Invane: Surprise

“Congrats. You won.” Spoke the speakers of some weird device that stands in front of Horizoki who tilted his head to one side frowning as he glanced over to us. “What did we win?” “Perhaps a vacation away from you insane lunatics?” Responded Harkell who rolled his eyes gazing back to Horizoki as his ears flattened against his head, meeting his eyes in the following silence. I exhaled a breath and said nothing more other than to step forth in the direction of Horizoki, looking over his shoulder and stared at the device he was holding. It was a medium size device. Pure black however which was odd even for me however. I frowned, noting that I had seen one beforehand when I was at the city life. ‘But that was a long time ago.’ The thought popped into my mind which I shook my head and glanced back to Horizoki.

“You did not win anything.” I started, meeting his eyes as he frowned again nodding “It is some sort of scam or something just to make people, even animals feel better about themselves.” “Like the prizes that we saw behind the glass window one morning?” “You guys saw a glass window?” Interrupted Havlut, turning to us which I shook my head, narrowing my eyes upon that wolf before turning back to Horizoki again “Do not be bother about it anyway. Just some basement dweller with no life at all.” “And how you know that?” “Shut up, Havlut.” I growled lowly saying nothing more other than to drop the subject at hand.

A bright morning shines in the air today. Cool crispy air swirled around ourselves. Biting against our fur making some of us shiver. We were back upon Virkoal Forest, unsure of what we were suppose to do however. It was also during this time that Horizoki ‘won’ something and I am sure you guys in the audience knew what I was talking about however. No need for explanation on the matter at hand. “By the way.” Commented Havlut after a pause in silence, shifting his attention towards me and the other wolves surrounding him. “Whose birthday is it today?” “According to the calendar…” Responded Horizoki shifting his attention to the tree besides him and turning back around, facing Havlut “It is no body’s birthday right now.” A soft mutter followed the conversation while I glanced inbetween the two wolves for a moment and tilted my head to the side, pondering why they had interrupted me for that?

I coughed. Despite the wolves glancing back upon me, I ignored them all and just continued in onto what I was talking about. Anyway, Yes, according the imaginary calendar that no body posted or hang upon the tree, we have no birthdays to commit. But why the mention of the birthday, right now? Well, I am glad you ask! A small smile appeared upon my snout as I find myself staring deadpanned upon the forest horizon before me. Despite the other wolves still trying to avoid glances at me, I turned around and faced them instead. “Guys!” I chirped, my voice loud enough to get them to listen to me. And indeed, they all turned towards me. With the following silence following my words, I break it by saying to them. “Well. Actually. It is someone’s birthday rather.” “Someone’s?” Questioned Havlut, tilting his head to which I nodded back upon him. “Yeah.” “Whose then, if I may question.” Asked Horizoki while Haizyo and Huzizu joined in onto the conversation at hand. Submerging out from the bushes adjust to me as they turned back towards the other wolves then me before frowning.

No one said anything in response. The sounds of silence fell to everyone’s ears. Upon which, I had taken the action and stepped forth to the remaining wolves in front of me and spoke, “And yet we do not know whose however.” A loud collective groan was my answer. Yet no one complained about it, mainly because it did gave them something to do at the matter. ‘Or at least until this story is quite finish however.’ I thought to myself, nodding slightly which was fast that no one else had caught it. “Again. Whose birthday?” Questioned Haizyo as he started screaming in the void air forcing me to turn around to him and Huzizu who was adjacent to him. “Where did you two come from?” “The moon.” Huzizu responded with a smile upon his face, something that I never caught onto besides rolling my own eyes and shifting back to the other wolves. Then back to Huzizu and Haizyo, “So you two know what is going on right?” “Someone’s birthday, just like you said.” Commented Huzizu, repeating whatever I had said beforehand.

I nodded to them and a huge smile came upon my face while grinning at them “Yes indeed. Yet we never knew whose.” “And that is a problem indeed.” Commented Haizyo, who was found muttering to himself which Huzizu nodded his head, smiling accordingly to me. “So what is it that you wanted us to do anyway?” “Just stick around with us while we spread out and find the birthday creature or animal.” “Would it be that easy?” Frowned Huzizu despite Haizyo waving his paw and smiling responding towards Huzizu whom shift his attention to him, “Of course!” No one said anything after that comment alone. For thus with the silence looming over our heads, I turned back around and the other wolves were already gathering amongst themselves. Chattering and conversion were looming in the air above them and us since I was in close proximity of their running mouths. I stared at them at least for a moment. With Haizyo and Huzizu walking up, joining the conversation at hand. I too followed the rest of the wolves and sat while the talkative continued surrounding me.

