

The Credible Adventures of October and Fish: Episode 116

EPISODE 116

NARRATOR

Last we saw them, Fish with Legs forgave October Jones for her betrayal and they made up with plans to continue their journey to the Plains of Breezil. We also took a peek at Simon and Sarfunkel, who are also on their way to Breezil... Will October and Fish get there in time to warn the Elemental Creature of Air about the evil two-headed snake!? Spoiler alert... It seems like yes.

Plains

NARRATOR

October and Fish with Legs emerge from the trees of Acular Forest, preoccupied. October leads the way, her grey uniform the cleanest it's ever been, face down in her pilfered journal. Pilfered? Stolen. It's the book she stole from Area 52. She's wearing a dog-sized pink backpack and her hair is braided and surprisingly ungreasy. Fish with Legs skips alongside, a huge, absent smile on her face. Her fishnets are patched and, her repaired stilettos seem to be holding up. She runs ahead into the open sunlight of a large, sweeping grassland.

FISH WITH LEGS

Hello, Plains of Breezil!

OCTOBER

Finally.

FISH WITH LEGS

Elemental Creature of Air, get ready to be met!

OCTOBER

Wait... Hold on...

FISH WITH LEGS

Do you think the Elemental Creature of Air likes virgin mimosas?

OCTOBER

The temple should be right... Where the Hex is it?

FISH WITH LEGS

Wait! Do you think they even have mimosas in Breezil!?

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OCTOBER

It's just a field.

FISH WITH LEGS

Oh yeah! Look at all this grass! What a field... I'm gonna frolic!

OCTOBER

We're right here. And right here there should also be a temple!

NARRATOR

October points frantically at a map in her notebook as Fish with Legs wanders into the empty, empty, untempled grass. A careless breeze washes across the plain, gently bending the stalks. Fish with Legs frolics.

OCTOBER

Where's the temple, Fish with Legs!?

FISH WITH LEGS

Look flowers! *sniffffff*

OCTOBER

Who cares about flowers! We need to find the temple!

FISH WITH LEGS

I found a clover! (beat) Oh no I stepped on it.

OCTOBER

We've come so far. I have given up so much. I left my home! I left my family! I betrayed my country! I need to find this stupid temple.

FISH WITH LEGS

It'll be okay... Maybe check the map again? The plains are big, right?

OCTOBER

You're right... Maybe this stupid book is wrong!

FISH WITH LEGS

Well that's not what I--

OCTOBER

Curse the Son of a Witch who wrote this potion-sucking, Hexing, newt-bagged book!

NARRATOR

October spikes the book into the ground. Fish with Legs stands, and backs cautiously away from October.

FISH WITH LEGS

Okay, okay. Just stay calm... I'll look around and see if I can spot a temple or some--

NARRATOR

Where did she go!?

OCTOBER

Fish with Legs?

NARRATOR

She disappeared! She-- Oh.

FISH WITH LEGS

What's up?

NARRATOR

Fish's head has appeared, floating at head height.

OCTOBER

Where's your body!?

NARRATOR

Fish with Legs looks down.

FISH WITH LEGS

AH! My body! Oh. wait.

NARRATOR

Her foot appears from the air below her face.

FISH WITH LEGS

Yep. Okay. I'm fine.

NARRATOR

Fish with Legs steps forward, fully formed.

OCTOBER

What's going on!? Are you okay?

FISH WITH LEGS

Invisible barrier! Look! I'm half a fish!

NARRATOR

Only Fish with Legs' front half is visible. She dances around, sliding in and out of visibility.

OCTOBER

Wait! Oh book, I'm so sorry!

NARRATOR

October picks up the book and starts flipping through it.

FISH WITH LEGS

Wooo! Wooo! Sideways half a fish! Regular fish no legs!
Regular legs no fi-- whupp!

NARRATOR

Fish's visible leg goes up as she falls over,
disappearing fully again through the barrier. October
stops her flipping and reads.

