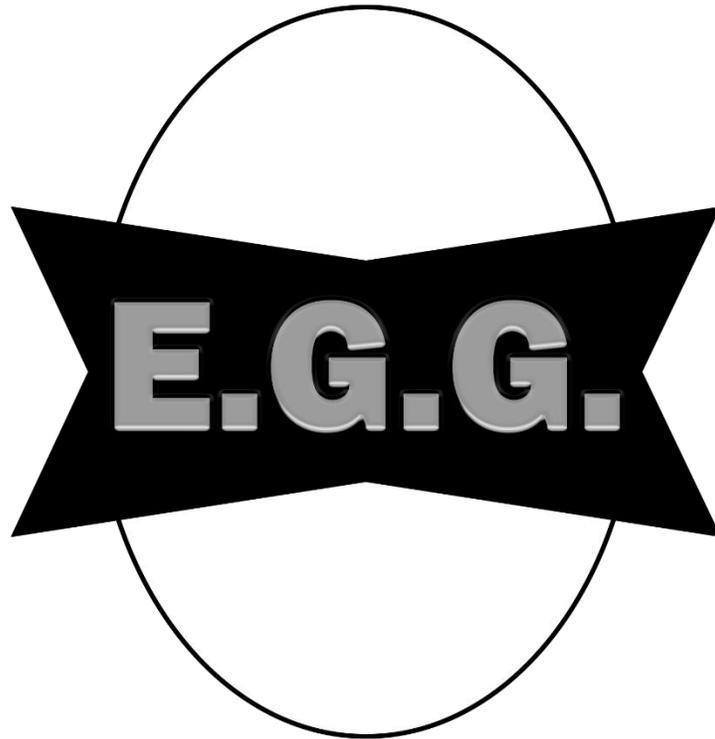


**AND THERE CAME A DAY, A DAY UNLIKE ANY  
OTHER. WHEN THREE FRIENDS UNITED TO SAVE  
THE EARTH, BEFORE GOING THEIR SEPARATE  
WAYS. ON THAT DAY, E.G.G. ENDED. OR DID IT?**



**-EPISODE 102-**

**SAVAGE AF**

“Well that’s... not good...” Josh said.

“Not good!?” Acacia cried. “You vaporized my girlfriend!” She charged angrily at Miles. “Come here you little weasel!”

“Ah no!” Miles shrieked, cowering in fear.

“Hey now, wait a minute!” Josh exclaimed, stepping in front of Miles. “Miles had nothing to do with it!”

“You’re right.” Acacia growled, igniting her hands. “You’re the one that saddled him with that box of broken inventions!”

“... On second thought Miles was very careless!” Josh said, moving behind Miles, who threw his arms up.

“Really man?” He groaned. Acacia pushed past Miles and slammed Josh onto the front desk, sending Jake running in fear.

“Okay, okay wait!” Josh cried. “The good news is she’s not dead!”

“Oh thank goodness.” Eileen sighed with relief.

“Then where is she?” Acacia asked.

“That was a Temporal Phase-Shifter.” Josh hastily explained. “It means that she just got zapped somewhere else... in time...”

“Bring. Her. Back.” Acacia demanded.

"I... I can't..." Josh gulped. Acacia's hand got hotter. "But! If we make our way to the Time-Space Lab, I-I'm sure we can figure out how! L-like old times! E.G.G. making another crazy invention and saving the day!" Josh nervously smiled. Acacia let him go, resulting in a huge sigh of relief.

"I'll tell the hubby that I'm gonna be late." Eileen said, taking out her phone.

"You should go home Miles." Josh said.

"Nah, man." Miles replied. He stood heroically. "I'm partially responsible for this, so I wanna help save that girl!"

"Attaboy Morales." Josh approvingly replied. "Alright then, Operation Save Sam... What's her last name?"

"Sawyer." Acacia said, folding her arms.

"Really? Okay then, Operation Save Sam Sawyer is a go!"

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In the Time-Space Lab, Josh and Eileen had the Temporal Phase-Shifter hooked up to a computer.

"Well?" Acacia asked.

"We're trying to trace her temporal marker..." Josh said.

"This is taking too long," Eileen said. "We should probably just program it to take us to the last jump point."

"We have no idea where that's gonna spit us out at!" Josh replied. "How can we properly prepare if we don't know what time we're going to?"

“Whatever gets us to Sam faster is what we need to do.” Acacia ordered. Josh sighed.

