

A Very Third Earth Christmas

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Chapter 9: Don We Now Our Shay Apparel

Christmas Eve

“Okay guys! How do I look?” Shay stepped into her kitchen with a halter strap black dress that hugged her figure tightly. Her hair was straightened and she had five diamond studs on each of her ears. It was rare when she dressed up, but when she did, she cleaned up well. Snarfer smiled while Snarf looked like he was about to have a heart attack.

“Wow Shay you look pretty!” the little snarf said setting an apple pie on the serving table.

“Thanks Snarfer!” she grinned, then looked at Snarf who still didn’t respond. “Well Snarf, what do you think?”

“Reowr...don’t you think you need a little more on or something? It’s so cold outside!”

“Oh Snarf....”she giggled patting him on the head, “You’re so funny.”

She looked around her house to make sure she had everything set up the way she wanted to.

“It feels so good to be back.” She thought to herself staring out the window.

“Hey Shay, how much time do we...whoa look at you!” Linda said coming out the kitchen with her casserole with a long sparkly red dress on. She set it down on the serving table and looked at the leopard with a huge smirk. “You look so ravishing!”

“Thanks Linda, you don’t look too bad yourself. I just wish I could walk better in these heels.”

“No one told you to get 5 inch heels Shay.” Linda said as someone knocked on the door.

“I need that extra little boost, okay!” Shay said making her way towards the front door, “I’m gonna take them off when everyone is half drunk to notice anyway.” She opened the door and saw Jason-ra, Emma and Bengali on the other end.

“Hey Shay!” they all said simultaneously as they walked in. They all handed their Secret Santa gifts to the leopard and walked in.

“Hey guys! Glad you could make it!” Shay exclaimed giving everyone a hug.

Bengali walked over to his wife to “help” her with the food. Shay showed them to the party room and waited for the party to begin.

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Almost an hour later just about everyone showed up. Shay was delighted to see all of her friends together on this magnificent gathering. She stood up on a chair and banged on a glass to get everyone’s attention.

“Hey ya’ll can I have your attention!?”

Everyone soon got quiet and she continued on with her speech. “I would just like to thank each and every one of you for coming to my party this evening, especially after the way I acted last week. I would still like to apologize for my outburst on that day. I didn’t mean anything I said at the Berbil Market Village.”

Plenty of “awwww’s” spread across the room, and everyone cheerily stood up and met in the middle for a big group hug around the leopard.

“It’s okay Shay, you know you really didn’t mean it!” exclaimed Lion-o who was now demanding everyone’s attention.

“I also have an announcement to make.” Everyone quieted down.

Lion-o cleared his throat and took a deep breath getting ready for his big announcement.

“Ladies and gentlemen. I would like to just say that I am happy that we all could come together in peace and harmony for this wonderful occasion.”

Schwenk rolled his eyes at the young lord, “Okay get to the point!” he hollered.

Lion-o frowned at the assassin then continued, “Okay okay, well I just wanted to let you in on a little secret I’ve been hiding from you all. Purrsia and I were engaged to get married since we were born.”

All of the Thundercats looked at each other then shrugged.

“Okay we knew that already.” Said Panthro.

Lion-o was shocked. “ You did?”

“Yeah, Purrsia told us like months ago, where have you been?” Tygra said taking a sip of egg nog. Lion-o looked at Purrsia with a confused expression. Purrisa grinned and nervously sipped on her drink.

“Whoa whoa whoa wait a minute....you guys were engaged?” questioned Lynxie who had already had a few drinks.

Lion-o nodded, “Yes we were, but we’ve decided to break it off because we’ve realized that we are not in love with each other and it would never go further than anything physical. SOOOOOO that means that now I am a free agent and for any of you single ladies out there, I’m free!”

Purrsia almost spit out her drink, “Wait, I thought you said you were gonna settle down?”

Lion-o looked around then smirked when Tara slid her way next to him, “So I lied.”

“You’re such a man whore!” Lynxie yelled boisterously from the back of the room. Everyone exchanged glances then continued to what they were doing prior to Lion-o’s announcement.

Shay looked around to see if she could find Josh but he still hadn’t made it to the party. There was a knock on her front door and she rushed to it to see who was on the other end “Oh I hope it’s Josh” she thought to herself but was disappointed to find Lynx-o on the other end.

“What are you doing here!”

Lynx-o made his way into her house and stood in the middle of the room. “I also have an important announcement to make.” He turned his head towards Lynxie who was joking with Sinistral and then the atmosphere was filled with a dramatic tone.