OCTOBER

Barrier of *invisibility*! Duh! There's a footnote about
this! The writer had a theory that the Temple of the
Elemental Creature of Air was hidden behind a barrier,
but not what kind. Well I guess it's my turn to make a
contribution. Theory: confirmed. Barrier: invisible.

NARRATOR

Fish hops back out as October scribbles in the
notebook.

FISH WITH LEGS

There are some very grumpy looking cows coming over
here.

OCTOBER

Cows?

FISH WITH LEGS

Yeah, with overalls!

OCTOBER

Oh, mystical cows. Yeah, according to the book they're
the protectors of the Elemental Creature of Air. (beat)
Every Elemental Creature has a set of Protectors whose
job it is to keep the Elemental Creature safe. The Air
has some buff cows, the Fire one has flamingos and you
had humans, right?

FISH WITH LEGS

Yep.

OCTOBER

Ha. Another accurate fact. I take back my cursing book.
You're pretty on point.

FISH WITH LEGS

October, stop talking to the book! There are grumpy
cows to meet!

OCTOBER

Yep!

NARRATOR

October walks toward Fish and the barrier.

OCTOBER

Oh! Wait! I forgot the book.

NARRATOR

October turns back and walks away.

FISH WITH LEGS

What? No you didn't.

OCTOBER

Huh... It's right here in my hand...

FISH WITH LEGS

Yeah, I know. Now come on.

OCTOBER

Yep. On my way!

NARRATOR

October starts walking toward the barrier.

OCTOBER

Oh! Let me tie my boot.

NARRATOR

She turns and props her foot up on a rock.

FISH WITH LEGS

Hurry up!

OCTOBER

It's already tied...

NARRATOR

October starts walking toward the--

OCTOBER

Oh hey! Did you see that tree back there?

NARRATOR

October turns around and heads back toward the edge of the woods.

FISH WITH LEGS

October! What are you doing?

OCTOBER

What? Yeah... Why would I care about a tree...?

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NARRATOR

She starts walking back toward the barrier, then turns back around and makes for the woods again.

OCTOBER

Oh... You know what? I don't think I ever gave botany a fair chance... There's probably all kinds of interesting plants back in Acular Forest. Let's go there instead.

NARRATOR

Fish darts out, takes October by the hand, and drags her toward the barrier.

FISH WITH LEGS

October! We have no time for your countless but continually interesting hobbies! We're being very rude to these grumpy cows! We're probably making them even grumpier!

OCTOBER

I really think the woods are much more enticing than this boring old empty field--

sp-tzzzt

OW!

NARRATOR

Fish went through, but October didn't. October clutches her sizzling hand to her chest, pulling Fish back out of the barrier.

OCTOBER

What was that?

FISH WITH LEGS

Why didn't you let her through, invisible wall?

OCTOBER

Weird. Let's get out of this boring place.

NARRATOR

October turns around and walks back to the woods. She stops abruptly.

OCTOBER

Wait! I know what's happening!

FISH WITH LEGS

What? What's happening?

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OCTOBER

I've read about these. The Herovian side of Aculard has one to keep people out of Area 52.

FISH WITH LEGS

I'm confused...

OCTOBER

A barrier of confusion.

FISH WITH LEGS

That explains it.

OCTOBER

No, I'm the one getting confused.

FISH WITH LEGS

You sure?

OCTOBER

The barrier is charmed. If strangers try to wander in, it confuses them and sends them back into the forest. But you can go through because you're an Elemental Creature.

FISH WITH LEGS

Oh!

OCTOBER

But I don't how I'm gonna get through...

FISH WITH LEGS

Well those cows got through.

OCTOBER

Yeah, probably because they're Protectors of an Elemental Creature.

FISH WITH LEGS

Oh my moon goddess!

OCTOBER

What?

FISH WITH LEGS

Wait! I have... Maybe... Thinking... Thinking... Thought! October! I think your genius is wearing off on me because I have an idea.

OCTOBER

Really!?

FISH WITH LEGS

Yes! Teamwork! Friendship! Perseverance!

NARRATOR

Fish with Legs runs... Somewhere...

FISH WITH LEGS

October! Follow me! To this brook!

