

The Credible Adventures of October and Fish: Episode 118

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EPISODE 118

NARRATOR

October Jones and Fish with Legs have made it to the Plains of Breezil, the home of the Elemental Creature of Air. But sadly for them, his head Protector, Demooter the buff cow, has some beaurocratic ban on visits. October and Fish managed to trick her however and are moments away from meeting the creature they've been searching for for so long.

Oh! Also, Simon and Sarfunkel are nearly there too. With plans to kidnap that very same Elemental Creature...

office

October has her hand on the knob to the Elemental Creature of Air's room. Demooter is charging down the corridor after them. Fish is shoving at October, encoragingly.

FISH WITH LEGS

Hurry hurry!

DEMOOTER

Don't open that door!

OCTOBER

Sorry!

NARRATOR

October twists the knob and slams open the door to a luxurious dark wood office. A tiny regular sized butterfly is hiding behind a butterfly-sized desk, which is set up along with a tiny rug on top of a big fancy person-sized desk.

BUSTER

Woah! Woah! What's going on here!? I don't mean nobody no trouble! I--

DEMOOTER

A thousand pardons Herald!

NARRATOR

Demooter comes panting in behind October and Fish.

BUSTER

Demooter, sweetheart! I told you I didn't want any visitors! What's going through that big bovine brain of yours thinking I'd--

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OCTOBER

We're here to give you a warning.

BUSTER

A... A... A warning!? Who sent you!?

DEMOOTER

Please forgive me, Herald of Air, these two tricked me and--

BUSTER

Who are they!? What are they warning me about!?

NARRATOR

Fish with Legs rushes over to the person-sized desk. The butterfly flinches, cowering behind his butterfly-sized desk.

FISH WITH LEGS

Hello. I'm Fish with Legs. I'm a fish with legs. I'm the Elemental Creature of water. And I have a lot of questions about how life is here.

BUSTER

Elemental Creature of water?

FISH WITH LEGS

Yeah. I'm from the glbclb. And we do things very differently there. But I think we've both lived very similar sheltered lives. And I want you to know that you don't have to live this way.

BUSTER

Sheltered lives?

FISH WITH LEGS

This is one of my protectors. And friend. October Jones. But soon best friend. Maybe. Those things take time.

OCTOBER

Sorry to bother you Herald, but this is urgent.

BUSTER

Urgent *Herald* news?

OCTOBER

Yes.

NARRATOR

The butterfly settles himself into his seat.

BUSTER

October Jones? That's a dumb name, you know that right? Not that I mean you any offense. I just call 'em like I see 'em.

OCTOBER

And what's your name?

BUSTER

Buster Fly the butterfly, Herald of Air.

OCTOBER

Of course.

BUSTER

Why don't you two take a seat?

DEMOOTER

Are you certain, Herald?

BUSTER

Of course. Mi casa es su casa as the cucarachas say.

OCTOBER

How hospitable.

NARRATOR

Fish and October sit across from Buster.

BUSTER

You two spooked the spell out of this specific specimen for a second there. Barging in and yelling that you're giving me a warning. I thought you two were... Well I wasn't sure who you were.

FISH WITH LEGS

I'm so sorry. We didn't mean to scare you.

BUSTER

There are a lot of people out there in the business of scaring this particular insect. I've met a lot of folks who um... I wouldn't quite consider compadres.

OCTOBER

Well that actually brings us to our--

FISH WITH LEGS

Wait. What? You've met a lot of people? I thought Demooter keeps visitors away from you?

BUSTER

That's because I asked her to. To keep away the in-compadres.

FISH WITH LEGS

So how did you meet people?

BUSTER

Oh, y'know... I've traveled... Spent some time out and about... What was that warning you said you had?

OCTOBER

Yes, thank you. We're--

FISH WITH LEGS

You've traveled!? Where did you go? My High Priestess was always worried something terrible would happen to me if I left.

OCTOBER

Which did. You were taken by--

FISH WITH LEGS

So what happened?

DEMOOTER

It took us a long time to find the Herald after the banishment of Mamamorbis.

BUSTER

Yep. I was missing. But now I'm here. Where I belong.

OCTOBER

Do we really need to get into this?

BUSTER

I agree with the human.

FISH WITH LEGS

Just a sec, October. What happened after Mamamorbis was banished?

DEMOOTER

Well, Herald of Water, after the MAGI Coalition banded together to banish Mamamorbis--

OCTOBER

Um, I think you mean Herovia. Herovia did that.

