

The Group of misfits



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Five people. One goal.

Despite the Seven keys, there are only five misfits.

Chapter 1-An Ewok Jedi, an Archer
and a world war 2 Hero walk into a
bar...

A man in full military uniform arrived in a desert town. "Where am I?" He asks a random stranger.

"This is the town of Andrea. The nearest bar is just on the next corner, though I think you should know you're not the first person to ask that question. A couple of other people came in before you." The stranger replied.

"Thank you." The man headed toward the bar.

As he was leaving, the stranger noticed the soldiers weapons-A tungsten hammer, a portable railgun and two revolvers.

He tried calling out to let him know that weapons were banned in the town, but it was too late.

Entering the bar he noticed a hunched man with a bow and some arrows under a table, within arm's reach of him. Next to him was a small furry creature with a metal cylinder around his hilt.

They were both having ice cream, the furry creature having chocolate and the man with the bow having vanilla.

As he sat down, he asked for their names after giving his own, which was Adam. “My name’s Lachie, former follower of Artemis.” The man said. “Mathew, Ewok Jedi.” The furry creature replied.

Three police officers came in and everyone looked away, trying to hide their disdain.

They easily noticed the weapons of the trio and went up to them.

“Well, well. What have we here? Weapons unsanctioned by us. Do you know what that means?” One of them asked.

“It means you’re a goose?” Mathew replied.

“You want our weapons? Sure, if you can lift my weapons up, you can take them.” Adam said.

“This’ll be easy.” The person who said this was buff and had done workouts all his life. He walked up to the hammer and couldn’t get it one inch off the ground.

“Guess I’ll be keeping the hammer then.” Adam said.

“You’re using some kind of trick!”
The officer shouted.

“No I’m not.” Adam proceeded to pick up the hammer easily.

“We should be able to confiscate these other weapons at least.” The officers spoke, but again they wouldn’t move.

“Guess that’s my search done with.” Adam said.

“Fine. The man who with the bow, you’re next.”

He gave the bow and arrows to the officers, but in the end the police decided it was a harmless weapon, which is what they also said about the metal cylinder.

After they left, the patrons heaved a sigh of relief.

Adam walked up to the owner and started asking questions.

“What’s with the officers?” He asked.

“Drunk on power. They do whatever they want, whenever they want and we’re powerless to stop it.” The bartender replied.

“We’ll stop them.” Adam replied.

“How though? It’s an army we’re talking about here.”

“Simple, we get rid of everything that gives them that power. Like their weapons and evidence.”

“You should also know there are innocent people locked up in there.”

Chapter 2-Breaking and Entering

“This is going to be a stealth mission.” Adam said.

“Does this mean we’re going to kill them all?” Lachie asked.

“No. Why would you think that?” Adam asked.

“A chaotic woman I know once said that it counts as stealth if no-one lives to talk about it.” Replied Lachie.

“Sounds like a headache of a person to deal with.” Mathew replied.

“Trust me, she is. Thing is, she saved our world.” Lachie said.

“Getting back on track, Mathew, I’m going to get you to be the distraction. The shorter the person, the faster the runner.

Mathew slapped Adam.

“Why?” Adam asked.

“You call me short. I hate being called short!” Mathew replied.

“Doesn’t matter. Lachie, you and I will be sneaking into the compound and free everyone.” Adam said.

The operation was carried out as planned, and everyone was released, while Mathew managed to lure them all into the same room and imprisoned them.

One look at the eyes of the imprisoned officers made Adam say two words-“Mind manipulation.”

“What do you mean?” Lachie asked.

“Someone or something has injected them with a drug that allows them to manipulate their target.” Adam replied.

“Is there a way to get rid of it? A cure, for example?” Mathew asked.

“Not that I know of.” Adam replied.

“The best we can do is stop the source and hope for the best.”

“Hah! Destroy our master, the mechanical spider?! You’ve got no chance!” One of the guards shouted.

“Thanks for telling us who’s pulling your strings.” Adam said.

They left and asked around for the location of the mech spider and learnt about a forest not too far from the town.

They returned to the bar and started devising a plan.

“We nuke it.” Lachie said.

“Not a chance. We have no way to build one, the forest is too close to the town and it may not even destroy the spider.” Adam replied.

“Is there a way to break its armor?” Mathew asked.

“I could go into my titan form and perform a German suplex on it.”

Lachie said.

“If that doesn’t break it, I’ll be on standby nearby to offer assistance if need be.” Adam said.

“What about me?” Mathew asked.

“It won’t come to that. I promise you.” Adam replied.

“Fine then.” He replied.

