

The Credible Adventures of October and Fish: Episode 108

EPISODE 108

Chase (cont'd)

NARRATOR

We're back. Fish with Legs and October are on a centisuttle ride to the human capitol, but have been found by a giant bounty hunting Crab sent by the snakes... October has been locked away in a supply closet and Fish with Legs is about to engage in an epic fight with The Crab...

FISH WITH LEGS

Crab crab crab...

THE CRAB

Crab crab.

NARRATOR

They pose dramatically at opposite ends of the car. The human passengers watch, confused, but intrigued. I assume they don't speak crab either.

FISH WITH LEGS

Fish with Legs karate powers!

NARRATOR

Fish with Legs runs toward the crab. She karates at him, kicking and spinning. He blocks all her attacks with his spiky claws.

THE CRAB

Crab crab crab. [You fight so desperately.]

FISH WITH LEGS

Crab crab... [I fight for my friends...]

NARRATOR

Fish with Legs leaps in the air and spins in a circle of furious fish kicks. The Crab takes several hits to the face as Fish with Legs-- Oh! The Crab snatched Fish with Legs in midair! He grips her victoriously.

THE CRAB

Crab? Crab crab crab. Crab crab. Crab crab crab, crab cra-- [Friends? You're so young. Friendship is an illusion. You'll only get hurt in the end, especially--]

NARRATOR

He is suddenly cut off, presumably mid-sentence?, by the closet door falling open. He turns and sees--

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FISH WITH LEGS
October!

NARRATOR (CONT'D)
--standing heroically in the doorway's wreckage,
wielding a broom. I've never been happier to see this
greasy-haired degenerate. Also, she's much cleaner now.

OCTOBER
Put her down.

THE CRAB
Crab crab? [Or what, you'll stop me?]

OCTOBER
What?

FISH WITH LEGS
He said--

OCTOBER
I don't care.

NARRATOR
October rushes The Crab and strikes his carapace with a
double-handed overhead swing. The broom shatters on
impact. October returns to her standard state of
mediocrity and failure.

THE CRAB
Crab? [You done?]

NARRATOR
The Crab, unphased, knocks her over and scuttles past.

FISH WITH LEGS
October!

NARRATOR
He scuttles out of the car. October grabs the first
thing she finds from the supply closet and chases after
them.

roof

NARRATOR
She exits the car and spots the Crab disappearing over
the edge of the roof with Fish with Legs. She takes a
moment to check her weapon.

OCTOBER
(sighs)

NARRATOR

It's a folding sign with human writing on it and a picture of a bucket. She tucks it under her arm and starts climbing the ladder to the roof.

OCTOBER

grunting

NARRATOR

As she peeks her head up to check out the roof, a huge piece of metal comes flying at her face. She ducks as it passes over her. She peeks up again. The Crab has Fish with Legs in one claw and with the other he's peeling sheets of metal from the roof. October scurries onto the roof while he's distracted.

FISH WITH LEGS

October! Thank the--

THE CRAB

Crab crab crab! [You humans never make it easy!]

NARRATOR

The crab takes a stance. October pulls out her sign and holds it in front of herself like a broadsword.

OCTOBER

Just hold on, Fish with Legs. I'll--

THE CRAB

Crab! [Enough!]

NARRATOR

With an aggressive tug, The Crab pulls off the sheet of metal he's been working on. October's eyes widen, understanding the quality difference between their makeshift weapons.

FISH WITH LEGS

Let go of me!

NARRATOR

Fish with Legs sprays water at the crab, but the water splashes ineffectively off his shell.

THE CRAB

Crab crab crab. [Do you think your water will hurt me?]

FISH WITH LEGS

Right... He's a crab...

THE CRAB

Craaab! [Exactly!]

NARRATOR

The Crab flings the metal at October. She ducks, holding up the sign like a shield. With a well-timed shove she deflects the metal and sends it over the side of the centishuttle. She glances down at her sign, proud.

OCTOBER

Thank you, sign.

NARRATOR

She looks up. The Crab moved, he's at the end of the car. October chases after him, but he easily straddles the space between the cars and steps across. October and her stubby human legs come to an abrupt stop at the edge, cowed. The gap is much bigger without a wide crabby gait.

She takes a couple of steps back, holding the sign-- Watch out! Another piece of metal comes flying at her! She holds up the sign and swings, deflecting it.

OCTOBER

Ow!

NARRATOR

(sucks) It glanced off her hand, her knuckle's torn up.

