jonathan, Dogut, the robot security guard from the District Attorney’s office earlier also worked as a bail bonds officer.

#

Securing the Bail Bonds

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Jonathan couldn’t get ALL of Nettie’s patrons out of jail, just Iradom and Yeray which were enough for him. He made a few phone calls to Dogut who was at his other job as a bail bonds officer.

#

“So, you want them to be released from prison?” asked Dogut.

#

“Yes” replied Jonathan.

#

“But you’re not part of the California bar yet, how can you be so certain you’d defend them in court?” asked Dogut.

#

Dogut was suspicious, sure he knew Jonathan but he didn’t know how crafty he was. He felt it was odd a JD candidate was making phone calls to release two harden criminals. But as Dogut

began the processing work, Jonathan was gleeful on the other end he was going to get two of Madame Africa Navarro's known clients.

#

"I'll process your paperwork on the bail bonds, but you better defend your clients like the way you said you would" said Dogut.

#

Dogut continued the process the paperwork with Jonathan being rather pleased. Iradom and Yeray were both informed of their release dates which would happen a week after the ceremony involving Radu and Saker.

#

A Week of Rest

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As for Radu and Saker, it was finally a week of rest and relaxation at last. Only Saker knew of something fishy happening with Iradom and Yeray being released. He could tell that someone was pulling the strings since Madame Africa was now on their side. Radu and Saker walked through the same MacArthur Park where they were formerly found by Inspector Epistor.

#

"Ah, to think this was the first location that Inspector Epistor found us while on patrol" laughed Radu.

#

"Yea, patrol" said Saker.

#

Both of them strolled through the park, they began to haggle with all of the vendors at the local market.

#

“We should probably check on Pontia back in Pershing Square” said Radu, “we should take the subway, only one stop away.”

#

“Yea” added Saker.

#

As both of them took the subway, they could see how many humans, aliens and robots alike used the subway. Since the 22nd century, the subway was finally devoid of homeless people. Not a single homeless person in sight since the crackdown in the late 21st century. Both of them got off at Pershing Square location ready to meet up with Pontia.

Chapter Six

Checking on Pontia

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Radu and Saker arrived in Pershing Square. They headed towards the marketplace area where they noticed Pontia was haggling with a few of her customers. She had been released a few days ago and was already selling fruit. The pink alien gazed up and noticed them.

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“Radu, Saker!” cried Pontia.

#

Pontia ran towards them and gave them a big hug.

#

“Thanks for rescuing me back there” said Pontia, “it was horrible how they treated me.”

#

“You’re safe and sound and that’s all I can say” laughed Radu.

#

Radu was relieved that Pontia was back in business making money. She continued to show Radu and Saker the number of new clients who were buying her fruit. It was because that she was targeted by Iradom Mujinga that made her more famous and known. She had made so much money. But Saker got a sinking feeling that something was going to happen down the line.

#

“Come on Saker, let’s go get some lunch” said Radu.

#

Radu and Saker strolled further into the marketplace, as they found a burrito stand within the marketplace they sat down in the bar portion.

#

Uncertain Saker

#

Saker still wasn’t certain over the future, sure he was going to be Radu’s main associate. But aside from that he could tell the criminals would return.

#

“Those criminals will be back to hurt Pontia” said Saker.

#

“You’re right Saker, which means we always gotta be on guard” said Radu.

#

Radu paid for Saker’s burrito, while Radu had a burrito filled with nails to eat since he was a robot. As the two began to eat their meals, Jonathan Lockhart decided to drive by the Pershing Square location where Pontia was selling her fruit. Jonathan himself was on his way to see Iradom and Yeray who were still in jail.

#

“Hmm, this looks like an interesting place” thought Jonathan.

#

Jonathan ends up finding a parking spot and heads towards the marketplace. He decides to ignore Pontia for the time being and heads inside. Once there, he searches the various cuisines

the marketplace had to offer. He noticed that Radu and Saker stood out. He could tell these were the two who caused all the trouble for Madame Africa.

#

“Is this seat taken?” asked Jonathan.

#

Jonathan casually sat down next to Radu, Radu was suspicious on who this man was.

#

Intimidating Jonathan

#

Jonathan was no doubt not fooling around, he gazed at the robot’s eyes.

#

“Yes, can I help you?” asked Radu.