“Lynxana.....I am your father.”

Lynxie spat out her drink and looked at the blind Thundercat with horror, “What the hell?”

“It’s true....”

Shay rolled her eyes and sighed, “Lynx-o I’m sorry, I understand you want to be a huge part of this story but you can’t. So lying about being Lynxie’s father for dramatic purposes just isn’t gonna cut it. Besides, aren’t you supposed to be watching the lair?”

Lynx-o paused for a second then slowly made his way out of the door.

“Ooooookay anyways....” Shay said to herself bringing out a tray of strawberries. She sat them down on a table next to the couch where Lion-o and Tara were cuddling. Shay looked at the two then looked at the tray of strawberries then back at the couple and saw a look of excitement fill the hybrid’s eyes. “Ohhhhhhhh no, I better set them over here.” She moved them next to the desserts on the table next to the kitchen.

Snarfer put on his Santa outfit with mistletoe in his hand he looked around the room for his first victims and saw Kitra and Therja sitting next to each other having an innocent chat. Snarfer made his way over there and put the mistletoe above their heads. Therja realized that the snarf had slid between them and turned around annoyed.

“Snarfer, can we help you?” he asked. Snarfer giggled then pointed up towards the mistletoe. Kitra and Therja looked up simultaneously and blushed.

“Oh wow mistletoe....” Said the she-cat as she twiddled her thumbs. Therja glared at Snarfer then looked at Kitra with a smirk on his face. Kitra finally looked up and made eye contact with him then shrugged.

“Why not?” she said then leaned in to give Therja a peck on the lips. “Merry Christmas Therja!” she said as she looked down blushing. Therja blinked a few times then finally collected his thoughts.

“Wow...um Merry Christmas Kitra.” He looked at her adoringly until she looked up again and they met in the middle for another, longer kiss. Snarfer saw that his work was done and snuck away.

Wily Kat and Wily Kit were sitting in some lounge chairs sipping on some punch. Wily Kat was eyeing the egg nog and made sure that the coast was clear for him to take a drink. He looked over at Panthro who was talking to Bengali, Linda Tygra and Myra then he looked over at Shay who was talking to Link and Blade. Then he saw that everyone else was busy carrying on with their conversations. Wily Kit noticed her brother acting suspicious all of a sudden then sighed.

“Wily Kat, give up, it’s not gonna work. You’re gonna get caught!”

“No Kit, no one’s paying attention, the coast is clear! I’m gonna go over there real quick and fill my glass with the “adult egg nog”

Wily Kit shook her head as her brother crept towards the refreshments table. He poured some in his glass while looking around suspiciously making sure no one spotted him. Then walked away from the punch bowl victorious.

“See Kit! I told you! No one even noticed!” He laughed then lifted his cup to take a sip. Before the beverage could reach his lips his cup was blasted and it disintegrated in thin air. He looked up and saw Sinistral with an evil smirk walking past him.

“Hey!” Wily Kit cried.

“I’m evil get used to it.” He said making his way towards Jason-ra who was telling some jokes to Sirrina, Lyonnarra, and Salix. Sirrina smiled at the dark lord flirtatiously and walked over to him.

“Nice party huh?”

Sinistral sighed and took a puff from his cigar, “Oh I suppose. I say though, everyone seems to be on their best behavior tonight. That’s a problem.”

“I’ve heard some interesting things about you Mr. Sin.” She said taking a sip of her drink.

Sinistral smirked then took another puff from his cigar. “Oh? And what might that be?”

Sirrina batted her eyes and ran her fingers through her hair. “So many things, like the fact that you have a way with women. Is that true?”

Sinistral chuckled and stroked his goatee, “Well I don’t mean to brag but.....”

He looked up and to his surprise saw Chilla coming towards them. He was shocked that she was even invited but didn’t mind either.

“Chilla my dear what brings you.....”

Chilla walked right pass him and hugged Jason-ra and kissed him seductively. “Hey Jay baby sorry I’m late but I had to get extra beautiful just for you.” she said in her trademark raspy voice.

Sin looked at what was going on before him in disbelief and scowled, “What the hell is this? Since when did you get together?”

Jason wrapped his arm around Chilla's waist and smirked, "Well, actually, I have no idea. It just kinda happened." Jason looked at the ice villain with admiration and kissed her on the cheek. "It was like love at first frost bite."

Sinistral closed his eyes and shook his head a bunch of times then walked off, "I need a strong drink." He mumbled to himself grabbing a shot glass from the tray Snarf was carrying. He downed the shot and put it back in the tray, just as Purrsia walked by with Jageena following. The dark prince looked the jaguar up and down and pondered to himself.