THE CRAB

Crab crab! [You should go disinfect that!]

NARRATOR

The crab continues scarpering down the train. October rallies herself and with a running start she leaps acr-- and just misses the edge of the car.

OCTOBER

Ah!

NARRATOR

She falls, manages to grab the ladder, but drops the sign. It's trampled by the manypede.

OCTOBER

grunting

NARRATOR

She hangs there, shaking. Then she climbs up to the roof. The crab is at the other end, Fish with Legs in one claw and a torn piece of roof in the other. This is

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NARRATOR (cont'd)

the last car on the train. The final arena. The ultimate confrontation. The caboose. October stands across from the giant crab, weaponless. She slips as the centishuttle starts a turn.

OCTOBER

Whoa!

NARRATOR

She steadies herself.

FISH WITH LEGS

October! Are you okay? You're bleeding!

OCTOBER

I'm fine. Actually--

THE CRAB

Crab crab crab crab? [Wait what did you say her name is?]

FISH WITH LEGS

What? Oh, crab crab October Jones.

THE CRAB

Crab crab crab... [That's a dumb name...]

FISH WITH LEGS

He says he thinks your name is--

OCTOBER

Yeah, I get it. Fish with Legs, spray the ground!

FISH WITH LEGS

What?

THE CRAB

Crab? [What?]

OCTOBER

Spray the ground!

NARRATOR

Fish with Legs shoots a jet of water directly down. The Crab slips on the wet floor, his pointy leg stubs losing traction. He steps unsteadily.

OCTOBER

Now the face!

NARRATOR

Fish sprays him in the face. He drops both Fish and the metal as he shields his eyes.

THE CRAB

Crab! [Ow! My eyes!]

NARRATOR

Fish, now free from his claw, hits him with a high pressure jet of water, sending him over the edge.

THE CRAB

Craaaab! [Augh! I'm falling!]

NARRATOR

October cautiously joins her. They watch as the crab fades in the distance shaking a fist slash claw in the air.

THE CRAB

(distant) Crab crab crab! [I'll be back!]

FISH WITH LEGS

He's gone!

OCTOBER

Nice job!

FISH WITH LEGS

Nice plan.

OCTOBER

Well, you know... October Jones and Fish with Legs. The brains and the muscle.

FISH WITH LEGS

Yes! Best friends forever. Perfect team. Perfect balance. October the smart one. Fish with Legs the attractive one.

OCTOBER

Exact--

FISH WITH LEGS

And Cherry Blossom the kind one!

OCTOBER

Right.

FISH WITH LEGS

You know for a second there I was a little scared. I thought that crab had me. But I know I can always rely on my best friend and wise adviser October Jones to get me out of trouble.

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OCTOBER

I'm glad you're safe.

FISH WITH LEGS

I ripped my stockings.

OCTOBER

I'll fix them.

FISH WITH LEGS

Best friends.

OCTOBER

Let's get back inside.

FISH WITH LEGS

Wait. You're bleeding.

NARRATOR

October glances at her grazed finger.

OCTOBER

Oh, it's nothing. I'll be fine.

FISH WITH LEGS

Give me your hand.

NARRATOR

October hesitantly offers Fish with Legs her hand. Fish gives it a gentle kiss.

OCTOBER

Um... Thanks...?

FISH WITH LEGS

You're welcome.

NARRATOR

Fish with Legs begins climbing down the ladder. October looks at her finger. It slowly heals itself.

OCTOBER

Whoa! Did you just heal me!?

FISH WITH LEGS

Yes, I have healing kisses.

OCTOBER

Wow, thanks!

FISH WITH LEGS

Best friends!

NARRATOR

She continues down the ladder. October watches her finger fully heal and then follows her.

arrested

NARRATOR

The caboose is a luggage car. Three humans in matching blue uniforms and variously sized hats are waiting for them. The human male with the biggest hat speaks.

MARSHALL TRAIN

Hold it right there.

FISH WITH LEGS

What? Me?

MARSHALL TRAIN

Yes you, fish with legs.

FISH WITH LEGS

You know my name! Finally an actual human who recognizes me.

MARSHALL TRAIN

What? No, I have no idea who you are, but I would very much like to know who is causing a ruckus on Renaldo!

FISH WITH LEGS

Renaldo?

MARSHALL TRAIN

The manypede whose back you have the privilege of riding on!

FISH WITH LEGS

Oh.

MARSHALL TRAIN

So who are you?

