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Chapter 535: Bemused Emma Hopkins

Everyone in the room and watching the stream saw a burst of red light erupt from Stacey's blaster before it hit the sofa, which vanished a moment later as it disintegrated.

[Gunlovergirl (Earth): That never gets old. BTW streamer, now that you're on Earth, you need to come visit me.]

[AlamoMatador4thewin (Earth): While I agree that seeing the disintegrating shot never gets old, I'm not sure seeing you is his priority.]

[Gunlovergirl (Earth): Well, it should be. I would make it worth his while.]

[AlamoMatador4thewin (Earth): Uh-huh, sure. Can you offer him something his three girlfriends haven't already?]

The secretary screamed in panic as she saw the burst of red light, but immediately fell silent as a dumbfounded expression crossed her face after watching the sofa vanish.

"Well, there you have it," Adam replied as Stacey put her blaster away before he asked, "Can we see Miss Hopkins now?"

Unfortunately, there was no response as the woman just stared in shock at the place the sofa had once been.

"Err, hello? Moshi moshi?" Adam said as he waved his hand in front of her face, only for her to remain frozen in shock.

[RealOtaku (Earth): Moshi moshi, a man of culture, I see.]

"Poor girl frozen from shock," Rowena said with a sigh.

“Can’t be helped, I guess,” Stacey said with a shrug before approaching the door next to the desk and knocking on it.

Unfortunately, no response came even after waiting for a few seconds.

“Is there no one home?” Tephe asked curiously.

“Perhaps the room is soundproofed. Back in the known universe, the leaders of many companies have their offices soundproofed to prevent people from eavesdropping on their business talks,” Rowena suggested.

“Or to prevent the moan of their secreteries escaping the room as they fuck them over there desk,” Aphrodite added with a smirk.

“What happened to being ladylike?” Lorelie asked with a frown.

“Oh, please. Don’t tell me you don’t want Adam to fuck you over his desk in the future,” Aphrodite asked while rolling her eyes.

“Can we focus, please?” Adam asked with a sigh before leaning over the receptionist's desk and pressing a button on the intercom labelled office.

“Yes, what is it?” Emma Hopkins voice suddenly asked as it came through the intercom's speaker.

Before anyone else could reply, Rowena, who had her signature grin, spoke up and said, “Miss Hopkins, this is a security check from Universal Time Security. We have received reports that at some point over the next twelve hours, you will mysteriously vanish. We have therefore been dispatched as per the request of former Universal Senator, Lady Erkath, to place you into protective custody and investigate the culprits behind your sudden disappearance.”

[Noobkiller9000 (Earth): HAHAHA, I love it.]

[LadyErkath (Alastor): 😊👉 This woman.]

[DeverinianLordMalacoss (Deverinian 9): She always likes to make things more interesting, doesn't she?]

There was silence from the intercom for a moment before a clearly confused Emma Hopkins said, "Universal Time Security? Former Senator Lady Erkath? Disappearance?"

"Really?" Adam asked, causing Rowena to wink at him in response before he shook his head and said, "Miss Hopkins, it's Adam Spencer. Can I have a word, please?"

"ADAM SPENCER!" Emma Hopkins screamed in shock, surprising all those who heard her.

Soon, the sound of a chair being pushed back and feet moving quickly over a floor was heard before the door to her office was flung open and Emma Hopkins stood in the doorway looking at the group in the waiting area.

Emma Hopkins stared at each person in turn while saying their name in shock and amazement, "Diva Lorelie, Diva Rowena, Stacey, Tephe, Diva Aphrodite, Eri, Adam Spencer... but... but.... How's that possible?"

As she finished speaking, she looked back at a large television that was on her office wall, where she saw Rowena talking with a Solarian female while Adam's stream chat moved upwards to the right of it as viewers typed out messages.

"Oh, hey, look, it's little Liluth and me," Rowena remarked as she saw herself on the television.

[HackerSu (Trillion): I just saw my message about Princess Solar wanting to be their tour guide. Shit, this is weird.]

[Beinglittleisnotadisadvantage (Strathorp 7): We're actually seeing the messages we sent in chat just after they met Princess Solar in real time.]

[Lizziethetruepower (Palaxia): That's so weird. You mean to say we are watching ourselves writing messages in the streamers' chat that we sent over a week ago?]

[Beinglittleisnotadisadvantage (Strathorp 7): Exactly.]

