

Lakeview is terrorised by Mortyla's revenge, but three kids do not flinch before her fury

MAGIC WARS

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A SPINE-CHILLING silence swept across Lakeview. The scary peace in Lakeview was disturbing and frightening! Nature was still and the night's sounds had abruptly halted. Rick, Miki and CJ looked at each other, ready to fight Mortyla, and the dark presence of her revenge had begun!

Loud crushing sounds could be heard in the distance and Rick, Miki and CJ ran frantically ahead to see what was happening towards the loud crashing sounds. In the blackness of the night Mortyla could be seen walking slowly along View Road, with her arms stretched out by her sides. Her fingers flexed and open, casting lightning bolts in the thousands, on to the road and whatever else came into her path. Some cars were exploding into flames while others just rolled along, only to stop when they hit an object. Shop windows fragmented into explosions of glass and cars went flying into them. Street signs and smaller objects paid the price for being in her way. Cats scattered.

Birds flew from their nests trying to combat the swarms of frightful spiders that back-dropped Mortyla. She walked heavy and slowly on her feet, so she would not miss anything along her obliterating path! The spiders eyes gleamed yellow and they swarmed behind Mortyla, following her lead. Mortyla's face was angry and her eyes filled with hate! Her lightning bolts cracked from her hands and reached the dense black clouds. Her entire presence emanated an evil power and she was zoned into her revenge. She did not flicker an eyelid nor even move her head or body to see what she was doing. She walked slowly, heavily and with intent, to destroy. In a robotic trance she moved forward, with destruction exploding behind her.

they were all fine and not injured from their harsh fall and CJ began to channel her power into a frenzy. She had not used her power while being terrified. Rick and Miki yelled out to her.

"CJ! Relax a little, you don't need to force it!" Rick instructed.

"CJ! Be calmer don't be afraid!" screamed out Miki over Mortyla's compounding noise and CJ's loud gusts of wind.

In front of Rick, Miki and CJ dust blew around from the ground. Leaves and sand flew into the air elevated by the wind CJ had created. The winds went high up to the black clouds and Mortyla's lightning could not find an exit point through the body of the gusting winds, to ultimately injure them. The strength and body of the wind caught the surges of Mortyla's lightning and became caught in the wind's power. The lightning flashed within the wind's force.

Flashes illuminated the wind, it appeared to be a lightning shower within the contains of the strong wind's force and they could not exit to strike.

Rick, Miki and CJ stood behind the wind, squinting their eyes from the dust and soil that flew around from the gust. The flashing of lightning stopped and CJ eased off her power. As the wind dissolved into a soft breeze and all the dust had settled, they saw that Mortyla

Rick, Miki and CJ stood in line ready to combat Mortyla before she injured anyone in Lakeview. Mortyla saw them ahead of her and did not flinch. Rick, Miki and CJ stood strong and also did not flinch. Mortyla came closer into view and her collection of pesky cohorts flew near her making an eerie sound. Their ugly fly-like wings hummed a vibrating tone each time they flapped and this eerie sound made Rick, Miki and CJ's skin crawl. As Mortyla came closer, the humming became louder and she had left behind her a sickening trail of demise.

A blackened vision of destruction and fright consumed the roads and Mortyla was in full strength!

The noise of Mortyla's lightning bolts, her scary swarms of flying black spiders, with their creepy humming and explosions of cars inflamed with glass and debris being destroyed, became louder and more thunderous, as Mortyla stood just near them. She moved her two arms in front of her and the lightning streamed ferociously from her hands, forcing the road in front of Rick, Miki and CJ to split and lift with a detonation of force exploding it into the air and sending them flying backwards. Rick, Miki and CJ landed harshly on the ground. View Road was cracked and split open around Mortyla, leaving a stream of black ripped tar behind her, where she had walked. She proceeded to Rick, Miki and CJ. They checked that

had left. The wickedness of her wreckage could only be seen. Its appearance was a site of desolation. The torn road's surface had a long lineal split in it that could be seen from where Mortyla had stepped along in her revengeful onslaught. The shops were practically all destroyed and small fires blazed.

"She's gone!" exclaimed CJ.

"Are you OK?" Miki asked with concern.

"Sure, just tired."

"You need to learn not to force the power so much, as we learnt it leaves you exhausted and then you have nothing," stated Rick to CJ.

"Keep looking for her," interrupted Miki, searching their surroundings, but Mortyla was not to be seen.

"You want a war! You stupid humans, come to Lakeview Plateau for your destruction!"

Mortyla's voice sounded all around them in the night's blackened carnage. They could not see her but she was still there and she was furious that they had interfered with her revenge again.

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