
Episode 490 – Cast herd stampede

It was a nice apartment, well-lit, spacious and well furnished. A pair of nice, plush leather couches set the scene, arranged in a neat L-shape, with a small coffee table between them. What dominated the room, however, was the massive flat-screen against one wall, so big as to loom over all else around it. By comparison, the broad windows with views out over a strangely futuristic metropolis and the other doorways leading away to gods alone knew where seemed like afterthoughts.

“So we got into an argument over what were ‘legal’ and ‘illegal’ or even ‘ethical’ ways to stick bricks together,” Tsuneo commented as he and Rebecca entered the apartment.

“What happened next?” She asked.

“Somebody accidentally stepped on a stray brick and it turned into aa brawl,” Tsuneo sighed. “Adult Lego fans are the worst.”

“Considered introducing Natalya to the hobby?” She asked.

“I like her too much for that,” He admitted.

“And here you all go,” Rick interjected as he entered, quickly handing out sheets of paper to the pair of them. Dan followed, one already in hand.

“What's this?” Tsuneo asked.

“Your character sheets” Rick beamed.

“And don't try and stop him,” Dan sighed. “He's determined to do this.”

“Now that you have your finished character sheets,” Rick began, “and I've made a half-arsed effort to explain the rules.”

“Which make no sense,” Tsuneo noted.

“Yes,” Rick agreed.

“And are openly contradictory in places,” Dan added.

“No arguments there,” Rick nodded.

“And represent a ridiculously granular simulationist approach to subject matter that it's not suited to at all,” Rebecca also spoke up.

“Also very true,” Rick admitted. “But now that I have done such and your characters are ready to go. So I wanted to get your assessment of your finished characters.”

“Well I'll go first, since my character is the best,” Dan spoke up.

“Not going to argue,” Tsuneo countered. “I actually think you got the best deal of all of us out of the sheer randomness of it all.”

“Right well, I.R. Ninja is the smartest of all our characters. He's also the second strongest,” Dan noted. “But most importantly, he's also the best looking by a huge margin. Since he is a baboon, I have reached the conclusion that he has a shiny red butt and, as such, everything he wears has the bum cut out of it.”

"I want to say you're being puerile, Dan," Rebecca sighed. "But first of all, your character is a baboon so that makes perfect sense. Secondly, we're making characters in Palladium Ninja Turtles, so any sense, reason and decorum went out the window long ago."

"That's the spirit," Rick nodded.

"So besides his amazing red butt, I.R. Ninja is somewhere between awful and semi-competent at most of his core skills," Dan noted. "Although sneaking isn't apparently a core ninja skill and was something that I had to pick as an elective up along the way, which does seem to be a touch odd. However, he can sneak, climb and sometimes break into places. And because he has prehensile feet he can hang from the roof and strangle people with them."

"Or at least he could if the rules supported it," Rick noted.

"Well yeah," Dan admitted. "So instead he'll just fight bad guys with his Flamberge."

"A Flamberge doesn't strike me as a traditional ninja weapon," Rebecca spoke up.

"True, but it's the best sword in the book and I could easily afford it in my limited budget," Dan nodded.

"Fair."

"And as a ninja, I.R. will naturally outstrip all the other characters in terms of combat abilities as the game progresses," Rick noted. "The benefits of being in a book written by Eric Wujick." He nodded to Tsuneo. "So how did you do?"

"Well, Stinky Pete the hobo muskrat is strong and, well, that's about it," Tsuneo considered. "He's actually better at sneaking and a few other things than I.R. was, but he has no skills otherwise. That's not an exaggeration either; he has literally no skills at all beyond some basic wilderness survival abilities. In fact, I had to give up my single secondary skill slot to make him a competent hand to hand fighter, and he doesn't know how to use any weapons at all."

"So, uh, what can he do?" Dan asked.

"Well he has a broad array of advanced senses which have no real mechanical bonuses," Tsuneo considered.

"Okay, and beyond that?"

There was a pause. "He has two more attacks per turn than anyone else," Tsuneo considered.

"Which depending on what paragraph of the book you read means he could have twice as much as the other characters," Rick nodded.

"It's a massive bonus, true," Tsuneo agreed. "Not that he can do anything with them. He has a rusty knife and an old revolver that was almost certainly found in a dumpster, but has no actual bonuses with either of them."

"And as the game progresses, he never gets any either," Rick added.

"Gee, that helps so much."

"So I decided that I was going to take my own approach with Joanna Goanna," Rebecca spoke up. "I looked at the background I rolled and decided that she should be a skills-based character."

"Which is the number one mistake of Palladium character creation," Rick nodded.

"As I learned, as she has a slew of medical and journalist skills that she will almost never, ever use and is only marginally competent at anyway," Rebecca admitted. "And an array of secondary skills, some of which are situationally useful. For example, she's the team's driver."

"You should have used you massive dose of skills to buy up on physical skills and buffed her up," Dan noted.

"Well yes, that would have been the smart thing to do," Rebecca admitted. "I could have given her the stupidly overpowered Boxing skill and everything else. As it is, she has only one useful asset in a fight, which is that because of her natural armour, sixty percent of attacks will either miss her or hit and do no damage at all."

"So she's our bullet shield," Tsuneo considered.

"Probably," Rebecca shrugged. "She has no useful combat abilities otherwise. However, she does know how to use an assault rifle and can easily afford one, so I suppose that's an acceptable substitute."

"In Palladium, automatic weapons trump everything," Rick nodded.

"So how did Quantum Toilet Duck do?" Dan asked.

"Well, he can fly," Rick nodded.

"And?"

"Um, he can swim?" he shrugged. "Really, he has no useful abilities otherwise and has a grab-bag of random skills with no real theme and isn't really any good at anything."

"I see," Tsuneo nodded. "Can he do anything in a fight?"

"Well he could fly and rain automatic gunfire on bad guys from above," Rick suggested.

"That doesn't strike me as being particularly genre," Tsuneo offered.

"It's the Palladium way," Rick simply nodded.

"Good morning everyone," the Voice began.

"And good morning to you too, Otto Rattus," Rick shot back.

"You just use any excuse to list random Palladium Ninja Turtles characters, don't you?" Dan asked.

"Look, if the fic's going to spend all its time namedropping random Harry Potter characters then I think i deserve a little bit of fun for myself," Rick shot back. "Besides, you never know. A random Palladium character could show up in a fic and then you'll thank me."

"I think the odds of that happening are rather slim," Tsuneo noted.

"And yet, we've still had dumber things," Rick countered.

"Fine," Tsuneo shook his head. "Before we get lost in the weeds over this, what's in the hurt wagon for this week, Voice?"

"Well today we'll be covering the next four chapters of Harry Potter and the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," the Voice explained.

"Would the Wizarding World count as 'and other strangeness?" Rick asked.

"Stop trying to make this happen," Rebecca simply shot back.

"No."

"I'd ask what happens in this part, but I know the answer will be 'nothing we haven't seen before,'" Tsuneo admitted.

"That's the spirit," The Voice beamed. "But you'll be pleased to know that there's an exciting scene where Harry Potter gets his class timetable."

"I can't tell if the voice is being sincere or not, and it annoys me," he sighed.

"I'm just worried that we're rapidly approaching cast heard territory," Dan offered as he took his place on the couch. "Because we've got to several dozen characters so far and most of them are struggling for airtime."

"How bad can it get?" Rick asked as he and the others joined him.

"Wait till they start playing Jenga and then we'll talk," Dan finished as the big screen turned on, converting the world over to script format.

> Chapter 8: Nano

> Hermione's Point of View:

Dan: [Hermione] What am I doing in a sewer?

> My name is Hermione Granger.

Rebecca: I used to be a spy, until...

> And my friend Donatello got me into building things.

Rick: Now she's a maker who has a YouTube channel that's basically congratulating herself on how smart she is.

> But there is this one thing that I have to take apart really fast. Before it takes us apart.

Tsuneo: I imagine this is every day at Neurolink

Dan: You mean, they have to rapidly unexpectedly disassemble

Tsuneo: Okay, you got me there

> It was morning in New York City.

Rick: Have your overpriced coffee and your overpriced muffin and fight with traffic.

> Inside an underground lab, loco scientist

Dan: That's what they call a mad scientist in Mexico

> Dr. Marion Richards

Tsuneo: Great, so we're doing filler episodes now.

> was working on her latest project. Nano Tech.

Rebecca: Something that has never gone badly in fiction ever

> "Gernle entery

Tsuneo: Gernie entry?

Dan: Maybe they mean hospital gurney access

Tsuneo: Sure, why not?

> U.S government comition 56 code name, Nano Tech.

Rick: The project to develop the thirty-second Baskin and Robbins flavour. Odd code name, I know.

> Experiment proceeding as planned."

Rebecca: Grey goo apocalypse is on schedule

> Marion watched as the nano bots began to take many different shapes and forms.

Tsuneo: Many of which we can't show you on a kid's program.

> One of those forms ended up being a Poke Ball from Pokemon.

Tsuneo: Sure, let's throw in another pointless crossover while we're at it

> "The nano bots continue to work together as a covey coordinated by the high mind contained in the
> robotic cells."

Rick: The term 'emergent intelligence' comes to mind.

Rebecca: And that's not worrying at all

> Marion then pulled up a micro scope

Tsuneo: She had it in her pocket, I'm sure.

> and took a closer look at the nano bots.

> "The safety restriction is still in place. It can not disassemble malices or organic cells as it will in the
> future when it performs microscopic operations."

Tsuneo: This is the sort of thing you find on a Holotape in a ruined building in a Fallout game

> Now, it was time for the test. Marion then place a toaster and old alarm clock into the chamber.

Rick: Now make out!

> "7:05 AM. First test of its ability to take apart and reassemble mechanical devices."

> The moment the toaster and alarm clock entered, the nano flew over to them and began to take
> them apart.

Rebecca: They asked her to pass them a screwdriver first.

> At first Marion was pleased. Until it was revealed that the nano bots turned both the
> toaster and alarm clock into its own robotic body.

Dan: Upside is that when it wakes you up it will also have toast ready for you

> "Mommy." It said.

Rebecca: Dr Richards has never pressed the 'purge' button faster.

> "Oh please. I thought this was fixed. The mental strutter of the high mind is a 3 year old child.
> Pusiatate absorbing new information. Ugh, and it personifying again! Ridiculous!"

Rebecca: On the upside it's incredibly marketable

> Marion then pulled out a remote and used it separate the nano bots from the body. Hoping to fix
> them.

Rebecca: Dr Richards' choice to be child-free is valid, and she's the only one who gets to make it.

> "This personality glitch will have to be eradicated as soon as possible. I wish I can do the same with
> this headache. I need a cup of coffee."

Rick: Is it future nanotech coffee?

Tsuneo: Made from only the best artificially lab-grown beans

> With that said, Marion walked away. However, the moment Marion had her back turned, the nano
> bots rebuilt the body. But this time with a drill

Dan: You leave nanobots with access to a power drill and you have nobody to blame but yourself

> and used it make hole big enough for the nano bots to slip out from the air vent.

Tsuneo: So microscopic, really.

Rick: Yeah, basically.

> As the nano bots moved to the streets and hid in front of the sidewalk,
> Harry Parker was seen selling robots to get hold of peoples wallets.

Rick: Harry Parker, the boy who not died

> "The new side bots are here. Get them while they're hot. Come on. Someone's gotta buy these
> things."

Dan: He shows great confidence in his product.

> "Daddy, I want one." A young boy said to his father as they walked passed the stand.

Tsuneo: Daddy, I want a wallet-holding robot!

> The nano bots watched as the boys father walked over to Parker and was about to buy one of the
> robots.

> "How much for them?" The father asked.

> "Just 15 bucks." Parker answered.

Dan: You buy a fifteen dollar wallet-taking robot and you have nobody but yourself to blame

> "I'll give you 10."

> "Hey man. I gotta make a living here."

Tsuneo: By hawking robots on the street?

Rick: Well, it is New York.

Tsuneo: No, fair. Makes sense.

> "Take it or leave it."

> Parker sighed and took the money and gave the robot to the boy. But once they had their backs
> turned, Parker then grabbed the fathers wallet.