“Okay, but if we end up in the deep south in the midst of the Civil War, me and Miles aren’t coming back!”

“Wait, we’re going to the Civil War?” Miles asked. “I don’t think that’s a good idea.”

“Josh is being paranoid, it’s probably fine.” Eileen said.

“Sure.” Josh reluctantly replied. He tapped the keyboard and the Phase-Shifter lit up. It fired a portal into the center of the room.

“This will take us to Sam?” Acacia asked.

“Not to her, but to where it spit her out, yes.” Josh replied. “Miles, you got our return pack?”

“Yeah...” Miles hoisted a large metal backpack that was almost as big as him onto his back.

“Dang this thing is heavy... How long do I have to carry it?”

“Until we find Sam.” Josh said, taking a tablet off the back of it and turning it on. “Here, this will monitor when we are and keep us anchored to 2019.”

“What all is in here?” Miles asked, taking the tablet.

“It’s all the equipment for the OG Temporal Phase-Shifter! That there is the Mark I, it’s so big because, as we just saw, when I tried to make it smaller, it had issues!”

“So if we lose that backpack...” Eileen said.

“We get stuck in whatever time Sam is in.” Josh said.

“Great...” Eileen groaned. She took out a small purple disk decorated with a blue lightning streak in the shape of an L. “Better take my costume.”

“Wait, your whole Lightstream costume is in there?” Josh asked in amazement.

“Like it? Stark tech.”

“How’s it work?”

“Ahem.” Acacia not so subtly interrupted.

“Okay! Okay!” They all stood in front of the portal. “E.G.G... Organize!”

“Ugh...” Everyone groaned, walking through the portal.

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Josh, Eileen, Acacia, and Miles all found themselves in a lush, marshy jungle.

“Where, or, when are we?” Josh asked. “Miles?” Miles looked down at the tablet, which was glitching.

“Uh, tech’s buggin’ out.” He said, slamming it against his palm. “Must be some kind of interference, it looks like it’s saying we’re still in 2019.”

“Well that’s definitely not right.” Eileen said, looking up.

“What makes you say...” Acacia looked up as well. “Oh shell...” Above them, snarling angrily, was a large, green, scaly, Tyrannosaurus Rex.

“RRRRRRRAAAAAAAAAARRRRRRGGGGGGGGHHHHHHH” It roared.

“Run. RUN!” Josh shouted. They all turned and began to run for it, the T-Rex hot on their tails.

"I'm gonna die!" Miles cried, falling behind from the weight of the backpack.

"Hold on Miles!" Eileen shouted. She placed the disk on her chest and tapped it. Soon, she was slowly covered in small nanites that formed into her new, sleek Lightstream armor. All purple, with blue on the joints, palms, and inner legs. She had a helmet that covered the back of her head and lenses with an HUD in front of her face. On her chest was the same symbol as the disk, lightning in the shape of an L, glowing blue with energy.

Lightstream took to the sky and spun in the air, sticking out her fist and flying at the beast.

"Eileen what are you doing!?" Josh cried.

"One thing I've always wanted to do!" She called back. "Punch a dinosaur! This is gonna be so awe-"

*CHOMP!*

The T-Rex caught Eileen in its mouth.

"Ooohhh!" Everyone simultaneously winced.

*GULP!*

The T-Rex swallowed.

"Aw no! It ate her!" Miles whined.

"RAAAHHHHH!!!!" The T-Rex triumphantly roared.

"Too bad, so sad, we gotta go!" Acacia shouted, running for her life.

"Uh... She was a brave hero, she will be missed, let's go!" Josh and Miles both took off.

“ROOOOAAAAARRRRR!!!” The T-Rex chased after them. Suddenly it stopped. It began to heave. They all looked back.

“What’s it doing?” Miles asked.

“Hrrrrrk... hrrrrrk...” It choked, smoke rings coming from its mouth. “BLERRRRGGGG!!!” The T-Rex puked, and Eileen slid out covered in green slime, face in the dirt. The T-Rex shook its head, roared in agitation, then stalked off.

“Eileen!” Acacia joyously shouted. She rushed over and was about to help her, then withdrew. “Um... I’m not touching her.”

“Ohhhh...” Eileen moaned, rolling over. “That wasn’t fun.” She tapped her chest and the armor fell to pieces. She stood up and started wiping herself off. “So clearly we’re in the Jurassic period.”