#

“Are you two familiar with Madame Africa Navarro?” asked Jonathan.

#

Radu shook his head, this raised alarm bells with Saker as he also heard the name.

#

“Who are you and what do you want with us?” asked Radu.

#

“A wager” replied Jonathan, “although I am a JD candidate, I am preparing to move up the food chain in terms of taking over Madame Africa’s business. I am her protege.”

#

Radu and Saker both gasped at the thought.

#

“What kind of a wager?” asked Radu.

#

“See if you can stop me from properly defending my clients like Iradom and Yeray who will be released by the following week” said Jonathan.

#

Radu was beginning to feel quite steamed as he couldn't believe this brand of injustice was right in front of him.

#

“Listen pal, the long arm of the law will stop at nothing to prevent felons like Iradom and Yeray from being freed” said Radu.

#

“Is that so, I am the one who legally processed their paperwork for release and there's nothing you can do to stop it” laughed Jonathan.

#

Radu's circuits started to fry up, he wasn't pleased at all with Jonathan's presence.

#

Laughing at Radu

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Jonathan knew he was pushing Radu's buttons by suggesting he was going to be the one to release Iradom and Yeray. It did fry some of Radu's own circuits, the new Robo Monk couldn't believe what Jonathan was telling him. After that fateful encounter, Jonathan got up and left heading over towards a Thai cuisine place instead to pick up his meal.

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“I’ll have your finest Thai chicken noddles to go” said Jonathan.

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Jonathan smiled as he glared over towards the portion of the marketplace where Radu was getting angrier by the moment. Saker was doing his best trying to calm him down.

#

“Please, please” said Saker.

#

Radu still was getting angrier by the moment, but Jonathan calmly took his order from the Thai restaurant and headed off. Before he headed off, he decided to purchase some fruit from Pontia causing Radu to be even more enraged.

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“I’ll take at least two apples from you” said Jonathan.

#

“Thank you my dear” said Pontia.

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“Oh, and Iradom sends his word” laughed Jonathan.

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Iradom, that name spooked Pontia to the core. She couldn’t believe that Jonathan knew her main kidnapper!

Chapter Seven

Comforting Pontia

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After that frightening encounter with Jonathan, Radu and Saker felt obligated after their meals were over to comfort Pontia. They could see how distraught she was.

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“Is everything alright?” asked Radu.

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“I don’t believe it, after all the hard work you have done, Iradom and Yeray are going to be freed!” cried Pontia.

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Pontia couldn’t believe the justice system was so easy in letting criminals like Iradom and Yeray. She always had hope that the justice system would put them away. Radu and Saker knew this wasn’t over by a long shot with Jonathan Lockhart. Jonathan would always be an issue for them.

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“Let’s head back to the police academy Saker” said Radu.

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Saker nodded, and the two ordered a driverless ride service to head back. It took them just twenty minutes to get back. There, they headed towards their rooms. They had high anticipations for Friday where Mayor Zachery Hans-Fromm was going to issue a promotion.

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“I hope things turn out well Friday” said Radu.

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“Yep, get a good promotion and some rest” said Saker.

#

Both of them got ready for the evening and headed towards their beds.

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Friday Arrives

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Friday had finally arrived as Radu and Saker spent most of the time inside their rooms.

They were prepared, hoping to also get a new place after the ceremony was over.

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“It’s Friday Saker, you know what that means!” laughed Radu.

#

“Oh, ceremony!” laughed Saker.

#

Both of them got ready and headed out after having a quick meal. They headed towards the main lobby of the campus where everything was being setup. Inspector Epistor was present preparing for the ceremony.

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“Ah, it’s nice that you two are up this early” said Inspector Epistor, “I hope you two are ready for a fine swearing in ceremony. The title of Robo Monk and Protector are big things the mayor has in store for you.”

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Radu couldn’t wait, the excitement was getting to him. As both of them headed towards

the main podium, they could see a fluttery of robots and drones everywhere making sure security was top notch. Mayor Zachery finally arrived on the scene. This was the first time that Radu and Saker would come face to face with the mayor. They had heard of the mayor from Epistor, but never seen him up close.

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Meeting Mayor Zachery

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Mayor Zachery Hans-Fromm had come from a long line of clones linked to Ottis Hans, a leader of the defunct Der Fuchs Bodyguards.

