

Random Chances

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“It’s not going to work,” Mandy tried to tell Bishop.

“It would work. I’m telling you. It’s simple. We can pull it off,” Bishop countered.

“You’re insane!” Gary yelled.

Let’s go back a few steps. Bishop, Mandy, and Gary were in the Homeworld. Onyx had taken over, and they needed to overthrow him before it was too late. Bishop suggested that they go through the castle’s vents that lead to Onyx’s lair and then get to his Time Portal. Bishop said that once they got to the Time Portal, they could go back in time again, and save his parent’s life. Then they could take Bishop’s parents back to when Onyx took over and stop him. Then, they would return to the present.

“We would mess up time too badly. Who knows what could’ve happened if your parents had been alive all this time?” Mandy asked Bishop.

“They probably would have made the Homeworld even better!”

“What if they didn’t?” Mandy said. Bishop paused, unsure of what to say, or what not to say.

After a moment, Bishop spoke up, “We’ve got to try.”

After more arguing, Bishop finally won. The plan was set; Bishop called Aquarian, and told him to get BJ.

After a few minutes, BJ arrived.

“I had to get a portal here. Aquarian told me the plan. Ready?”

“Yeah,” Bishop said.

“Okay, let’s get started.” BJ declared.

Bishop and Mandy headed towards the ventilation system, while Aquarian, BJ, and Gary headed towards the vents on the other side. Once Aquarian entered the vents, his plans changed, and decided he should go through the entrance, straight to Onyx’s lair, and so he slipped out of the vents unnoticed. Bishop and Mandy continued through the vents until they got to the entrance to Onyx’s lair. When they pulled the vent door open, they were expecting an empty room with only a portal, but they found Onyx and an entire army, with Gary and BJ in chains.

“My security is too good for you. Of course you want me to tell you how I caught you so easily, so I will, with dramatic pauses to stretch out the suspense. When Aquarian stepped too close to my lair, my security caused his systems to malfunction, and head towards my lair through the door. You see, I had a feeling you would bring Aquarian, so I had my men set this system up. When Aquarian came in, the malfunction that happened to him made him tell me everything, and here we are now.” Onyx finished his sentence with a slick grin, which annoyed Bishop. Mandy saw Bishop’s tightened expression, and softly put a hand on his shoulder. “So what do you plan on doing with us?” Bishop asked, with a bit of fear in his voice, and the answer he heard made him feel even worse.

“I plan on putting you in prison for a while, then destroying you one by one.” Onyx turned his back on Bishop and his friends, and motioned for some buff looking men to put them in the dungeon.

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Bishop woke up from his sleep, and for a second he forgot where he was, but once he looked at the bars surrounding him, he remembered his predicament. Bishop groaned in agony, for Onyx planned to get rid of his friends one by one, and Bishop couldn't think of a way to get out of this situation. He racked his brains. There was a small hole in the bars on the bottom right, could Bishop fit? Bishop got on the ground, and tried to squeeze under the bars. He couldn't, but his hand could. Bishop took a paperclip out of his pocket, and thrust his hand through the hole.

After a few minutes, with the help of an electrical charge from his other hand, Bishop opened the door. He wandered to Gary's cell, where he saw Gary in the corner of his cell in the fetal position, sucking on a lollipop.

"Gary" Bishop whispered "Can you make a key ring so I can unlock everyone's cell doors?" Gary looked up. He looked terrified, but he stood up, mustered up a strong face, made a key ring, handed it to Bishop, and collapsed.

By the time Bishop had freed everyone, Gary was fine. Bishop led Mandy, Gary, and BJ up the stairs, and stopped dead at the sight of Random, but it was too late.

"Someone's wandering about where their not supposed to be. Where do you honey's think you're going?" Random smiled, and walked towards them.

"Wait, can you lead us to Onyx's lair?" Bishop quickly asked. Random was about to say something, then paused. She spaced out for a few seconds, and then snapped back to life.