“The Cretaceous period.” Miles corrected. “That’s when T-Rexes were around.”

“Nerd!” Josh yelled through cupped hands.

“Hey, not cool maaaaahhhh!!!” Miles screamed as a Velociraptor leaped from seemingly nowhere and took him into the bushes.

“Miles no!” Josh cried, falling to his knees. “He was too young! Too young I tell you!”

“I’m... still... alive!” Miles screamed from the bushes. The Velociraptor went in to bite, but Miles grabbed a stick and held it a bay by the jaw. “Bad dinosaur! Bad!”

“Let’s help him!” Acacia exclaimed. Suddenly another one leapt out in front of them.

“Whoa... okay...” Eileen said, as they cautiously began to back away.

“Aggh! Aggh!” The Velociraptor croaked into the air. Suddenly three more emerged from the brush.

“Well, didn’t think I’d go out like this...” Josh admitted. “Guess this was the shortest reunion ever.”

“It was good to see you all one last time...” Acacia said.

“AAAAAAEEEEEEEEAAAAA!!!!” Someone yelled in a Tarzan-like fashion. Suddenly a man swung down from a vine and tackled one of the raptors. He was tall, muscular, wore nothing but a loincloth, and had long blonde hair. At the same time, a Sabretooth Tiger pounced out and took on two of the Raptors. The one that was on Miles stopped and went for the meatier prize, leaving Josh, Eileen, and Acacia with one.

“Alright guys, bum rush him!” Josh ordered.

“Ahhhh!!!” They all screamed, charging and tackling the Raptor.

“Hold him down!”

“Grab his snout!”

“Watch the teeth!”

“Someone get his tail!”

“Zap him! Eileen! Zap him!”

*ZAP!*

“Reee!” The Raptor shrieked in pain, struggled free, and ran off. The Sabretooth finished clawing at one, and roared mightily as all three of them ran off. The man finally shoulder threw his, and it got up, hissed in anger, and fled. The man stood and approached them, the Sabretooth stalking behind him.

“Hello.” He greeted in a deep, primitive voice. “I Ka-Zar. This me Sabretooth, Zabu. We help.”

“Hi Ka-Zar.” Eileen said, smiling sheepishly and touching his chest. “You’re... very strong...”

“Married woman.” Josh coughed.

“Yes! I mean, I’m Eileen Nestman.” Eileen quickly stated.

“You lean in nest of men?” Ka-Zar asked, puzzled.

“Yes, she does.” Josh lied. “I’m Joshua Westbrook, this is Acacia Blanco, and Miles Morales.”

“Hello, Joshua who lives west of brook, white Acacia tree, and Morales who runs many miles.”

“... Sure. We need some help, Ka-Zar, we’re looking for a girl.”

“Do girl have skin and hair like Ka-Zar?” He asked.

“Yes! That’s Sam!” Acacia excitedly replied. “Can you please help us find her? She’s my girlfriend, she’s really important to me.”

“Girl date other girl?” Ka-Zar asked. Acacia put her hands on her hips.

“You got a problem with that, Ka-Zar?” She asked. He held his hands up.

“Oh no, Ka-Zar super progressive.” He informed.

“How? You’re literally a caveman!” Josh exclaimed.

“Ka-Zar did see girl. But girl in trouble, girl get taken by Sauron.”

“Sauron? Like Lord of the Rings?” Eileen asked in excitement.

“No, Eileen! Not like Lord of the Rings!” Josh groaned.

“Sauron no have any rings, but Sauron think he lord of jungle.” Ka-Zar put his fist to his chest and Zabu roared. “Sauron no know that I lord of jungle!”

“Where did Sauron take Sam?” Acacia asked. Ka-Zar pointed up to a mountain top.

“Sauron take girl to lair. Him want her to be him bride.”

“Well, that’s not cool.” Josh said.

“Sam would never go for that!” Acacia confidently stated. “She’s probably fighting for her life!”

“Girl maybe have no choice.” Ka-Zar continued. “Sauron have strange abilities. Sauron make people do what Sauron want.”

“So he has mind control.” Josh snorted. “Perfect.”

“Okay, so I’d assume you know this jungle pretty well Ka-Zar.” Eileen said. “What’s the fastest way to get to Sauron’s lair?”

“To get to place fast, we swing in trees.” Ka-Zar replied.

“I’m sorry,” Miles shook his head. “Did he say swing in trees?”