Rebecca: It's sad that this is what Spider-Man has come to

> "Sucker." He said as he ran off. But he didn't see the nano bots following him.

Tsuneo: He failed to see the technological miracle that was sneaking up on him

> And the boy was in for a surprise. Because the moment he and the father were far enough, the
> robot broke into peaces.

Rebecca: Planned obsolescence has gone too far.

> "It broke." The boy cried.

Dan: This kid is a master of the obvious

> Plus, the father realized his wallet was gone.

Rick: And to make it even worse, he was a Mets fan.

> "Hey you!" The father shouted. But Parker was already gone.

> "Harry Parker, you are the man."

Tsuneo: Harry Parker and the Wizard's Rock

> He said as he hid in the alley. But he pulled the money out of the
> wallet, "13 bucks? Man can I ever get a brake?"

Rebecca: Be honest, who actually carries cash these days?

> But then, the nano bots showed up and knocked Parker over. Then they used the small robots and
> an old radio to build a new body.

Rick: The technological singularity is caused by Radio Shack.

> Parker watched in fear as the parts were spinning in the air. Until
> they formed a small robot as it walked over to Parker and said,

> "Daddy."

> "No. No! Keep away from me!"

Rebecca: He can't survive another paternity suit

> Meanwhile, Harry and the turtles and Hermione went with Casey

Tsuneo: Here we go. Working up to a good cast herd here.

> to a shop called 2nd Time Around.

Dan: I can only imagine it sells overpriced restored record players and typewriters

> Both Casey's motorbike and the Battle Shell parked in the alley in front of the back door. Inside the
> shop, April was dusting the anttices. And Emma was there as she desided to help April put the shop
> together before returning to Dan in London.

Tsuneo: What exactly are Emma and Dan actually doing here anyway?

Rick: I imagine Emma's just claiming this all on her travel expenses

> Just then, the doorbell rang. April and Emma walked over to the back door and answered it. And
> standing outside was Mike and Hermione.

Rebecca: She's a know it all bookworm and he's a party dude. They fight crime!

> "Hi April." Said Mike. "Green Brothers Movers and Slugers reporting for duty."

Dan: They can Slug with the best.

> "Hey guys." Said April. "I'm gonna need all the help I can get. Mike. Hermione. You two can start by
> moving those big heavy boxes."

Tsuneo: I'm sure the twelve year old girl will be fine with that

> "No problamo." Said Mike. "Just let me put on my herniern trust."

Dan: I have no idea what the fic meant, nor do I care to figure it out

> "That's something the levetation spell can do." Said Hermione.

Rebecca: Something something using magic in the mundane world wizard laws something

Tsuneo: This is going to end in a libertarian screed, isn't it?

Rebecca: In the Harry Potter fics we do? It's basically inevitable

> "Right over there you two." Said April. "Plus I got a heater that won't heat."

> "I showed Hermione enough about mesines." Said Don.

Rick: [Don] She's an expert on Australian prime ministers.

> "We'll fix it together."

> "Leo. Raph. Harry. That whole wall of antiques needs moving. Carefully."

Dan: [Leo] Where do you want it moved?

Rebecca: [April] Look, I get a tax break for the number of employees I have, no matter what they do.
So just shift it somewhere.

> "Hey." Said Raph. "I'm not a house keeper. I'm a ninja."

Dan: He could be a ninja housekeeper, you know.

Rick: It'd be a fantastic cover story

Dan: Oh yeah. I wouldn't suspect it

> "Raph!" Leo shouted.

> "Fine. But I won't like it."

Rebecca: He's going to resentfully clean the shop

> "Your wish is our command." Said Harry.

> Just then, Casey stepped inside.

Rick: Just then a massive war broke out on the Vok homewolrd

> "Hey. You're not a turtle. But are you a wizard?"

Dan: The only two jobs you are allowed to have

> "Me? A wizard?" Casey laughed.

Tsuneo: Well he might be good at hockey.

> "If you don't mind, we brought along a friend."

All: We mind.

> Harry said to April. "Casey Jones."

Rebecca: I just casually invited a buddy to our secret conclave of wizards and ninja mutants

> "Thanks for the introduction Harry." Casey said to him.

Dan: Apparently brushing over the entire 'wizard' thing

> "So, How's it going Hermione?" Emma asked her.

Rebecca: [Emma] My daughter who I apparently don't see anymore.

> "It's going great." Hermione answered. "I just had my first ninja battle 2 days ago.

Rebecca: An important part on her journey to womanhood

> That's also the day we met Casey."

Rick: And when the Fire Nation attacked

> "Really?" Emma asked.

Dan: Doing her best to feign interest

> "Ah, I get it." They head Casey said to April. "While you're waiting for a real job,

Rick: [Casey] Are you a reporter this time around? I can't remember.

> you're just hiding out in your dads Junk Shop."

> "It's an Antique Shop." April corrected. "And I'm not hiding from anyone."

Rebecca: Its in New York. The place will be over-run with hipsters in moments

> Of course, Harry was able to use the levitation spell to move the antique China Cabenet over to the
> wall carefully.

Dan: Of course.

> After that last battle with the Purple Dragons, he was able to get better use on his spell casting.

Rick: He didn't need to make concentration check when casting in melee

> "Not bad." Said April. "For a wizard."

Rebecca: But not a patch on the hipster druid she met in SoHo.

> "Don't make me laugh." Said Harry.

Tsuneo: It feels like we're randomly skipping bits of the dialogite here

Rick: Is that necessarily a bad thing?

Tsuneo: Well...

> Back with Parker,

Rick: He was having an awkward dinner with MJ and Paul

> he was now calmed down and was trying to talk to the nanobots in the body.

> "Alright you wired, whatever you are. Come on. Give me back my stuff."

Tsuneo: Having the mentality of a three year old, it immediately broke into a screaming fit.

> However, Parker then spotted the backdoor of a jewelry shop close by and got an idea.

> "Hold on a second. I got one of my million dollar ideas.

Dan: He's going to use the self-aware technological miracle to rob stores. Dream big.

> Listen kid, that thing you do. Taking things

> apart. You think you can do that to what's called a burglar alarm?"

> "Daddy."

> "You want a daddy? You do what I tell you, I'll be your daddy.

Rebecca: Well this just got equal parts creepy and hilarious

Tsuneo: Well done fic

> Deal? Here. Smile and shake hands.

Rick: Or whatever passes for its hands.

> Because with your face, I can't tell if you're smiling or what."

> With that said, the nano robot shook Parker's hand.

Dan: [Parker] Maybe with less stabbing next time.

> "Kid. I got a feeling you're the lucky break I've been looking for."

> Later that night, Parker and the young robot, code named Nano,

Rebecca: The nanobot called Nano. Real imaginative there

> have returned to the jew shop

Rick: Careful fic. That's the sort of typo that can get you fired from drawing X-Men comics

> and went to the back door. No one was around.

> The alarm was still active. Parker then showed Nano the alarm and he used wires to connect the

> nanobots onto the alarm and disable it.

Tsuneo: Instead of disconnecting the alarm, he wires up the advanced self-aware nanotech colony to interface with the alarm and disconnect it. It sounds like you're making this harder than you need it to be

> And then he did the same with the door handle. Allowing Parker and himself to enter.

Dan: Turns out it was unlocked anyway

> Parker then opened the door and walked inside. Then he pulled out a flashlight and looked around

> the place. Just as he spotted goods in a display case. Parker then used the flashlight to smash it

> open

Rick: You've got a nanobot that could disassemble that for you. Just saying...

> and take all the goods inside before moving on to the cash register and taking the money

> inside. Then he put them all into his bag.

Dan: You leave your jewellery store overnight with its stock out on display and cash in the register and you deserve what happens

Tsuneo: What, it's robbed by a street side hustler using a nanotech robot?

Dan: Exactly

> Later, Parker left the shop before anyone found him. His plan had worked.

> "Yes siry. Looking good. You are my lucky brake kid. My lucky brake." He said as he put Nano into his bag. And then he walked out of the alley whistling.

Rebecca: His plan was to be as conspicuous as possible

> The next night, April asked the brothers and Hermione to come to her place for a sleepover.

Dan: It fell apart when they were going to do each others' hair.

> She heard about the jew shop robbery

Rick: They stole the entire stock of dreidels and yarmulkes

> and didn't want to take any risks.

Tsuneo: Somebody robbed a store in my neighbourhood so I'm going to invite over a bunch of ninjas and wizards just in case

Dan: Seems entirely reasonable to me

> "I'm a little nervise about this robberies." She said to them. "The jewlly store that was robbed is right on my block. That's why I asked you all here for a sleep over tonight."

Rick: [April] It's better than paying for security.

> "Don't worry. We got you covered." Said Raph.

> "I feel so much better having you guys here." April said again.

Rebecca: Having the explosive ragemonster in the house makes her feel so much better

> Raph then opened the window to see Casey over at the roof across the street. Who was keeping a look out for anyone trying to rob April's place.

Dan: A group ransacked the store next to it and burned it to the ground, but he was only watching April's place

> Meanwhile, Parker was walking outside the Second Time Around shop with Nano. Until, he spotted something in the display window.

> "Well what do you know. A Pinky Ring. Where I grew up, all the neberhood big shots had Pinky Rings.

Dan: And no taste whatsoever.

> Kid. Go and fetch me that. Will you?"

Tsuneo: Dream big, buddy

> Of course, Hermione and the brothers had a Godzilla movie on the TV with the volume up so high, they didn't hear anything going as all of them were asleep.

Rick: They were going asleep in front of an incredibly loud Godzilla movie

Dan: Must be heavy sleepers

> Meanwhile, Nano managed to grab the ring.

Rebecca: Yep, flawless plan April, really worked out great.

> But before walking back outside, he spotted a display
> of comedy masks as he then replayed what Parker said to him.

Tsuneo [Parker]: ...and that is how you can tell that Taylor Swift is a lizard person

> "Because with your face, I can't tell if you're smiling or what."

Rebecca: With his entirely undescribed face

> At those words, Nano decided to grab the masks.
> "Come on kid, what's taking so long?" Parker said as he walked inside.

Rick: Megalon's called Gigan for help, and Nano wants to watch the brawl.

> Just in time for him to see
> the masks. "What are you doing with those masks? Never mind. Let's get out of here."

Rick: I mean there's probably something valuable in there that he could take, but whatever. Pinky ring it is

> With that said, the two walked out of the shop with Parker holding onto the Pinky Ring.

> "You do what I tell you. Right? I'm the,"

Dan: He is indeed the.

> However, Parker was cutoff as he saw Nano wearing the masks as the front changed to a proud
> face.

> "Ah. Come on." He said again.

> But then, Casey walked over and grabbed Parker by his shirt.

Rebecca: I suppose I should at least be grateful that someone's awake.

> "Hey Pal! Doing some after hour shopping in my friend's place?!"

> Upon seeing that, Nano's ace changed to a shock mask.

Tsuneo: Casey was polite enough to stop and let him do this first

> But then he spotted a nearby car and ran to it.

Dan: Sure. Obvious, natural reaction.

> He then connected his wires to it and the nano bots began to pull them onto him.

> "Whoa." Casey said as he saw what was going on.

Rick: [Casey] I'm going to wait here for a bit, see where he's going with this.

> And then, the nano bots made a new body out of the car. And on top was the masks that was stuck
> to a tire as the front shifted over to the angry mask.

> "Uh oh!" Casey exclaimed.

Rebecca: [Casey] Prince Charles was right!

> And then, Nano swang his arm on him, knocking him flat on his back on a dumpster.

Dan: Interrupting Nick Nolte's sleep there.

> "Whoa!" Harry shouted as he woke up from the noise. "Guys."

> Harry began to shake Mike to get him up.

> "Can I have another smore?" He asked in his sleep.

Rick: Mikey has his priorities right

> "I heard a sound downstairs." Said Harry.

Rebecca: He was vaguely aware of the car-sized monster fighting with the vigilante just outside

> After hearing that, Hermione and the other turtles got up and followed Harry down stairs.

Tsuneo: The "and the rest" of the cast.

> "Guys." April said as she walked in. "Did you hear any,"

> But she was cut off as she saw that the room was empty.

> "I'm guessing yes."

Dan: Funny? I guess?

