

The Credible Adventures of October and Fish: Episode 117

EPISODE 117

NARRATOR

October Jones and Fish with Legs have finally made it to the Plains of Breezil. They put their friendship to the test and made it through a magical barrier of invisibility hiding a secret farm. They now find themselves face to face with three buff cows, Protectors sworn to guard the Elemental Creature of Air.

Barrier (cont'd)

The cows stand imposingly with clubs in their hands as October and Fish cower at the edge of the barrier.

OCTOBER

Listen, we're not--

DEMOOTER

How did you slip through the barrier? And human, what are you doing in Breezil? Explain yourselves now!

FISH WITH LEGS

Hello. I'm Fish with Legs. I'm a fish with legs. I'm the Elemental Creature of water. And we have a very important message to give to the Elemental Creature of air!

NARRATOR

The buffest cow's eyes widen in examination, and then all the cows bend into bows, knees planted in the wildflowers.

FISH WITH LEGS

Ah yes. Just like home.

OCTOBER

What's this?

FISH WITH LEGS

I told you there's nothing to worry about.

DEMOOTER

I beg your forgiveness, Herald of Water. We bow our heads in humility and offer you gifts. Um...

NARRATOR

She glances around for a gift.

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DEMOOTER

Our clubs!

NARRATOR

She urges the other cows to present their clubs.

FISH WITH LEGS

There is no need for gifts, you are forgiven. Now rise.

NARRATOR

She gestures grandly and the cows stand. The buff one waves the guards off, and they reluctantly walk back toward the farm behind them, stealing glances over their shoulders.

OCTOBER

What's going on?

FISH WITH LEGS

Yeah, this is how people usually treat me.

OCTOBER

Uh huh...

DEMOOTER

I have heard legends of your compassion, Herald of Water, but to feel your mercy firsthand is a great honour. I am Demooter, daughter of Mooriel, buffest cow of the Breezilian Farms. Superintendent of the Cattle of the Winds, Protectors of the Herald of Air.

FISH WITH LEGS

Hello Demooter. This is one of my Protectors, October Jones. Regular human. And um... Cool lady.

OCTOBER

Hey.

DEMOOTER

This human with a ridiculous name and no manners protects the Herald of Water?

FISH WITH LEGS

Yeah, she's also my friend. Not best friend. We're working up to that, but those things take time.

DEMOOTER

I beg your forgiveness once again, Herald. I do not mean to question the flawless judgment of a Herald of the Elements.

FISH WITH LEGS

You are forgiven. Oh, I kind of miss this.

DEMOOTER

I also offer you an apology, Protectress Jones.

OCTOBER

Protectress... I'll take it.

DEMOOTER (CONT'D)

The Plains of Breezil rest at the border of Herovian territory. We have had many skirmishes with the human cult that resides in Acularid Forest.

OCTOBER

Riiight. Same.

DEMOOTER

But you are a Protectress of the glbclb, not a Herovian brute.

FISH WITH LEGS

No, she's from Herovia.

DEMOOTER

Oh. I see. That's also... something.

FISH WITH LEGS

Can you bring us to the Elemental Creature of air?

OCTOBER

Yeah, it's crucial we deliver our message.

DEMOOTER

Unfortunately, Herald, it will not be possible for you to meet him.

FISH WITH LEGS

Oh yeah, obviously not right now! His schedule's probably so full. I remember my days back in the glbclb. Can we make an appointment for tomorrow?

OCTOBER

What? No, we need to see him now.

DEMOOTER

The Herald of Air does not take visitors.

OCTOBER

What? Like at all?

DEMOOTER

At all.

OCTOBER

Well we need to see him. He's in danger.

DEMOOTER

My duty is to obey the wishes of the Herald. And he does not wish to be bothered.

FISH WITH LEGS

Whoa. My High Priestess would never let me boss her around like that.

OCTOBER

Listen, can you just go talk to him? Tell him how urgent our message is?

FISH WITH LEGS

Please.

DEMOOTER

I'll bring it up next time I speak with him.

OCTOBER

Which will be around when?

DEMOOTER

Until then, Herald of Water, you and your companion are welcome to enjoy all our farm has to offer.

FISH WITH LEGS

Oh that's nice.