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“I see this is the robot and the man of the hour” laughed Mayor Zachery.

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The mayor shook Radu and Saker’s hands, greeting them.

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“In a few minutes, you will become Robo Monk, Protector of Los Angeles” said Mayor Zachery.

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“Thank you very much for the title” said Radu.

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“Don’t mention it, you’ll be answering to my office” said Mayor Zachery, “and sometimes be given assignments from the Department of Relativity. They’re a time traveling regulation entity, but sometimes they would request their time travelers to be trained with people such as you.”

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“That sounds swell” laughed Radu.

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As the minutes ticked on by, it was finally time for the start of the ceremony. Members of the police force arrived to witness the swearing in ceremony. Up on the stage was the mayor with Radu and Saker sitting in their respective seats. Inspector Epistor was beside the mayor.

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“Today we are gathered here to promote Radu and Saker to Protectors of Los Angeles” said Mayor Zachery.

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Radu waited patiently as the mayor continued his speech.

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Amazed by Radu’s Progress

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The mayor spoke on the importance of protecting the citizens of Los Angeles to the crowd that had gathered. The rest of the police force were relieved with Radu and Saker being there in terms of going after Nettie’s, notorious for a hangout of some of Los Angeles’ most shady criminals.

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“Radu, Saker, please stand up!” cried Mayor Zachery.

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Radu and Saker stood from their chairs, they were then invited over to the podium to speak to the crowd. Radu gasped seeing the size of the crowd before him, and even Saker was surprised.

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“Well, I have never seen such a large crowd before in my entire life” said Radu, “but thank you for giving me the title of Robo Monk and Protector of Los Angeles. I will assure you that Saker and I will have everything under control in this fair city.”

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“Yes, control” said Saker.

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Mayor Zachery was pleased after Radu’s short speech.

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“Radu, Saker after the ceremony is over, I have something very special for the both of you” said Mayor Zachery.

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As the ceremony was winding down, both of them were anticipating something special, anything.

Part Three

Chapter Eight

The Temple Headquarters

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The temple wasn't that far from the Los Angeles Police Department, it was a few blocks away, but it was ready for Radu and Saker. They could just take a walking distance from the police academy. It was quite a nice walk, with so much security around them.

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"This looks like this is going to be our new home Saker" said Radu as they barged into the temple.

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Mayor Zachery then arrived with Inspector Epistor. Epistor could see all of the advance hardware being setup for the temple. The robotic workers were getting hard at work. Excel Knight, who Radu and Saker met earlier arrived. He was doing the contracting work in making sure the robots would install everything properly.

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"Ah, our find contractor" said Mayor Zachery.

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"Made it just in time" said Excel.

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Excel would supervise the robots installing the advance software and other equipment

around the temple. Both Radu and Saker could see that everything was going to be just fine from here on out.

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“And you two will get your own cars” said Mayor Zachery.

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“But I don’t know how to drive” said Radu.

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“That’s okay, we’ll have it set on driverless for the moment” said Mayor Zachery.

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The mayor then gave Radu and Saker a short tour of their new home.

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A New Home

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Radu and Saker could now feel right at home as they formerly did in the 13th century.

The entire temple had everything.

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“Hope you two enjoy your stay for a very long time” said Mayor Zachery.

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The mayor was pleased after giving the short tour that Radu and Saker were already adjusting themselves to the new temple. Radu began to turn on the main computer after the robots were finished setting everything up. Radu could see a large database of fugitives and citizens alike listed.

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“Whoa, this is so cool!” laughed Radu.

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Radu immediately checked up on Iradom Mujinga and Yeray Vicente’s profiles. He could sadly see them being slated to be released this coming Monday! This was to the disappointment of everything that he had worked hard for. But he then noticed a familiar name attached to them — Jonathan Lockhart! And he wasn’t an attorney yet at all!

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“Oh, he fries my circuits!” cried Radu as he glanced at the name that issued the bail bonds.

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Radu couldn’t believe what a risky move Jonathan was pulling. This was a calculated move so that he would inherit Madame Africa’s clients and even office.

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Temple Home

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But while there was nothing Radu could do to stop the release of Iradom or Yeray, he and Saker got used to the temple. The temple itself was quite a quaint place to live. They had their own rooms, and their own entertainment areas.