DEMOOTER

Is that what they teach you in Herovia?

OCTOBER

No, but it's the truth. And anyways, we don't really have time--

DEMOOTER

After the MAGI Coalition banished Mamamorbus, the new reincarnated Herald was lost for nearly a century.

FISH WITH LEGS

What!?

BUSTER

Yeah. But now I'm in paradise, so let's move on. No need to hear all my life story.

OCTOBER

Wait...

DEMOOTER

I'm not interested in debating Herovian History, Protectress Jones.

OCTOBER

No, just hold on...

BUSTER

Yes, please get to your message.

OCTOBER

No, did you say Buster was reincarnated?

DEMOOTER

Yes. Of course.

FISH WITH LEGS

So was I.

DEMOOTER

If the Four Heralds of the Elements are brought together to perform a ceremony of the Five Elements, they fulfill their purpose and are reincarnated.

FISH WITH LEGS

Yeah, after the last Elemental Creature of water banished Mamamorbus, I was born. Or reborn?

OCTOBER

So if the snakes free Mamamorbus...

DEMOOTER

Yes, if the snakes succeed, we would lose these two Heralds.

OCTOBER

Oh...

DEMOOTER

As a Protectress you really should know these things.

BUSTER

Hey, ladies, why don't we pivot away from all this morbid Morbus talk.

FISH WITH LEGS

Yeah! Let's get back to talking about you!

BUSTER

No. I don't wanna talk about me. I don't wanna talk about Mamamorbus. Tell me your message.

FISH WITH LEGS

Oh, right! There are two snakes and one snake body who are trying to kidnap you, me and the other Elemental Creatures so they can release Mamamorbus.

BUSTER

Somebody's trying to capture me?

FISH WITH LEGS

Two somebodys. With one body. And a blimp. And a muscular giraffe. And a trench coat full of bees.

OCTOBER

They're a two headed snake named Simon and Sarfunkel. I guess they worship Mamamorbus or something. We don't know much else about them.

FISH WITH LEGS

Right after I left the glbclb, they captured me. But I heroically escaped. But I also overheard them scheming and they said they were coming to the Plains of Breezil. To get you.

BUSTER

Okay, well... Demooter, do something! Safe-en this place tout suite!

DEMOOTER

Of course, Herald of Air.

BUSTER

This farm is the safest place in the world! You told me that, Demooter. You told me no one would find me here!

DEMOOTER

I'll go brief the other Cattle of the Winds. Excuse me, Heralds, Protectress Jones.

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NARRATOR

Demooter bows and leaves the room.

BUSTER

And you two... Is there anything else I should know about these snake guys?

OCTOBER

No, we don't know much.

FISH WITH LEGS

Yeah, we don't even know where they are. We haven't seen them since I escaped.

BUSTER

Alright, then get out of my office.

FISH WITH LEGS

What?

BUSTER

Sorry for my bluntness, but I'm not feeling very talkative right now. I just found out that there's two snakes and a blimp full of bees that are trying to kill me!

FISH WITH LEGS

Actually it's the trench coat that's full of bees.

OCTOBER

And to clarify, the snakes share one body.

BUSTER

I don't wanna hear it right now! Get out.

FISH WITH LEGS

Okay...

OCTOBER

Come on, Fish with Legs.

NARRATOR

October leads Fish with Legs out of Buster's office.

final hero scene

NARRATOR

They close his door and rest against it.

OCTOBER

So... I guess we did that...

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FISH WITH LEGS

Yeah.

OCTOBER

You might get reincarnated?

FISH WITH LEGS

Yeah. I'm surprised I haven't mentioned that...

OCTOBER

What happens? Do you remember your past lives?

FISH WITH LEGS

Um... No. Not at all... I don't really know how any of it works.

OCTOBER

Well I think that's probably part of the reason why the glub-- Your home was so strict. They wanted to keep you safe. They didn't want to lose you like the Cattle of the Winds lost Buster. And that's probably why the Cattle of the Winds are so nice to Buster. They want him to stay here.

FISH WITH LEGS

No, I think it's because they like bossing me around and using me to make BanaNA trees grow.

OCTOBER

They don't boss you around for fun, Fish with Legs. I'm sure your High Priestess was just doing her best.

FISH WITH LEGS

Hm... I guess it's the same as you and your parents... Your parents made this amazing company so they can ensure that all their children have all their basic needs met, but to you they come off as--

OCTOBER

That's ridiculous and we're not talking about me.

