

## Squad X Episode 1 - Get Help

Infiltrating a secret lab capable of cloning tech isn't as exciting as you'd think it would be. I look over at Tallis, probably thinking the exact same thing as I was. A tiny neuron flicked in my brain, as I thought of an excellent idea to make this heist fun.

"Hey, Tallis, let's do 'Get Help'," I tell him.

"What?" he replies.

"Get Help," I say again.

"We're not doing Get Help," Tallis exclaims.

"Have any better ideas?" I ask him, as he doesn't seem to have one.

"No," he says nervously.

"Then we're doing it," I say, and do a celebratory air punch.

DING!

The elevator has stopped. The door opens. I pick up Tallis (skills), and throw him on to the guards saying, "Save my friend! Get help! He's dying!" He isn't really. It's called acting. But you don't need acting when all 4 guards are unconscious. Who would be your audience? I take off my disguise, as its size M and I'm only size 12.

ME



Tallis gets up slowly, as if his head got hit by something. "I still hate it, it's humiliating," he stammers.

"Not for me it's not," I reply. I see what seems to be some type of gun. UZI-S is written on the side. I might as be of use, so I use it to hold off the guards.

"I'm downloading the cloning tech data now," he says, while pulling out his USB.

The downloading seems to be taking ages. And I thought the government had good internet. Fun fact: it's terrible. My ammo seems to be running out, so I shout out to Tallis, "You finished yet?!?!?"

"Almost, almost, done!" is what I hear from the other room.

"Alright then. Get us outta here!" I yell into my communicator.

"COPTER\_X3 is in position now," is what I hear.

Slender pulls us up using his tentacles, though it felt more like a strangle. I try to get a few more shots outta the gun, but I'm already in the chopper, and I don't want to shoot us down, so I toss the gun through the building window and it lands on the head of a guard, who had almost woken up from when I chucked Tallis. I have to admit, my arm still hurts from doing that, cos Tallis' heavy.

In the chopper, I notice there's no one driving. I might as well take the wheel, or whatever you call the driving thing in a helicopter.

We've been driving for about 15 mins now, and I'm getting tired of sitting down, it's boring.

"Can I drive?" Tallis asks me. He seems eager to drive a chopper. I see the desperation in his eyes and let him drive. He holds the temptation to scream with excitement and turns up the throttle to 100% (*Looking back, I don't think I should have let him drive. Read on*).

When we get back, the chopper is totalled. There's a huge crack in the windscreen, one of the blades is missing, and it's smoking, which is never a good sign. We step inside Squad X tower.



Darrius is waiting for us inside. "Did you see me drive, Darrius?" exclaims Tallis. He nods. Darrius tells us, "Come

inside, guys. Did you get the cloning machine data?"

"Barely," Tallis says as he puts the USB in Darrius' hands.

"Alright guys, just checking; how many casualties were there?" Darrius asks, sporting a huge grin on his face.

"Only 7 this time," I say as I walk towards the ladder to get to my room.

"I caused 0 casualties, Darrius," I hear Tallis say. Actually, I'll stay here. I want to get more pay. I'll ask Darrius for a more money, this is a risky job. Slender deactivates his powers using the Mayhem Diamond (more about the Mayhem Diamonds at the end), which is kind of intense, but hey, ya got to show off sometimes. I'm going to use the name Slender for this person all the time, as no

one knows his real name. I don't have a Mayhem Diamond yet, so I don't have that kinda power yet. Yes, I said YET. "The point is," Darrius points out, "you shouldn't have killed 7 people. Not without me. I missed out on all the fun."

"Are you saying we're villains, Darrius?" Tallis wonders.

"How aren't we, Tallis? Explain that," Darrius explains, still wearing that almost frozen grin.

Tallis thinks for a while. Quite a long while actually.

"Do me a favour and keep this safe. We don't know what it is yet," Slender says.

I'd call it the slender diamond to be honest.

Tallis eventually says, "Because I don't want us to be villains! So there,"

"Alright, alright. Hero seems to be a better reputation job anyways. Let's do it," Darrius announces.

"I'll start work on the cloning machine we almost died to get," Tallis declares.

Well, that was... good. Now we help worlds instead of corrupting them. It seems like a real fun job, but Darrius better pay me more. I head up to my room to do target practice. After a few hours of straight bullseyes, I hear a crash coming from through the wall on the edge of the building. I hear Darrius say from downstairs, "Did anyone hear anything?"

I'm sure I did. The communicator I left on my desk from the last mission, starts to make a sound. "Hey, Tai, I don't know if you can hear this, but I've seen a buncha zombie things flood out of an abandoned s thing down the road."

Its Steve (more about him at the end). He seems worried, so I assume he's not joking. I open the blind in my room and out of the window I see zombie-like creatures spewing out of the shed/warehouse thing across the street. They're actually kind of creepy. I tell the gang to look outside. I hear Tallis say from downstairs, "Call in Mk6-MEK." Tallis often says he calls in his mechs to protect us from danger, but I think he's just trying to show off.

