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RANDOM ENCOUNTER

“AN ENCHANTING VISITOR”
STILL CAN’T BELIEVE THAT GUARDIAN BATTLE... AT LEAST NO-ONE GOT HURT. I THINK.

PSST... VISITOR. OH, UM. HI? HELLO. CAN I HELP YOU- OH. UMM. HMMMHH. GUESS YOU WANT TO SEE THE HEADMISTRESS?

NOD

OKAY, FOLLOW ME. YEAH THAT’S RIGHT, LEAVE ME TO FINISH THE CLEAN UP.

COME ON, DRAKE. NAH, SACK THAT. I GOT MY MAGIC_CLASS BACK, ETIQUETTE_CLASS IS GOING REAL WELL. I DON’T NEED TO HELP WITH HISTORY_CLASS, I SAY WE BULLY SHAUNI INTO COVERING IT ENTIRELY.

WHY DID I AGREE TO HAVE YOU AS MY DEPUTY...? PROBABLY BECAUSE YOU MAKE BAD DECISIONS, FOREVER, MISS ‘GHOST HEADMISTRESS’. MY CONDOLENCES.
Condolesences on your death, too. Ghosts being real though... gotta say that's a surprise.

Mmph. Unless you're making it up.

Not all of us lie as much as Jake's followers.

Well that's good to hear - I got a whole lot of questions that need answering.

Limmmmmm.

So, what's it like being dead? No, what's dying like? How did you die?

See, this is exactly why I want this to stay a secret.

Drake Piperion. If you tell anyone that I'm undead, I will tell them you are a trickster.

What? Unfair!

That only raises a real problem for me! I don't want to die! You're already dead!

...Yes. Lucky me.

...So you gonna dish on being dead or what?

I am not going to 'dish' on any part of the afterlife.

I cannot speak about any part of it, nor would I if I could. That is a secret for the dead.

Aww, spoilsport.

I don't want anybody to know about this, Drake. It raises all these aggravating questions. I will not answer anything about ghosts or what lies beyond this life.

...Sooo hey, is it true that Loki's granddaddy is a ghost too?
Excuse me Headmistress Ryushin, you have a visitor.

Hm?

Oh, you are that feathery from last week...

She's got a letter from you - she's the one you called in to fix the defences?

O-oh, I'm terribly sorry I made you leave earlier.

I'm Headmistress Mana Ryushin. This is my Deputy Headmistress, Drake Piperion.

...What's this?

My name is Valentina Traoré. I am mute. Are you tricksters? Saw your wanted posters in town.

Well, Valentina, if I may? Dhark's hero school is not technically part of Gerdania. Being a trickster is legal here.

Ack- mana, this is why everybody thinks you're my colleague here is one.

Good.

Oohh hey! That's an illusion ring, isn't it? That's cool, where did you get that?!

Personal space, please.

Oops, sorry.
SAW YOUR SMASHED STATUES. SAW YOUR FRIENDS WHO BROKE THEM LAST WEEK TOO. REAL NICE.
YOU WANT THEM FIXED? I CAN DO THAT AND OVERHAUL YOUR WHOLE DEFENCE SYSTEM.
FANTASTIC! WHEN CAN YOU START?
HATE TO SAY IT, BUT IT'S A LOT OF WORK FOR ONE PERSON, EVEN IF THAT PERSON IS THE WORLD'S BEST ENCHANTRESS - MYSELF.
I'LL NEED TWO APPRENTICES. THAT WILL BE FINE.
BEST OF LUCK GETTING YOUR STUFF FIXED. BUT I'M THE ONLY PERSON WHO SPECIALISES IN STATHEWORK. SO BYE.
LET ME EXPLAIN SOMETHING ABOUT OUR SCHOOL.
IT HAS ONLY RECENTLY RE-OPENED AFTER A VERY LONG PERIOD OF CLOSURE. AS IT STANDS ALREADY OUR STAFF OUTNUMBER STUDENTS. WE ARE PLANNING TO HAVE ANOTHER INTAKE TO HELP THAT, BUT IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME.
HOW MANY STUDENTS DO YOU HAVE?
UHHH....
NINE.
SO... YOU SEE OUR PROBLEM?
We'll be trying for another student intake around mid-year.

And at the start of next year, and every year, obviously.

Giving you an extra intake? All right.

When you get your students, I get my apprentices.

And in the meantime?

I accept your job offer.

Problem

Solved

...my colleague is of course joking.

Tricksters are known for that.

Pffft! Yeah, you ain't wrong... but hey, how about I show Valentina around and get her settled in and stuff, and you tell Shaun—

Tell me what?

Oh! Hello... Enchantress? You're here to fix the statues? Fantastic! My name's Shaun-san, I work here and—

Oi! Three-Eyes, with Dharih gone you're in charge of history class now.

Hooray! Everything is great!