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“Ah, this is the life, we should be getting used to this” said Radu.

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“Yea, use” added Saker.

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Both of them would spend time goofing off playing video games in their entertainment rooms.

At first it was harder for them to use the video game consoles, let alone turning them on. But once they got the hang of it, Radu and Saker were on a roll. Both of them were wasting time playing games.

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“Ah, that’s enough video gaming” laughed Radu as he got back up.

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Radu stretched as he searched around the entertainment room for anything else. He decided it was best to take a walk.

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“You better rest here Saker” said Radu.

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“Yea, resting” added Saker.

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Saker headed towards his room to take a nap, as for Radu he strolled right on off. As he emerged, he noticed the temple also had a nice lovely garden in the back.

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Japanese Garden Backyard

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Radu gazed around the garden, though he intended on taking a walk around the block.

He noticed the garden was just as lovely.

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“Wow, never noticed how many amazing flowers a Japanese garden had” thought Radu.

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Radu continued to gaze at the garden, he was amazed with the sort of flowers, then he noticed the fish inside the small pond.

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“Oh, fish!” thought Radu.

#

Radu headed over towards the pond, the fish were the typical Japanese-style fish found in Japanese gardens all over Japan. These fish were likely imported from Japan, just ready for Radu and Saker to enjoy.

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“Hi there fishy” laughed Radu.

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Radu scanned the pond, he could tell there were at least a dozen fish inside. They were large enough to fill the pond. After checking out the garden, it was time for Radu to have that walk. He headed out of the temple and onto the streets.

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“I think a nice stroll around the block will do me wonders” thought Radu.

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Radu then began his walk, he was hoping this would take Jonathan Lockhart off his mind for the time being. But the more he walked around, the more he felt compelled to help the citizens of Los Angeles.

Chapter Nine

Radu's Short Walk

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Radu made a short trek around the block. He could see the many shops and stores opening around him for the evening hours. He particularly noticed a bar opening up the bar's name — Urzoth's Bar. Urzoth the red troll would often invite patrons to sit in the front counter out in the open streets.

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“What can I do for you sir?” asked Urzoth as he noticed Radu.

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“I'm just checking the menu” laughed Radu.

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Radu didn't mind to have a short break from his walk, he wanted to meet a variety of citizens before heading back to the temple. Urzoth smiled at Radu as he allowed the Robo Monk to take his time with the menu.

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“It's happy hour” said Urzoth.

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Radu wasn't that much of a drinker when he was a human, and being a robot nothing changed either.

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“Mmm, I'll have some of your finest root beer” said Radu.

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“Root beer it is” said Urzoth.

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Urzoth headed towards the main kitchen and began to make a glass. Radu paid for the root beer in cash. Radu then sat down and began to drink his root beer.

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A Root Beer Break

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This slice of life was what Radu needed after all of his time trying to fight Iradom only to have him being bailed out. Urzoth recognized Radu from social media when he rescued Pontia.

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“That pink alien vendor is your friend isn’t she?” asked Urzoth.

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“Yea she is, tried to help her, but the system is allowing the same thugs who fooled the kidnapper to take her to be released!” cried Radu.

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Urzoth was in disbelief, he couldn’t imagine the sort of trauma Radu was going through.

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“Look, there will be other fugitives that you’ll capture and arrest” said Urzoth, “I sure hope that Iradom won’t show his face around my bar, or I will kick him out!”

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Urzoth was enraged over the release of Iradom from prison, and Radu couldn’t agree more.

After a few more exchanges here and there, Radu got up and left after finishing his root beer. He

continued onward with his walk.

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“Ah, so many citizens, and yet the system supports the criminals!” bellowed Radu.

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Radu couldn't believe the system would dare do such a thing, he knew Jonathan Lockhart was securing his bar license so that he could operate.

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Arriving Back

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Radu arrived back at the temple, still disappointed even with speaking with a citizen over the matter of Iradom. He strolled right into the living room and relaxed. He turned on the flat screen television that was hooked up. He decided to kill sometime to watch some news. Saker was up, he headed towards the kitchen and made himself a quesadía. Saker didn't know what to make of this new fancy food but he wanted to try it.

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“Mmm, looks good” thought Saker.