OCTOBER

Okay, it kinda feels like you're blowing us off though...

DEMOOTER

Would you be interested in a tour, Herald?

FISH WITH LEGS

Well if we're stuck here anyways...

DEMOOTER

Wonderful.

FISH WITH LEGS

Me and October have had quite the journey. It would probably take 16 separate sessions of roughly 10 to 20 minutes each to tell the whole thing. But long story short. We need a break.

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DEMOOTER

Well I hope a relaxing and educational tour will fill your need.

FISH WITH LEGS

I'm sure it will.

NARRATOR

Demooter reaches into her pocket and pulls out some green powder. She rubs it onto her hands, then places them on October and Fish.

DEMOOTER

Brace yourself, Herald. This may be a little alarming.

OCTOBER

What might--

DEMOOTER

Etiam-ay ac-hay ice-vay on-nay ominosa-ay!

NARRATOR

Poof Uh... They disappeared. Yeah, not invisible this time. I think they teleported... Zzzzp...

field

NARRATOR

They are... Out in a wheat field.

FISH WITH LEGS

Whooo! Again!

OCTOBER

What the Hex!? A little warning next time!?

DEMOOTER

Apologies, Herovian.

FISH WITH LEGS

Again! Again, again, again!

DEMOOTER

In due time, Herald. First welcome to our wheat fields.

FISH WITH LEGS

Ooh. Looks wheaty.

DEMOOTER

The Cattle of the Winds are an agricultural society. We live in secrecy and maintain our way of life through this farm which spans across several villages, all hidden beneath the bubble of invisibility. We call

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DEMOOTER (cont'd)

ourselves Windmillia. After the Great Windmill, of course.

NARRATOR

She points to a giant windmill far in the distance, standing in the centre of the bubble.

DEMOOTER

Our traditional artform is baking. The Great Windmill produces excellent quality flours, and we make spectacular bread. I can say without bias that it is the greatest bread in the world. Probably in multiple worlds. In fact, you cannot leave without having some.

FISH WITH LEGS

Oooh. Sounds bready.

OCTOBER

So the Great Windmill is where the Elemental Creature lives?

DEMOOTER

Indeed. The Great Windmill is a modest monument to the Herald of Air's power to influence the wind.

FISH WITH LEGS

Oooh! Looks... Not windy... I thought it would be windier.

DEMOOTER

Pardon me, Herald?

FISH WITH LEGS

The windmill is barely spinning. Isn't the Elemental Creature of Air influencing the wind?

DEMOOTER

He is, but he also...

FISH WITH LEGS

(beat)

He also...? You didn't finish your sentence. You sort of just trailed off.

DEMOOTER

I don't mean to speak poorly of the Herald of Air, but he is... temperamental. Like the wind, his moods shift easily, and thus his blessings upon the land are difficult to predict.

FISH WITH LEGS

Can't you just make him do his job?

DEMOOTER

Of course not. I serve him, he does not serve me.

FISH WITH LEGS

Wow this is like upside down land. Back home with the glbclb, I had to do everything my High Priestess said. Bless these orANGES, purify this water, accept these golden totems... Exhausting.

DEMOOTER

Well here we are very respectful of the limits of our Herald.

OCTOBER

So you let him walk all over you?

DEMOOTER

Let's get back to the tour. Next, to the barley fields.

NARRATOR

Demooter places her green powdered hands on Fish and October.

OCTOBER

Wait are we--

DEMOOTER

Etiam-ay ac-hay ice-vay on-nay ominosa-ay!

NARRATOR

Poof Aaaand they're gone. *zzzp* Okay... Are they just gonna do a tour? 'cause I don't really want to watch that... Yeah, of coruse we'll come back. I don't really think we'll miss anything crucial. Okay, but I sssay we check on the sssnakesss. They did some plotting, remember? Weren't they on their way here too? Where are they? Zzzzp

meanwhile... On the blimp...

NARRATOR

Meanwhile, back on the blimp, Simon and Sarfunkel stare ominously out the bridge's front view port. Muscular Giraffe and Bees in a Trench Coat linger in the background.

SIMON

Oh Sarfunkel... I can feel it... Soon we will have another Elemental Creature in our possession.