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“I don’t know man...” Miles said, standing on a tree branch and looking down. It was a long way to the ground, where the Phase-Shifter equipment had been fastened to Zabu with vines on a bamboo sled.

"It perfectly safe." Ka-Zar reassured. "Who know how to swing already?"

"I do." Josh said, raising his hand. Eileen and Acacia looked at him in confusion.

"Since when?" Acacia asked.

"... A lot happens in a year." Josh sort of explained.

"Okay, well for rest of you, it easy." Ka-Zar gripped a vine. "Firm grip. Two hand for beginners. Swing low, then high, then jump, and take next vine."

"Oh, I'm just hopeless Ka-Zar!" Eileen sighed, flinging her vine about. "Can you come show me how?"

"Of course." Ka-Zar moved behind Eileen and took her arms.

"Can't you fly?" Acacia asked.

"Husssshhhhh." Eileen hissed, cutting her eyes angrily at Acacia.

"I think I'll ride on the sled with Zabu." Miles said, making his way down the tree.

"Nonsense Miles, grab you a vine!" Josh said, catching him by the collar and putting a vine in his hand. "It's easy once you get going! You'll see!"

"Everyone ready?" Ka-Zar asked. Everyone except Miles nodded. "Then swing good!" Ka-Zar leapt down and swung on his vine.

"Tally ho!" Acacia shrieked, swinging down.

"Here we go!" Eileen yelled, swinging as well.

"See you on the other side Miles!" Josh shouted, swinging down.

“I’m gonna die. I’m gonna die. I’m gonna diiiiiiiiiiiiiiiii!!!!” Miles jumped, swung down, and slammed into a tree. “Doh!” He cried, letting go of vine and plummeting. “No! No! No!” He put his hands in front of his face, and was just about to hit the ground when Josh swung by and caught him by the shorts.

“Up and at ‘em bud!” Josh ordered. He swung up and tossed Miles, who caught a vine.

“I’m not gonna...” Josh grabbed his arm.

“Just stay with me, okay?” He said. Miles inhaled and nodded. They both swung down. “Let go in 3... 2...” Miles began breathing rapidly. “...1!” They hit the top of their arc and leapt off. Josh and Miles both caught another vine.

“Whoa!” Miles exclaimed.

“Right?” Josh agreed. “Alright, same thing, we hit the top of our arc, and... release!” They let go. “And vine!” They grabbed onto a vine!

“I’m doing it!” Miles happily shouted.

“Yeah you are!” Josh congratulated. “Alright, on your own now.” He let go of Miles’s arm when they got low, and then they came back up. “And release!” They both jumped off. Miles reached out, with both hands, and caught the next vine.

“Vine!” They both shouted.

“Good Miles! Release!”

“And vine!”

“And release!”

“And vine!”

“Feel that rhythm?”

“Yeah man! I’m feeling it!” Miles swung up, jumped off with a little spin, and caught the next vine. “Wooohooo!!! I’m swingin’! I’m swingin’!”

“Attaboy Miles!” Josh laughed, swinging off.

“I’m swinging!!!!” Miles joyously claimed.

“Aw, that was sweet.” Acacia said, looking to her left to notice Eileen flying. “Really!?”

“Eh, it was too hard.” She shrugged, speeding ahead.

“Good swing! All of you!” Ka-Zar complimented. “Come now! Follow me!”

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The five had reached the mountain and made their way up a trail where they found a large cave carved into the side of it.

“Okay, we need a plan.” Josh declared.

“I have 12% of a plan.” Acacia offered.

“Acacia, we’re not gonna save Sam with 12% of a plan!” Josh replied.

“I don’t know man, 12% is pretty good.” Miles chimed in.

“Ka-Zar agree.” Ka-Zar added. “12 big number. Also, Ka-Zar have plan B.”

“I’m with Josh.” Eileen said. “We need a better plan.”

“Sam doesn’t have time! And you two are outvoted! So come on! Josh and Miles go left, Eileen and I go right, and Ka-Zar goes in cold turkey. Got it?”

“This is a terrible plan...” Josh groaned. They all rushed into the cave, where torches lit a path to a throne made of tree branches and decorated with skulls. Sam stood next to it, wearing nothing but a leopard-print bra and loincloth, with a crown made of flowers on her head and holding a wooden staff with an orb on top.

“Sam!” Acacia called. “We’re here to save you!”