### MEANWHILE

Two little pods shoot out of a large satellite in low orbit of Earth. The small pods activate some rocket boosters and start hurtling towards Gin Gin, QLD, Australia,



4671. The pods get closer to the atmosphere until suddenly, they target a smaller area. Tallis.

### BACK AT SQUAD X TOWER (OR NEAR IT ANYWAYS, IDK)

"Tallis, small flying things are coming towards you! Fast!" I hear Steve yell out. The small flying things hit Tallis and a mech seems to form around him, which is pretty dramatic, but cool. I run around and stab anything that I see (that is a zombie, because I don't want to kill my own teammates). I'm in full flow when I bump into something. It seems to be red, floating a little off the ground and has lightning flowing around and inside it. It looks like the Slender Diamond. I might as well activate it. This seems to be the right button...



I'm completely coated in red lightning. *Energetic*, I think. I wonder if this thing does more than cover me in lightning so I can zap things to next Friday (today's Tuesday in case you were wondering). I wonder if this gives me super jump or something. I jump. I feel like I am in the clouds, cos, well, I am. Draining all the energy from the lightning, transforming it from blue, to red. I should land this right, or I'll break my legs. I've never missed a landing before. And... I should get this exactly right...

**BOOM!**

Every zombie thing near me is twitching. I've zapped them all with my landing. I run over to Steve. He might know what this thing is. Wait. I'm already next to Steve. It took me no time at all to get here. I swear I was about 170m away. Super speed, check. My favourite feature thus far.

"It's the Speed Diamond. Apparently, the speed must be somewhat connected to lighting, or anything electrical. BTW, your eyes are red," Steve explains.

"So, kind of like a mixture of Thor and Sonic from the Sonic Movie?" I ask him. He says, "Pretty much."

These powers seem to work well together. I'm going to make a list of my power combinations:

The Supersonic Dynamo. Running while electricity is active. Completely electrifies any nearby life forms.

The Big Boi Zap. Just me inside a giant ball of super zappy lightning. No big deal. And, last and kind of least, running. I can get to maybe even LIGHT speeds with this thing.

Tallis is unimpressed with my new moves. I think he's jealous he doesn't have powers yet. He decides to head into space to look for some. "I'm activating SPACE-MODE-V2 now," he says. He hasn't tested that V2 before. It may not sound so bad, but it is, because the suit in V2 can create oxygen, lasting Tallis a lifetime in the suit. But, if it malfunctions (which isn't common in Tallis' builds), he will run out easily and die. I run over to warn him. I tell him, "Tallis, use V1. It's much safer."

"No, I could be searching for much longer than V1 can handle. I'm going to use V2," he demands. No one can budge him. He won't use V1. He rockets up into orbit. Oh well, not my fault. "I CALL DIBS ON TALLIS' ROOM IF HE DIES!" I hear Steve say into the communicator.

Ugh. Classic Steve. Only a few zombies remain now. Ima go inside. The others can take care of the rest. I go inside to grab some Doritos. Only I find there are no Doritos! A zombie has the packet in his mouth.

### 5 MINS LATER

He didn't last long. Let's just say things got **electric**.

Tallis walks in and grabs my Doritos and puts them in the cupboard.

"Unhealthy," he says, "have Twinkies instead." He chucks me a Twinkie. Hmm. I've never had these before. NOM NOM.

"Gimmie more, Tallis," I tell him.

"No, Tai, this is my Twinkie," he defends his Twinkie. I have to get past Tallis to get to the Twinkie. They're so YUMMY (the Twinkie, not Tallis).

"I will zap you, Tallis. Last chance," I threaten.

"You wouldn't," he resists.

"You don't know me then," I warn him. Suddenly, Bechly kicks down the door, walks in and snatches the Twinkie out of Tallis' hands. Hmm. I build a fort from the energy of my red, zappy lightning. This is going to get rough.

### MEANWHILE

"2 vodkas, please," Angus calls from the table, "So, Lara, if we're gonna make this thing work out, you might need to talk a bit. OK?"

What Angus doesn't know, was that Lara is in fact an undercover agent for Squad X.

"Well, OK, I have 1 question for you. What is that pink diamond thing?" Lara finally answers.

Angus brings out the diamond and lets it float on the table. "Oh, this? This is called a Mayhem Diamond. They are a source of power throughout the entire multiverse. Pretty cool isn't it?"

"I agree, it does look really powerful. Can I hold it?" Lara wonders.

Angus puts the diamond in Lara's hands. She admires it for a little while, then whispers into her communicator, "I'm ready for operation Grab 'N' Go."

"What was that?" Angus wonders.

"My ride home," Lara answers.

A giant harpoon crushes the wall behind her. Lara grabs on and she swings into a remarkably familiar helicopter with Tallis in the pilot area and me in the middle bit no one knows the name of, called the COPTER\_X3. Angus, completely dumbfounded and heartbroken, watches as the team heads in the direction of Squad X Tower.

**TO BE CONTINUED..... SOON.**