Chapter 3-The town gets freed

Lachie rushed into the forest, trying to find the spider.

Eventually, it showed itself to him.

“Prey usually does not find its way to me. I should count myself lucky.” It said.

“Sorry, but you’re going down. I’ll make sure of it.” Lachie replied.

“A puny human, take me down? Pathetic!” It replied.

Lachie went into his titan form, grabbed it’s legs to pull it towards him and then while holding it by the

abdomen performed a German suplex on it.

He wasn't able to successfully break it, but the spider was stunned.

"Adam! I need your assistance now please!" Lachie shouted

Out of nowhere, a giant flaming hammer slammed into the head of the spider.

The spider burnt away, writhing in the flames from the hammer.

When they returned, the town revered them as heroes and hosted a massive party at the pub. Mathew, due to his small stature was denied any alcohol, although he did end up

stealing some , the result was that he got really wasted and then passed out on the floor.

While the party was going on, a cloaked figure came into town and stayed the night at one of the hotels there.

Chapter 4-Olivia

The next day, the police were free from their mind manipulation and apologized to the townspeople.

The figure, with nowhere to go, went to the pub to see if they could find a way to leave the town.

When Adam came in, they walked to him and let down their hood.

Adam immediately hugged her, leaving Lachie and Mathew wondering who she was.

She had bright green eyes and long blue hair.

“It’s good to see you again, Olivia!”
Adam shouted.

“It’s good to see you’re keeping well,
Adam.” Olivia replied.

After getting acquainted with each other, they all looked around for a mode of transport separately.

Lachie got a jeep from one of the police officers, along with a map that would guide him to the city that was ruling over Andrea, Heaven-hop.

Lachie met up with the rest of them and drove them towards Heaven-hop.

Lachie-“Out of curiosity, who’d you serve with, Adam?”

Adam-“The Polish. Special Operations division.”

Lachie-“Remind me to never piss you off.”

Mathew-“So Olivia was your wife?”

Adam-“No. She was my mentor.”

Olivia-“He was a very good student, although his biggest weakness earned him scorn from the other soldiers.”

Adam-“Could we talk about something else, please?”

Lachie-“Well, we’re here. Let’s hop out.”

They did so and what greeted them was a giant city with a fountain in the middle and a Castle in the Northern part of the town.

Chapter 5-Princess Lilly

Town guards, upon seeing them, asked them to meet with the King.

“Wonder what he wants.” Lachie pondered.

“We’ll find out. Based on my experience with rulers, it’s not going to be a good thing.” Adam replied

They soon arrived in the Throne room.

“So, King, what do you want us to do?” asked Adam

“Please save my daughter from the clutches of the dragon of the North. I’ll give you anything you want in return.” The king plead to them.

“Can I become the ruler of this Kingdom, then?” Mathew asked

“No, and anyway, there’s no need for that, cause I assume we all want to return to our original worlds.” Adam said.

“I don’t. I’m being chased by my own people and an entire empire.” Mathew replied.

“I wouldn’t mind, though, the only thing is that there’s nothing interesting there.” Lachie said.

“What do you mean?” Adam asked quizzically.

Every day is wake up, go to school, go home, and then repeat.” Lachie responded.

“That sounds peaceful, which is a good thing. I’m speaking from experience here, kid.” Adam told Lachie.

“What is your response?” The King asked.

“We’ll do it. Just tell us where to go.” Adam responded.

“I cannot thank you enough. The dragon lies in a cave East of here.” He responded.

“Thank you, we will do our best to convince her.” Lachie said.

Chapter 6-The dragon of the North

As they headed out, Adam stated-“I really don’t trust that king.”

“Based on experience? Mathew asked. “You read way too much into things.”

“I’m usually never wrong about things. For example, the castle had a large amount of hidden assassins who could have killed us, but didn’t. Given the right circumstances, they could have easily snuck inside and rescued her.” Adam replied.

“You sensed them too, huh?” Olivia replied.

“I guess we’ll just have to ask the Princess.” Lachie said.

When they reached the lair, they heard a loud roar. “I guess the dragon’s not too happy about us being here.” Olivia said.

“Leave now, foolish humans! The Princess shall stay here for all eternity!” It roared.

They moved forward, undeterred.

“You leave me no choice. Face the full wrath of the dragon-“ Adam immediately rushed forward and knocked the dragon out.

Deeper in the cave, they spotted Princess Lilly, hiding in the corner of

a room, with short pink hair and red eyes. “I suppose my father to “*save*” me.” She said.

“What of it?” Lachie asked.