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Saker placed the quesadía into the microwave and pressed a button for at least three minutes. He waited for the duration. As for Radu he switched towards the news hoping for something lighter to happen.

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“In today's news, outrage over the release of Iradom Mujinga sparks concerns from the public” said a female news reporter, “we're going live to the streets of Los Angeles.”

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The camera shifts towards Pershing Square, specifically to poor Pontia who is on camera.

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“I am just heartbroken that the system is going to release that vile man, he tricked his brother into apprehending me!” cried Pontia.

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The female reporter no doubt agreed with Pontia over how disturbing everything was.

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Citizens Back Pontia!

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The female reporter continued on her news report, citizens from all walks of life who were interviewed live were disgusted.

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“Yea, I don’t like it” said one male red alien citizen, “but what can you do? The system is letting this happen.”

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It was similarly with other citizens and their thoughts over Iradom’s release.

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“Yea, looks very bad” said one Asian woman, “I would surely not like it at all.”

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Radu was relieved that the people agreed with him over Iradom being released wasn’t a good thing. The female reporter didn’t mention Iradom’s partner Yeray being released, but it was just as well. Saker then arrived on the sofa with his quesadía in hand. He couldn’t believe how hot it

was.

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“HOT, HOT!” cried Saker.

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“You gotta let it cool down” said Radu.

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Saker sighed as he waited for the right moment to enjoy his quesadía. As for the news report, this just confirmed Radu that perhaps the Wise One of the mysterious Celestial Ninjas did make the right decision after all to fling them into the 22nd century. Radu continued to watch the news as he sat on the sofa with Saker, who did enjoy his quesadía once it cooled.

Chapter Ten

Jonathan's Arrival

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As the weekend progressed, Monday finally arrived and Jonathan knew he would make his debut with the local police in Los Angeles. He was going to show them that he was going to become Madame Africa's successor. Jonathan drove in his black car, not that much of a fancy car since this was the car his parents gave to him. He parked at the police station and was prepared to pick up Iradom and Yeray from jail.

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"Here goes nothing" thought Jonathan.

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Jonathan gazed up at the headquarters of the Los Angeles Police Department and held his breath as he strolled right inside. The clerk greeted Jonathan, he showed the clerk the paperwork that he had filed with the bail bonds company.

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"I'll get this processed, and I'll alert Inspector Epistor that you are here" said the clerk.

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Jonathan waited patiently in the front counter area, as the clerk headed off Jonathan gazed around at the lobby. He noticed a picture of Radu the Robo Monk and Saker Falcon were both on display along with a number of known police figures. This will be something that Jonathan would frequently encounter.

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Meeting Epistor

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Inspector Epistor arrived with the clerk to the front counter of the station, he felt it was odd for a JD candidate like Jonathan to get Iradom and Yeray to be released. Usually it would take someone who is a licensed attorney to do the job, but Jonathan wanted to beat his mentor to her own game.

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“Odd, you’re still a JD candidate” said Inspector Epistor.

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Epistor looked over the paperwork the clerk had handed him. Jonathan had done everything right.

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“Very well, I will fetch Iradom and Yeray from their cells” said Inspector Epistor.

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Epistor sighed, he knew Radu and Saker wouldn’t like this one bit — the very fugitives they had worked so hard to put away to be released just like that. Epistor headed over towards the prison area of the headquarters, there Iradom and Yeray were waiting. They had long anticipated Jonathan’s arrival.

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“Gentlemen, and I use that term lightly, you are both free to go, all you need is an escort to the front and I will release you from your handcuffs” said Inspector Epistor.

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“About time” said Iradom.

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Iradow was getting irritated being imprisoned for so long and so was Yeray.

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Meeting Up with Jonathan

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Iradow and Yeray were prepared to meet up with Jonathan, they had long anticipated for this in person meeting. Inspector Epistor escorted them to the front counter where Jonathan awaited them. Once there, the clerk allowed them to exit.

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“Now for those handcuffs” said Inspector Epistor, “normal procedure.”

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Epistor began to unlock the handcuffs that were on Iradow and Yeray’s wrists, as they were finally freed. They headed over to meet with Jonathan.

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“This way boys” said Jonathan.

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Jonathan headed out of the police station with Iradow and Yeray. Iradow wanted to leave Los Angeles for safety issues. He could see this would be trouble for him if he stayed.