> Hermione and the brothers went down to the streets by the clothes line.

Tsuneo: They're going to fight crime in their pyjamas.

Rick: Does that mean the turtles are wearing more than normal?

Tsuneo: I guess so.

> And what did they see?

Rick: A frost-free fridge?

Rebecca: A previously undiscovered species of Lemur?

> They saw Nano and Parker.

Tsuneo: I liked your options better

> "Okay. What is that Don?" Harry asked.

> "Uh, even I don't know." Don answered.

> "Oh no." Said Parker. "This can't be happening. Martians. Just when things are finally going my way
> we get invaded.

Rick: Next thing you know it will be Tripods with black smoke and heat rays everywhere

> Don't let them take me kid."

Dan: He doesn't want to get probed again

> Before they knew it, Nano slammed his fists on the ground and knocked them back. However, Raph
> quickly recovered

Rebecca: Good thing the others are here to do nothing.

> and tried to attack Nano with his sies. But they did not do any good as he dodged Nano's foot.

Rebecca: Ninja salad forks are useless against nanotech robots

Rick: You'd think this would be obvious, but there you go

> Mike tried to attack with his nunchucks, but Nano knocked him behind Don and Hermione.

> "Shouldn't one of you Know It All's have an idea right about now?"

Rebecca: Turns out their expertise is useless outside of trivia night

> "Hold that thought."

Dan: Duhhhhhhhhhhhh

> Said Hermione. "Just keep him bissey."

> "I knew one of you was gonna say that."

Tsuneo: Really it was just a fifty-fifty split as to who

> Harry and Leo tried to slice Nano with their Katanas.

Tsuneo: So are Mike and Raph going to get random Harry Potter characters to copy their lines?

Rebecca: Well, I can only presume that as the wildcard, Ron will be following around Raph.

Tsuneo: Okay, so what about Mike?

Rebecca: What about him?

> But not even they did any good.

Dan: I mean, why bother even trying?

> Just as they ducked under him as his attack missed them.

> Then Harry had an idea. Pulling out his wand, he casted,

Dan: [Harry] Avada Kedavra!

Rebecca: [Hermione] Bad Harry! No! Bad boy!

> "Insendio!"

Tsuneo: When in doubt, fireball.

> A wave of fire bursted from his wand and hit Nano from the back. Making him scream in pain as the
> part of him fall off.

Rebecca: A nonspecific part.

> "Don't let them aliens and witches get you kid!" Parker shouted.

Rick: [Parker] But at least they're not communists!

> "Knock them flat!"

Dan: Yeah, Steve. I'm trying to do that, Steve

> "What do you know about this!" Harry demanded.

> Parker didn't answer.

> "Get away from me witch! Kid! Help!"

Rick: Where's his iron pin and his holy water when he needs it?

> "Daddy!"

> Nano grabbed Harry and knocked him away before grabbing Parker and walking off.

Rebecca: Oh no! They're very slowly and casually getting away!

> "What was that thing?" April asked as she stepped outside.

Rebecca: Hopefully not a shelf warmer.

> "Did I win?" Casey asked as he got up.

Rick: Casey Jones, the 'I'm helping' of the Ninja Turtles world.

> "Guys. Check this out." Hermione said as she picked up the part that fell off of Nano. "This stuff is
> moving."

Tsuneo: Should she be handling that with bare hands?

Dan: Look at the upside, she could get superpowers out of it

Tsuneo: But she's already a witch

Dan: Well in that case, good luck kid

> She was right. The brothers were shocked.

All: [Flat] We are shocked.

> Inside the shop, April bandaged up Casey and kept him on the sofa while Don checked the stuff out
> with a microscope.

Dan: April just keeps one on hand?

Rick: It's an antique shop. It probably belonged to the inventor of spackle or something.

> "Now that's something you don't see everyday." He said.

> "What is it?" Hermione asked.

Tsuneo: A really poorly put together crossover that is failing to utilise its bloated cast, but that's not important right now.

> "Why don't you have a look."

> Hermione then took a look in the microscope. And what did she see?

Dan: I don't know. You're the narrator, you tell me

> Tiny white bug like things crawling around.

Rebecca: [Hermione] And we were touching that with our bare hands, right?

> "Ew! What are they?" She asked disgusted.

Rebecca: She's living with five teenage boys. I doubt anything could disgust her at this point.

> "Nano bots." Don answered. "Microscopic robots working together."

Rick: [Don] They're unionised.

> "Are they dangerous?" Harry asked.

Rebecca: I mean, have you read any bad sci-fi from the last two and a half decades?

> "They're moving randomly. Probily when you cut them off from the main group, they became
> mindless. Unmotivated."

Rick: They spend all their time at home playing on consoles and never cleaning up

> "Ah. Like when Raph goes solo. He becomes mindless and unmotivated." Said Mike.

Dan: And yet, the author still rewards him for it

> "Yeah." Raph said annouied. "Speaking of mindless, did that thing seem kind of lost? Like a kid
> about 8 years younger than Harry and Hermione."

Rebecca: Oddly specific, but let's go with that.

> "Oh no." Don said as he looked at the nano bots again. "It's reprofucing itself.

Dan: [Don] Nothing for it but to sterilise the shop with the thermite bomb I put in the basement.

Rebecca: [April] The what? Why did you put a thermite bomb in my basement?

Dan: [Don] For precisely this emergency.

> Each nano bot makes a copy of itself. Then the copies make copies. And then they make copies.

Tsuneo: Its like a Minions meme in robot form

> This thing could really become unstoppable."

> "Then we stop it now." Said Leo. "Is there's any way to track this thing?"

> "The nano bots have a unique power signature. Hey. I bet the tracker on the Battle Shell can get a
> lock on it."

Rick: Battle Shell in store now

Dan: Action figures and accessories sold separately

> "And then what do we do?" Harry asked.

Tsuneo: [Don] Ask it nicely?

> "As much as it pains me to destroy such amazing technology, it does seem to susceptible to
> extreme heat. Like when Harry casted that fire spell on it."

> "Let me grab me golf," Casey tried to say.

Rebecca: It's vulnerable to fire so he's going to beat it to death. Brilliant plan.

Tsuneo: To be fair, Casey is kind of a one trick pony

> Only for his pain to stop him. "Or maybe not."

> "You are not going anywhere mister." Said April. "You stay right here."

Dan: Casey stop helping. Please.

> "You wouldn't be milking this boo boo thing would you?" Raph asked.

> "Hey. Show a little concern Shell for Brains."

> "You owe us one pal."

Tsuneo: Was that a banter?

Rick: I... don't know?

> In the New York City junk yard,

Dan: The only junkyard in the entire city

Rick: To be fair, the rest probably have been converted into overpriced apartments

> Parker was talking to Nano from where all the stuff he stool was put.

> "Ha ha ha. Man that was something.

Rick: It was indeed a thing

> Those space aliens and witches or whatever.

Dan: Alien witches!

> But you saved me kid. You're a stand up guy. You know that? I'm proud at you."

Tsuneo: You're the best freakish techno-abomination around, you know that?

> Nano then switched the happy mask.

> "Say. You think those green freaks and witches came from the same place you're from?

Dan: New York? I mean, you're there already

> Where ever that is. You think maybe they came here to take you back?"

Rebecca: [Parker] You're not a space witch, are you?

> Nano then switched to the depressed mask.

> "I wouldn't like that eather. Maybe it's time for us to blow out of town."

Rick: Where would a street hustler and a freakish nanobot thing settle down anyway?

> Meanwhile, the Battle Shell was making its way to find Parker and Nano.

Dan: I imagine Parker and Nano action figures sold poorly

> "We're almost on top of it." Said Don as he looked at the tracking computer. "Should be right
> through there."

Rebecca: He said as they drove through the luggage department of Macy's.

> With that said, the Battle Shell slammed through the gates.

Tsuneo: The nonspecific gates

> "Hey. You hear that?" Parker asked Nano.

> Soon, the Battle Shell came to a stop. Just as the six walked out and looked around.

> "Ugh! It had to be a junk yard." Hermione said descused.

Rebecca: This fic's version of Hermione has one personality trait, and that trait is 'whiny'

> "You know bad guys." Said Leo. "Sometimes a junk yard is the best place for them to hide."

Dan: It's also one of the top places to film a cheap action movie along with grimy warehouses and car parks

> "Wow. Look at all of this stolen stuff." Said Harry.

> And he was right. The stuff he was looking at wasn't dirty or broken. He knew that was Parker's
> doing.

Rebecca: Or that it just no longer was in fashion

> "Where is that thing? The locater said it should be right here." Said Don.

> "I know this was used before.

Dan: Has that ever stopped anyone in our fics? Be honest.

Rick: Hold on, what uniforms are they wearing and what sort of TV do they have?

> But I'm getting a bad feeling about this." Said Mike.

> As a response to Mike's statment, Nano had popped out from behind. Hermione and the brothers all
> jumped out of the way before Nano stomped on them.

Tsuneo: It's going to be awkward to keep saying 'Hermione and the brothers.'

Rebecca: They should just call them the cast herd and be done with it.

> However, Nano then moved his arms over to

> macanicle parts of the garbage. By then, the nano bots moved to the parts and connected them to
> the body. Making him even bigger than before.

Tsuneo: His special power? He literally eats garbage.

> Just as his face was then replaced with an old computer screen but still used the masks for his face.

Rick: He wore a mask on the computer screen

> "Now my feeling is badder than yours." Said Hermione.

Dan: Nuh-uh, mine is baddener

> "You don't say." Said Mike. "Now do you know how we're gonna beat this thing?"

Dan: I mean, there was the whole fire plan...

> "Like we always do." Said Leo. "We hit it so fast it can't rebuild itself. NOW!"

Rebecca: Yes, they always hit objects so fast they can't rebuild themselves

> Hermione and the brothers

Tsuneo: See?

> quickly charged at him and began attacking. Raph slamming his sies on
> Nano's right sholder his Don and Hermione slammed their Staffs on the left one. Mike slammed the
> legs with his num-chucks. Harry and Leo sliced the arms with their Katanas.

Rebecca: Harry and Hermione distinctly did not use the fire spell that had proven to be effective beforehand.

> But unfortintly, no matter how fast they were, Nano kept on rebuilding himself.

Tsuneo: These attacks were entirely ineffectual before, but we'll keep doing them anyway

> And before they knew it, he rebuilt his arms and grabbed Mike.

> "MIKE!" Harry shouted.

Dan: [Harry] Oh well, acceptable losses and all.

> By then, Nano held onto Mike by his leg and began to spin him around and around in the air.

> "No-o-o-o-o-ot go-o-o-o-o-od!"

Tsuneo: My very drawn out two word review of this fic

Dan: Nice variation

> "Hang on Mike! I'm coming!" Don shouted as he ran out of the Battle Shell with goggles and a mini
> blow torch.

Tsuneo: Always make sure you have the proper safety equipment when fighting mechanical monstrosities

> "Make it quick. I'm gonna hurl."

Dan: [Mike] Also, he's trying to kill me and stuff.

> However, Nano managed to punch Don and knock him away before he could use the torch on him.

> "Wow. It's fast." Said Hermione.

Rebecca: Really helping there

> "It's not a good thing Hermione." Said Mike. Just as Nano tossed him onto the garbage and he slid
> down. "So, I'm gonna say that plan didn't go so well."

> "Okay. Time for Plan B." Said Harry.

Dan: [Harry] Now can I use my wand?

Rebecca: No! Bad wizard! Stop trying to contribute to your own fic!

> The five ran to the Battle Shell and started it up.

Tsuneo: Plan B is to run away, forget about it and let somebody else deal with it

> Acting quick, Mike managed to start it up and drive off before Nano managed to get them.

> Not too far away, Parker was watching the whole thing.

> "Go get them kid! You've got them on the run!"

Dan: And just think. Before he found this nanotech robot thing his plan for the day was to watch Judge

Judy reruns in his underwear

> However, even at full speed, Nano was still able to catch them and grab the Battle Shell as he
> slammed his fists on it and connected the nanobots to it and began to take it apart.

Rick: Huh. How could using a machine to escape the thing that eats machines have possibly gone wrong?

> "Faster Mike! It's gonna take us apart!" Harry shouted.