OCTOBER

Listen, sir. I'm escorting this creature to the Capitol. She's very important and--

FISH WITH LEGS

Hello, I'm Fish with Legs.

OCTOBER

Please let me--

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FISH WITH LEGS (CONT'D)

I'm a fish with legs. I'm the Elemental Creature of Water and this is my best friend and adviser October Jones. We are on our way to Herovia City to get supplies for our journey to the Plains of Breezil where we'll warn the Elemental Creature of Air about two snakes on one body that are trying to release Mamamorbus.

NARRATOR

October smiles weakly as the human with the big hat writes this down in an official notebook.

MARSHALL TRAIN

October Jones... That's a peculiar name...

OCTOBER

That's the only thing you're reacting to?

MARSHALL TRAIN

I am Train Marshall Marshall Train.

OCTOBER

Naturally.

MARSHALL TRAIN (CONT'D)

And I am detaining the both of you.

OCTOBER

Oh come on...

FISH WITH LEGS

Wait! I don't understand.

OCTOBER

This guy's arresting us.

FISH WITH LEGS

No, I don't understand his name.

MARSHALL TRAIN

My name is Train Marshall Marshall Train.

FISH WITH LEGS

Break this down for me... Train Marshall...

MARSHALL TRAIN

Marshall Train...

FISH WITH LEGS

Okay... We're getting somewhere...

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OCTOBER

Are we?

FISH WITH LEGS

Yes, but if you could elaborate...?

MARSHALL TRAIN

My family name is Train and when Mr. and Mrs. Train had a son, which is me, they named him Marshall. And when he, the man who is me, Marshall, grew up, he became a Marshall, which is a security officer for trains and he, who is me, Marshall, works on this train, which is Renaldo. Hence, Train Marshall Marshall Train.

FISH WITH LEGS

Oh. That makes perfect sense.

OCTOBER

Does it?

MARSHALL TRAIN

And that Train Marshall, who is me, Marshall Train, is now detaining the two of you.

FISH WITH LEGS

Wait, what? Why?

MARSHALL TRAIN

For causing such a commotion on Renaldo's back!

FISH WITH LEGS

Right...

OCTOBER

It wasn't us, it was the crab!

MARSHALL TRAIN

And where exactly is your crabby companion?

OCTOBER

He's not our companion and thanks to us, he's not on the train.

MARSHALL TRAIN

Uh huh...

NARRATOR

He rips the page he wrote on from his notebook and hands it to one of the other uniformed humans.

MARSHALL TRAIN

Send a dragonfly to Herovia City. We'll give the authorities advance warning for these two. Then search Renaldo's cars for this crab...

NARRATOR

The human nods and walks away. Marshall Train turns to the other uniformed human.

OCTOBER

Sir, listen to me--

MARSHALL TRAIN

Let's take these two into custody.

OCTOBER

Marshall Train, we're not the threat--

MARSHALL TRAIN

That's Marshall Train to you, miss. Only my mother calls me Marshall.

OCTOBER

Right. The crab chased us. We just defended ourselves.

MARSHALL TRAIN

Either way your altercation caused a panic among Renaldo's passengers, damages to their luggage, damages to the roof of Renaldo's cars and the destruction of essential cleaning supplies.

FISH WITH LEGS

Oh. Sorry.

OCTOBER

Marshall Train, I can--

MARSHALL TRAIN

Marshall Train.

OCTOBER

Sir, I can explain.

FISH WITH LEGS

Come on, October... Let's just go with him.

OCTOBER

What!? No!

FISH WITH LEGS

My deepest apologies, Marshall Train.

MARSHALL TRAIN

Thank you for your compliance, Fish with Legs. Now hold out your hands.

OCTOBER

(sighs)

NARRATOR

Marshall Train and his fellow officer approach October and Fish with Legs with cuffs. Marshall Train takes October's bag and cuffs her wrists while his partner, at a loss faced with Fish's fins, puts cuffs on her ankles.

MARSHALL TRAIN

And now to the brig.

NARRATOR

They go one car up the train. It's the brig. Are brigs a standard feature on human trains? I thought they were a boat thing. The Marshall and his officer shut Fish and October in a cell. October slumps to the ground.

FISH WITH LEGS

pleasant humming

OCTOBER

Great.

FISH WITH LEGS

What?

OCTOBER

We gotta get out of here...

NARRATOR

Well... Last time we ended with a cliffhanger, so this time... We'll end with another cliffhanger! Yes, that's right. Let's stop.