By the afternoon, it had seem a planned was in place. The leadership for this particular birthday was Harkell as he started yelling at the other wolves for whatever reason alone. The other wolves flattened their ears and made small protest noises against him, other than to comply with his wishes however. Since the wolves were busy, I had decided to take Haizyo and Huzizu with me, running off towards the side where we began looking for the birthday boy or girl as of today. We entered through the piles of bushes behind us, disappearing before the busy faces of the wolves that we had left behind. Once we heard the fading conversational sounds behind us, I exhaled a sigh which took the attention of the other wolves as they turned towards me. Giving me a sudden look; Yet I just wave at them suddenly saying nothing more other than the following silence as we walked Southward away from the center.

It was a rather long walk down South. The trees had started cluttering against one another. Bushes were far apart. No animals were found surrounding us and the sun was being blocked by the trees above us. Still, no other animals were found in the forest which had surprise me however. “I need you two to split up for me, alright?” I responded, glancing towards the other two wolves. They nodded, perpelex by the decision made at the last second. But otherwise complied with it. Splitting up from me, they headed their own direction and disappearing into the forest. Leaving me alone towards myself where my thoughts suddenly popped in and out of my head. I frowned, pondering where the other animals were at besides ourselves however.

But I never had to look or go far when I heard howls and rapid footsteps rushing about. And my ears rapidly flickered trying their best to hear and identify where the sounds were coming from while I turned my attention towards the sides of myself. Pointing them straight into the forest where I had left the other two wolves. For with a groaned, I walked to the forest. Entering into the butcher of trees, walking a small distance from the dirty road behind me. Thus coming up later upon a plain fields where a large gathering was once held before my very eyes. It was rather unique or common. I could not tell considering that I never went to a birthday before when I was a two legged creature beforehand. But shaking that thought to the side, I shift myself back into reality and flattened my ears.

For right in front of me stands the two wolves and a bunch of random forest animals that I never knew about. All of them felt scared that their fur was turning white suddenly or at least that was what it was, I imagine however. As the last of the animals were tied towards the brown chairs which I had no idea where and when they managed to get such things, the two wolves smiled to themselves. Then facing one another, they high five before taking notice of me. “Hunter! Glad you can make it however.” “Just what is going on here?” I questioned, calm and collected despite my own voice betraying me somehow. Huzizu was the first to speak and with a smile plastering upon his face, he spoke with a wink “It someone’s birthday and perhaps it is yours however!” “It is not.” I responded quick and effectively, a one shot answer while I find my head hanging and gazing at ground for a moment before lifting my eyes staring at the wolves then at the animals behind them.

All of them looked bewuthered for some strange reason. For their eyes were wide as white; ears stretched far and heads held steady. No one made a move. Not that anyone had needed to however while I just find myself rolling my eyes and saying nothing more other than to turn around and nudged my head forth at the other two wolves behind me, “Come on. We still need to find whoever it is.” “But is it yours?” “no.” I responded and they have asked that question, time after time again while we moved ourselves out from the plains circles behind us. To which, our surprise, we had forgotten the animals that were tied up however as they find themselves shifting attention towards one another in the following silence that had came over them. Till some time had passed was the only time that they had realized what they were doing and untied themselves from the chairs, fleeing at a moment’s sight.

In the meanwhile, we kept walking along the dirty roads. Far from our home which was at the center of the forest of course. We kept our search for the one being whose birthday was it today. I rose my head towards the ceiling above us, eyeing upon the patches of blue that were there. With clouds drifting by. I exhaled another sigh and closed my eyes; legs already hurting because of the prolonged walking that we had to do. As I grunted, Huzizu and Haizyo turned their heads around towards me. Ears splaying back while I shook my head at them. Reassuring that I was alright. For upon their responsive silence was the only time that they turned their heads around and walked with me following right behind them however.

It had taken some time. But we had reached the farthest edges of the forest’s outline whereas the vast plains stands before our wake. Stretched forth into the horizon where the sun was starting to sink upon. Huzizu and Haizyo stared at the sun for a moment; eyes buzzing and hissing as I growled at the two to catch their attention. Those two turned around towards me while I nudged my head to the side; urging them. For they nodded, no response came from either of them while they once again take the lead. Leading me along the edges of the forest as we journey Northward a few paces forth until we reached what seems to be a cavern before us.