Just then, from behind the throne, emerged a large, green creature. It had reptilian legs, a long, swinging tail, and the body, wings, and head of a Pterodactyl.

“You dare to challenge Sauron!” He roared in a crackly, frightening voice. Josh looked at Acacia.

“Um, Acacia, did your plan happen to account for Sauron being a GIANT PTERODACTYL PERSON!” Josh shouted.

“No... no it did not.” Acacia admitted. She looked at Ka-Zar. “And Ka-Zar, why didn’t you tell us Sauron was a Pterodactyl person?”

“Ka-Zar thought was common knowledge.” Ka-Zar shrugged. Cavemen with spears and hybrid dinosaur-human mutant creatures rushed out and surrounded them.

“Bride! Go forth and judge intruders!” Sauron ordered.

“Yes, Lord Sauron.” Sam said with a bow. She walked over to the five of them. “Help me!” She firmly whispered.

“Working on it.” Acacia promised. Sam turned back to Sauron.

“Yes, my lord, these interlopers wish to challenge you.” She declared. “And kidnap me in the process. Hopefully.”

“Fools!” Sauron hissed. “You will know Sauron’s might! You will be thrown into the volcano!”

“I don’t wanna get thrown into a volcano!” Miles cried. “I’m afraid of lava! And burning to death!”

“If it... pleases my lord...” Sam quickly intervened. “Mayhaps we could throw them to Pit instead? I say we sate the appetites of these challengers by watching them die slowly in combat!”

“Hm... Sauron likes your plan, Bride! Sauron will throw them into Pit! Take them!” The guards began to usher them along.

“What did you do?” Josh asked.

“I gave you a fighting chance!” Sam whispered. “Now find a way to get me out of here!”

“Working on it...” Eileen repeated, as they all were taken away.

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Josh, Miles, and Ka-Zar were scrounging through a room full of weapons and armor. Just outside they could hear the cheers of a crowd going wild.

“I don’t wanna die in combat.” Miles sadly stated.

“You won’t.” Josh said, tightening a loincloth around his waist. He examined himself. “Perfect!”

“You’re not gonna wear any armor?” Miles asked, picking up a breastplate.

“Slows me down.” Josh replied. “Isn’t that right Ka-Zar?”

“Yes, armor make slow. Nimble fighters need free movement.” Ka-Zar agreed. Miles put the large breastplate on, which was almost sliding off of his body.

“Don’t they have anything in teenage boy size?” He asked.

“Beggars can’t be choosers Miles.” Josh said. He dipped his hands into red paint and put two hand prints on his chest. He examined the wall and grabbed a spear. “Ah, perfect!”

“Morales of many miles wear this.” Ka-Zar said, handing Miles a smaller cuirass and tasset. “It made from Stegosaurus plates, very sturdy.”

“Thanks.” Miles said. He reached for a spear.

“Ah, ah.” Josh smacked his hand and gave him a shield as well as a helmet.

“I can’t fight with this!” He complained.

“You don’t need to be fighting at all.” Josh said. “Just staying safe. Plus Captain America fights with a shield, like, all the time.”

“Okay...” Miles reluctantly agreed. A stone against the wall was moved and Eileen and Acacia walked in. Eileen had two red lines painted under each of her eyes and was wearing the chest plate and shoulder pads to her Lightstream armor (which were a bit damaged from the T-Rex) and a chainmail skirt, holding a sword. Acacia had on a set of Carnotaurus scale armor, with a quiver on her back and a bow in her hand.

“Josh... Why aren’t you wearing armor?” Eileen almost didn’t want to ask.

“Oh, but it’s fine when Ka-Zar does it!” Josh exclaimed. “As I was just telling Miles, I get more speed and range of motion this way!”

“Please tell me you’re at least still wearing underwear?” Acacia hopefully asked.

“Not at all!” Josh proudly proclaimed. Just then a boulder began to move.

“It time.” Ka-Zar said. They all waked out and were met with the wild cheers of a crowd thirsty for combat. Up in the top of the colosseum-like structure was a balcony, where Sauron sat in another throne, Sam standing next to him.

“Let challengers face their doom!” Sauron yelled. Gates along the colosseum began to open. Raptors, pterodactyls, a Spinosaurus, a Mammoth, a T-Rex, all kinds of creatures began flooding in. Through one of the doors came a Sabretooth Tiger, dragging the Temporal Phase-Shifter equipment behind him.

“That’s Zabú!” Miles happily exclaimed.