Dan: Yeah I can read the narration too, you know

> "I'm giving it all she's got caption. She can not take it all."

Rebecca: Badly spelled references are the best type

> "Raph. You're on. Shell Cycle time." Said Leo.

> "Sure. I always get to do the crazy stuff." Raph said

Rick: That will happen when you're the author's pet character

> as he got onto the Shell Cycle and began to drive out to Nano.

> "Keep it bissey until we're in presition." Said Hermione.

Dan: Where is 'in position' anyway?

Tsuneo: As far away from the fic as possible

Dan: Sounds good to me

> Raph managed to ride across Nano's arm and made him let go of the Battle Shell.

Rebecca: Um, somehow.

> And then, he

> began to circle around him. Until Nano had it and followed Raph to the car compactor.

Rebecca: Hey kids, today we're going to learn an important life lesson about playing around heavy machinery.

> "Floor it Mike!" Harry shouted.

> Mike charged up the Battle Shell

Tsuneo: He kept his finger down on the fire button.

> and went on at full speed.

> "No! Look out Kid!" Parker shouted.

> But it was too late. The Battle Shell rained Nano and knocked him into the compactor. Just as Raph
> turned it on used the smasher to smash Nano up. Just as the screen turned off.

Rick: And turned the world back into prose format?

> "Youch! Looks like that did it." He said.

Rebecca: As the nanite swarm consumed the car compactor.

> "Yeah." Said Mike. "He's flat broken. You know, I should leave the one liners to Leo and Harry."

Tsuneo: Just stop. Please. Never speak again.

> "Hey." Leo and Harry said taking offense.

Dan [Harry] and Rick [Leo]: Jinx! Hey! Stop stealing my lines!

> Just then, they saw Nano rise himself back up.

> "Seriously. They always come back to bite you." Said Mike.

Tsuneo: You already established that wouldn't work. You have no right to be upset

> They quickly drove off. But Nano was now only focused on Raph.

Rebecca: Nano wrote for the 2003 series.

> "Yeah! That's my boy!" Parker shouted.

Dan: That's my technological horror. It brings a tear to the eye.

> Meanwhile, The Battle Shell and the Shell Cycle were still going as fast as they can as Nano was

> still following them.

Rick: Nano really doesn't have much going on in his life, does he?

> "Keep going until we're ready." Said Harry.

Rebecca: Seventeen hours later...

> Don and Hermione quickly jumped out of the Battle Shell and made their way to the magnet.

Tsuneo: Oh look. Another device for him to consume.

> Meanwhile, the Battle Shell and Raph went separate ways with Nano hot on his tail.

> "Harry. Tell me you have a Plan C. I'm really Hoping you have a Plan C."

Rick: I suspect Plan C involves free bird seed.

> "Plan C at 12:00." Said Harry.

> By then, Don entered the magnet as Hermione stood outside to guard it.

Tsuneo: Yep, that's the plan. Leave an 11 year-old girl to guard against a raging technological horror.

> "Harry. Plan C. Now?" Raph asked.

> Don then moved the magnet over Nano and then turned it on. Before Nano could punch Raph, the

> magnet pulled him up.

Rebecca: I can only assume cartoon physics are at play here

> "No! Kid! Are you alright?!" Parker shouted as he ran to magnet.

> "Stupify!" Hermione casted. But Parker dodged the spell

Rebecca: Otherwise the wizards would be contributing to a Harry Potter fic, and we can't have that.

> and climbed up the ladder as Don moved Nano over the incinerator.

Dan: Don who seems to be entirely unconcerned that this thing is self-aware

Rick: I think he's seen enough crappy sci-fi to know that there was no way this would end well

Dan: Fair

> Nano tried to free himself but he couldn't. He couldn't even use the nanobots to connect to the magnet.

Rebecca: Because, um, reasons I guess.

> By then, Parker got into the control booth and tried to move Nano away from the incinerator. But

> Don kept tried to keep him over it.

> "Hang on Kid! Daddy's gonna get you away from there!"

> "Hermione! Kill the power! Quick!"

> "Reduto!" Hermione casted the blasting charm on the fuse box.

Rick: You could just switch it off, you know.

> BOOM!

Dan: EXPLODE!

> The power was now down. Causing Nano to fall into the incinerator.

> SPLASH! WOOSH!

Tsuneo: Guest narration by obscure Batman villain, Onomatopoeia

> "I didn't mean like that, but I'll take it." Don said to Hermione.

Rebecca: What's a little light property damage between friends?

> "Daaaaaaady." Nano's final word said as the incinerator closed up.

Rick: The final thumbs-up is just assumed

> Parker ran to the incinerator and found one of the masks that fell off of Nano. Just as he picked it as

> he got upset with the police closing in on him.

Dan: By the way, they are here now.

> And Nano's loss kept him distracted.

> "I can't believe you're gone. My really lucky brake and those aliens and witches killed you.

Tsuneo: [Parker] And them blasted spiders from mars.

> I'm sorry I failed to save your life."

Rebecca: But enough about his genuine emotional grief. Let's get back to hijinks.

> Hermione and the brothers left before the cops spotted them as they surrounded Parker.

> "Harry Parker."

Rick: And the Prisoner of Azerbaijan

> One of the officers said. "We here by place you under arrest for theavery. Is there
> anything you wish to say?"

> "No."

> "Alright boys. Downtown."

Dan: Time to plant some evidence

> On the way back to April's, the five were feeling sorry for what they did to Nano.

Rick: Okay, so they dumped him in an incinerator, but posing for selfies with the resultant slag pile was a bit much.

> "I know he was a bad guy." Said Raph. "But he was just a little kid."

Rebecca: To be fair, the cartoonish sound effects didn't help

> "Too bad he had such a rotten parent who's gonna rot away in jail." Said Harry. "I'm just glad the
> fighting is over."

> Or is it? Because when they entered the shop,

> "Taking care of me?!" Casey shouted at April. "I only got hurt because I was saving you!"

Rick: You imperil yourself and this is the thanks you get.

> "Oh so you think I needed saving! Is that it?!"

> "You push around everything I say!"

Dan: Comedy! I think!

> "I think they need to be alone." Said Hermione. "Come on Harry. We need to get ready for Hogwarts
> tomorrow."

Tsuneo: Oh yeah, that entire half of the plot

> Authors note:

> I'm glad to finally bring this story back from the dead.

Rebecca: Although the pentagram and candle wax have ruined his carpet forever.

> Sorry for the 1 year wait everyone.

Tsuneo: No need to on our account

> I can see how April and Casey in this are similer to Ron and Hermione.

Rebecca: In as far as one of them sometimes has red hair

> All four of them were fighting

> first before getting together and married. But I don't have plans for Ron this.

Rick: Ron is forbidden

> This is gonna be a Harmony story.

Tsuneo: And if there's any one fandom subculture known for their restraint and tolerance, it's the

Harmonians

> I like at least anyone who Harry is shipped with. As long as it's not gay

Rebecca: Shipping is okay, but no homo

> or has

> bashing included. of course, I ship Harry with Hermione the most because I've always believed they

> should ended up together.

Dan: And I will cut anyone who says otherwise

> The next chapter is where we're finally going to Hogwarts.

Tsuneo: Hogwarts? You mean there are wizards in this thing?

> Sense I have no plans to include Ron, which means no Ginny either,

Rick: He's also cutting Auto-Bop, the first ten minutes of Arise, Atlantis, Arise, and the second episode of The Ultimate Doom.

> I've thought about who else will be going to join Harry and the turtles.

Rick: How about Griselda Marchbanks?

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> Chapter 9: The Journey to Hogwarts

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Rick: Unless prohibited by law

> At last. September 1st.

Rick: Wattle day.

> It was time for Harry to head over to Hogwarts.

Rebecca: Just 'head over' to Hogwarts from a New York sewer.

Rick: Oh yeah, it's just around the corner.

> He and the turtles in their

> trench coats and top hats met up with the Granger's at Kings Cross station.

Dan: Creepy wierdoes in trenchcoats and hats at a railway station? They'll fit in perfectly

> Where they were on

> their way to find the platform for the Hogwarts Express. Platform 9 3/4.

Rick: Say, have you ever wondered what's on platforms 9¼ or 9½?

Tsuneo: Rick, are you bored by any chance?

Rick; No!

> "Okay." Leo said as he looked in between Platforms 9 and 10. "How do we get on the platform?"

Rebecca: This is what navigating Sydney Central station is like

> "Hogwarts: A History said that the platform is in between Platforms 9 and 10."

Tsuneo: Hence the platform number

> Said Harry. "But I don't see anything."

Tsuneo: We're uh... we're really doing this, aren't we? The whole thing?

> "It's a barrier only wizards can use." Said Hermione.

Dan: So it only blocks wizards?

Rick: They never said it was a good system

> "We just have to go through the wall."

> "No way." Said Mike. "That's impossible."

Tsuneo: It's impossible said the ninja turtle

> "I'll go first." Said Harry.

Rebecca: [Harry] Time to ditch these losers.

> Before anyone could say something, Harry dashed to the wall. But he didn't crash. Instead, he
> passed through it.

Rick: Harry accidentally clipped through a wall polygon

> "Whoa!" The turtles shouted.

> "Hmm. Not bad." Said Dan.

Rebecca: He's only very slightly impressed by magic

> "Well, as for me," Emma said to them. "I think we should get going now."

> "I guess so." Dan replied.

Tsuneo: Wait, when did they get here?

Rebecca: What, you didn't think they were going to see their daughter off to her first day at school?

Tsuneo: Given how they basically abandoned her to live in a sewer with a bunch of strangers.. no.

> After saying goodbye, Hermione and the turtles dashed through the wall.

Rick: So how did the Turtles get through there?

Dan: They're ninjas

Rick: Makes sense than me

> From the other side was a

> different station. The Hogwarts Express was there. Many students were getting their stuff on the
> train.

> "Now that's amazing." Said Raph.

> "You're telling me." Said Don

Rebecca: They are constantly amazed by steam trains.

> Later, the six found an empty compartment for themselves. Leaving only four seats left.

Tsuneo: That's one really big compartment

- > Counting
- > two chairs in front of the window. Harry and Hermione on the left seats next to window with Leo
- > Mike next to them as well as Don and Raph on the right side.

Rebecca: Along with a stage magician and the Baroness of Bandrika

- > As Harry and Hermione started to do
- > some reading for about 3 minutes, the door opened up, revealing another blacked haired boy about
- > their age.

> "You mind if I join you?" He asked. "Everywhere else is full."

> "Not at all." Said Leo.

Tsuneo: [Leo] Our compartment apparently extends to infinity.

- > Of course, the boy was nerves about the turtles.

Dan: Pfft, racist.

- > But he sat down anyway. Taking a seat next to Raph.

Rick: Raph is the sort of guy who would kill you if you accidentally bumped him on the train.

- > "I'm Neville by the way. Neville Longbottom."

Tsuneo: Ah, makes sense. If Ron has been banished to Dimension X, then someone has to talk about booger-flavoured jelly beans.

> "Hermione Granger."

> "Harry Potter."

Dan: Ludo Bagman, pleased to meet you

- > "Really?" Neville asked the moment he head that. "I mean, do you really have...that lightning bolt
- > scar?"

Rebecca: I don't know why everyone is so invested in his appendectomy

- > Harry then lifted up his bangs, revealing the scar on his forehead

> "Wicked."

Tsuneo: No, wrong story about a magic school with heavy racist overtones.

- > "Yes. Wicked indeed." Said another boy walking in. This one is blond with brown eyes.

> "And you are?" Don asked.

> "Stephen Cornfoot.

Dan: You know, that guy

- > Pureblood wizard. But unlike the Malfoy's, I'm alright with having Muggleborns around."

Rick: He indicates he's fine with them by still using a slur

Rebecca: The fact that he introduced himself as a 'pureblood' is a bit of a red flag

> "Well, come on in then." Hermione offered.

Dan: [Stephen] Thanks, mudblood.

> With that said, Stephen stepped in and took the seat next to Neville.

Rick: Everyone shuffles over a spot.

> "Well well. What have we here?" Came the voice of a girl, not Hermione.

Rebecca: This was a surprise, as Harry had assumed that Hermione was the only girl in the universe

> Of course, everyone looked over at the door and saw two girls also in first year.