NARRATOR

I guess she's running to that brook. There's a brook there by the way.

OCTOBER

Okay, but I can't get too close to the field!

NARRATOR

October cautiously inches along the edge of the forest, following Fish with Legs to a trickle of running water leaking out from among the trees.

FISH WITH LEGS

Hurry up!

OCTOBER

Be patient, Fish with Legs.

FISH WITH LEGS

Ah patience... My nemesis...

NARRATOR

When October finally makes it to the brook, Fish with Legs grabs her and positions her so she's half in the shade and half in the sun.

FISH WITH LEGS

Give me your hair tie.

OCTOBER

Um...

FISH WITH LEGS

I need it.

OCTOBER

Okay... You don't have hair though...

NARRATOR

She takes the tie out and hands it to Fish with Legs.

FISH WITH LEGS

Thank you.

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NARRATOR

Fish ties the string around October's wrists and steps back.

OCTOBER

Uhhh... I thought we were--

FISH WITH LEGS

October 19th 104 Jones... When I first met you, I thought: wow, this lady is cool, I wanna be her best friend. And then we immediately became best friends. But that was obviously a mistake. A huge mistake acutally.

OCTOBER

Ouch.

FISH WITH LEGS

Firstly because you manipulated and betrayed me, but also because that's not how you become best friends with someone. But you admitted to what you did and you worked hard to show me you changed. And now I think we've put in enough work to say that we are real friends. But not best friends. Yet. That takes time. Anyways... This should work.

OCTOBER

Wow... Thank you Fish with Legs. I don't think anyone has ever said any--

FISH WITH LEGS

Sh! I need total concentration for this.

OCTOBER

For what?

FISH WITH LEGS

hums Glbclb glbclb glbglb glbclb October 19th 104 Jones glbclb glbclb.

NARRATOR

Fish with Legs bows her head...

SPLOOSH

and then shoots a jet of water at October's face. October staggers back.

OCTOBER

Agh, what the Hex? *coughs* It got in my nose!

FISH WITH LEGS

Hya!

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NARRATOR

Fish karates the string, snapping it.

FISH WITH LEGS

October Jones, you are now officially a member of the glbclb, the Protectors of the Elemental Creature of Water.

OCTOBER

The glubulb?

FISH WITH LEGS

glbclb.

OCTOBER

Glob Glub?

FISH WITH LEGS

glbclb.

OCTOBER

Okay that's enough of that. Thank you! I'm a Protector now?

FISH WITH LEGS

I think so. The magic only works if there's true trust between the two of us.

OCTOBER

I promise you there is.

FISH WITH LEGS

I know. (beat) Let's go!

NARRATOR

Fish with Legs grabs October by the hand and sprints for the barrier.

OCTOBER

Wait, I'm doubting everything!

FISH WITH LEGS

Full steam ahead! No regrets!

NARRATOR

October winces as they approach at speed.

OCTOBER

mousey noise

SHLNGnGnGnG

barrier

FISH WITH LEGS

See. It worked.

OCTOBER

Thank Herovia...

NARRATOR

October, frazzled, brushes her loose, wet hair out of her face with her free hand.

OCTOBER

Oh wow...

NARRATOR

From this side the barrier is visible, a see-through bubble that conceals the true landscape. A massive farmland stretches across the plain, dotted with wooden barns and houses, from which a giant windmill rises like a sentinel. Bipedal cows roam the farm, grazing and working.

FISH WITH LEGS

We made it October. Our friendship has been tested and we've escape certain doom, but we're finally in the plains of Breezil. No more obstacles! Only victory!

OCTOBER

I mean... We still have to deal with her...

DEMOOTER

Identify yourselves! Immediately!

FISH WITH LEGS

Oh yeah. These are the grumpy cows I was telling you about.

NARRATOR

A massive buff cow towers over both of them, arms rippling with muscle and short brindled fur. The cow stands on two legs, flanked by two smaller cows. They're all wearing overalls and holding large wooden clubs, which they tap menacingly in their hands...

Oh no... I sure hope these cows aren't trouble... But I can wait for the answer. Let's stop.