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SARFUNKEL

Indeed, brother.

SIMON

Oh but what if this is like the fish with legs ordeal!?
What if he escapes and we--

SARFUNKEL

He won't escape. This time we will follow my plan to
the letter.

SIMON

Of course, brother...

SARFUNKEL

Don't worry, Simon. In mere moments, you will be one
step closer to Mamamorbus.

SIMON

Yes...

BEES IN A TRENCH COAT

Master Sarfunkel. The farm is in sight.

NARRATOR

Sarfunkel perks up and looks out the window. In the
distance the empty field is visible at the edge of
Aculard Forest.

SARFUNKEL

Excellent. Muscular Giraffe. Perform your spell of
invisibility. (beat) Nothing will stop our attack on
the plains of Breezil.

NARRATOR

Muscular Giraffe steps over to a cauldron in the centre
of the bridge and begins stirring.

MUSCULAR GIRAFFE

Onsilia-Cay et-ay arum-hay erpentessay erat-fay
adest-ay!

NARRATOR

As the blimp floats through the air, the space around
it becomes cloudy and shimmers as it disappears. Uh
oh... I sure hope October and Fish with Legs are
prepared for what's coming... Zzzzp.

well

NARRATOR

They are not. They're just hanging out around an ancient looking well surrounded by more crop fields.

DEMOOTER

We grow a variety of crops here, both for food and as materials. We maintain a portion of the forest for wood, and within the barrier we grow wheat, hemp, flax, rye, barley, and an assortment of seasonal fruits and vegetables. As well as forage, of course. For centuries we have used the same wells, dug deep to reach the river that flows beneath the ground.

OCTOBER

Cool. When does the windmill come up on this tour?

FISH WITH LEGS

Just relax October, we'll get there. Um... That said, do you have any... *Fun* spots on this tour? So far it's been a lot of crops.

DEMOOTER

There are plenty of fun places to visit in Windmillia. And we can go wherever you'd like, Herald of Water. It is my great honour to serve you.

FISH WITH LEGS

Oooh! Tell me about the fun places!

DEMOOTER

We have the cheese shop...

FISH WITH LEGS

Cheese shop?

DEMOOTER

Or the forever corn maze...

FISH WITH LEGS

Forever corn maze!?

DEMOOTER

Or the petting zoo...

FISH WITH LEGS

Did you say... **ahem** Petting zoo?

OCTOBER

Wait, but windmill?

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FISH WITH LEGS
Yes, but petting zoo.

OCTOBER
sighs

FISH WITH LEGS
To the petting zoo!

DEMOOTER
Excellent.

NARRATOR
Demooter covers her hands in green powder and places them on Fish and October.

DEMOOTER
Etiam-ay ac-hay ice-vay on-nay ominosa-ay!

NARRATOR
Poof Uh... Hold on... Let me... Zzzzp... Yep alright, found them.

petting zoo

FISH WITH LEGS
Whoo! Teleporting!

OCTOBER
I feel dizzy.

NARRATOR
October is hunched over, clutching her stomach as Fish with Legs--

FISH WITH LEGS
Baby animals!

NARRATOR
Runs over to an enclosure of baby cows and leaps in to cuddle them all. Demooter walks over to October as Fish with Legs gets kisses all over her face from the calves.

DEMOOTER
This is where we raise our children. They learn and grow together in creches of similar age ranges...

OCTOBER
Are you doing this for my benefit?

DEMOOTER

... forming cohorts that last through adolescence and into adulthood, when they are inducted into the ranks of the Protectors.

OCTOBER

Okay, I was being snarky but I'm writing this down.

NARRATOR

October stands straight and scribbles in her notebook.

OCTOBER

I'm documenting everything I can about the Elemental Creatures. When I go back home I'm gonna publish it, share the truth and, y'know... Be absolved of my crimes...

DEMOOTER

Then perhaps you'd like to go to the library next. Our library is much older and more accurate than the propaganda depots they have in Herovia.

OCTOBER

Firstly they're not propaganda depots, the Herovia City library is one of the biggest and most comprehensive in the world. Secondly, that's actually a very tempting offer because you probably have a lot of information that's missing from Herovia City. Thirdly, sadly I don't think we have time for that because we need to see the Elemental Creature of Air!