“That man doesn’t care about me or how I feel. He’s tried to marry me off for political benefit multiple times.” Lilly replied.

“Come with us, then. We’ll persuade your father.” Adam replied.

“He’s not one to listen to reason though. He’ll shut down any offer you make.” Lilly said.

“Don’t worry, I can be very persuasive.” Adam retorted.

Chapter 7-Escape

Adam opened the doors to the throne room, the group beside him.

“You found my daughter. Thank you so much!” The King shouted.

“Not so fast. The princess has told me something interesting. You only care about yourself and therefore I have a proposition. Let us take Lilly with us.” Adam said.

“Or What? You’re outnumbered and I have a large army.” The King replied.

“Look outside. I have a giant flaming meteor poised to destroy the castle. I also have some backup in order to make sure the citizens get away in

time. They should be here any minute..." Adam said.

"You don't mean them, do you?"
Olivia asked.

Outside, the sound of many horses approached, one hundred of them to be exact. The men rushed towards the castle, undeterred by the guards.

They found the throne room immediately, then one of them stepped down.

"The Winged Hussars have arrived."
He said.

While the king was surprised by the sudden arrival of the Winged Hussars, Adam rushed up to him and started glaring at him.

From behind him, Adam resembled someone Lachie had gone adventuring with. Someone he respected. Someone who had helped saved his world.

“King.” Adam declared loudly. “You haven’t incurred my wrath. Pray that you don’t, because if you do, I will keep my word and destroy this castle.”

“Then what do you want?” The king asked while crying.

“Stay out of our way. Oh and Lilly is coming with us, if that’s what she wants. I won’t hold it against you or her if she decides to stay, but I think she already has her answer.” Adam told him sternly.

“Please, let me go with you. I’ve always wanted to go on an adventure, but Dad wouldn’t let me.” Lilly said.

“There you have it, King. We’ll be on our way now.” Spoke Adam.

As they left, a town crier started shouting-“Help! There are a bunch of undead zombie spider tyrants on the

way! They're coming from the Northern labyrinth!"

"How many are there?" Mathew asked.

"500 approaching and many more in the labyrinth." He replied.

"Alright. I'll defend the town. Olivia, you take the rest and attack the lair." Adam said.

"You're just one person, though!"
The town crier plead.

"Don't worry, they'll be wishing they were dead when I'm done with them." Adam replied.

"Just who are you?!" Lachie asked.

“Polish army, special ops division, agent zero, Adam James King.” He said.

“Alright then, we’ll leave it you, Adam. Let’s go!” Lachie shouted.

Chapter 7-To the lair

Olivia decided to take a back route to the lair for a surprise attack.

“Are you sure Adam will be okay?”
Lilly asked.

“Listen well. The Poles are insane at war.” Lachie replied.

“What’s the plan?” Asked Lilly.

“I got some explosives ready.”
Mathew said.

He then immediately charged into the lair, placed them down, returned and then set them off.

“That probably killed a few of them, time to charge in!” Olivia shouted.

“We’re really going in there?!” Lilly asked, terrified.

“Of course we are. Adam trusted us to do this. I plan on living up to that trust.” Lachie replied.

“Alright, fine. Just stay close to me.” She said.

“Sure, sure.” Lachie replied.

The group pushed their way deeper into the labyrinth, killing the spiders that got in their way until they encountered ten of them in a small room.

“Welcome, puny humans, to our lair.” One of them said.

“We hoped that she would come. She is the only one who could harm us, the truly elite spider tyrants, as she has light magic.” Another one of them said.

“Well, then, thanks for telling us.” Lachie said.

Out of nowhere, one of them jumped at Lachie, but he immediately counterattacked with a rapier, slashing the spider clean in half.

Meanwhile, Adam was single-handedly defending the town, with

everything from white flaming meteors, to his portable railgun.

Lachie managed to get everyone's weapon enchanted with light magic, and the group, minus Lilly, were able to slaughter them all.

"What exactly was that?" Olivia asked.

"The power of a god." Lachie replied.

"You're a god?!" Lilly asked, surprised.

"It's a long story, but my Dad wasn't normal, I was born into a very prestigious family, only expected to be the very best and ended up fighting my Dad." Lachie replied.

“What do you mean?” Olivia asked curiously.

“Imagine those Spiders standing up, but five times as large.” Lachie replied.

Before they went to leave, Mathew noticed a key on the ground, along with a letter, which read-

Little cubs, your journey has only begun. Six keys remain. Find them all, and freedom will be given to you. Head South, to the town of Boggo Town.

The group then regrouped, ready for their next adventure.