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BALLARD INSTITUTE PUPPETS COME TO LIFE

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In a terrifying twist of events last night, it has been confirmed that all of the puppets at the Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry came alive and destroyed the entire museum.

The employee that witnessed the escape said one of the Somos Uno puppets wound up the others, saying, “I’m sick of being captive here with the humans pulling all the strings!” and began the chant, “wooden you like to be free?!?” Eyewitness reports say that the puppets were furious for being kept prisoners under glass panes for months with no air ventilation, gawked at by strangers and held up by uncomfortable cords and with sticks (and other things) shoved up their behinds.

Naturally, the puppets formed coalitions against each other, and a deadly battle ensued wherein our noblest puppets did unfortunately fall. A rivalry came to a head between the wooden puppets and the rest, the latter side being led by the few Muppet puppets on display. The Wizard of Id Muppet took to being the leader of this latter side, while the Ballard puppets were of course led by the power-hungry, stocky King of Clover.

“It would be my greatest privilege to represent you fine oak!” the king said to the crowd of puppets. He as-

sumed he would have the support of the many, as he always had, and could rule with some iron fisting, but he was not as popular as you might think.

As our anonymous employee details, many of the non-wooden puppets complained that they were always overlooked and knocked about by the wooden puppets, who thought their hard exteriors made them superior. So, a great faction took to the side of the Wizard Muppet but rolled their buttons at the archaic-ness of being subject to the whims of two white men.

Much of this rivalry had to do with the quick development of a startling love triangle. Our eyewitness reports that soon after coming alive, the Ballard puppet Josephine had given her handkerchief to the Wizard of Id as an oaken of her affection... but that the King of Clover had had his eyes glued to Josephine for a long, long time. Naturally, this only enraged the King of Clover more, and he took to a personal marionetta against the Wizard of Id, taunting him for his inability to get hard. “At least I don’t need a hand up my ass to look alive!” he said.

The Wizard of Id was enraged, and taunted the King of Clover back, saying, “oh yeah? Then sock it to me, you old aspen!” In coming alive, his magical powers came alive too, and in throwing a fire spell he easily singed the King’s beard off. “How would you like to be charcoal?” he said.

Disarming the Wizard of Id



Scary ahh puppets. PHOTO BY NAME NAME, POSITION/THE DAILY CAMPUS

was no use — he had magic hands and was too powerful. The King of Clover couldn’t find Josephine amidst the madness, and cried: “Where’s our beloved beauty? I don’t cedar.”

“I’m over here!” she said, watching two bodiless monster heads fight, ducking to

dodge their blows. It was quite the tête-à-tête. “But why would I be with YOU, Clover? It will never EVER happen. I’m just a doll to you... and you’re just a pinhead.”

When the King of Clover heard this, he was so disheartened that he stopped fighting and skulked away

into a cabinet, leaving everyone confused. An hour later, the glass shattered, the exhibitions on fire and the employee in lunacy, the Wizard ventured to open the quiet cabinet door and found that the King had kermitted suicide by his own strings. The rest is hickory.

UConn SPIDER-MAN SELLS OUT, PARTNERS WITH PARKING SERVICES

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Parking citations covered by spiders on car windshields. Tires clamped down by sticky webbing instead of parking boots. And in one bizarre instance, a Toyota Prius stuck to the ceiling of South Parking Garage. All images of the University of Connecticut under Parking Services’ new regime, directed by UConn Spider-Man.

“Yeah, I sold out,” UConn Spider-Man said in an exclusive interview with The Daily Scampus. “So what? Vigilante justice is vigilante justice.”

The unexpected partnership began over spring break, when UConn students began noticing parking tickets stuck to their vehicles with spider webs. Soon enough, the arachnid attacks became even more prevalent, most notably with webbing-based parking boots.

The terror culminated in a Toyota Prius adhered to the ceiling of

South Parking Garage’s second floor. The car was held in place with clumps on webbing on all four tires. UConn Spider-Man said he made the decision himself, without the approval of Parking Services.

“I went rogue,” UConn Spider-Man said. “My boys at Parking Services told me to lock those car tires down with one of my webbing clamps. But when I learned the car owner owed over \$1,000 in parking violations, I knew I needed to teach them a lesson.”

UConn Spider-Man said that when Parking Services found out about the Prius on the ceiling, he was instructed to return the car to the ground.

“Other than that, we’ve had no issues,” UConn Spider-Man said. “I look forward to what we’ll accomplish together in the future.”

UConn Spider-Man said he offered Parking Services his services in the middle of March. He has already graduated from UConn, but he said he found himself back on campus during spring break to

visit Mexican Spider-Man.

“I was walking around and saw all these parking boots everywhere, and I was like, ‘Yo, this looks like something a criminal would do,’” UConn Spider-Man said. “I caught one of the PS workers in the act and was gonna web them to the road, but they quickly explained that they were the good guys.”

When asked why he uses his power to enforce parking violations instead of fighting crime, UConn Spider-Man said dealing with criminals was “too boring.”

“I have always considered myself a fierce advocate for parking properly, everyone knows this,” said UConn Spider-Man. “We need more people talking about the geopolitical and economic state of Parking Services if they don’t get all the money they’re rightfully owed.”

The partnership came as a surprise for members of the UConn community, many of whom haven’t seen UConn Spider-Man on campus in over a year.



Who even is UConn Spider-Man? PHOTO COURTESY OF AMANDA J. CRAWFORD ON LINKEDIN

“I didn’t even know he had powers,” barked Officer Tildy, former K9 head for UConn’s Police Department. “His help would’ve been much appreciated for our department when he was still a student here.”

Other community members have complained about Parking Services’ new weapon against parking violations.

“I have severe arachnophobia,” said Elaine Coll, a third-semester animal science major. “When I saw spiders crawling around on

my parking ticket, I fainted and nearly got hit by a car. My friend helped pay my ticket, and I will never park in a ticketed space again.”

UConn Spider-Man said he understands people will have to get used to his new role at UConn. But he said he loves his new responsibilities and hopes the UConn community learns to see him positively.

“After all, I’m the friendly, parking-enforcing, campus Spider-Man,” he said.



The work of UConn Spider-Man. Avoid getting a parking ticket at all costs unless you want spiders crawling all over your ticket. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE TRUTH ABOUT UCONN PARKING TICKETS ON FACEBOOK