

CHAPTER 16

‘THE INVITE’

“GOLLY GEE TUBBY!ARE YOUR BALL SLINGERS BROKE!YOU PLAY LIKE A GOOFY MONKEY- YOU DO!”, wailed Alexis,- as she continued to monitor the game from beneath the bleachers .

"HELLO THERE- ALEXUS!", greeted a girl's voice- from the distant right.

A surprised Alexis rolled her eyes to the right, instantly spotting the girl who stood outside of the bleacher entrance within the bright bright light. Alexis didn't move a muscle- not even a sleeve, figuring that if she didn't respond to the girl- she would get the message and just leave*but she didn't!* She let out a dragging *'SIGH'*- as the girl entered into the darkness beneath the bleachers and headed in her direction. It was as if the girl didn't understand a silent*LEAVE ME ALONE!*

“THAT'S FAR ENOUGH- IT IS!WHAT IN THE WORLD DO YOU WANT?”, snapped Alexis- as she turned right to face the girl. The girl stopped no more than eight feet away- she did!

"Hello there Alexis!My name is Myana, but my friends and family just call me Mya for short! I just wanted to know if you'd want to come to my pizza party this Saturday?Its gonna be down at the Pizza Ferret!There's going to be all the yummy pizza you can eat and lots of super fun games, and dancing and stuff", spoke Mya- as she continued to take a few more baby steps- until she was close enough to reach out and touch Alexis.

"PARTY!", tooted out Alexis- in shock. It was the last thing that she had ever expected to hear- it was!

Meanwhile- back on the basketball court.....

"COME ON UGLY- BRING IT!", taunted Louis- as he danced from side to side.

"OH- I'M GONNA BRING IT FOOLIO!", sang out Cindy- as she aimed her dodge ball and waited for Louis to stand still. She reached her right hand 'WA' 'WA' 'WAY' back for the kill shot- she did!

[*Suddenly*] Hoagie careened into Cindy- just as she released the ball 'KA-WHAM', causing them both to go tumbling to the floor like Jack and Jill- with a hard 'BAM' 'BAM'! The ball flew forward out of Cindy's hands and soared straight to the left, right into the crowd past the hairy man that ref'd! It 'SLAMMED' into Sheldon's face with a hard 'SMACK', instantly knocking his glasses off and blood from his nose- while pushing his head 'WA' 'WA' 'WAY' back! It was the only injury that happened that day- and Sheldon didn't even play!

Louis pranced up to the center court line doing the Running Man dance with a wide wide smirk upon his beak! It was an arrogant smirk- that nearly stretched from cheek to cheek! He looked down upon Cindy like a gladiator ready to eliminate the competition, waiting to see the fear in her eyes with his trigger finger 'ITCH' 'ITCH' 'ITCHIN'! It was over all over for Cindy- it was!

"I LOUIS!THE TOP DOG OF COOLNESS HERE AT SAINT MARY'S!DO HEREBY SENTENCE YOU TO DODGE BALL DEATH!", he sang out- as he lifted the ball 'HA' 'HA' 'HIGH' above his head. Cindy tried to roll out of the way- but she couldn't, because Hoagie laid on both of her legs like a baby beached whale.

Meanwhile- back beneath the bleachers.....

"Yes! It's my birthday party!", exclaimed Mya.

"I've never been invited to a real birthday party before- I haven't", replied Alexis.

"NEVER- EVER?", questioned Mya.

"Nope!But I've seen plenty of them in people's dreams- I have".

"Parties are lots of fun- I've been to lots of them!Once you party- you'll wanna party- ALL- the time!Trust me!", sang Mya- with a friendly smile. She reached out with her right hand and held out a white envelope before Alexis, that was sealed with a little red heart sticker.

"What's that?", questioned Alexis- as she gazed down at the envelope.

"It's your invitationSo you'll know when and where the party's gonna beIt tells you the time- and dateHere take it- it's for you!", instructed Mya.

"For me?", tooted Alexis- with surprise, as her rainbow shirt began to 'GLIT' 'GLIT' 'GLITTER' yellow.