Rebecca: Everyone except Stephen, who's salty that his introduction got cut off.

> One was an Indian with her hair in a ponytail. The other had sandy blond hair and silvery eyes.

> "Is Harry really that famous?" Mike asked.

Tsuneo: He's got a huge pile of followers on Twitter.

> "By the looks of it, yes." Said the blond girl.

> "There's only the two chairs on front of the window if you wanna join us." Said Leo.

Dan: Don't mind us, just climb over everyone.

> With that said, the two girls walked over to the chairs and took their seats.

Rick: Is this when the big screen turns on?

> "We should introduce ourselves." Said the Indian. "I'm Padma Patil and this is Luna Lovegood."

> "Don't tell me." Said Raph. "Pureblood families?"

Rick: Coming from Raph that sounds like a threat.

> "You see to be a smart turtle." Said Luna. "Though, I've never seen any turtles like you four."

Rebecca: [Luna] I knew a Galapagos turtle who taught me about conservationism.

> "They were once normal turtles." Said Harry. "I'll tell you everything."

> (3 minutes later)

Tsuneo: One boring recap later...

> "So." Stephen started. "You lived with these turtles for six years in your life."

Dan: Weren't you even listening?

> "That is true." Harry replied. "The shadows is the ninjas most useful weapon.

Rebecca: Which is why they're sitting in a train telling their backstory to total strangers

> For 15 year the turtles and Master Splinter never revealed themselves to the upper world."

Dan: They're not ninjas, they're just shut-ins

> "You seem really smart about this ninja stuff." Said Neville.

Tsuneo: Trust us, he is not.

> "This might lead you into getting sorted into Ravenclaw."

Rick: Ravenclaw are known for their ninja skills

> "I think that sounds alright. Anywhere but Slytherin." Said Harry. "I heard almost all the wizards that
> went bad were in Slytherin.

Tsuneo: Sarumon, Rasputin, Jaffar and Jareth the Goblin King were all from Slytherin

> I bet that's the house Voldemort was in."

Rebecca: If it turned out Voldemort was home-schooled, that would explain a lot.

> "Blimey!" Padma shouted. "You just said You Know Who's name."

Tsuneo: It's like saying Macbeth around theatre kids

> "To tell the truth, I don't like all this fame or all of this Boy Who Lied stuff."

Dan: Harry Potter, the Boy Who Cried Wolf

> Said Harry. "Like I said, Ninjas work in the shadows.

Tsuneo: [Harry] It's a real problem with my bad eyesight.

> Professor Dumbledore gave us permission to bring our weapons so we
> can carry on with our training."

Rebecca: I can only assume that Hogwarts has a fully equipped dojo

> Just then, the door opened again. Revealing an old witch with a food cart.

Rick: The bubbling cauldron is assumed

Dan: On a food cart?

Rick: It's a modern convenience

> "Anything off the trolley dears?"

> Harry looked at the food. They were not anything he was used to. Even Hermione and the turtles
> did not know what to make of this.

> "We'll take the lot." Harry said as he pulled out some Galleons.

> (Later)

> "Burty Bots Every Flavor Beans." Raph said as he looked at the box.

> "They mean every flavor."

Rick: Eucalyptus leaves, concrete dust, toxic waste, oily rag... every flavour

> Said Neville. "The good ones are chocolate and peppermint. There's also
> spinach, liver, and tripe. I came across an earwax flavored bean last time. And the other time I
came
> across a vomit flavored one."

Tsuneo: There you go. I hate that I'm right.

> Mike on the other hand, was looking at a box that said Chocolate Frog.

Dan: The Freddo Frog/Harry Potter cross promotion

> "These aren't real frogs are they?"

> "It's just a spell." Said Padma.

Rebecca: [Padma] They're chocolate frogs given a semblance of life by magic.

Rick: [Harry] Do they... feel pain?

Rebecca: [Padma] I try not to think about it.

> "It's the card inside you want. Each pack has a famous witch or wizard.

Rick: I got Mortak of the Nagam

> I have 64 myself."

Dan: I've got a spare Rincewind if you want to trade

> Mike then opened the box. Of course, the frog leaped over to Neville as a toad hopped out of his
> pocket.

Tsuneo: Of course

Rick: It's the only possible outcome

> "That's Trevor." He said as he grabbed the Chocolate frog and gave back to Mike.

Dan: [Neville] Wait, that's the wrong frog.

Rick: [Mike] So I can't lick it?

Dan: [Neville] I mean...

> "My uncle got him for me to keep me company at school."

Rebecca: He anticipated that Neville wouldn't have any friends

> "We have cats." Said Harry.

Dan: As a cat person he feels the need to talk about them at every opportunity

> "Hermione has Crookshanks and me and my brothers have Clunk. I

> also have a snowy owl named Hedwig. Over there."

> And there they were. Hedwig and Clunk and Crookshanks all together.

Rick: I have an album by Hedwig, Clunk and Crookshanks

> "Aren't those nice looking pets?" Luna asked.

Rebecca: [Luna] I have a juvenile Tikabalong, but I had to leave it at home.

> "You can say that again." Said Mike. Only for Raph to slap the back of his head.

Dan: How dare you agree with somebody about how your pet looks

> "Okay. First rule about us. Ignore Mike." He said.

Rick: It's how 2003 Turtles was written anyway

> "His head must be full of Wacksperts. They're invisible creatures that make your brain fuzzy." Said Luna.

Rick: Wacksperts or Bodily Thetans?

Rebecca: Well, when you put it like that...

> "Uh, not any of the book I read said anything about Wacksperts." Said Don.

Tsuneo: They're in the Fiend Folio.

> "Like I said, they're invisible. Only Daddy and I saw them more than anyone else."

Dan: Also their house is downwind from a gas refinery, so take that how you will

> "Attention students. We'll be arriving at Hogsmade Station soon. Please make sure you have
> changed into your robes."

Tsuneo: Said somebody. Somewhere. Maybe it was on the speakers. Maybe it was someone back at the station. We will never know.

> "Oh no. We forgot to put our robes on." Said Hermione. "And we might not even have enough time
> to do so."

Rebecca: Why is it so hard to get into a robe? Are they laced up with whalebone corsets or something?

> "Just wear your clothes under your robes." Said Padma. "There are some students who does that."

Dan: Most wizards just go commando

> It didn't take too long for the six humans to put their robes on.

Tsuneo: The Turtles just sat there looking awkward

> For they were just in time as the train came to stop.

> "Students, please leave your pets and trunks on the train. They will be taken to the school
> sepreatly."

Dan: Assuming that the Hogsmade baggage handlers aren't on strike again

> At the conductors words, all the students, with Harry, the turtles, Hermione, Neville, Luna, Stephan,

Rick: Brick Hactar, Charles, Charles, Madam Z, Misspelled Sapphire, the Saucy Trio, Private LaBelle, Akira from Programming, Ken the future space nanotech lizardman and some guy called Lozer

> and Padma going first,

Rebecca: Yes, Padma really contributed to that scene. I'm glad we included her.

> all stepped out of the train as giant was gathering up the first years.

Rick: Don't worry, he's a big, friendly giant.

> "All first years over here." He said. "Come on first years. Don't be shy. And would you look at that."

> "Doesn't look so much great to me?" Mike said as he looked around.

Tsuneo: And what's he looking at?

Rebecca: Yes

Tsuneo: I thought so.

> "That's because we're not the school yet Dummy!" Raph scarfed at him.

> "Hey! I'm not dumb! Just a little miss guided."

> "I think I agree with Luna about the Wacksperts." Said Leo.

Dan: Careful Leo, that's the sort of thinking that can end up with you writing a manifesto in a cabin

> "And it's Harry Potter." Said the giant. "You look just like your father."

> "Uh...thanks. Who are you?"

Rick: Doctor Edward Fitzgerald, police psychologist. But that's not important right now

> "Rubeus Hagrid. I'm the game keeper of course.

All: Of course

> And uh,"

> What cut Hagrid off was when he caught sight of the turtles. Many of the first years were pointing at
> them.

Dan: [Student] Seriously, they think those coats do anything?

> "What are those giant turtles?"

> "Where do they come from?"

Rick: And didn't anyone check their tickets when they got on the train?

> "Those are my brothers." Said Harry. "Leonardo, Michelangelo, Donatello, And Raphael."

Tsuneo: I have a feeling that if the turtles were left at home, the only thing we'd be missing was awkward introductions.

> "Blimey." Said a red haired boy.

Dan: Was that Ron?

Tsuneo: It's a figment of your imagination. Ron is forbidden. Move along citizen

> "This way to the boats. Come on. No more than four on a boat."

Rick: [Hagrid] My lawyers advise me that I have to say that after what happened last year.

> Harry and Hermione and Leo took one boat with the red haired boy.

Rebecca: The conspicuously nameless red haired boy

> While Stephan and Padma and

> Mike took another with Padma's twin sister Parvati who was jelles that Padma had met Harry Potter.

Dan: On the other hand, she had to sit with some guy named Stephen.

> Neville and Luna and Don and Raph filled one other boat together.

Rick: Their seating arrangements for the boat ride are of vital importance.

- > All ten of them assumed that
- > Dumbledore set some spells to keep the boats from sinking so the turtles can ride on them with
- > Harry.

Rebecca: They all assumed that at once.

- > "Alright. Forward."

- > As the little fleet of boats took off for a while, all the first years got their first look at Hogwarts. Which
- > was a huge brown castle.

Rick: It's only CG

Dan: Shh

- > "Now that's more like it." Said Raph.

- > "You can say that again." Said Don.

Rebecca: I love how the Turtles have been added in to these scenes while not contributing in any meaningful manner

Tsuneo: Its impressive in its awkwardness

- > Authors note:

- > There you go. Harry and turtles are now at Hogwarts.

Dan: In case you missed the entire chapter, here it is again

- > Just so I don't confuse anybody, the red haired boy was Ron.

Rebecca: So why not just name him? It'd be a lot less awkward

Tsuneo: It's not like you're writing around it for twenty-eight chapters or something

- > But like I said, I have no plans for him.

Tsuneo: Ron Weasley has been forbidden by law

- > But I'm rethinking a bit and thinking about letting Ginny in at some point. Maybe.

Rebecca: If someone slips him a fiver.

- > So as for everyone else, Neville and Luna are the same as they are in canon.

Rick: So far more interesting than they have any right to be

- > Padma likes to read like Hermione, but is also like the 2012 April.

Dan: Padma now has a personality trait

- > Stephen is a wise guy like Mike, but also a hothead like Raph.

Tsuneo: Comparing somebody to another character is an adequate substitute for personality

- > As for pairings.

Rick: Grab your tinfoil hats, folks. It's going to get weird.

- > Like I said in the last chapter, Harry will be with Hermione. Neville will be

> with Luna in which I think should have happened in canon.

Dan: No I think I'm with you there.

> And Stephen will be with Padma.

Rick: Pavati is on her own. Loser.

> The next chapter will be the sorting. By the way, I'm not just gonna use elements from the books. I'm
> also gonna use some elements from the movies.

Rebecca: Does that include Blaise Zabani?

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> Chapter 10: The Sorting and the feast

> All rights for Harry Potter goes to J.K Rowling and Warner Bros. Pictures. And all rights for Teenage

> Mutant Ninja Turtles goes to Nickelodeon and Viacom and CBS.

> Soon, the giant named Hagrid docked the boats in a small boathouse

Dan: Do you think that Hogwarts has a rowing club?

Rick: I imagine they spend all their time hanging out in expensive sweater vests and rarely actually row anything

Dan: That doesn't sound very wizard-y

Rick: What if the sweater vests are made from werewolf fur?

Dan: That works.

> and then led the first years up a stairway into a courtyard and then the Entrance Hall.

Tsuneo: [Harry] Too many... [Puff] Steps... Gonna [Wheeze] Faint.

> "The first years, Professor McGonagall."

Rick: The courtyard is named Professor McGonagall

> "Thank you Hagrid. You may proceed."

> With that said, Hagrid went on to The Great Hall.

> "Welcome to Hogwarts. The sorting ceremony will begin shortly. Before you take your seats in The

> Great Hall, you will be sorted into your houses. They are Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, and

> Slytherin.