FISH WITH LEGS

You're right, you're right... I'll save that for next time we see Abby...

OCTOBER

Sure... Next time we see Abby...

FISH WITH LEGS

I probably have to go back home at some point, don't I?

OCTOBER

Yeah, don't you like... Maintain society or something?

FISH WITH LEGS

But first, we need to finish our mission and warn all the Elemental Creautres.

OCTOBER

Okay. And until we finish, I promise to do my best to keep you safe.

FISH WITH LEGS

You're a good friend slash adviser slash Protectress slash potentially one day best friend, but those things take time...

OCTOBER

Thanks. Wanna load up on bread before we head out? I heard it's the best bread in the whole world.

FISH WITH LEGS

And then we're off to the Magma Isles to meet Phiona the Phoenix, Elemental Creature of Fire!

NARRATOR

Okay... Where are these snakes!? Shouldn't they be here by now!?

villains

Meanwhile, back on the blimp... Oh. It's empty... And on the ground... And in some plains... Zzzzp! Simon and Sarfunkel are standing at the edge of Acular Forest! They're at the flower patch that grows at the edge of the bubble of invisibility, which hides the Breezilian farms. They are accompanied by Muscular Giraffe and Bees in a Trench Coat. There's a concrete box with breathing holes by their tail and MG has that elk antler they found in the woods.

SARFUNKEL

Bees in a Trench Coat. Open the cage.

BEES IN A TRENCH COAT

Yes, Master Sarfunkel.

NARRATOR

Bees in a Trench Coat buzz around the front of the cage and open it. Out waddles a weary... phoenix!

SARFUNKEL

Phiona... Are you prepared to be of use?

NARRATOR

PHIONA THE PHOENIX spreads her wings, settles them, then nods up at Sarfunkel.

SIMON

We appreciate your compliance.

SARFUNKEL

Brother, are you prepared to control her mind?

SIMON

Of course...

NARRATOR

Sarfunkel rears back, fangs out. He strikes, sinking them into Phiona's feathered neck. Both Simon and Phiona's eyes flash green for a moment. Sarfunkel releases Phiona. She stands docile as Simon's head dangles from Sarfunkel's neck.

SARFUNKEL

Excellent... Let's begin.

NARRATOR

He slithers forward toward the field.

SARFUNKEL

On second thought, maybe we just go back to the blimp, call it a day? This is such a boring normal field.

NARRATOR

He turns around and slithers away.

BEES IN A TRENCH COAT

Master Sarfunkel, I believe you--

SARFUNKEL

Right of course, the barrier of confusion.

NARRATOR

He turns back around.

SARFUNKEL

But really do we care that much about finding Mamamorus? Are we certain that will make us happy?

NARRATOR

He turns back.

SARFUNKEL

Wait, no! What am I saying?

BEES IN A TRENCH COAT

Perhaps it's best if only Muscular Giraffe approaches the barrier.

SARFUNKEL

Of course. Muscular Giraffe, you've rendered yourself immune?

NARRATOR

Muscular Giraffe nods.

SARFUNKEL

Go ahead. I mean, if you want. I wouldn't because it's obviously just a regular field. Agh! Destroy the barrier!

NARRATOR

Muscular Giraffe pulls a sprig of rending agrimony out-- yeah, those yellow flowers-- from a pouch on his trim waist. He pours salt over it and crushes the mixture, sprinkling it over the length of the antler.

MUSCULAR GIRAFFE

aec-hay unt-say erba-vay ae-quay audistis-ay
ominosus-ay usque-ay unc-nay unt-say autem-ay
ineptias-ay.

NARRATOR

The antler glows yellow, concentrated around the points. Muscular Giraffe steps forward and thrusts the antler against invisible resistance. The barrier bends, shimmers from the contact, a wave of opalescence glimmering over the bubble as-- *pop!* The barrier pops. The farm is visible now.

SARFUNKEL

Excellent. Now brother, fly.

NARRATOR

Just as the far-off cows spot Muscular Giraffe, the phoenix takes off and soars in the air, spewing plumes of purple fire down to reave the farm. Cows scatter like flash-fried ants. Reave? Doesn't matter. There's action happening.

SARFUNKEL

Let's go.

NARRATOR

He leads the other two into the farm. From the seared fields, a squad of cows wielding clubs runs to meet them.

cow war cry

SARFUNKEL

Bees in a Trench Coat. Deal with them.

NARRATOR

The Bees open their trench coat and a thick stream of them fly out and attack the cows. Some run. Some fall.

