

# **Project: Hybrid**

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*Dr. Eggman has created a new machine and is using it on humans. Now sonic and his new friends have to destroy it*

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# 1 - Creation of Disaster

Project: Hybrid by Andrea Botiller Chapter 1, First Of Six The Doctor's hands flew across the keyboard as he typed in the final code for his new machine. He was so proud of it, like a new father. This machine rivaled his robotizer as one of the most complicated machines he had. But the robotizer had a flaw, it didn't work on humans. This machine would finally allow him to use the massive human population to his advantage. The Doctor finished his code and prepared the protocols for activation. All he needed now was a test subject. "Metal sonic," he said, "bring in the test subject." Metal sonic left momentarily and came back with an unconscious boy. He set the boy in a capsule-like container and attached a hose to the top. He then connected the hose to a machine that looked like an oversized generator. "Activate the activation protocols!" Gears started to turn and thick, black smoke billowed from the top of the generator. Purple gasses filled the capsule through the hose and blocked out any view of the boy. Metal sonic watched in anticipation. The doctor never told him what the machine does, so he was very curious what would become of the boy. After about ten minutes the gas began lifting. Metal sonic expected the machine to be nothing but a new form of robotizer. He was wrong. "Doctor," he said "What did you do to the boy?" "Metal sonic," Dr. Eggman explained, "This machine takes humans and turns them into mobians!" Secretly, Metal sonic was stunned. "How is that possible?" "I found something in Gerald's research files but that's not important, The new mobians are without free will, so I can send them as spies or use them in my armies! It's the perfect plan! As the gas cleared Eggman and Metal sonic saw that the boy was no longer in the capsule, but in his place was a mobian rabbit. Eggman looked as if he were attending sonic's funeral. His project was a success! There was but one more thing to test. He gave Metal sonic a golden bracelet to put on the mobian. This would tell if it had free will or not without having to wake it up, But when Metal sonic approached the mobian the bracelet it turned red and exploded! "Shoot!" Eggman stamped his foot forcefully on the ground. "It won't accept the mind control! What did I do wrong?" He went through all the things that could have triggered this in his head. He finally decided that the human shouldn't have been unconscious and was intent on trying again. "Metal sonic, Get me more humans for testing, one for each capsule." "As you wish." He leaped out the window into the night, heading for station square, where six more children lay in bed waiting for destiny to slap them in the face.

## 2 - Chase

Alert! Alert! Prisoners have escaped in storage sector. All available units to storage sector and capture the prisoners! This is not a drill! The message was sent over the intercom and radiated through the deep metallic chambers of Eggman's new base. But in one room the message was drowned out by the sounds of fighting. Two robots were in the training room sparring. Suddenly, metal sonic burst through the door and snapped angrily at the red and black robots fighting. "What are you doing! Didn't you hear the alert!" The red robot flexed out his claws as he replied. "Oh calm down, the swat-bots will take care of it." "Besides," added the black robot, "they're just humans." Using his speed, he quickly banged them on the head. "Idiotic fools! Most of the swats were destroyed in the last raid! And robo tails took the rest for a scouting expedition!" The black robot scowled. "Robo tails, I hate that punk. He thinks he's better than us." "That's not important right now! We need to capture the prisoners!" "Fine, fine, but lets make it more interesting. How many prisoners got out?" "Six." "Alright, then lets make a bet. Whoever captures two of them first gets.....The new upgrade the doctor is developing." "whatever, can we just go?" metal sonic was getting annoyed. The other robots left quickly, knowing that metal sonic had a bad temper. .... "Wait, we went this already!" "How do you know?" "I've seen those boxes before!" "There are boxes everywhere! How can you tell them apart?" Danny and Amanda where also fighting. They and they're four friends were stuck in this weird fortress. They had been friends for a long time, but lately Amanda and Danny had been arguing about pointless things. It was getting really annoying lately, so one of the friends, a boy named Andy, finally stepped in to stop it. "SHUT UP!" For the first time all night they were silent. Miraculously, they actually stayed quiet until they came to a three way intersection. Amanda spoke up. "Ok, there are three hallways to go down. We'll go in pairs down each hall. Now, my partner will be-" But when she looked around, she realized that they had chosen partners while she was talking. The only kid without a partner was...Danny. Grudgingly, Danny seemed to realize who his partner was and walked over At that one moment they stood next to each other, it looked like they would wage a world war three. But they all chose a hallway, and before they left Amanda told them all one last thing. "If anyone finds a way out, get out of here and find help for the others." All three teams went down a hallway. Amanda and Danny down the middle, Two boys named Ethan and Andy down the right, And a boy and a girl named Cindy and Matt Down the left. They had no idea what was following them.

