

# Crookshanks, Hogwarts Ranger

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a/n: This is for dynonugget, who suggested Chuck Norris.

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The ghosts were acting funny, so much so that the familiars had noticed. Crookshanks took it upon himself to see what was going on.

"Miaow! Mrr, phtsshp?" he asked Moaning Myrtle. "Hi, ghosty girl! What in the heck is going on?"

"Nothing you could help us with, Crooks. Someone is trying to exorcise all the ghosts from the castle, and they are going to succeed, too. They found the standing stones! We are dooooooomed!" cried Myrtle.

Well, life in the castle would certainly not be the same without the ghosts, and cats (and Kneazles) are creatures of habit. Therefore, Crookshanks thought to himself, *really must stop this!*

He gathered the usual suspects — Fawkes, Trevor, Fang and Hedwig — and they set off to stop the unneeded exorcism of the castle.

When the set of familiars got to the standing stones, they discovered Dolores Umbridge and Cornelius Fudge with a few minions in the middle of a ritual circle, frantically casting spell after spell over a smoking cauldron.

The familiars looked at each other and nodded. All of a sudden, there was a great commotion: both birds were swooping down on the witches and wizards, Fang was knocking people over, and Trevor did what he did best and made sure the cauldron exploded. (You don't mean you thought *Neville* was the one who did that?)

Crookshanks knew he had to stop it once and for all, so with a mighty leap, he aimed a roundhouse kick, claws and all, at Dolores's chin. Well, one of them, anyway. Once he had knocked her back into a standing stone, he leaped again and did the same to Cornelius.

The ghosts were saved! The familiars rejoiced. Myrtle declared her thanks and devotion quite fervently.

"Miaow!" declared Crookshanks. "'Twas nothing, ghosty girl! All in a day's work for Crookshanks, Hogwarts Ranger!"

Seamus stood up, a wee bit cross-eyed, after having been kicked by the twitching half-Kneazle. "Hey Hermione, you need a warning sign for this guy! *My familiar is dreaming, approach at your own risk!*"

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