"Well Jageena is evil and she is attractive....maybe I could....." he shook his head violently, *"Nahhhh"*

Shay was sitting at the card table observing Schwenk, Emma, Becyana and Ishaldi were playing Monopoly. Schwenk frowned as he landed on a Community Chest square.

"Oh bloody hell! Why do I keep landing on these things?"

"Well Schwenny, you never know, you might get some money or...." He showed the card to her with a sour look on his face, "Go directly to jail...." She finished.

Schwenk threw his card on the game board and stood up abruptly, "I can't play this game anymore. I quit!" he yelled then stormed off. Everyone around the table exchanged glances and shrugged.

"Geez, someone's a sore loser." Ishaldi mumbled picking up the game piece that once was Schwenk's.

"I'm glad he's gone anyway. He gives me the creeps!" Becyana said watching Schwenk walk over to where Leanna was sitting. "Did you know that he's a Thunderian assassin?"

Shay giggled, “Yep I sure do!”

Everyone at the table looked at Shay like she had lost her mind, “So you INTENTIONALLY invited him knowing he’s an assassin?”

Shay nodded, “Yeah I mean why not? Everyone deserves some Christmas cheer, right?”

Emma put away her game piece and stood up, “Okay I’m all about being cheery and spreading Christmas cheer, but there’s a limit.”

“Oh come on Em, he hasn’t attempted to do anything. Besides, he’s no worse than Mumm-ra or even Sin.”

“Yeah Yeah, I’ll be by the cookies.” She said walking away.

“Well it looks like the game is just you and me Ish.” Betsyana said removing Emma’s game piece. “Unless you want to play.” She looked at the leopard.

“Uh, no thanks, I’ll pass....but I’m sure Zhyan and Spark would love to play.” Shay stood up and grabbed the couple who were walking by the table and motioned them to sit down.

Zhyan looked at the board game and sighed, “I’ll only play on one condition.”

“And what’s that?” asked Ishaldi

“If I get to be the car.”

“No, I’m the car Zhy. You know I ALWAYS get the car.”

“But Spark....”

“NO! I’m the car and that’s it. Why don’t you be the top hat or something.” She grabbed the game piece from the archangel and crossed her legs. Zhyan admitted defeat and grabbed the top hat.

Shay leaned against the doorway and observed the party. She was so happy to have everyone come together for the holiday and she couldn’t be any happier.

“Ho! Ho! Ho!” a voice said behind her. She turned around and saw Joshua standing behind her wearing a nice black shirt and khaki pants topped off with his trademark black knit hat.

“Josh! Where have you been?”

“Well, it’s a long story that I will eventually tell you, but I’m here and that’s all that matters.”

Shay raised a brow at the snow leopard. There was something very mysterious about him that grabbed her attention. She made a promise to herself that she will discover out what that mystery was, but she’ll just enjoy his presence in the mean time.

“Yeah, it is....” Shay became caught up in his green eyes like she always does smiled, “Merry Christmas Joshua Frost.” She said softly.

“Merry Christmas Shay Leona.” He said above a whisper and touched her forehead with his.

They both touched noses and met each other halfway with a sweet, sensual kiss, not realizing that everyone at the party focusing their attention on them. The two leopards finally realized how quiet it was and slowly pulled away from the kiss. They looked at everyone watching and the room was filled with a bunch of ooooh’s and awwwww’s. Josh looked down with embarrassment while Shay looked with everyone with annoyance.

“Ohhhhhhhh ya’ll grow up already!” she teased then kissed Josh again, this time even more sensual. Everyone hooted and hollered giving the two a round of applause.

“Whoooooooooooooooooooo go Shay and Josh, looks like some people are getting busy tonight!” Lynxie yelled from across the room buzzed from her cocktail. She looked at Linda and Lyonnarra. “You knowwwwwwwwwwwwwwwww what thisssshsh means, riiiiight?” she said her words slurring.

“No, what does it mean?” Lyonnarra asked curiously.

“There’s a-gonna be a sequel to this story!!!!” she said cackling.

Linda and Lyonnarra looked at each other then back at the drunken lynx that was bursting with laughter.

“What, you mean there’s going to be A Very Third Earth Christmas Part Two?” Tygra inquired very loudly.

Shay stopped kissing the snow leopard then coyly looked up, “Hmmmmmm, I guess you’ll just have to wait and see.” She winked, “Merry Christmas ya’ll!”