“Zabú sneak in!” Ka-Zar proudly proclaimed. “Zabú smart!”

“Alright, now we got a chance! Listen up.” Josh ordered, looking at Acacia. “This is how you make a plan: Miles, you get to Zabú and get that Shifter fixed up, we need to be ready to jump at a moment’s notice. Eileen, you got the lightning, so take to the sky and light ‘em up.” Eileen nodded and flew off. “Acacia, get up top and get Sam. We don’t wanna tussle with Sauron, just get our guy and get out.” Acacia readied her bow and rushed off. “Ka-Zar, you and me draw their attention, keep the fighting down here. Good?”

“Good.” Ka-Zar replied. He charged forward, howling, and leapt onto the neck of the T-Rex, causing it to roar and go wild.

“Um... Mr. Westbrook, I don’t know if I can do this...” Miles nervously stated, watching all of the carnivorous creatures approaching them.

“Miles, do you know why I chose you to be my intern?” Josh asked.

“Because I’m the only one that applied?”

“No! Well, yes, but besides that! I chose you because you’re a brilliant kid, and you’re willing to take on any challenge. I will protect you, I just need you to use that big brain and fix up the Shifter.

Alright?” Miles inhaled and nodded.

“Okay. I’m good.” He stated.

“Then let’s go!” Josh ran forward, stuck his spear into the ground, and vaulted into a Raptor, kicking it to the ground. Miles slid up to Zabu.

“Good boy.” He said, unhooking the equipment. Zabu stood protectively in front of Miles as he got to work, and roared intimidatingly at any creature that got close.

Eileen flew upward, and energized her sword with lightning.

“Yaaaa!” She shouted, striking a Pterodactyl and causing it to spiral out of the sky. A group of them then focused on her and flew in an attack formation. “Come on then!” She shouted, striking them with her lightning sword.

Acacia slid under the Spinosaurus and fired an arrow at an Oviraptor. She looked back at Josh. He cut a Raptor’s leg, spun his spear and warded off the tail of an alligator, then vaulted once more onto the back of a charging Triceratops. He crammed his heel into its neck, and it wailed as it fell to the ground.

“When the hell did Josh get so good at fighting?” She asked herself.

Miles opened the back of the Shifter.

“Everything looks in order here...” He noted. “Just a few adjustments...” He began to move some wires around. A Velociraptor suddenly leapt onto a rock and hissed at him.

“Ah!” Miles cried, holding up his shield. Zabu then pounced the creature and engaged it in combat. “Okay, gotta go quick.” Miles paused. “Um... Mr. Westbrook?”

“Yes Miles?” Josh asked, as he and Ka-Zar pushed against the plated head of a Pachycephalosaurs.

“Isn’t this thing supposed to have a Chronal Power Rod inside of it?” He asked.

“It is!” Josh replied. “Why?”

“Because there’s not one in here.” Miles replied.

“What? Without that...”

“The Temporal Phase-Shifter is just a Phase-Shifter.” Miles deduced. “And if the little one was made off the same specs then that means...” He looked at the tablet. “The initial readings were correct! We’re still in 2019!”

“But how!?” Josh cried.

“Westbrook.” Josh barely heard over his staticy comms. “Westbrook, do you read me?”

“Nestman?” Josh asked.

“I’m coming in overhead, dropping Agent Venom in the hot zone.”

“Agent... Kyle?” Josh looked up. A Quinjet zoomed by, and Agent Venom fell out of the sky, fist slamming into the T-Rex and taking it to the ground with a mighty blow.

“Booyah!” He triumphantly shouted.

“Kyle!” Josh exclaimed. The symbiote peeled back, revealing Kyle’s face.

“Hey man.” He greeted. “Long time. Need some help?”

“Yes please!” Josh said. Agent Venom webbed a Raptor and pulled it to the ground. “How did S.H.I.E.L.D. know to help?” Josh asked.

“Ka-Zar plan B!” Ka-Zar held up a cellphone. “Ka-Zar call Furious Nick for help!”

“Is... is that a cellphone!?” Josh asked in disbelief.

“Yes.” Ka-Zar answered. Josh shook his head.

“A caveman with a dang cellphone. Now I’ve seen everything.”

Eileen circled around and landed on the Quinjet, pressing her face against the glass.

“Hi honey!” She greeted.

“Hey Eileen!” Nestman replied. He began firing laser blasts at Pterodactyls, but they started to swarm the jet. “Uh... Eileen...”