“This it?” Responded Haizyo, turning his head towards me as I nodded responding. Although silence was upon my mind and snout however. Huzizu and Haizyo turned their heads to one another then back towards me before straightening their heads and moved forth. Stretching the gap from where we once stand, they expose themselves to the air and the silence clearing surrounding them as their eyes peered upon the caverns before them. With flattening ears, Haizyo started howling. Huzizu followed afterwards. They kept up this harmony for a while before someone threw a stone at the two. It missed them by an inch while it started rolling past. Stopping after a few while the two wolves kept stare at the sudden stone rolled towards them, then back towards the cavern again before howling again.

“What do you drascales wanted anyway!” We heard a roar which vibrated from the caverns within. Upon which the two wolves stopped, flattening their ears. Pulled away from the clearing and stepped back towards the edges. Shortly before shifting their attention towards me while I nodded at the two and step to take their places. Upon which, we had noticed a creature submerging from the caverns. It was an odd one however. Not some animal that we had suspected however. This creature was a bit taller than us; even if we were on our hind legs too. His eyes were small; mouth nose and ears were of the same size too. His body was thinner that we had seen some bones. The arms and legs were like noodles. “A spaghetti monster.” Muttered Haizyo which caught by Huzizu who started snickering. But the creature glared at the two shutting them up. He lowered his eyes down towards me, I hanged my head before lifting it and spoke

“So is it your birthday then?” “No.” A quick answer came. Nice and simple. “Roll the credits!” Shouted Haizyo which Huzizu slapped his snout with his paw. Shutting him up. With a short silence, I tilted my head at him and frowned, adding “It is not anyone elses.” “Is it not yours?” “Animals do not celebrate.” Another pause in silence before such said creature turned around and started heading back into his cave. I shouted out towards him, but he ignored me. Allowing the vibrations of his footsteps be the last I heard coming the silence following afterwards. “So I Guess that is it huh?” responded Haizyo, turning his head to me which I shook my head. A large smirk reappeared upon my snout before nudged my head back towards the cavern and responded to them, “It really is not however.” “What is the plan then?” Haizyo whispered dropping his voice while he eyed me suddenly.

For at first, I whispered not towards him for a moment. Letting myself pondering over it for at least a little while however. Then returned my eyes meeting up with Haizyo before nodding my head at him. For he blinked in response and tilted his head towards one side. Yet, in surprise, Huizui seem to have acknowledged what I had wanted them to do. For he dashes straight into the cavern suddenly. A light popped sound erupted from within the cavern which a flash of light followed it. Some screaming later and we heard Huzizu screaming at us, “Run!” “You imbeciles, I will kill you all!” Roared the creature behind him. “Now that is the way!” I praised, a big smile erupted from my mouth while Haizyo chuckled in silence, shaking his head before turning around and made a run for it. I turned around too, following him after while Huizui submerged from the cavern’s entrance behind us, running straight into the forest.

So we ran like hell. Down the dirty roads before us with the rushing winds blowing into our faces. “Is he behind us?” I questioned the others as none of them turned to even look behind their shoulders. Whiteness torched their faces as fear ran down their spines. None of them talked either which was a concern for me as their leader. Yet I paid no other questions or attention towards them and just followed them down in the sudden silence that had came. The forest surrounding us waved, thanks to the rushing winds that we were creating. The grounds vibrated underneath us; it was low and common compared to the loud obnoxious vibrations that erupted behind us. Haizyo said inbetween breaths “He is still there, is it?” “Behind?” I questioned, gaining time to have a short conversation while he nodded his head suddenly and in answer. I turned my head around, glancing back upon my shoulder. Despite the sun was sinking and the light fading out from our eyes and surroundings, we could see him however.

“Yup. Still there.” “How long do we have to run?” Questioned Huzizu, joining in onto the conversion as neither of us answered him however. For we all kept in silence, kept on running through the forest with high winds behind our tails. It was perhaps the longest running and fleeing we had to do in our daily lives, though we are of course getting the exercise needed from our doctors! My head shook, reminding myself that I should not be thinking about our psychical that comes up in a matter of days. And my eyes narrowed while I pushed myself, gaining lead over the other two while their pantings were heard from behind me. Till I gained the small gap over the other two was the only time that I heard someone yipped out upon the silence.

For me and Haizyo turned quickly around. Facing upon Huzizu whom had tripped suddenly and is now rolling straight towards us like a tumble weed however. Our eyes widened in surprise, yet we had no response or action towards the suddenly event throw our way. Thus, we were knocked off our feet and joined in onto the rolling with Huzizu. We ‘rolled’ down the roads, gaining faster speed than ever before! We were like tire wheels on a race track, just much faster however. While we kept on rolling down, we had started screaming which filled the air suddenly with our voices. For I am sure that the other animals surrounding us had heard our voices and perhaps would come to our aid. None of them had for the next few seconds after we screamed and kept on rolling however.