DEMOOTER

I thought I made myself clear on this matter...

OCTOBER

You did, you definitely did... But I just want to convey to you how much danger he's in...

DEMOOTER

And how much danger is that, exactly?

OCTOBER

Heard of Mamamorbis? There's a two-headed snake out there trying to free it.

DEMOOTER

Mamamorbis?

OCTOBER

Yeah.

DEMOOTER

You suspect the snakes want to take the Herald of Air to perform the ceremony?

OCTOBER

Yup. So can we go see him now?

DEMOOTER

The Herald doesn't need to know. I can deal with this myself.

OCTOBER

He doesn't need to know? *sighs* Okay, let me talk to Fish with Legs.

DEMOOTER

Of course, consult your Master.

OCTOBER

What? No. She's not my master. Scry, you're weird.

NARRATOR

October makes her way to the enclosure and hops the fence. Fish rides toward her on the back of a tiny adorable calf.

FISH WITH LEGS

Look October! I'm riding a baby cow!

OCTOBER

Hey, listen, Fish with Legs... Demooter said she can handle the whole snake thing herself--

FISH WITH LEGS

Awesome! But can she bring us to the forever corn maze first? I'm very curious to see just how forever it is.

OCTOBER

But she isn't gonna let us-- Whoa guys. Chill.

NARRATOR

October is swarmed by fuzzy baby cows.

OCTOBER

Demooter isn't gonna let us see the Elemental Creature of Air. But she said she can handle the snakes, so we can kinda just move on if we want...

NARRATOR

She pulls out her book.

OCTOBER

The book has a ton of information on the Elemental Creature of Fire. Her name is Phiona, she's a phoenix and she lives in the Magma Isles. Her Protectors are flaming-- Get off!

NARRATOR

A calf is trying to nip at her book. She pushes it away.

FISH WITH LEGS

Come here.

NARRATOR

Fish with Legs soothingly pulls the calf away and pets it, calming it down.

FISH WITH LEGS

You are cuddly and adorable and you did nothing wrong.

OCTOBER

Yeah, so Phiona the Phoenix. I say we look for her next. The Magma Isles are just South-East of here and we have tons of information on her. There's basically nothing on the Elemental Creature of Earth.

FISH WITH LEGS

I don't wanna go yet.

OCTOBER

Okay, so do you still want to try to meet the Elemental Creature of Air?

FISH WITH LEGS

I was thinking we can just hang out here.

OCTOBER

What do you mean?

FISH WITH LEGS

We told an authority figure about the problem, she said she can handle it, so I think that means our goal has been accomplished.

OCTOBER

Our goal was to warn each Elemental Creature.

FISH WITH LEGS

Yeah, but Demooter can do that. I think I'm ready to get back to living like an Elemental Creature.

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OCTOBER

What does that mean?

FISH WITH LEGS

I left the glbclb because there were always so many rules and so much work for me to do. But here I'm the boss and I have no responsibilities. So I say we let Demooter tell the Elemental Creature of Air about the snakes. And I can just hang out with baby cows and explore forever mazes.

OCTOBER

Just to be clear, she's not telling him about the snakes. She said she's dealing with it herself and that he doesn't need to know.

FISH WITH LEGS

That's ridiculous.

OCTOBER

Yeah, I thought so too... But at least she's handling--

FISH WITH LEGS

Audible sigh... All I ever ask is for the world to be perfect and for people to all be kind and for no one to lie or deceive anyone else.

OCTOBER

You'd think the world would be more considerate.

FISH WITH LEGS

He deserves to know. He's older than all of them! He's probably wiser! And he'd be more experienced than all of them if every once in a while they let him out! He's not running away because he doesn't appreciate what they do for him, it's because he just wants to live his own life for once!

OCTOBER

I feel like you're a little off-mission, but I'll support this anyways.

FISH WITH LEGS

October plan?

OCTOBER

Um... I'll have one by the time we need it. For now go ask Demooter to bring us to the Windmill.

FISH WITH LEGS

Great plan! Excellent plan! Seventh best October plan of all time!

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NARRATOR

Fish with Legs dismounts her tiny adorable steed and heads over to Demooter.

