

Shroob Saga - From The Ground Up

It was nearly time for Black Shell and Brittany to be on their way. Everyone expresses their gratitude for helping with the tremendous battle that ended a few weeks ago but enough time has passed. They needed to get back to their home....Bowser's Kingdom or at least what is left of it.

"I believe my place is here"

"That is ok with us"

Black puts his hands in his jacket pocket as he talks to Toadson. The decision was made that his work is somewhere out there in the remnants of the still beating heart that is a world after the turmoil of Princess Shroob but he felt he wasn't done in the Mushroom Kingdom. The Rogue Koopa and Pom Pom both smiled at the toad before saying their goodbyes to him and the princesses.

"H-hey wait a second"

Daisy stepped forward as the two were about to leave.

"Be ready when you return.....get stronger so we can have a good fight"



"That goes without saying Princess. I look forward to us meeting again"

She nods and smiles after putting her hand on his shoulder.

"Thank you for helping us. I am sure this is the start of something new for us all and it's thanks to you. I can't wait to see where your journey takes you"

"Yeah.....first order of business though"



The remaining soldiers of the Koopa Army made their way back to what was left of their home. The Koopa King himself was gone after fighting so valiantly during Shroob's Invasion to risk his life. The people had to pick up where they left off and breathe anew essence into their homes. It took weeks since Black and Brittany have been gone but it seems those who survived finally got everything into a state that you can call stable, They cleaned up the debris and got their houses rebuilt, got businesses back open and places they can lie their heads. One thing was on Black's mind as he and his friend entered the remains of the castle. A disgruntle Kamek who hasn't seen these two in a long ass time didn't even break his stare. They can see an odd non-nonchalant gaze behind those glasses as they entered the throne room.

"Aye yo....look who came back"



"Absolutely and i see there is good news as the Kingdom is getting back on its feet"

Ludwig conjured an apple as he slouched on the throne.

"You two expecting medals? We didn't do this ourselves. You helped with the cleanup so give yourself credit"

"I'm not quite sure what you mean by this"

Black said looking over at Brittany slightly. The Koopa Kid smirked as he took a large bite out of the apple.

"The both of you had your hands in knocking Shroob around right? Technically you gave us time to clean up because we heard that shit all throughout the lands."

Black didn't know if this was because of Shoob's fight as a team or the fight between Toadson and Daisy. The Koopa Kid could see the confusion and started laughing.

"I am just messing with you. You two did help us out during our darkest moment. The king would have wanted that"

"That's at least something coming from you my lord....."

"You don't have to do that Super Rookie.....just know that you two did a good thing with what we had. Bowser Jr is alive and i saw him."

Their eyes widen as they looked at him happily. Brittany pipes up.

"Where sir?"

"Fuck all who knows"

"You don't....know?"

"Here's what he told me"

Ludwig sat up in his chair.

"Came in all distraught because of course he is after dad died, told me he needed to see about something and the last thing i heard he left the Kingdom."

Brittany looked at Black sadly but he knew there was more to the story.

"There has to be more to that. He is an important part of the Royal Family and you want him to run off to god knows where?"

"Who is gonna stop him?....me or himself sweetheart? We are all that is left"

Brittany looks down then slowly back up at him at a glance.

"I understand.....it's just all so sad."

"I've been done with sad especially since now that Shroob is gone. We look back but never walk. Moving forward is our option am i right?"

"What do you need us to do?"

"Keep our conversations under wraps but there is nothing you two can do but i bet you want to go after Bowser Jr."

Black looks at Brittany then at Ludwig with confidence.

"Not really"

"Eh?"



The Koopa Kid finishes his apple but looks genuinely confused. Black speaks up again.

"I'm not completely sure how to put this but i feel like i know why he is going on his own. It's exactly how you are right now"

"Ah i see.....we deal with things differently that kind of shit huh"

Ludwig snickered and his cynicism might have been a little annoying but still sincere. The two knew that out of all of the Koopa children his pessimism was the most noticeable. They felt like they understood but at the same time they didn't and it didn't bother them. It made them feel better knowing that there were two other people that had a similar mindset to themselves. Months ago this was Black Shell, first day on the job having to fight an invading force that no one could have predicted would collapse a Kingdom in hindsight. Months later after that and it was down to him and unlikely comrades metaphorically staring down the barrel of a gun. Now that they got the bad guy off the board it's time for a new chapter.

"I have one last thing before we leave"

"Lay it on me"

"After the restoration what is our next course of action"

He kind of knew but wanted to hear Ludwig say it. The Koopa Kid looked at Black and smiled.

"I have a plan but i am not saying anything until i am ready"

"I guess that will suffice. See you later then"

"Yeah yeah.....once again thank the both of you"

They leave the castle and are on their way but Black knows exactly what he needs to do.

"Hey Black....why did you ask him that?"

"I wanted to know for myself but i.....Brittany i don't know"

"What is it?"

She looked worked as a flash of concern was on his face. She's seen pure intimidation in the rookie before, waves of pure determination and power. For the first time she saw something a lot less threatening in the form of uncertainty. Black looked up to see the horizon.

"I think he.....he might be planning something against Bowsette's Kingdom"