"Oh, hey. This is where the Catonians try to kidnap the princess and Adam saves her," Tephe said in excitement.

"Spoilers, Tephe," Lorelie chided.

[AlamoMatador4thewin (Earth): What is it with that girl and spoilers? 🤔]

"Kidnap attempt?" Emma Hopkins repeated in confusion as she turned to look at the television again, just in time to see a bright flash before six individuals with catlike features appeared.

"Ugh, I'm not sure I want to watch this," Adam remarked.

"What's wrong, babe? I thought you were proud of your hero costume?" Stacey teased, and a few moments later, they all saw Adam transform.

"Looking back at it now, it really does look embarrassing," Adam remarked.

"I'm still not wearing one of those outfits and singing that song," Lorelie stated as she repeated the comment she had just posted in chat.

"Oh, oh, I just said yay. Yay!" Tephe cheered.

"I'm not the only one who finds this strange, right?" Aphrodite asked, causing the others to shake their heads.

"Oh, good," She added after seeing their response.

“How’s this even possible?” Emma Hopkins asked in confusion.

“Time travel, sweetie, time travel,” Rowena said with a smirk as she was clearly enjoying the whole situation.

“That’s not a helpful explanation, Rowena,” Lorelie said with a sigh before looking at Emma Hopkins with a kind smile and suggesting, “Perhaps it would be better if we explained it in your office.”

“What? Oh, yes, yes of course. Please come in,” Emma replied before she stepped aside to allow them access.

“You might want to get someone to help your receptionist,” Lorelie stated as she pointed towards the secretary who was still frozen in shock.

“I believe you're correct,” Emma Hopkins replied before heading towards the doorway that led to the hallway.

After stepping through it, she called out to the first staff member she saw and instructed them to help her secretary before returning to her office.

“Adam, Adam, what’s this?” Tephe asked eagerly as she pointed at the laptop that sat atop Emma’s desk.

“It’s a laptop computer, it’s kind of like consoles,” Adam replied.

“It’s so strange, I mean, the screen is attached to the keyboard,” Tephe remarked.

“What about this?” Stacey asked as she pointed towards the phone on the desk.

“It’s a phone,” Adam replied before explaining, “unlike mobiles that work via wireless communication and look like the communicators you used to use in the past. This one is called a landline as it uses a cable, see.

As he finished explaining, he pointed out the cable that was attached to the back of the phone's base.

Emma Hopkins stood in the doorway with a bemused expression as she watched the women ask Adam about random objects in her office.

[Superhearofangirl (Earth): Look at Miss Hopkins, she doesn’t know how to react.]

[Whostolemyduck (Earth): Can’t really blame her. If six universally famous beauties suddenly arrived at my office and started asking about everyday things, I would also be bemused.]

Eventually, Emma Hopkins pulled herself together enough to close the office door and return behind her desk, where she took her seat.

“So, to what do I owe this pleasure?” Emma asked Adam before adding, “Up until a moment ago, I thought you and Diva Rowena were still stuck in the past.”

“Technically, we are,” Rowena replied with a smirk as she took one of the chairs opposite her desk.

The other chair was taken by Adam while the rest of the group sat down on comfortable sofas.

“Pardon?” Emma asked.

“Well, right, the two of us are still on Solarian Prime, thirty-four years ago, as per Adam’s stream,” Rowena explained while indicating the stream that was still being shown on the television.

“And yet you’re also sitting here in my office,” Emma replied.

“Confusing, isn’t it?” Rowena said with a wink.

[StealthAssassin9 (Earth): Ugh 😞 I hate time travel.]

[OracleRomy (Elysium): It definitely makes things confusing.]

“Well, considering everyone else is here with you, I’m assuming the two of you make it back to the present?” Emma asked.

“Right you are,” Rowena said happily.

“Don’t you have your concerts to perform in the Felidae Galaxy, Diva Lorelie?” Emma asked.

“I just wrapped them up,” Lorelie replied with a smile before saying, “We were about to head to the Reef Galaxy when Erkath contacted us about your situation.”

[Phoenixempress (Fenix Nest): After picking me up, you mean.]

“My situation?” Emma asked in confusion.

“It seems that after you leave work tonight, you're going to mysteriously disappear?” Adam explained.

“Disappear?” Emma repeated.

“You don’t have a secret holiday planned, do you?” Rowena asked before sighing as she added, “If so, that would be such a disappointing outcome to the mystery.”