“Got ya.” She said. She flew up and began slicing at them with her sword. Suddenly they began to swarm her. “Oh crap! Too many!” Just then a giant glitter blast blew them away, and Carrie flew up to Eileen.

“Seems like I’m always here in the nick of time.” She bragged. “And again, what are you wearing?”

“Thank you, Carrie.” Eileen thanked. “And I’m sorry. About earlier. You are very capable of fighting your own battles. And leading your own team.”

“Thank you.” Carrie said. “So what do you say we punch some dinosaurs?”

“Shell yeah!” Eileen agreed. They got back to back and began to fire an assault of lightning and glitter.

Acacia ran to the edge of the colosseum and looked up at the balcony.

“Okay...” She aimed, and fired five arrows into the wall, ascending like a staircase. She then hopped onto the first one, then just as it snapped, leapt to the second one, and the third, and fourth, and fifth. She then gave one last mighty leap and tumbled onto the balcony.

“Acacia!” Sam happily exclaimed.

“Graaaahhhh!!!!” Sauron screeched with an ear-splitting sound.

“Ah!” Acacia cried.

“You dare to challenge Sauron directly?” He snarled. “Sauron will make you pay!” He began to trundle toward Acacia.

“Crap!” Acacia shot fire, but he hardly seemed affected as he plowed right through it and grasped Acacia with his claws. “Ah!” She screamed. He stared right into her eyes.

“Better yet, Sauron make you him slave.” Acacia struggled to free herself, but then stopped, her eyes going blank. “You fight for Sauron now.”

“I... fight... for Sauron...” Acacia repeated, entranced. Sam grasped her staff, snuck up behind Sauron, and with a mighty swing, whammed him over the edge and off the balcony.

“Grah!” Sauron cried.

“Hands off my lady!” Sam shouted. She grabbed Acacia by the shoulders. “Are you okay?” Acacia shook her head, snapping out of it.

“I’m fine.” She looked down. Sauron was plummeting, but he then spread his wings and circled around, flying back up toward them. “Uh-oh, he’s coming back for more! Get behind me Sam!”

“Raaaahhhh!!!!” Sauron roared, zooming toward Acacia. He was almost to them when suddenly the Quinjet whooshed by and slammed into him. “Grak!” He cried in pain.

“Ah!” Nestman screamed, activating the wipers, which slapped Sauron repeatedly across the face. “Get him off! Get him off!” The Quinjet spiraled out of control. In a panic, Nestman slammed the eject and launched out. The Quinjet tail spun into the jungle, and crashed into a swamp.

“Ooh...” Acacia said. “Welp, guess that takes care of him!” Sam wrapped her arms happily around Acacia and pressed her lips firmly against her cheek.

“Thank you for saving me!” She exclaimed.

“My pleasure.” Acacia replied with a smirk. She fired an arrow with a rope and grabbed onto it, taking hold of Sam. “By the way, the leopard-print is super sexy.”

“Aw, thanks.” Sam bashfully replied, as they rappelled downward. They dropped into the arena, where Nestman parachuted down, Eileen and Carrie landed, and Josh, Kyle, and Ka-Zar grouped up.

“Everybody here?” Josh asked, all of them backing their way toward Miles and Zabu. The creatures began to surround them.

“Looks like.” Eileen observed.

“Ka-Zar, you should take off.” Josh suggested. “Thank you for all of your help.”

“You welcome.” Ka-Zar replied. He got onto Zabu’s back. “New friends follow Ka-Zar on Instagram? Ka-Zar only have six followers.” Josh blinked.

“Sure.” He agreed. Ka-Zar smiled, and tapped Zabu, as the rode off.

“Okay...” Kyle said, every dinosaur and monster in the arena having circled them all in. “Now what?”

“Miles?” Josh asked.

“I think I got it!” Miles exclaimed.

“Alright, hit it!” Josh ordered. Miles flipped a switch and pressed a button, but nothing happened.

“Whoops.”

“Whoops!” Everyone replied.

“RAAAAHHHHHH!!!!” The T-Rex growled. The dinosaurs all began to close in. The crowd went wild.

“Miles! MILES!” Josh cried, bracing for impact.

“And... got it!” Miles slammed the button again, and in a flash of light, they all were standing in the Time-Space Lab in Egg Base. Everyone let out a collective sigh of relief.