Rebecca: Good guys, the ones you forgot about already, filler and obviously evil

> While you're here, your house will be like your family.

Dan: All your embarrassing relatives in one dorm.

> Your achievements will earn you House Points.

Tsuneo: As well as unlocking cosmetics and titles

> Any rule breaking and you will lose points." She looked at Mike, knowing the wise guy he is.

Dan: Having only just met him

Rick: Inherited traits are the best traits

> "Note that only teachers and prefects can give and take points.

Rebecca: Standard bribes for prefects are listed in the common rooms.

> At the end of the year, the house with the most points will earn the house cup.

Rick: And the losers will have to fly home on the city of Denver

> A sign of honor. Please wait here until I return."

> And then, McGonagall stepped into the Great Hall.

Rebecca: Thank you Minerva, here's your appearance fee.

Tsuneo: If anyone needs her, she'll be in her office with a good book and a bottle of scotch.

> "How do we get sorted into our houses?" Neville asked Harry.

> "My brothers said something about a test. And it really hurts." Said the red haired boy.

Rick: I imagine that in each shot, Ron's either turned away from the camera or someone's blocking his face.

> "It's not a test." Said Leo.

Dan: Because Leo is apparently the expert on Hogwarts

> "Not to be rude or anything, but why are four giant turtles here anyway?"

Tsuneo: Which is a good question, given that Hogwarts has never shied away from separating magical siblings from their non-magical ones

> "We're just here to see Harry learn how to control his magic."

Rebecca: Do you have any certification in magical training?

> But then, a ghostly jester popped in front of the door. Scaring all the first years and the turtles.

> "Ha ha ha ha! Scared icky little firsty's! What fun!"

> "PEEVES!"

Rebecca: Hey remember the whimsical Hogwarts ghosts? Because J.K. certainly didn't.

> And then another ghost showed up in front of the jester. Who was named Peeves. And this ghost
> was angry.

Dan: Casper's pissed.

> "I told you many times not to scare the first years! Do I make myself clear?!"

> "Y-Yes your bloodyness." The jester said as he flew away.

> "Sorry about that." The other ghost said to them. "Who am I you ask? I'm the Bloody Baron.

Rick: Blood for the Baron!

> You want to watch out for Peeves. I'm the only one who can control him.

Dan: Oh, so you're his dom.

> He won't even listen to the prefects. And I do hope to see at least some of you in Slytherin."

Tsuneo: Did I mention that they're house obvious bad guy?
Rebecca It is being subtly indicated

> As the Baron flew away, McGonagall returned.

Rebecca: [McGonagall] Thank God that's over.

> "We are ready for you. Please step in."

Dan: Now that they've dispensed with the pre-show entertainment.

> And then, the doors opened wide. Allowing everyone to step in. There were tables for all four houses
> as well as the staff table up front. And the ceiling was a sky.

Rick: Hogwarts got a glass ceiling installed by a concept designer. It looks cool, yes, but it's also a nightmare to maintain

> "It's not really a sky." Said Hermione. "It's bewitched to make it look like we're outside. I read all
> about it in,"

> "Hogwarts: A History." Don finished. "You know I read that book to."

> "Sheesh. It's like having two Don's now." Said Raph.

Tsuneo: It's almost like one of them is redundant or something

> However, lots of the students were not looking at the first years. It was the turtles that got their
> attention.

> "Look at them."

> "Are they really turtles?"

> "What are they doing here?"

Tsuneo: This is going to be the rest of the fic, isn't it? People gawping at the turtles while we repeat scenes from the Harry Potter books.

Rebecca: Throw in some insane shipping screeds and you're set.

> "Just ignore them." Said Leo. "We should have put our trench coats on after all."

Rick: So they'd be in trenchcoats while everyone else is in robes, which is a lateral move at best

> Just then, the first years approached a small stool with a hat on it. But not just a hat. The Sorting Hat.
> Just as it was singing a song which Hermione and Don knows that it'll be different every year.

Rebecca: It's like Taylor Swift album releases, really.

> "So we just gotta try on that hat?" The red haired boy asked in anger.

Dan: His hat-related rage is boundless.

> "I'm gonna kill Fred and George. They were saying something about fighting a troll."

Tsuneo: Ron. His name is Ron. You can say, you know.

> "When I call your name, you will step forward and I will place the Sorting Hat on you." Said
> McGonagall. "Abbott, Hannah."

> "What house do you think Harry will be in?" Mike asked Leo.

Dan: [Mike] And do we go into houses? Do we live in their dorms?

Rick: [Don] I think we get the janitor's closet.

> "I don't know." Leo answered. "I hope it's Gryffindor."

Rick: Based on absolutely no knowledge whatsoever.

> "But he has lots of knowledge on his ninja training." Said Don. "He'll do great in Ravenclaw."

Rebecca: Because Ravenclaw have the strongest background in the martial arts

> "No way." Said Raph. "He's always been a loyal brother to us. I think he'll do well in,"

> "HUFFLEPUFF!" The Sorting Hat shouted.

Dan: Be ready for a career of being mentioned once a book as a part of a larger list

> "That's my point." Raph said again.

> "Bones, Susan."

> "HUFFLEPUFF!"

Rick: Ever wanted to be a background character? Now's your chance

> A couple of others passed until McGonagall finally called to,

> "Cornfoot, Stephen."

Tsuneo: Who we shall always remember as that guy we sat on a train with once.

> Harry watched as Stephen walked over to the hat and it got placed on his head.

> "Hmm. Easy. Very easy." Said the hat in his ear. "Ravenclaw!"

Tsuneo: He has the skill of being slightly more interesting than the previous two

Rebecca: It's the Ravenclaw way

> "See? Stephen's in Ravenclaw." Said Don.

> "Granger, Hermione."

> "Okay. Okay." Hermione whispered as she walked over to the hat.

Rebecca: [Hermione] Nothing to worry about, it's just going to set the course of your school life, how the hell do I study for this test?

> "Hmm. Plenty of courage and bravery. But also very good knowledge. You'd do great in Gryffindor."

> "But I wanted to be in Ravenclaw."

Dan: Because...

Rick: Maybe they have the best partfaits

Dan: Fair

> "Ah. Yes. I was gonna let you pick with one of the two. And you made a wise choice. Ravenclaw!"

Tsuneo: This is not how the Sorting Hat works

> "What house do you think Harry would be in?" Leo asked Mike.

Rebecca: Clearly you haven't read the author's notes

> "I don't know. Maybe Slytherin?"

Tsuneo: He said with no basis whatsoever.

> "Mike, are you crazy? That was the house You Know Who was in." Said Raph.

Rick: Alexander Kruse?

Rebecca: That's the second Storm Force villain you've bought up so far

Rick: It's better than the actual fic

Rebecca: This is also true

> "Longbottom, Neville."

> Neville was nervous as he walked to the hat.

Dan: He's had this dream before, only this time he's got clothes on.

> "Hmm. Interesting. Bravery, knowledge, loyalty, and courage. You might have a choice between all
> four houses. Choose wisely."

> "Ravenclaw. It'll help me be a better wizard."

Dan: Isn't that the point of all the houses?

> "Yes. A wise choice indeed. Ravenclaw!"

> "Looks like I'm gonna win." Said Don.

Tsuneo: Raph tries to lean on the hat to secure his investment.

> "Lovegood, Luna."

> It was Luna's turn now.

Tsuneo: Really? Is that what being called by the hat means? I wouldn't have known if we hadn't seen it a half dozen times already.

> "Ah. Luna Lovegood. I see you're just like your father. Seeing Wackspurts and other creatures only
> you can see.

Rebecca: And assuming they're the ghosts of people thrown into volcanoes

Rick: I see what you mean

> But you also have a sharp mind. So you'll do well in, Ravenclaw!"

> "I'm telling you." Said Don.

> "Malfoy, Draco."

> "Slytherin!"

Rick: Slytherin is full of swots and toffs.

> "Patil, Padma."

> Padma was a bit nervice. But she went on anyway.

Dan: Hey, you're holding up the line!

> "Hmm. You and your sister are different from each other. I can tell because you're into books and
> your sister is into adventure.

Tsuneo: Informed traits are the best traits

> So you'll belong in, Ravenclaw!"

> "So? All of our friends are in Ravenclaw.

Dan: For very generous definition of 'friends'

> But Harry could still make it in Hufflepuff." Said Raph.

Rick: Raph also subscribed to Quibi

> "Patil, Parvati."

> "Gryffindor!"

Tsuneo: Thanks for coming, Pavarti.

> "Potter, Harry."

> Finally. It was his turn.

> "Potter? Did she say Potter?"

> "Harry Potter? The one who stopped the dark lord?"

Rebecca: Harry Potter? Played at Glastonbury in '98? Fell off the stage and hurt himself and ended up in a backstage fight with a chicken farmer? That Harry Potter?

> And as Harry has the hat on,

Rebecca: Conferring unto him the head lice of ages.

> "Hmm. Difficelt Very difficlet. Plenty of courage, yes. You have a sharp mind yes. True loyalty yes.

> And strong bravery yes. But where to put you?"

> "Ravenclaw." Harry said to the hat.

> "Ravenclaw? Why Ravenclaw

Tsuneo: Because the author lied in an online test and now it's everybody's problem.

> when you can do good in Slytherin? You have true courage and

> talent. It's all in your head. And Slytherin will help on your way to greatness. No doubt about that."

Rick: The Sorting Hat sounds a lot like Palpatine. Should I be worried?

> "No. Ravenclaw."

> "No? Not Slytherin? But Ravenclaw?

Dan: I mean, you could do so much better

> I see. Knowledge is power to you. Very well then. Better be, Ravenclaw!"

Tsuneo: So the authour's reasoning for sticking the characters in Ravenclaw is...

Rebecca: They all chose it.

Tsuneo: I see. And why exactly did they choose it?

Rebecca: They look good in blue?

Tsuneo: I suppose that's as good an explanation as well ever get.

> "Ha. I told you." Don said to the others.

> But the whole room was silent for a moment. Harry Potter was born a Gryffindor.

Dan: You inherit your school house from your parents. It's the rules.

> He was the one who defeated the dark lord. And yet he's in Ravenclaw.

Rick: The house most famous for having once won at Quiddich by mistake

> The red haired boy was the one who was shocked the most.

Dan: Poor Chuckie Finster. How will he deal with this?

> However, the silent was broken by the loud cheers of the Ravenclaw table. And Professor Flitwick
> was bouncing from his seat.

Tsuneo: There you go, back to Warwick Davis. Although it took longer than I thought.

Rebecca: Well, we had to do in some irrelevant turtles filler first.

Tsuneo: But they met Casey Jones.

Rebecca: Yes, I said that.

> Over at the Gryffindor table, two other red heads were crying. For they were upset that Harry wasn't
> in Gryffindor.

Tsuneo: They had money riding on it

> "Weasley, Ronald."

> That was him. Ronald Weasley. The same boy who was with Harry on the boats.

Rebecca: Amazingly enough, he has a name

> "Gryffindor!"

Dan: And back to Dimension X you go.

> After the rest of the students were sorted,

Tsuneo: As in, people we don't care about.

Dan: But not Stephen Cornhole.

Tsuneo: Cornfoot.

Dan: Whatever.

> Professor McGonagall rolled up the scroll and took the
> hat and stool away as the turtles went to join Harry at the Ravenclaw table.

Rebecca: Ahem. This is a student table. For student wizards. You lot sit at the back of the room.

> "Welcome to another year at Hogwarts." Said Dumbledore. "Now before we begin our banquet, I
> would like to say a few words. Nitwit. Blubber. Oddment. Tweak. Thank you."

Tsuneo: Dumbledore is off his meds again

> "Is he mad?" Mike asked.

> "He's the greatest wizard ever." Said the 5th year prefect, Penelope Clearwater.

Rick: Prefect and super-straight Mute

Rebecca: Well that was nicely obscure

Rick: I try harder

> "But I do wonder, you four are turtles but why are you here anyway?"

Dan: The fact that they are giant talking bipedal turtles is less of an issue as to why they're here.

> "Harry's our brother. And we wanted to stay on his side." Said Leo.

Rebecca: [Penelope] And they just let you?

