

Morning, Torday, 2nd Day of Autumn, Year 685

I managed to keep Beardy hidden all last night, and I'm going to keep her hidden all today as well.

In preparation for a spectacular reveal later in the week?

No, in preparation for hiding you for the rest of my life! You'll have to stay here while I'm at school, but don't leave the room, and don't touch anything, and don't make any noise...

You got it. Could you bring me lots of food and games? I get bored and restless very easily, but as long as I have LOTS to occupy me, it'll be the funnest hiding EVER!



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On second thoughts, I'm going to take you with me, hiding doesn't sound like your thing. It will be safer knowing where you are. At least today can't be any worse than yesterday!

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WHY DID I SAY THAT? OBVIOUSLY, TODAY HAS NOW GOT EVEN WORSE.

Wisdom Guardian and his Familiar, Seer, spotted me before I even made it through the school gates. Luckily,



Beardy was hidden in the pocket of my school blazer, fast asleep. Wisdom Guardian said that the fox statue I found was seemingly a very ancient sculpture of a Familiar, and that I'd excavated it really well! Apparently, I have a gift for archaeology! So exciting! And then he said something much less exciting.

“Now, Power Guardian and I have sent a letter about this to your family, but I wanted you to hear it from me. This wasn’t an easy decision, but I’m afraid we’ve decided that Glamour Kindom shouldn’t host the Kindom Ceremony.”



My heart dropped. I asked him if the letter could be unsend and my family never told of this, and if I could do extra homework to make him change his mind. He said “no”, “no” and “for the last time, homework is not a currency”.



“Since no one has Met a Glamour Familiar for decades,” Wisdom Guardian went on, “we’ve decided that Sparkle Kindom should host the Kindom Ceremony instead.”

Shimmer will never let me live this down.

Wisdom Guardian must have seen how devastated I was, because then he smiled at me and said, “But you might still Meet a Glamour Familiar! And if you do, I’ll be able to reopen the discussion and make sure that all ceremonial

duties are returned to Glamour Kindom. I'm sorry I couldn't hold this decision off any longer, Glam. I've been under pressure from you-know-who!"

He gestured at Power Guardian and Grizzle,

who were assisting the builders

outside the school by gleefully smashing various large boulders into smithereens.

I smiled half-heartedly.

"It will all be easier

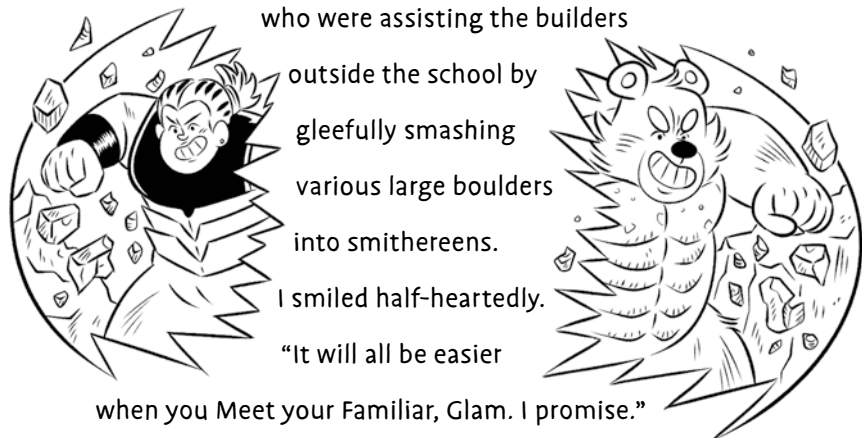
when you Meet your Familiar, Glam. I promise."

Wisdom Guardian and Seer headed off into the school.

Sounds like a tough conversation. I'm sorry I was asleep.

I'm not, I don't think you would have stayed quiet otherwise.

The best thing about being awake is talking! I like that Wisdom Guardian guy, though; he sounds smart. I'm gonna call him Wizzie. So, is everything easier now you've met me?



No, Beardy. Everything is not easier, everything is much, much worse. They're going to stop my family from hosting the Kindom Ceremony, everyone's going to be *really* upset and then Glamour Kindom is going to end and it's all going to be because of ME.

Oh...