“So... Sam Sawyer?” Josh asked. “Like the Howling Commando?”

“I’m sorry?” Sam asked.

“Oh come on, there were only two black Howling Commandos! Pick up a history book!” Josh complained.

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Acacia dropped both Temporal Phase-Shifters into an incinerator and pressed the button, resulting in a bright light, and a pile of ash.

“That’s that.” She said, dusting her hands. Sam approached from behind, back in her dress.

“Hey.” She greeted.

“Hey.” Acacia replied.

“So that was... something.”

“I’m so sorry you had to go through all of that Sam.” Acacia apologized. “My life is... a little crazy.”

“Well, what’s wrong with a little crazy?” Sam asked. Acacia smiled. Sam dug into her pocket and pulled out an arrowhead laced to a necklace.

“I, uh, found this in Sauron’s cave.” She said, handing it to Acacia. “It looked like an A, and, I don’t know, I guess it reminded me of you...” Acacia put it on and hugged Sam.

“I love it.” She replied.

“Good.” Sam sighed. “Well then, can we finally go on our date before I get zapped into another dimension? Again?” Acacia laughed.

“Yes, we can.” They held hands and strode off into the night.

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“Good job today Miles.” Josh said, walking Miles out to the lobby. “You should get on home, I’m sure your dad is worried sick.”

“Yeah, I’ll get goin’.” Miles agreed. “See you tomorrow Mr. Westbrook?”

“Bright and early!” Josh replied. “Oh, and, Miles? Maybe this goes without saying, but... if we could keep our little Jurassic Park adventure quiet...”

“Dude, you got it. If my parents ever figured out, well, let’s just say I’ll wish the T-Rex ate me!”

“Haha, I’ll bet. See ya man.” Miles waved and hurried off. Josh walked back into Egg Base, where Kyle was wondering around. “Hey bud, haven’t seen you in over a year! How’ve you been?”

“Eh... not great...” Kyle replied. Josh looked sadly at him.

“That thing is stuck to you, isn’t it?” He asked.

“Yeah.” Kyle replied. “It’s definitely gotten better, but... you know. I should probably report back to S.H.I.E.L.D.”

“Why?” Josh asked. “You’ve been there for a year and they haven’t figured out how to get that thing off of you! Come back and join E.G.G! We’ve got lots of high tech, something that might be able to get you free! What do ya say? We need you buddy.” Kyle thought for a bit.

“You know what? That actually sounds refreshing.” He replied.

“There you go!” Josh exclaimed, patting his back.

“I’ll still have to do my weekly visits with Dr. Kafka, but, yeah, I’ll stay. I think I’m gonna like it here.”

“Me too buddy.” Josh replied. “Me too.”

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“Ooohhh...” Eileen groaned, as she eased onto a bed in one of the bunks. She held an ice pack on her shoulder. She took out her phone and loaded up Instagram, where she found many, many topless selfies of Ka-Zar.

“Well hello there Mr. Ka-Zar.” She said, with a little cat purr.

“You’re not gonna believe this!” Nestman suddenly said, walking into the room.

“Gyah!” Eileen cried, dropping her phone. Nestman picked up and looked at the pictures. Eileen sheepishly smiled. “I love you!”

“I... don’t blame you.” Nestman said, almost admiringly, handing it back.

“Sorry, what were you saying?” Eileen asked. Nestman sat down on the bed and laid Eileen on his lap, then began massaging her shoulders. “Ooh, yes! Right there babe, right there...”

“I was saying that Nick Fury called that place the Savage Lands.” He continued. “It’s a jungle in the middle of Antarctica! The land that time forgot, they say!”

“That’s so cool.” Eileen said.

“S.H.I.E.L.D. discovered it years ago, and Fury recruited Ka-Zar to keep an eye on things down there, since he’s basically the ruler of the place. It’s super off books, and for the most part S.H.I.E.L.D. leaves it alone.”

“I don’t blame them.” Eileen said. “I don’t plan on going back *any* time soon.”

“Not even to see your boyfriend?” Nestman teased.

“Stop it.” Eileen laughed, tapping his arm. “You know you’re the only man for me.”

“I know.” He replied, kissing her lovingly. “Want an ice bath?”

“Yes please.”

“I’ll get it started. We gonna spend the night here?”

“Why not. I’m super tired anyways.” She sighed and looked up at the ceiling. “Back at E.G.G.  
Who’d have thought?”

The End