Tsuneo: [Leo] Hey, I don't get it either.

> Just as the food showed up.

> All the food was mainly English food.

Rick: They had Bubble and Squeak, Toad in the Hole and Spotted Dick

> Well, at least it was better than nothing.

Rebecca: An excellent summary of English cuisine.

> "Why did I have to come if they don't have pizza?" Mike asked.

> "What's pizza?" Penelope asked.

Rebecca: The basis of Mike's entire personality

> "It's a type of food from the muggle world." Said Don.

> Well, the feast turned out alright.

Tsuneo: The baked rosemary potatoes and succulent roast pork were okay, I guess.

> Even Mike happened to be alright even if there wasn't any pizza.

Rick: What about stodgy sausages, mashed potato and watery gravy on a pizza?

Dan: You may be on to something there

> And then came desert. And it also turned out great.

Rick: Great!

> Until Dumbledore began to say a speech.

> "Attention everyone. I have a couple of announcements before we head off to bed. First years, please

> note that the forest on the school grounds is forbidden to all pupils. As well to some older students

> who wish to remember as well. Our caretaker, Mr. Filch, has asked me to remind you that no magic

> is to be used between classes. Quidditch tryouts will be held on the first of October.

Tsuneo: School sport, because you want to add to the misery

> Finally, the third

> floor corridor on the right hand side is out of bounds to anyone who does not wish to suffer a very
> painful death.

Rick: Whimsy!

> Now off to bed. Prefects, please escort the first years to the houses secretly."

> "There's no reason to tell us not to do anything than to just say it." Said Raph. "What do you think is
> in there?"

Rebecca: It's a school, so probably a storage closet full of broken furniture and old textbooks

> "What ever it is, it's not any of our business." Said Leo. "Let's just get to where the Ravenclaws are
> meeting up."

> Authors Note:

> It was difficult to think about the feast. But I guess it is what it is. So don't feel too bad.

Rick: Any particular reason?

Rebecca: It's probably not American enough.

> So you might ask who will be getting what weapon?

All: No

> Well Harry already has the swords and

> Hermione already as the Bo Staff. Neville will have the numchucks. Stephen will have the staves.

Rebecca: In short, listing which turtles they'll stand in for.

> Padma will have tonfas. And Luna will have kamas.

Tsuneo: Well obviously

Rick: When your Harry Potter fanfic has turned into a game of Ninjas and Superspies, you know
something has gone very wrong

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> Chapter 11: The first week

Rebecca: This will be nothing but wet willies and dunkings

> All rights for Harry Potter goes to JK Rowling and Warner Bros. Pictures. And all rights for Teenage

> Mutant Ninja Turtles goes to Nickelodeon and Viacom and CBS.

> To say, Hogwarts wasn't that bad.

Tsuneo: Although this is coming from people who were literally raised in a sewer, so take that how you
will.

> After the feast, Penelope lead the first years to the Ravenclaw

> Common Room at the fifth floor. The entrance to the tower was a door with no handle but an

> enchanted knocker in the shape of an eagle. When knocking on the door, the knocker asks a riddle

> to answer.

Rebecca: They really need to set up two-factor authentication on their secret door

> "Feed me and I grow. Water me and I die."

> "Fire." Both Hermione and Don answered.

Rick: Parroting Hermione will be Don's only characterisation from here on out. Treasure it.

> The knocker agreed and let them in.

Tsuneo: The door knocker also called them a clever clogs and grumbled about getting better riddles.

> The Ravenclaw Common Room was one of the airiest rooms in all of Hogwarts.

Rebecca: It was missing its west wall.

> It was wide and circular. Graceful windows were seen that punctuate the walls.

Tsuneo: As windows usually do

> There was even blue and bronze

> silks and midnight blue carpet covered with stars that reflected onto the ceiling of the room. Even

> the chairs, tables, and a divan was blue.

Rebecca: Decor by Eiffel65

> Next to the door to the dorms was a statue of Rowena Ravenclaw herself made of white marble.

Dan: So she can look down on you, wherever you are.

> The sound whistling from the windows is relaxing enough when it's time for sleep.

Tsuneo: The term 'incredibly irritating' comes to mind

> Portraits of famous Ravenclaw students were seen on the walls.

Dan: Like... that guy, and... um... that other one. You know.

> There was

> even a library inside of niche that was no where as big as Hogwarts' main library but still had lots of

> books.

Rebecca: Including the first edition Dungeon Master's Guide. Turns out it actually does teach you black magic after all

> The windows give views of the black lake, the forbidden forest, the Quidditch Pitch, and the

> surrounding mountains.

Rick: With just a glimpse of Narnia in the distance

> The male prefect, Robert Hilliard gave the welcome speech to the first years.

Dan: Although he did start off with 'Voldemort had some good ideas.'

> Through out the

> speech he mentioned the famous Ravenclaw minister of magic Millicent Bagnold who was in power

> on the night Harry survived Voldemort's attack.

Dan: It was a career highlight

> But from Harry's point of view, Bagnold gave that position to Fudge after Voldemort vanished.

Rebecca: Harry was also convinced that lizard people shot JFK

Rick: I mean, this is a Ninja Turtles fic, so...

> When the speech was finished,

Tsuneo: Some of them were still awake.

> Robert lead the first years to the dorms.

> In the boys dormitory, there were four-poster beds with nabe blue curtains covered in sky blue silk
> eiderdowns on platforms.

Dan: [Harry] We're going to get sick of the blue pretty quickly, aren't we?

Rick: [Robert] Oh, you have no idea.

> The wall is decorated with blue curtains and the house crest. Next to the
> bed was the night stand, a blue upholstered armchair, and a desk with a stack of books.

Tsuneo: Which were also blue

> Unfortintly, though Hermione and Padma and Luna can visit Harry, Stephen, Neville, and the turtles
> in the boys dorms,

Dan: So they made room in the dorm for the Turtles? Do they have to sleep on the floor or something?

Tsuneo: Wouldn't you hate it if they cut down their intake for the year to accommodate them?

Rick: [Dumbledore] Yes, well, sorry young Aberdeen Bottomsley cant be accepted into Hogwarts, got to make room for some non-magic reptile men, you see.

> the boys can't enter the girls dorm

Rebecca: Gee, I wonder why Hogwarts would be so hung up on strict gender definition?

> because if they did, the staircase will turn into a slide and send them back to the Common Room.

Dan: Aren't they, you know, ninjas?

> So everyone just wished each other a good night and went to sleep.

Rick: Definitely didn't stay up all night pelting each other with tar flavoured jelly beans.

> (The next morning)

> "Did you see his scar?"

> "Why is he in Ravenclaw? His parents were in Gryffindor."

Rick: Yeah, but they were jerks

> "For that matter, why does he hang around with four giant turtles?"

Tsuneo: The little things that you notice

> Harry just ignored what the other students were saying as he entered The Great Hall for breakfast.
> Sure, he already had friends who sees him not just as The Boy Who Lived.

Rebecca: As evidenced by how deeply those relationships have been developed so far.

> He met Hermione
> before they knew they what they were. Neville and Stephen didn't mind him for who he is. Padma
> and Luna also accepted him for who he is.

Dan: Some people accepted him for who he is and some other people accepted him for who he is

> It wasn't until later when Hermione, Padma, Luna, Stephen, Neville, and the turtles

Rick: And Shaggy and Scooby and Scrappy and Scooby-Dum and Scooby-Dee...

> all arrived.

> "Sorry Harry. Mike got a little late start." Said Raph. just as Mike yawned.

> "It's fine." Harry said as Professor Flitwick handed out the scedrels.

> First year Ravenclaw Schedule

> MONDAY:

> Breakfast-7:30 to 8:50

> Class 1: Free period-9:00 to 9:45

> Class 2: Defense Against The Dark Arts-9:55 to 10:40

> Class 3: Charms-10:50 to 11:35

Tsuneo: Wait, we're doing this, aren't we? We're really doing this.

> Lunch-11:45 to 12:45

> Class 4: Magical Theory-12:55 to 1:40

Dan: Even learning magic has to have a boring subject.

> Free time-1:50 to 7:25

Dan: Time for piano practice and Karate training at Sensei Robert Alveredo's dojo

> Dinner-7:35 to 8:35

> Curfew-8:45 to 7:20

Rick: Any students caught outside after dark will be executed. No exceptions.

> TUESDAY:

Tsuneo:: No, fic, that's fine, we absolutely need to know all of this.

> Breakfast-7:30 to 8:50

> Class 1: Free period-9:00 to 9:45

> Class 2: History of Magic-9:55 to 10:40

Rick: You hope it's going to be about wizard battles, but mostly its about how they invented toilets

> Class 3: Free period-10:50 to 11:35

> Lunch-11:45 to 12:45

> Class 4: Potions-12:55 to 1:40

Dan: Reading this I'm expecting Wombles Ninnyhammer to show up and tell us what uniform everyone is wearing

> Free time-1:50 to 7:25

Rick: Time for some light recreational Gunting

Rebecca: Even though electronics don't work in Hogwarts

Rick: I never said they were any good at it

> Dinner-7:35 to 8:35

Tsuneo: Since this is an English boarding school, misery will be on the menu

> Curfew-8:45 to 7:20

> WEDNESDAY:

Rebecca: If you're not suicidal by this point, you soon will be.

> Breakfast-7:30 to 8:50

Dan: Get in line for the pancake extruder

> Free time-9:00 to 11:35

> Lunch-11:45 to 12:45

Tsuneo: Literally nothing in the morning.

Dan: Hey, if they want to put 'sleep in until lunch' on the school schedule, I'm not going to stop them.

> Class 1: Transfiguration-12:55 to 1:40

Tsuneo: In which you learn to defy all the laws of god and nature

> Class 2: Potions-1:50 to 2:35

Rick: How many kids do you reckon sign up to do potions in the hope of getting high?

> Free time-2:45 to 7:25

Tsuneo: Wednesday is a big nothing of a day.

> Dinner-7:35 to 8:35

> Curfew-8:45 to 7:20

> THURSDAY:

Tsuneo: Intense timetable action!

> Breakfast-7:30 to 8:50

> Class 1: Potions-9:00 to 9:45

Tsuneo: I hate to say this but... I could go for some Jenga about now

Dan: It's a bit like that

> Free time-9:55 to 11:35

> Lunch-11:45 to 12:45

> Free time-12:55 to 3:30

> Class 2: Flying-3:40 to 4:25

Dan: This is when you notice how many waivers your parents signed at the start of the term

> Free time-4:35 to 7:25

Tsuneo: Makes you wonder if you're really getting your tuition's worth.

> Dinner-7:35 to 8:35

> Curfew-8:45 to 7:20

> FRIDAY:

Rebecca: Okay, guys. We're nearly through this

Rick: I can't feel my legs

> Breakfast-7:30 to 8:50

> Free time-9:00 to 10:40

> Class 1: Herbology-10:50 to 11:35

Dan: Is that where you learn to be intelligent on plants?

> Lunch-11:45 to 12:45

> Class 2: Charms-12:55 to 1:40

Rick: In which you learn to write out other cast members and take over the show

> Free time-1:50 to 6:30

> Class 3: Astronomy-6:40 to 7:25

Rebecca: The elective students only choose to pad out their required units.

> Dinner-7:35 to 8:35

> Curfew-8:45 to 7:20

> SATURDAY AND SUNDAY:

Dan: Fun is forbidden

> Breakfast-7:30 to 8:50

> Lunch-11:45 to 12:45

> Dinner-7:35 to 8:35

> Curfew-8:45 to 7:20

> "Wow." Don said as he looked at the list.

Dan: Yeah, us too

> "I guess all that free time gives Ravenclaw enough time to study."

Dan: And definitely not stick cherry bombs down each others' pants.

> "I guess." Said Neville.

> "Hey Harry." Stephen said to him. "My dad finds ninjas to be very interesting."

Rick: Your dad is Erik Wujick, isn't he?

> I was wondering if we could learn some Ninjitsu from you and your brothers."

Dan: Within a week, Harry had set up an "Authentic Ninja Training School" in the bell tower and was fleecing students by the truckload.

> "I don't know." Said Harry. "I already have Hermione learning. But I don't know if I can teach the rest
> of you."

