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## **FIFI AND THE CATASTROPHIC JOURNEY**

**by Ruby Jett Salkeld**

Fifi the Akita scout dog is an ordinary Akita and the thing that she really wants is to help people. She wants this because she wants snuggles and she knows it's the right thing to do. One day when she woke up, she was going on a little walk before she started going to help people. But suddenly, before her eyes she saw something orange and hairy. It was Severus the sneaky fox! Severus is Fifi's worst enemy!

"What are you doing here?" screamed Fifi.

"Ruining your job," said Severus casually.

He ran off before Fifi could say anything, so she ignored him. She saw an old lady sitting on a fountain ledge and she was struggling to get up. Fifi jumped up and ran over. As soon as she got there, she saw Severus come over and as quick as a flash, he pushed the lady in and ran away! When the lady got up, she blamed Fifi for it and whacked Fifi in the head. Fifi HAD to run after Severus to teach him a lesson, but once she got up the hill to where he was, he kicked her down! She knew she needed to get some help. But who would it be?

Fifi went over to house 56, Billiard street, Flux alley. She was scraping and barking at the door until an adorable golden retriever came out of the dog flap. It was Luxy, the other scout dog. She is also the cutest dog in the world because she always wears a sweet golden bow and has extremely fluffy fur. Fifi and Luxy ran and tried to find someone to help. They saw the same old

lady but this time she was trying to cross the road. When they ran over to help, the lady recognized Fifi and whacked both of them with her bag!

“Get away you horrible mutts!” shouted the lady.

Fifi and Luxy sadly walked back home, feeling depressed. When they got back to Fifi’s tree house there was an orange blur, through the tears in their eyes. It was Severus! “You’ll have better luck next time.” He said. But this time all he did was walk as slow as he could back to the woods, occasionally looking back at them longingly.

Fifi and Luxy went over to a house next door. They thought they could help a man in the garden water his plants. When they got the watering cans in their mouths, though, someone made them trip up and pour too much water on the plants. You know who it was... SEVERUS!!! This time he just walked away. Fifi and Luxy, however, got pushed into the road by the angry man. Fifi might have to give up her dream...

“We shouldn’t give up but we should go somewhere else where they will appreciate us,” Luxy told Fifi.

They went over to a house a block away from the woods. It was there where a boy with a big graze on his knee was crying. Fifi and Luxy got bandages in their mouths...and when Severus came over they kicked him away just in time. They put the bandages on the boy and said goodbye.

“That went great!” squeaked Luxy.

On their way home Fifi and Luxy heard some weeping nearby. It was Severus, so they went to check what happened. He said he saw them always helping people and he changed his mind and he wanted to grow his heart and be good. They believed him and altogether they helped people as one.

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