"Yeah!.....", exclaimed Mya.

Alexis slowly reached out her right hand with caution, as if Mya's hands were covered in filthy filthy mud. **"..... I already gave one to all my friends!"**, she sang out- just as Alexis's fingers made contact with the envelope.

[*Suddenly*] The stern voice of Henry Minnelton 'RA' 'RA' 'RANG' within her ear like a 'SCRA' 'SCRA' 'SCRATCHING' record ...*Gatekeepers don't make friends! ...Gatekeepers don't make friends!Gatekeepers don't make friends!*

Alexus swiftly snatched her hand back- just as Mya released the envelope, causing it to 'FA' 'FA' 'FALL' to the floor!

"I DON'T DO PARTIES- AND I CERTAINLY DON'T DO FRIENDS- I DON'T!I GOT RESPONSIBILITIES- I DO!", barked Alexis- as her rainbow shirt stopped glittering and returned to its normal color spectrum. She then turned back toward the dodge ball game!

"But-but- but why?What did I say?", plead Mya.

"But- nothing! ...You won't do me like some Fiddler- you won't!So you can just take your little party thingy and roll outBEADY!", piped Alexis- as she locked her eyes on the many colorful beads in Mya's braided hair.

"You know what!Your really mean Alexis! This is no way to treat people who want to be your friend!".

"Listen to me- you do!.....", stressed Alexis- as she swung her head to the right and barked out, **"We are notFRIENDS'SSS!"**

"WELL FINE!DON'T COME!I DON'T CARE!", shouted Mya- with her hands on her hips and her neck "SLA' 'SLA' 'SLIDING' from side to side, giving Alexis a serious*ATTITUDE!*

Alexus silently watched as an upset Mya spun back around and 'STA' 'STA' 'STORMED' away, before she turned her eyes back to the ball game- which had ended to her dismay! Alexis knew that the game was history, when she saw Louis and his teammates 'JA' 'JA' 'JUMPING' up and down in victory! Hoagie and Cindy got up from the ground like a couple of drunken bums- they did!

The crowd began to 'CHA' 'CHA' 'CHEER' as Louis did a few of his latest and greatest dance moves! He loved to 'RA' 'RA' 'RUB' it in the losers faces- he did!

"GOLLY GEE!You turn your back for one teeny min and the tables turn- they do! ...Oh well- I tried!", chimed Alexis. She didn't want Louis and the rest of the Jerky Boys to win the match- she didn't! If it wasn't for the girl with the loud beads in her hair- it would have been Hoagie and Cindy doing the dancing!

Alexus backed away from the bleachers- while fixing her arm gloves- and 'SIGH'ed deeply. **"Fare thee well Saint Mary's!I'll miss you- I willYou were my favorite schooley of them all- you wereI'll always remember the good times- I will, but it's due time to grow up and handle my responsibilitiesFare thee well!"**, she sang out- before she took one last look at Cindy, as she lifted her lucky ball cap from the ground, dusted it off and put it backwards atop her head. Cindy then drilled into Hoagie really really good- she did!

Alexus turned to the right and 'CA' 'CA' 'CLONKED' her boots together three times- while calling out the magic word**"SHIZ'ZIMO!"**. The boots instantly began to 'GA' 'GA' 'GLITTER' and sparkle, before a magical stargate appeared within the air! It quickly 'SPA' 'SPA' 'SPUN' open and touched down to the gym floor!

Alexus turned her head back around and gazed downward toward the shadows. "**Are ya comin' along or whatcause I'll leave you behind- I will!**", threatened Alexis.

[*Suddenly*] A small raccoon scurried forth from out of the darkness 'SQUEE' 'SQUEE' 'SQUEEKING' up a storm! Alexis stepped forward- right over the Mya's invitation and got 'SA' 'SA' 'SUCKED' into the dancing stargate! As the raccoon neared the stargate, he 'SNA' 'SNA' 'SNATCHED' up the envelope firmly within his little teeth and lips, then dashed into the stargate behind her for another super coolio magical trip! Seconds later- the stargate 'SPA' 'SPA' 'SPUN' closed and disappeared- it did!