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“Uh, Los Angeles is too much of a problem for me” said Iradow, “that Robo Monk and his associate will just ruin everything again!”

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“Same here, maybe we should be doing the same gig somewhere where there is no Robo Monk”

said Yeray.

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“Excellent, I was thinking La Quinta” replied Iradom, “many gullible tourists visit that place and ripe for the taking.”

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Iradom was thinking out of the box on where to live next, Jonathan couldn't blame either of them as he showed them into his car.

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Heading Back to Los Feliz

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Jonathan did his best navigating his car through the streets of Los Angeles. The Los Feliz location was where Iradom's residence was. Iradom knew he had quite a bit of work to be done if he wanted to leave Los Feliz for La Quinta. There was no other way around it.

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“That Robo Monk will always be after us if we stay put” sighed Iradom.

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“I agree with that sentiment boss” said Yeray.

#

Jonathan did his best paying attention to the road. It would take Jonathan at least twenty minutes to get from downtown Los Angeles to Los Feliz. Jonathan couldn't believe how vicious the traffic was in this time of day.

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“It’s still mid-morning” sighed Jonathan.

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Traffic was piling up the freeway. Iradom and Yeray just had to sit back and relax in the backseat. As Jonathan continued to fight through traffic, the scene switches to Radu and Saker just relaxing in the backyard of their temple. Saker noticed the fish for the first time and was amazed by them.

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“Oh, fish!” laughed Saker.

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Saker gazed at how large the fish were, Radu knew this was what Saker needed.

Epilogue

Finally Home!

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As for Iradom and Yeray, they had finally arrived home. They knew they had to leave Los Angeles very soon.

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“Thanks for the ride, we’ll be in touch” said Iradom.

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Jonathan nodded and headed off, he couldn’t wait to see the look on Radu and Saker’s faces over releasing the very fugitives they had both put away. Iradom and Yeray headed inside, where Iradom began to pack his belongings. He even headed over towards where he stored his faithful robot Sura the Roman bot. She would join him in a peaceful resort of La Quinta away from Los Angeles.

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“Ah Sura, you will be part of the adventure” laughed Iradom.

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Iradom didn’t seem to care he was leaving his brother Francis behind knowing how he turned against him. He felt confident in Jonathan’s abilities, even as a JD candidate to get him off scott free. But as he packed, news reports of him and Yeray were already being circulated on social media and on regular news stations of their releases. Radu and Saker who were just relaxing on a Monday were not but the least happy. Radu especially when he turned on the news.

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Iradom Released!

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Radu and Saker headed inside after spending sometime in their backyard. It was a nice Monday with nothing going on for the moment. Epistor would likely have an assignment or two by tomorrow. Radu sat on the sofa and began to relax before turning on the television.

Immediately a news report popped up of Iradom Mujinga being released!

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“Today’s news, controversy over the release of Iradom Mujinga and his associate Yeray Vicente” said a female reporter, “their bail bonds was secured today by none other than JD candidate Jonathan Lockart. Jonathan is a protege of the infamous Madame Africa Navarro who has been known for such tactics in the past. The bail bonds operators had nothing to comment over a JD candidate assisting in the release of Iradom or Yeray only the fact that they were following normal procedures.”

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Radu soon began to grow quite red and Saker could tell he was about to explode.

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“THAT CRUMMY JD CANDIDATE!” cried Radu.

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Radu blew a number of his circuits as he began to swear at the television screen as if the television could hear his rants and ravings. Saker couldn’t believe how upsetting this was to Radu and did his best trying to calm him down.

#

Upset Radu

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Radu knew this wasn't going to be the first and only time Jonathan Lockhart would release fugitives that he and Saker would formerly apprehend. By far, this was just a prelude of what was to come. All of the work all for nothing, and Radu and Saker no doubt would have to re-arrest them if any particular fugitives were legally released only to commit crimes again.

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"I don't believe this, he actually did do it!" cried Radu.

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"There, there, we should focus on something productive" said Saker.

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Saker did his best trying to change the subject, it was the only ammunition he had left. Radu sadly accepted it, he knew he would have to fight those very same fugitives another day. The work of a Robo Monk was far from over. Radu and Saker would have many more adventures to come, but for now they were able to rest for a moment. The end for now.

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