

Leanne

MEGAN JONES: Okay, I see what we're doing.

NARRATOR: And upon being told to leave the Great Hall for evacuation...it was a Puff who stood up first.

ERNIE MAC: What if we want to stay and fight?

(Everyone mutters, a bit unsure of this course of action.)

WAYNE HOPKINS: Uh, before we rush into anything, can we get just like one minute?

HARRY: Alright. I'm off to find a tiara.

(Harry runs off. If double cast, Susie enters a moment later.)

WAYNE HOPKINS: This is really crazy. People might die. We all might die. Anyone who stays needs to understand that.

HANNAH: But...why would they need us? Everybody says we're the worst at this school.

SALLY PERKS: I don't think they want the stupid people to help fight.

J. FINCH: Yeah. J. Finch is only good at Herbology. Which is the best.

PUFFS: Yeah.

SUSIE BONES: I'll most definitely die if I fight.

MEGAN JONES: It would be easier to just...leave.

(All agree. Slowly, they begin to leave. Even Wayne reluctantly begins to take a step off stage. But—Leanne plants herself firmly center.)

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LEANNE: No! I don't want to leave. Why is everyone always so down on us? I won't stand for it anymore! And I won't sit for it either. And I also won't stand on one leg because I can't. Watch. Anyways. Look at your hand! You have a wand!

(Everyone looks at the hand that in fact does not have a wand in it.)

LEANNE: Unless you looked at your other hand. Look at yourselves! Hannah. You used to be so awkward. And you still are, but we don't mind anymore! Who's that? It's Ernie Mac. And he is basically the best. And Sally. Remember that time you did that thing?

SALLY PERKS: I do.

LEANNE: It was amazing! Susie! We all thought you'd be dead by now. But look at you, standing there, alive. Wayne. You give the best hugs. Megan! You give better hugs than you think you do. And J. Finch.

He's imaginary, AND HE CAN DO MAGIC! We all can. We're wizards. So, sure. It would be easy to leave. But wouldn't it be wrong? We should do what's right. Like Cedric. I'm a Puff and I'm staying, because if we don't fight now we may never find out how that hat talks!

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(Leanne puts her wand center. All others join her with their own, one by one.)

HANNAH: I'm a Puff. And I'm staying.

J. FINCH: I'm a Puff. And I'm staying.

SUSIE, SALLY, & ERNIE: I'm a Puff. I'm staying.

MEGAN JONES: We might die. Are we all willing to die for Harry?

WAYNE HOPKINS: We won't die for Harry. We'll die for each other. I'm a Puff. I'm staying.

(All look to Megan. Slowly, she joins.)

MEGAN JONES: ...I'll stay.

(She puts her wand in, but all others take theirs out. Not good enough, they give her a judging look.)

MEGAN JONES: And I'm a Puff. I'm a Puff.

(No one puts their wands back in yet. They want her to go deeper into her soul.)

MEGAN JONES: Look. my socks don't match. I struggle with reading. I was secretly a member of the Frog Choir. I'm a Puff!

(Everyone puts their wand in and waves.)

PUFFS: Hi!

MEGAN JONES: HIIIIIIIIIIIIII!

WAYNE HOPKINS: Alright, if we're going to fight alongside the Braves and the Smarts and not the Snakes, since they've been officially acknowledged as evil, we sure as hell better make sure we take down more bad guys than them.

ERNIE MAC: So then, third or nothing?

WAYNE HOPKINS: No. First or nothing.

PUFFS: **FIRST OR NOTHING!**