FISH WITH LEGS

Excuse me, Protectress Demooter. I demand to be brought to the Great Windmill of Windmillia.

DEMOOTER

Is that so?

OCTOBER

Yeah, we decided since you're handling everything yourself, we'll just hang out for a bit.

DEMOOTER

I'm glad to see you're finally following the wishes of your Master.

OCTOBER

Yeah. I always do what Fish with Legs wants. She's the boss. Speaking of she really wanted to try that bread, so you think you can zap us over to that windmill right now?

DEMOOTER

Of course, protectress.

NARRATOR

Demooter greens her hands and places them on Fish and October.

DEMOOTER

Etiam-ay ac-hay ice-vay on-nay ominosa-ay.

windmill

NARRATOR

zzzp They're just outside the Windmill. Up close it looks like a huge castle tower made of wide pale stones, built on a low hill.

OCTOBER

I appreciate the efficiency of teleporting, but I'm starting to feel nauseous.

DEMOOTER

Welcome to the Great Windmill of Windmillia.

NARRATOR

Demooter leads the two of them into the windmill. The inside is all honey wood-beamy and hand-knotted rag rugs. Like a mid-tier breakfast inn, a mixture of

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NARRATOR (cont'd)

folksy and livestock. There's a little bakery counter right by the door staffed by a wholesome looking beige cow with a white nose.

FISH WITH LEGS

sniff It smells so bready in here! Delicious!

DEMOOTER

For generations our bread has--

OCTOBER

Oh did you just say you have to pee?

DEMOOTER

Pardon?

OCTOBER

Fish with Legs, did you just say you have to pee?

FISH WITH LEGS

What? Me?

DEMOOTER

I didn't hear anything.

OCTOBER

I'm pretty sure I heard it. Or maybe I just sensed it because I'm such a good servant to my Master. Because, look at this fish. She definitely needs to pee. Right?

FISH WITH LEGS

Yes! Absolutely! This is a fish with a full bladder. Lots of water, lots of pee. That's what everyone says about Fish with Legs.

OCTOBER

Yeah, so I'll just walk her down this hallway and bring her to a bathroom.

DEMOOTER

Oh. Very well. I'm glad to see you're properly waiting on your Herald.

OCTOBER

Yup that's what I'm doing.

NARRATOR

October and Fish with Legs head down the hallway.

DEMOOTER

Make a left at the end of the corridor!

OCTOBER

I was about to ask!

NARRATOR

They quickly make their way to the end of the hallway and turn left. Out of Demooter's sight, they huddle.

OCTOBER

Honestly, part of me was sure you wouldn't catch on...

FISH WITH LEGS

Don't worry. I've learned that you lie constantly. Especially to authority figures. I think next time we have therapy with Abby we should bring that up.

OCTOBER

I don't really think we'll-- Never mind. We need to find a way to the Elemental Creature of Air.

FISH WITH LEGS

How 'bout that?

OCTOBER

How 'bout what?

NARRATOR

Fish with Legs points behind October. She spins around and sees a green sign hung on the wall with squiggles all over it.

OCTOBER

Herald of Air this way. Staff Only. Convenient.

FISH WITH LEGS

I'll say so.

OCTOBER

Well I guess we just follow these signs, then?

FISH WITH LEGS

Onward!

DEMOOTER

Did you find it?

NARRATOR

Fish peeks around the corner, Demooter is headed toward them.

FISH WITH LEGS

Hurry!

NARRATOR

Fish runs ahead, following a trail of green signs.
October scurries after her.

DEMOOTER

Protectress Jones? Herald of Water?

NARRATOR

Demooter rounds the corner and spots them running down
the hallway.

DEMOOTER

Where are you going!? That way is staff only!

NARRATOR

Demooter chases after them as they round another
corner.

FISH WITH LEGS

This way!

OCTOBER

It's gotta be that!

NARRATOR

The green signs all converge on a giant oak door at the
end of the hallway.

DEMOOTER

Stop!

OCTOBER

Go go!

NARRATOR

October and Fish dart for the door as Demooter barrels
after them. October reaches for the door and-- What's
that? Oh, go ahead. Actually you know what? I'm pretty
hungry too... Do you want to just end here? Yeah. Let's
stop.