KITTY QUEST

TRIAL BY TENTACLE



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AROUND THIS TIME OF YEAR, THE GOOD PEOPLE OF MEOWMINSTER HEAD TO THE WOODS AROUND THE CITY TO FORAGE FOR MUSHROOMS.

I LOVE MUSHROOM SEASON!

IT'S A FUN SEASONAL ACTIVITY THAT EVEN THE BRAVEST HEROES OF KITTY QUEST CAN'T RESIST.

THESE ARE ENORMOUS. I'M HAVING ONE.

SHROOMING SEASON IS THE BEST. MY BASKET IS FULL ALREADY. HOW ARE YOU DOING, WOOLFRIK?

MY MUM SAYS THAT WHEN IT COMES TO FUNGI...

IT'S BEST TO GO BIG.

OH.

AAAARRGGHHHHHHHHH!

THIS IS SUCH A RELAXING WAY TO SPEND A MORNING.

PERIGOLD! DO SOMETHING!

CHOMP!

HUH?

WOOLFRIK, DID YOU HEAR THAT?

WAS IT THE SOUND OF THIS MUSHROOM CHOMPING DOWN ON MY HEAD?

NO, I HEARD THAT. YOU GET BITTEN EVERY YEAR. THIS WAS SOMETHING ELSE.

IT'S STUCK TIGHT.

IT SOUNDS LIKE SOME KIND OF ARGUMENT COMING FROM DEEPER IN THE WOODS.

WE SHOULD INVESTIGATE. SOMEONE MAY NEED HELP.

MEANWHILE, A FEW TREES AWAY.

YOU SHALL NOT CROSS!

SO YOU'D BETTER TURN BACK, MATE.

OFF YOU GO. GOODBYE.

WHAT?

BUT I NEED TO USE THIS BRIDGE.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

I WANT TO CROSS THE BRIDGE, LIKE I'VE DONE EVERY DAY FOR YEARS.

BUT THIS...

ER...

I'M SORRY. WHO EXACTLY ARE YOU?

IS IT NOT OBVIOUS?

WE ARE THE GUARDIANS OF THIS BRIDGE.

AND LIKE WE SAID, YOU SHALL NOT PASS!

EH? SINCE WHEN? I'VE CROSSED THIS BRIDGE EVERY DAY FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS AND THERE'S NEVER BEEN A GUARDIAN.

SINCE YESTERDAY.

AND WE NEVER SAW YOU YESTERDAY.

YESTERDAY I HAD TO GO TO THE DENTIST. OTHER THAN THAT, I'VE USED THIS BRIDGE REGULARLY FOR A DECADE.

IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN A GLEAMING SMILE TO GET YOU ACROSS THIS BRIDGE.

BUT THERE IS A WAY.

THERE IS?