

# A Tale of 5 Ninjas (and a Squirrel)

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"I'm in position." Spoon whispered. "Me, too," Doom murmured back. "I hope this works. Those guys better not mess up." Suddenly, a green and brown blur sprang out of the bushes. "AIEEEEE!!" shrieked Doom as it pounced on her. Luster and Ruler came running out of the forest. "What happened!?" they asked in unison. After seeing what was wrong, they immediately attacked the thing that had pounced on Doom. "OUCH! Hey! That HURTS!!" it yelled. Luster and Ruler stopped attacking and stepped back. "What the- CAT?! What're YOU doing here?" Spoon questioned. "You're supposed to be on the other side of the forest!!" Cat looked puzzled. "Oh. Yeah, about that." He gave her a sheepish grin. "I got bored, so I wanted to know if anyone had a piece of cake. You know, to pass the time." Spoon then walked up to the nearest tree and banged her head against it. 5 times. After getting up and brushing herself off, Doom glared at Cat. "Why'd you have to pounce on me?" she asked. "It was an accident," he said. "Let me explain."

It may not seem like it, but these 5 were best friends. Together they were the famous ninja group, 56. Doom had short brown hair and greenish-blue eyes. She did most of the planning for the group. Her favorite thing to do was lie on her back and stare at the sky. Cat was just crazy. He looked a lot like Doom, except his hair was darker and shorter. He always acted before thinking, and it would always get the ninja gang in trouble. Spoon had long light-brown hair, and she was always wearing the latest styles. She often got frustrated with Cat because he messed up so much. Luster had red-orange hair that stood up on end. He was usually calm, but when Cat was around, he goofed off a bit. Ruler was probably the most sensible in the group. His hair was blonde and brown, and he loved sweet things. It seemed like he had a split personality, because he went completely insane whenever he had a sugar rush. At the moment, The Ninjas of 56 were on a mission. They had to catch a squirrel for an old pigeon tamer in their town. The reason was, thankfully, unknown. So far, they had tried 4 times. Cat was always the one to mess it up, as usual. "Why does this guy need a squirrel, anyway?" Cat grumbled as they all got back in position. "Why couldn't he have wanted, like, a muffin or something?" Cat thought about this for a moment, and then ran off into town to buy a muffin.

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Meanwhile, Luster and Ruler were stalking a mouse. Their plan was to catch the mouse, force it to tell them where they could find the most nutritious nuts in the forest, then set a trap and use the nuts as bait to catch the squirrel. This, of course, was Luster's idea. "Ready?" Luster whispered to Ruler. "Ready," he whispered back. Luster leaped out of the bushes where they were hiding, getting ready to pounce on the mouse. But, alas, he took one step and fell flat on his face. Sighing, Ruler walked out of the bushes and picked up the mouse, which was shaking with laughter. "Oww," Luster whined as he got up. "That hurt my face." "Let's get going," Ruler said, looking up at the sky. "It's getting dark." "FIRST, we have to question this little dude," Luster muttered, pointing at the mouse. It was still in hysterics.

Just as Luster was getting ready to ask the mouse a question, Doom and Spoon came skipping through the trees carrying a squirrel. Spoon stopped and asked, "What are you guys doing?" Luster stood up straight. "We're catching a squirrel," he said triumphantly. Doom gaped at him. She looked over at Ruler who was turning bright red. "To me, it looks like you've caught a mouse," Spoon remarked. Luster glanced at the mouse. "It may look like a mouse," he whispered, "but it's really a squirrel in disguise. It's-" "Actually," Ruler interrupted, "Luster wanted to catch the mouse, and then force it into telling us where the finest nuts in the forest are, so we can lure some squirrels right into a trap. It was his idea." "It was NOT my idea, it was your idea." said Luster. "Liar," Ruler muttered under his breath. "You are the one that tripped me when I made my heroic attack on that evil mouse," Luster insisted. "You know I'm right." "Well, while you guys were trapping mice-" "It's DISGUISED!!" "-Whatever- we caught a squirrel," said Spoon, glaring at Luster. "In the meantime, has anyone seen Cat?" Doom asked. Anyone could tell that she was worried about him. "Yeah, I wonder where he is," Spoon murmured. "Maybe he, like, got captured by zombies in Nevada and, like, became the Sith Lord and, like, stopped 17 armies trying to destroy a small town off the coast of Hawaii." "Yeah. That's what happened," Doom mumbled sarcastically.

All of a sudden, Ruler shrieked and dove into the bushes. Doom turned around and screamed. "AAAHHH!! A BEAR! NINJA SCATTER!" Doom screamed. There was indeed a bear behind Doom, but luckily, when the ninjas scattered, it took off after Luster. "OH DEAR LORD!!" Luster shrieked as he fled from the bear. "WHAT DID I DO TO DESERVE THIS!?" Discovering that he couldn't outrun the bear on the ground, he jumped up into the trees. He hopped from branch to branch, being careful not to slip. When he thought he was far enough away, Luster stopped on a thick branch. "Ha HA!" he shouted. "I've outsmarted you, Bear!!" But Luster spoke too soon. As the bear shook the tree that Luster was standing on, Luster lost his balance and plummeted down 20 feet toward the ground. Grabbing a branch at the last second, Luster managed to save himself, but the bear was too close for comfort. Staying as still as possible, Luster closed his eyes as the bear came toward him. He heard some shuffling, and then a number of footsteps as the bear strolled away. Opening his eyes and hopping down from the tree, Luster started sprinting back the way he came. Eventually, he was back where the bear first appeared. He got Ruler out of the bushes, and they started walking away to find the other ninjas. Luster casually stuck his hands in his pockets. "HEY!!" he cried, realizing the horrid truth. "That bear stole my chocolate bar!!"