"Sure sweet cheeks. Follow me." Random led them up a flight of stairs, then another flight, and then another flight.

"Uggh. Does this ever end?" Gary complained.

"Is it too much for you to handle, chubby?" Random shot him a dirty looked of pure hatred, and continued up the stairs. Random stopped in front of a closed door. She walked very close to Bishop, and before he realized, she leaned in.

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Gary tried to continue up the stairs. The rest of the group walked ahead, and Gary didn't have the energy to yell out, or walk with them. Suddenly, a tall girl with blonde hair shot by him, leaping up the stairs two at a time. The girl was wearing all black, and had these stone shards in her belt loops. Gary found the girl very pretty, and ran up the stairs after her, even though he thought he was so tired.

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Random was about to kiss Bishop when she found herself kissing a stone shard. A blonde girl had flipped over BJ and Mandy, and thrown a piece of metal directly between Bishop and Random. Instead of falling though, the shard floated, causing Random to end up kissing the stone, and not Bishop. Random was stunned for a moment, and the girl knocked her over with a single blow. The girl turned around and faced Bishop,

"My name's Sylvie. I know who you all are. I saw you guys through this window, and once I saw Random leaning in, I knew I had to do something."

"Wait, how did you get to us in time?" Bishop asked, with a bewildered look on his face.

"My power. I have superhuman speed and reflexes."

"But you're a Homeworld native, you shouldn't have powers here."

“Ummmm” Sylvie looked down, but when she looked up, they all got a look at her for the first time.

“Oh my god!” Mandy exclaimed, “You look exactly like Bishop! Or at least Bishop as a girl!”

“Yeah... I am. Before I get interrupted, I’m going to explain. So, I was born here, in the Homeworld, and like Bishop, I have powers on both worlds. But, when our family left for Earth in a portal, Onyx captured me, so I couldn’t go to Earth with them. Then, I tried to get to Earth with Onyx, but he locked me in the dungeon. Then, I realized my power, and escaped. I have been living here alone for 15 years. I’m first meeting my own brother, and I’m sixteen. Also, I-” Sylvie was cut off by Random. Random leaped towards her, but Sylvie lifted her knee, which hit Random square in the jaw.

“Ohh. That hurts,” Random moaned, and then fell into unconsciousness.

“Guys, we don’t have time for reunions now. We need to get to that portal!” Bishop opened the door, and again, the room was full. There was a surprise though, inside, Justin Wellington III was going wolf-man berserk on everyone. Justin was leaping from person to person, scratching them in the nose as he went. When everyone was on the ground, Justin stretched, and sat down. After a few moments, Justin got up, and leaped out the window, without noticing five stunned faces watching from the doorway.

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Onyx paced the dungeons. He was furious! How could those four brats escape! Onyx couldn’t have been angrier, and it certainly didn’t help his mood to see Random walk down the stairs holding her chin.

“Those stupid kids escaped me. I was about to kiss Bishop when-” Random was cut off by an angry Onyx.

“I’M THE ONE WHO DESTROYS HIM! IF YOU KISS HIM, I DON’T GET THE SATISFACTION OF WATCHING HIM CRUMBLE AT MY FEET!!! I need to find a better minion.”

“Oh, I’m a minion. I see how it is.

“GOOD! I’m glad you see how it is.” Onyx tilted his head upward and uttered a triumphant little humph. Random threw her hands up into the air and walked away.

Onyx yelled after her, “THAT’S RIGHT! RUN AWAY! YEAH! ANOTHER POINT FOR THE ONYX MASTER!”

Random sighed and just kept walking, ignoring Onyx’s screams, echoing off the walls behind her.

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Bishop searched for the time portal, but he couldn’t find it.

“Bishop, I...”

“Gary, I don’t have time for this, I need to find the portal.” Bishop kept looking. “But I foun...”

“GARY! BE QUIET!” Bishop was getting angry now.

“It’s next to the door, where we wouldn’t see it.” Gary finally got the words out, but Bishop didn’t listen.