Dan: He's not a CPN

Tsuneo: CPN?

Dan: Certified Practicing Ninja

> "But it'll be fun."

> "Ninjas are not all about fun." Said Leo.

Rebecca: Ninjas are deadly serious business said the giant talking turtle man

> "And we've been telling Mike the same thing."

> "Hey!" Mike shouted taking offense.

Rick [Mike]: Also I am still here

> "But if you want, I can give it go. But I'll have to let Dumbledore and Master Splinter know. Plus, we'll
> be apaporating back and forth."

Dan: Shh, don't tell anyone, all the other kids will want in on it.

> "Apaporate?" Padma asked. "Harry. That's not taught until 7th year."

> "But I took lessons from Dumbledore before the start of term. And I got it very handled."

Tsuneo: Also Harry is special and none of the rules apply to him

Rebecca: I was wondering when we'd get our obligatory libertarian screed

> "But you also need a license." Said Neville.

> Harry reached into his pocket and pulled out an apaporating license that Dumbledore got him.

Rebecca: He's also hoping he can use it to buy booze

> "Man. Everyone above our year is gonna be so jellice when they find out you can apaporate." Said
> Stephen.

Dan: Harry's second scam of the week is charging kids for trips to Diagon Alley.

> "But we have to do it outside the gates."

Rick: But he can't do it to or from the Hogsmede Tavern either

Dan: Why not?

Rick: Because then it'd be inn-appropriate

Dan: I hate you so much

> Said Herry. "The founders have wards that keep us from

> apaporating in and out of Hogwarts. Only Dumbledore can that because he's the headmaster."

> Of course, Dumbledore and Splinter agreed to let Neville, Luna, Stephen, and Padma join Harry,

> Hermione, and the turtles.

Tsuneo: [Splinter] Yes, please reveal the location of our secret lair to these random children I have never met.

> Dering their free period,

Dan: One of many.

Rick: Their schedule was mostly free periods.

> they found an unused classroom on the sixth floor to use for ninja training.

Rick: I can only assume it came complete with bamboo mats and a bonsai tree

> Unfortintly, Defense Against The Dark Arts did not go as well as they thought. Because Professor

> Quirrell was not the greatest.

Rebecca: By the end of the week they'd only learned how to protect against Magic Missile

> But at least Charms turned out alright. Harry was very good at the spells.

Tsuneo: Harry is all-powerful and intrinsically knows everything.

> Professor Flitwick was pleased. It seems that Harry had inhabited his mothers talent for Charms.

Dan: And for bullying his siblings

> After lunch was Magical Theory. In which was also a great class.

Rick: In a nonspecific way

> After that, the six met with the turtles in the unused classroom to begin their ninja training. First was

> the basics

Dan: They have to work their way up to flipping out and killing everybody

> in which was turning out great. Neville, Stephen, Luna, and Padma had been doing really

> great at first.

Rebecca: Neville, famed for being big and clumsy, made an excellent ninja.

> On Tuesday, History of Magic was revealed to be a very boing class even to Ravenclaw. Because

> Professor Binns, the only ghost teacher of the school, kept making almost the whole class fall

> asleep.

Rick: Just do what I did and scribble in the margins of my books

Rebecca: Did you actually learn anything that way?

Rick: Mostly that dinosaurs are rad

> Surprisingly, even Hermione was finding it hard to stay awake. No matter how hard she tried

> to because she didn't want to slack on any class.

Rebecca: [Hermione] I have retained a character trait!

> Professor Binns once slept in front of his fireplace and his body had caught fire. But of course, he
> knew that he was dead.

Tsuneo: Was that meant to be funny?

Rebecca: God I hope not

> After lunch was Potions with the Hufflepuff house. Professor Snape was very strict to those that
> were not Slytherin.

> "You are here today to learn the lean the subtle art in potion making. As there will no foolish wand
> waving or silly incantations in this class,

Rick [Snape]: Magic potions are serious business

> many of you will find it hard to believe this is magic. As
> such, I don't expect you to fully understand this subject."

Tsuneo: Snape's already planning to flunk them all.

> By then, his eyes were on Harry.

> "Mr. Potter. Our new pupil.

Dan: Well, I mean, technically they all are...

> What I'm going to ask you is not going to conser to your potions. What is the way of the ninja?"

Tsuneo: Mostly to make bad martial arts films

> "They are one of the most ancient worriers from Japan.

Rick: Ninjas fought cavemen and woolly mammoths

> My brothers and I study the ways of stelh and power and use of weaponry."

Dan: [Student] Um that's nice but we're here to learn to make drugs.

> "Hmm. I see you know everything about the ninja ways."

Dan: That one sentence is all there is to know.

> "Not everything. But I learned enough from Master Splinter."

> "Maybe not. But, I've known your parents to use the art of ninjitsu after their seventh year at
> Hogwarts."

Rebecca: James Potter used ninjitsu to sneak up on Snape and pants him a lot

> Harry's parents were also ninjas? He couldn't believe it.

Tsuneo: I mean, I can't either mostly because it sounds really, really dumb.

> In fact, everyone else, besides his friends, were shocked that Professor Snape knew about the
> ninjas

Rick: I thought he'd be more of a pirate guy

> and that he didn't even show any hatred over Harry.

Tsuneo: Ah, the classic 'no problems no consequences' fanfic Harry

Rebecca: We're really overdue for that libertarian rant, aren't we?

Tsuneo: Worryingly so

> Word of that had spread all over the school much quickly.

Tsuneo: Probably because he's been blabbing it to everyone since he got here.

Rebecca: Ancient art of invisibility my arse.

> At dinner, Harry can see how angry Malfoy and the other Slytherins was at him.

> "He ruined our head of house."

> "How could he?"

> "He took points off of me for melting my potion."

Dan: Just because you needed to call the hazmat team doesn't mean he should be punished for it

> Of course, Harry still ignored them.

Tsuneo: Harry was above their petty concerns

> On Friday night, Astronomy had turned out to be a great class. Even though Harry had already

> known much of it in the muggle world.

Rebecca: He'd had such a good opportunity to study the stars in a sewer in New York

> After dinner, Penelope escorted Harry and his friends and the turtles to the gates by Dumbledore's
> orders.

> "I still can't believe you can apaporate." She said to him.

Rick: [Penelope] I'm still on my P plates.

> "I believe it." Said Luna.

Dan: Take the word of the obvious lunatic

> After reaching the gates, Penelope said goodbye to them and walked away. Harry then grabed all of
> their heands

Tsuneo: And by all of them, we mean the Turtles, Hermione, the three dozen Ravenclaws he's befriended, Filch's cat Mrs Norris, the portrait of the fat lady and the giant squid that lives in the lake.

> and, WOOSH!

> By then, they were back in the lair in New York.

> "Whoa!" Was all that came out of Neville and Luna and Stephen and Padma's mouths.

Rick: The rare group Keanu Reeves

> "Harry. This is coolest lair I have ever seen." Neville said to him.

Dan [Neville]: It's also the only one I've ever seen so take that how you will.

> "Ah. I see you have returned my sons." Splinter said as he entered. "How was your first week
> Harry?"

Rick [Harry]: So good I'm going to recite the entire timetable
Tsuneo: Oh please god no

> "Very good." He said.

Dan: [Splinter] Well, they're your problem now. You can feed them and find them places to sleep.

> Authors note:

> I'm back. Hope it was worth the wait.

All: No

> Okay, I didn't know how to make the first year list. And I didn't know how to make the first week at
> Hogwarts. I hope this turned out alright.

All: It did not

> As for Magical Theory, I couldn't find out who taught the class and it was only seen in the film
> version of Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone.

> How is that Snape is already on Harry's side you ask?

Tsuneo: Because Harry can never be challenged in any way

> How does he know about the ninjas?

Rick: Because he read about them on the internet

> And how are Harry's parents ninjas?

Dan: They took a correspondence course

> And how do they know Master Yoshi?

Rebecca: They all met that one time in Pogata

> The answer will come soon.

Rick: Spoiler alert, it did not

With that final comment, the big screen turned off, converting the world back to prose format. "And that was the sequence of unrelated events that constituted the third chunk of Harry Potter and the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," Tsuneo considered. "In which I manage to have a lot of questions even though nothing actually happened."

"I'm in two minds about the fact that the fic adapted a filler episode," Rebecca spoke up. "On one hand, it shows a clear commitment to the idea of adapting every single god damn episode of the source material. On the other hand, it's still a filler episode and you could have skipped it without making a shred of difference."

"And yet, that was the most engaging part of the fic," Rick noted. "Because the rest of it was a Dire Straights level of boring procedural dross."

"Yeah, it says a lot that the Harry Potter scenes so far have had the most original content in them, but also have the least going on," Dan noted. "I mean, we spent a chunk of fic on Harry's timetable which is really not the sort of thing we really needed to know."

"More importantly, the Turtles are doing less for the Harry Potter material than Harry was doing for the Ninja Turtles stuff," Tsuneo spoke up. "There's literally nothing for them to do at Hogwarts. They're not students, they don't have any magical abilities, they're not going to classes or anything else. And yet the fic keeps trying to push them in even though they're not adding anything."

"It'd be easier to write them out or say 'they're in New York doing ninja stuff,'" Dan noted. "And would make more sense than having them throw out pointless interjections every now and then just to remind us that they're here."

"But then it's not like anything in this fic makes sense," Rebecca offered. "Especially not Harry suddenly being in Ravenclaw because he wants to be for literally no reason whatsoever."

"Because Ravenclaw is such a well-defined house with such well known qualities," Dan chuckled.

"And yet, it's still little more than set dressing given that nothing's actually changed," Tsuneo added. "I mean, yes, it will likely have bigger changes going forward, but that also assumes that the fic lives long enough to get there."

"Which between our record on fics being abandoned and how slow this is moving is probably not going to happen," Rick finished.

"A rare moment where a pointless fic becomes even more so," Tsuneo finished.

"You're really getting engaged with the fic," the Voice cut into the conversation. "And have a lot to say about it already."

"Which is really impressive given how little there is to the fic," Tsuneo replied.

"Outstanding," The Voice beamed. "So you'll be pleased to know that we have more of it next time."

"I'm thrilled," Rebecca sighed. "At least we're done for now, right?"

"We are, yes," The Voice concluded. "I'll look forward to seeing you all next time."

"You know, there's one thing that was on my mind all throughout the fic," Rick spoke up. "Which is why these four characters are cooperating and are working together as a team."

"Who, Harry and the Turtles?" Dan asked.

"No, I mean I.R. Ninja, Stinky Pete, Joanna Goanna and Quantum Toilet Duck," he explained.

"They're from completely different backgrounds and they have no real overlap beyond being funny talking animal things."

"That's what was on your mind?" Tsuneo asked.

"I mean, it's better than the fic," he shrugged.

"Fair."

"So can they actually achieve anything?" Rebecca asked. "Because the four of them do seem a little hapless."

"Well," Rick considered. "They could probably beat up T'Cless the Bat-Thing in the example at the start of the book. And he's a sixth level character."

"Is that good?"

"Well... he's got no combat abilities at all," Rick suggested.

"You're really not selling these characters," Tsuneo finished.

"I'm just going with what the rolls gave me," he shrugged. "I mean, we could try some sample fights-

"You know what?" Dan finished. "I know we're good without."

Author's notes:

I know that the joke is that Ravenclaw is only slightly more interesting and noteworthy than Hufflepuff, but I am legitimately struggling to think of any reason why the author has decided that they have to be the best at everything and why Harry is so desperate to join them. Their culture and character is largely informed and it's not like they do anything meaningful in the story to begin with. You could write Ravenclaw and Hufflepuff out and it really wouldn't make any difference. Unless of course it's a part of some deeper fanlore that I'm not aware of. Nor do I really care.

On the other hand, I am beginning to legitimately wonder what the Ninja Turtles are actually adding to the fic and why it needs to be a crossover to begin with. You could remove the Ninja Turtles and just have Harry raised by generic martial arts masters and it wouldn't make any difference to the story while actively streamlining the cast and narrative. Much like Ravenclaw, really.

Next time: the cast herd masses

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> "So, How's it going Hermione?" Emma asked her.

> "It's going great." Hermione answered. "I just had my first ninja battle 2 days ago."