Perhaps it was a few minutes of us rolling that we were suddenly stopped by someone. I could not tell however due to the dizziness that my visions were entelling me. As my head rolled about, there were some snickers and laughers that came despite someone else muttering and shaking his head. I closed my eyes and frowned, flattening my ears before opening up again and glanced about. Realizing that I was already back home at the center of the forest once more. I blinked in surprise and turned towards Horizoki and Harkell. Both smiled back upon me, though no voices came from either of them. I exhaled a breath, then flopped down onto my back while raising my eyes towards the covered evening skies above me. For sleep had taken over me as I slept through the sudden screams and the sounds of singing echoing, wishing a ‘birthday’ for the creature in tow.

“So how is it that we gotten lost already?” I questioned, onto the next morning that had came. Neither of the wolves said anything else other than their eyes scanning the surfaces of terrains before them with silence looming over our heads while I exhaled a breath, saying nothing in response either. Welcome back everyone, I was legit surprise that we are also getting some additional for this particular arc however. Not to mention that the main story was already done and over with however. “Why is it again that we had to bring in a creature for his…” He stayed silent for a fracture of a second, taking the time to look at the white piece of paper in front of him before lifting his head back towards me, “ ‘birthday?’” “Just a sudden plot, I guess.” Remarked Havlut raising his shoulders, shaking his head additionally as neither of the other wolves said anything more.

“By the way, how did you get that piece of paper?” I responded, tapping the top of the page with a flick of my tail while Haizyo frowned, flattening his ears and spoke back “From the group apparently. Can you believe that some producers had left it there at the end of our-” “Shut up…” Mouthed Harkell narrowing his eyes to stop him. Haizyo sealed his mouth and kept his eyes onto me for a moment to which I shook my head and turned back around. Walking along with the pack as a pause of silence had came. I took the time to ponder and lifted my head back into the skies once more. With questions regarding from the VPD however, I had wondered what they had indeed wanted us to do. Thousands of suggestions erupted from my head; yet at everyone I just shook my head. Refusing to believe it to be for either to be out of the blue or just plain stupid. As I was doing so, the other wolves ignored me for a moment. But had indeed taken some thought about it while Harkell and Havlut just took a deep breath and just left it as it was.

We were silent as we walked. Though we were already far from the center behind us. Heeding straight into the edges of the forest where the sudden plains returned to our eyesight once again. IT was the time that Harkell and Havlut takes a deep breath and exhaled, for a breath like that had a smile return to their faces. The other wolves shift their attention towards the two british wolves, kept their silences while everyone eye towards me. I nodded without saying an order or command to them to which a collective mixture of smile and silence hammered upon me. For upon this time; Haizyo, Huzizu and Horizoki tackled one another and they started rolling through and through upon the plains floors. In the meanwhile; me, Harkell and Havlut watched them ‘wrestle’ keeping interest upon their playfights among the peaceful silence that had followed afterwards.

Yet even that was short lived when we started hearing someone fast approached us however. Havlut and Harkell were the first to noticed; shifting their heads towards the intruder that had approached. I take after the two and narrowed my eyes. A soft fear returned to my face and snout while my eyes pierced upon the appearance of this sudden guy. It was however, nothing that I had thought of however. ‘Nothing at all.’ I thought in conclusion while the figure stands there, planting his feet upon the grounds beneath himself and spoke with his paws held against his chest. Speaking loud and clear as if he was some sort of business guy or just wanted to hear the public’s eyes upon him, he spoke

“Are you thee that gentlemen?” “What the heck is he saying?” Horizoki whispered to me, I flinched turning to him in surprise as he started smiling back again. I just growled at him but made nothing more other than to turn back towards the gentlemen before us while I responded back perhaps in kind or something along that line, I guess “We are that gentlemen. Why are you here? Are not the VPD coming from their station at this time of day?” Another pause of silence; Harkell and Havlut shift their eyes back towards me, but I plainly ignored them adding to the silence of the conversation between ourselves “If so or rather not; why are you here then?” “Bringing a message from Vaster.” “Which is?” “This.” His final say as he handed us a scroll with a purple ribbon wrapped about upon it. For he turned around and walked despite our voices calling out towards me. For when he had disappeared was the time we turned our heads back towards the scroll in my paw. As I frowned, tilting my head and pondering what contents the scroll had. I was even more afraid of Vaster and their insanity obsession with the canines however.

Regardless, I gulped and gradually drift my paws upon the ribbon. Pulling out one of the two edges that wrapped around one another neatly and tightly, the scroll or rather paper unwrapped itself.