“Hey, I bet it’s by next to the door, where we wouldn’t see it!” Bishop walked over to the door, and there the portal was. A smirk came over Bishop’s face. Gary sighed, and followed Bishop and the rest of the team into the portal.

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Once inside the portal, Bishop came face to face with a computer.
“Where would you like to go?” The computer asked in a monotone voice.
“We are going to the day-” Bishop started to say, but Onyx suddenly ran into the portal.
“WE’RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE!” Onyx yelled.
“Okay. We will transport you to nowhere in five, four, three, two, one, thank you, enjoy!”
And then they were whisked away to nowhere.

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Bishop, Gary, BJ, and Onyx landed with a painful thud.
“Owwwww”, they all said in sync with each other. Onyx got up the fastest.
“I’M GOING TO MAKE YOU PAY!” Onyx leaped at Bishop, but just floated in the air.
When BJ and Gary realized the lack of gravity, they both jumped up like giddy little kids.
“YAY! THIS IS FUN!” Gary shouted. Gary did some flips, while BJ was air swimming.
However, Onyx was still trying to reach Bishop. Bishop looked around. It was just white. All around him, he saw white. There was no scenery whatsoever.
“Mandy, are you okay?” There was no reply. “Mandy?” Bishop panicked. He looked to his left, no Mandy; he looked to his right, no Mandy. Bishop was about to completely lose it when he and everyone else was sucked into darkness once again.

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Mandy was able to press the button on the time portal that would bring Bishop back. However, Mandy forgot about Random, who had stopped her and Sylvie from getting in the portal, and was taken aback when Random tackled Mandy to the ground. Sylvie walked up and threw Random off Mandy. Random got back up, and stepped on Sylvie’s toe. Mandy got angry, and started to throw a punch, but Bishop, Onyx, Gary, and BJ appeared in the middle of them, and Mandy ended up socking Bishop straight in the face. Bishop fell down and groaned.
“Oh my god! Bishop, I’m so sorry!” Mandy quickly touched Bishop’s face, and the small bruise that she had accidentally caused went away. Onyx was still furious. He walked towards Bishop, picked him up, and started to rant like he never had before.
“Oh Bishop, son of Alabaster, you think you can push Onyx around like that, NO! YOU CAN’T! You might think you’re all that, but I’m going to make you sorry right now, after I rant some more, I really need to get it out of my system. So,” Random let out a fake bored yawn. This has got to end now. So, she snuck up behind Bishop, and went for the kiss.

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Luckily for Bishop, Gary was watching.

“BISHOP! DUCK!” Bishop ducked, and Random kissed Onyx. Onyx’s body slowly hardened, until he was a statue of an angry parent yelling at his kids for not having their broccoli. Sylvie laughed, and soon everyone joined in. They carried Onyx and a screaming Random down to the dungeon, and locked them in a cell.

“There. I hope you feel sorry for what you did. Next time you try and do something like this, don’t.” Bishop got the satisfaction he wanted and walked away.

Sylvie followed then Mandy, then Gary, and BJ taking the caboose. From behind them they heard a kiss and then, “YOU KISSED ME! I’M GOING TO...” Then they heard another kiss, and silence.

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Bishop and his team were at the portal. Bishop was about to open it when BJ stopped him.

“Sylvie, are you going to come with us?” BJ asked, really hoping she would, but Sylvie couldn’t go with them.

“As much as I would love to come to Earth with you for the first time, I can’t. Your whole goal was to stop Onyx, and you did that. Someone needs to keep things in order, and watch the troublemakers. I would really like to go with you guys, but I have to stay. Also, Aquarian needs repairing from that malfunction that happened to him, and once he’s fixed, I could use his help. I expect you all to visit me.” Sylvie leaned in and hugged Bishop. A tiny little tear started to form on Bishop’s face, but he wiped it away before anyone noticed it. As Sylvie walked back towards the castle, Bishop, Mandy, Gray, and BJ stepped into the portal, and headed home.

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