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"Shoot," said Doom as she and Spoon met up with Ruler and Luster. "Looks like we're down one ninja." "I wouldn't be so sure," remarked Spoon as she pointed to their left. "Look who's back." Running towards them was Cat, who had been gone for the past few hours. "CAT!! Where we're you?" asked Doom as she jogged over to him. " Well," Cat began, "I got hungry, so I went into town to buy a muffin, but the bakery was closed. Then I remembered that they get their muffins from Nevada, so I went there. Then a whole bunch of other stuff happened, and I became the Sith Lord, stopped 17 armies that were trying to destroy a small town off the coast of Hawaii, you know, the basics." Doom stared at Cat, her mouth hanging open. Pushing her aside, Ruler confronted Cat. "Why didn't you tell us you were going to Nevada?" Cat thought this over for a second. "Because then you would want muffins too! And I didn't want to pay for them! The bakeries are going through a dough shortage. Prices are through the roof!" Ruler sighed and turned away, his face in his hands. "Yeah. Real smooth Cat." teased Spoon. "Well it's not like you could have done any better! You just stand here and order people around!" retaliated Luster. Spoon shot Luster a look and began to walk off, hurt. "Okay," Doom said, stepping in. "I'm going to give the squirrel to Mr. Pigeon." She gestured at the squirrel in her arms. "You guys can...stay here and...do...something." Then she walked away towards the town. "Great job, you idiot," Ruler said. "You just totally insulted one of our top ninjas. Go apologize!" he ordered. "But I don't want to!" Luster whined. "Why should I? She's always mean to – " "I SAID GO!" boomed Ruler.

Luster trudged over to Spoon, who was hunched over by a tree. When she looked up at him, he averted his eyes and hesitated. "...sorry..." he finally mumbled. Spoon didn't respond. Luster gave her a sideways glance. "I'm sorry," he said again. Suddenly, Spoon stood up. Cat and Ruler who were watching from the bushes gasped. Luster took a step back in surprise. Everything went silent for a moment, then Spoon took a deep breath. "Oh, man," Luster thought. "She's going to say some lengthy speech about what a jerk I am! I'm trapped!" Waiting for the rant to start, Luster hung his head. To his surprise, Spoon just stood there. But when he tried to catch a glimpse of her face, she started screeching at him. "YOU ARE SUCH A JERK!! WHY DID YOU DO THAT?! GIRLS HAVE FEELINGS TOO, YOU KNOW!! JEEZ, JUST BECAUSE I'M A NINJA, YOU THINK YOU CAN TREAT ME THAT WAY?! WELL, YOU'RE WRONG!!"

It went on like that for about fifteen minutes, and at last, Spoon cooled off. Luster on the other hand, was temporarily deaf. When Doom came back, she was shocked to see Spoon and Ruler engaged in conversation, Cat rolling on the ground laughing, and Luster shouting "WHAT?!" every five seconds. "Wha...what happened here?" she asked, looking over at Ruler and Spoon. Ruler looked up and sighed. "Don't ask," he muttered. Doom cautiously sauntered over to where Luster was sitting. He looked at her, then shouted "WHAT?!" "I didn't say anything," Doom sighed. "WHAAAAT?!" Luster yelled again. "I said-" "WHAAAAAAAAT?!"

Giving up, Doom walked away and joined Spoon and Ruler in their conversation. After a while, Luster regained his hearing, and since their mission was finally completed, they started going home. "Spoon," Luster mumbled, "I really am sorry, you know." "I know," Spoon said with a smile. "I just felt like yelling at you." Startled, Luster stopped for a moment. Realizing what Spoon had actually said, he shouted "Heeeeeey!!" and chased her and the other ninjas down the road.

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So, in the end, everyone lived happily ever after, except Luster because of Spoon's major insult and his chocolate bar being stolen. The bear, who had stolen Luster's chocolate bar, chuckled happily to himself as he strode away from the forest. "Those ninjas are so foolish," he giggled as he took off his mask. "They can't even recognize their arch enemy in a bear suit!" Still laughing, he took off the rest of his costume. "Not even the famous ninjas of 56 can beat the brilliant and grand Nexx!"

Pushing his long black hair out of his eyes, Nexx took a bite of Luster's chocolate bar, then, still giggling, he teleported back to his hidden base.

"Did you guys hear that?" Doom asked the other ninjas. They all stopped and listened. "Hear what?" Cat questioned. "It sounded like maniacal laughter, except more..." Doom struggled to find the right words. "...Evil..." The other ninjas gasped. Seeing the looks on her friends' faces, Doom smiled. "I'm sure it was nothing," she said calmly. "Come on. Let's go home." Those poor ninjas never knew what became of Luster's chocolate bar. Nexx disguised himself too well, and it became the downfall of 56. They would get him for it eventually, but not in this story.