DEMOOTER

Cattle of the Winds! Do not retreat!

NARRATOR

Demooter is galloping in. The cows rally.

SARFUNKEL

Muscular Giraffe. The leader.

NARRATOR

Muscular Giraffe drops the antler, charges toward Demooter, and they meet in a titanic battle of strength. The two of them grapple each other and fall to the ground, rolling as they wrestle on the torched field.

windmill

NARRATOR

Zzzzp. Sarfunkel and Bees in a Trench Coat reach the Windmill unimpeded.

SARFUNKEL

Search the building.

NARRATOR

Bees in a Trench Coat enter the door and disperse throughout the Windmill, streaming out of the coat which falls empty to worn hardwood floor. A small cluster of bees flutter around Sarfunkel's ear. Do snakes have ears? He looks impatient and scornful, looking around. Simon is still limp.

BEES IN A TRENCH COAT

We've found him, Master Sarfunkel. There was a series of very convenient signs leading the way.

SARFUNKEL

Bring him to me.

NARRATOR

The Bees swarm back in, filling up their trench coat. A clump hovers in front of Sarfunkel, restraining Buster Fly.

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BUSTER

Hey! Hey! Mr. Snake! This is all a misunderstanding!
I'm not the guy you want!

SARFUNKEL

You are the Herald of Air, you will come with me and
you will serve your purpose.

BUSTER

What? What purpose?

SARFUNKEL

Bees in a Trench Coat. Take him to the blimp.

BEES IN A TRENCH COAT

Yes, Master Sarfunkel.

BUSTER

Wait! No! I'm just a regular butterfly. You don't want
me. You want the Herald of Air! He's very brave and
special and--

NARRATOR

The bees holding Buster fly into the trench coat.

OCTOBER

Uh... Stop?

NARRATOR

Sarfunkel and Bees in a Trench Coat spin back around
and see October standing on the bakery counter near the
front door, holding her boot knife.

SARFUNKEL

Who are you?

OCTOBER

Um... October... Jones?

SARFUNKEL

October Jones? That's a--

BEES IN A TRENCH COAT

This is the human, Master Sarfunkel! The one who was
accompanying the fish with legs.

OCTOBER

Oh scry.

SARFUNKEL

Search the Windmill again. The fish must be here.

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NARRATOR

The Bees open their coat and a swarm of drones spill out and back into the Windmill. October flinches.

OCTOBER

She's not here. The Herovians have her. I handed her over!

SARFUNKEL

If you did indeed give her to the humans, you will come with us and lead us to her. However, I am inclined not to believe you.

BEES IN A TRENCH COAT

We found her, sir.

OCTOBER

No!

SARFUNKEL

Excellent.

NARRATOR

The bees float in, holding Fish with Legs.

FISH WITH LEGS

Let go of me!

SARFUNKEL

This time Fish with Legs, you will not escape.

FISH WITH LEGS

I think you'll find I'm quite... slippery when wet!

NARRATOR

Fish with Legs shoots a blast of water at the bees holding her, scattering them! They drop as she whirls into action at the snakes. Sarfunkel doesn't move, Fish karates at him, and-- his tail grabs her! Fish struggles, but she's stuck.

SARFUNKEL

Not slippery enough.

FISH WITH LEGS

No! You can't stop me! I'm--

NARRATOR

He shoves Fish with Legs back over to Bees in a Trench Coat. They pick her up in their gloved hands.

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FISH WITH LEGS

Oh no...

SARFUNKEL

Take them to the blimp. All three of them. This human must work for SPOCKI. And I would like to know how much she knows about Mamamorbus...

NARRATOR

Bees in a Trench Coat approach October who stumbles back, avoiding contact.

OCTOBER

No, no! Please don't. I'm allergic to bees.

FISH WITH LEGS

You're allergic to bees and you still faced them for me? You're so brave.

SARFUNKEL

Brave, or foolish?

FISH WITH LEGS

(whispering)

Brave...

NARRATOR

Sarfunkel slithers over to October and wraps his tail around her wrist.

SARFUNKEL

I'll take her. Bees in a Trench Coat take her knife.

NARRATOR

The trench coat floats up to her and takes her knife.

SARFUNKEL

You're no good to me dead. I want to know what secrets you know about Area 52.

NARRATOR

October climbs meekly down off the counter. Sarfunkel leads Bees in a Trench Coat and their prisoners out of the Windmill.

outside

NARRATOR

Outside-- The phoenix and bees are still soaring and buzzing through the air, terrorizing the cows.

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FISH WITH LEGS
Oh no...

OCTOBER
The phoenix!

SARFUNKEL
Indeed. We now have three of the four Elemental
Creatures. (beat) Ah! Muscular Giraffe.

NARRATOR
Muscular Giraffe approaches with a subdued--

FISH WITH LEGS
Demooter!

DEMOOTER
I apologize, Herald. I have failed you.

OCTOBER
Demooter, they have Buster in the trench coat!

BEES IN A TRENCH COAT
Master Sarfunkel, shall we take the Protector?

SARFUNKEL
No, leave her.

NARRATOR
He starts slithering.

OCTOBER
Wait! Demooter! Um... My stomach is better... I'd hate
to feel nauseous again?

DEMOOTER
What?

OCTOBER
Ugh... Um... You'll understand.

SARFUNKEL
What are you--

NARRATOR
Before he can finish, October grabs her knife from Bees
in a Trench Coat.

OCTOBER
Ow!

NARRATOR

But she gets stung!

SARFUNKEL

Bees in a Trench-- AH!

NARRATOR

October swings her knife over and stabs Sarfunkel in his tail.

SIMON

Ah!

NARRATOR

Simon's head pops up.

SIMON

What was that!?

DEMOOTER

Ah! I see!

NARRATOR

As Simon looks around, confused, Demooter throws Msucular Giraffe to the ground and grabs both October and Fish with Legs with green powder on her hands.

DEMOOTER

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

NARRATOR

poof They vanish.

SIMON

What was that!?

SARFUNKEL

Bees in a Trench Coat, secure the phoenix and bring the butterfly to the blimp! Now!

BEES IN A TRENCH COAT

Yes, Master Sarfunkel.

SIMON

Sarfunkel! What just happened?

NARRATOR

poof Demooter's back! Without Fish and October! She spots Bees in a Trench Coat hovering away.

DEMOOTER

Herald! I'm--

NARRATOR

Demooter falls to the ground as the snakes' tail wraps around her leg and drags her in.

SIMON

Bite her, Sarfunkel.

NARRATOR

Sarfunkel sinks his fangs into Demooter's shoulder. Her eyes flash green and Simon falls limp. Demooter stops struggling. She turns to Sarfunkel.

DEMOOTER/SIMON

What happened here, Sarfunkel? Was that Fish with Legs?

SARFUNKEL

It's alright, Simon. We managed to acquire the butterfly.

DEMOOTER/SIMON

Was that Fish with Legs!?

SARFUNKEL

We can discuss this later.

DEMOOTER/SIMON

Sarfunkel!

SARFUNKEL

Yes, it was. Her human companion helped her escape.

DEMOOTER/SIMON

Oh, what are we going to do! She escaped us twice! Oh Sarfunkel we're doomed. We'll never meet Mamamorbus...

SARFUNKEL

Please, brother. Keep the Cattle of the Winds calm while we return to the blimp. We can scheme once we have left.

DEMOOTER/SIMON

sigh Fine...

SARFUNKEL

Excellent.

NARRATOR

Sarfunkel and Muscular Giraffe head back the way they came. I... have no idea where October and Fish are. Um, Zzzp. Zzzzp. I hope they're okay... Zzzp...

sighs Back at the farm, Demooter's body lies in the grass, feigning unconsciousness. Cow guards creep out

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NARRATOR (cont'd)

from the edges of the farm, where they were hiding from fire and bees. When there's a small crowd standing helplessly around, Demooter's body sits up with a gasp.

DEMOOTER/SIMON

Cattle of the Winds, help me.

NARRATOR

The guards rush forward and help their leader up. There's a bit of a stumble and then relief as Demooter's body stands tall, looking over the Cattle.

DEMOOTER/SIMON

My people, I have happy news. Though we have suffered the invaders' barbs and burned beneath their flames, they did not find what they sought. The Herald of the Air is hidden somewhere they could not find him. This was a stalemate.

NARRATOR

The guards nod, damaged but reassured.

DEMOOTER/SIMON

Now please, get to work repairing our home. I will go retrieve the Herald from his sanctuary.

NARRATOR

Simon walks Demooter through the crowd, touching a shoulder here, clasping a hand there. Comforting the guards. He smiles with her mouth, sharply. It probably just seems fierce with victory to them, but to me it looks like it should come with fangs. Bleh, creepy. Let's stop.