..... The robots arrived at the intersection about two minutes after the escapees. "Well? Witch way did they go?" demanded metal sonic. "Robo Knux, can't you scan for them?" Robo Knux replied grudgingly. "It's been malfunctioning since the raid, It wont work." Metal sonic angrily dented the thick metal wall with his fist. "Metal Shadow, What about you?" Metal shadow turned on a heat sensor, took a few moments to scan the area, and reported. "There were six of them, they split into groups of two and went down seprate hallways." "Perfect, whoever gets two first wins. Metal shadow, go right, I'll, go left, Robo Knux, go straight." They separated and sped down the hallways, Robo Knux at a slight disadvantage.

..... "So, how long do you think Amanda Danny can go without killing each other?" "I don't know, twenty minutes?" Matt didn't want to think about their situation much, so he constantly tried to make conversation. Suddenly, Cindy stopped. "Stay here, I need to see something." Matt was worried. "But-" "Stay!" Matt stayed behind as she cautiously wandered over to the next turn in the path. As she rounded the turn and disappeared from sight, Matt heard an ear shattering scream, followed by a gunshot. Mat stood there, transfixed to the scene, he

hardly noticed as the menacing black robot walked around the corner and raised a gun at him. Was Cindy hurt? Is she alive? Those were the questions that raced through his head during the few seconds of consciousness after the robot shot him. But he did hear the robot say something. "Well, the new net gun works perfectly. Imagine the surprise on their faces when they see me with the new upgrade..." The voice faded into oblivion as his consciousness left

him..... A couple of hallways away, Ethan and Andy were enjoying a nice conversation about how long Danny and Amanda would last when they heard a scream. The conversation quickly changed to who screamed. "Who do ya' think that was?" started Andy "I don't know, could it have been Amanda?" "I don't think so, Amanda never actually screams." "Then, It must have been Cindy." "Your probably right, Gee, I hope Matt's ok." "Me to." There was silence for a while, Until Ethan stopped cold in his tracks. " Did, did you hear that?" Andy was confused. "No, what did you hear?" "It was like, a clanking noise, metal footsteps." "Andy was starting to think he was going insane until he too heard it, heavy metal footsteps, getting louder. They were terrified and hid behind the nearest pile of boxes they could find. The clanking got louder, and louder, until finally it sounded like it was right outside the boxes. Then, after what seemed like an eternity, It moved away. Without warning, Ethan jumped out and started to run in the opposite direction. Andy watched from afar as a flash of blue and the lights of jets rushed after him. Ethan yelled, another net gun was shot, and Ethan was silent. Andy Decided to make a break for it and ran as fast as he could down the hall. He ran faster than he had ever ran before, powered on by the rush of fear and adrenalin. He turned a corner and stopped, not able to believe what he was seeing. An exit, an open door waiting there for him. He ran to the door, only to be shot down as he was shot by the net gun. His feet were kicked out from beneath him and he was wrapped into a net. He hit the wall and fell to the floor. Andy looked up and saw the menacing figure of his captor. A metallic blue robot with spikes on the back of his head. As he came to collect his prize, Andy spoke out loud to himself. "Well Cindy and Matt are probably out, Ethan and I are finished, It's up to you guys now , Amanda and Danny. Good luck."

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### 3 - Capture

“AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH” Amanda and Danny halted in there tracks. Up until now they had been avoiding contact with each other, avoiding each others eyes and even trying not to mach each other’s footsteps. They hadn’t spoken a word when the silence was shattered by an ear-piercing scream. And still not a word was spoken when another was heard, sounding much closer. The silence was almost unbearable for Danny, who was naturally a talker. It was much easier for Amanda, yet still tough. They both yearned for one of them to start a conversation. And yet the silence pressed on. It seemed that nothing was going to settle the grudge that the silence was defending ever so well, until they heard a voice. “Arg! Where are those humans? The others have almost certainly caught the other prisoners. Grr, they must have cheated somehow. Otherwise they would never have surpassed my skills with tracking! Yaarg!” The voice was metallic, and obviously frustrated. Amanda and Danny didn’t like each other, but they both thought very much alike. They quickly glanced at each other and nodded, agreeing that they needed to find a place to hide. They actually were alike in many ways, walking in a way that their footsteps were unheard over their pursuer’s constant ranting. They quickly found a pile of wooden crates and soundlessly hid behind them. They crouched in silence, the dark hallway masking their faces. Then they saw a green light coming their way. They both assumed that the hunter had a strange flashlight. Nodding to each other again, they crouched lower and looked from the sides where shadows still remained. The thing coming was red, probably metal, and obviously not human based. It looked menacing, green glowing eyes shining in the dark, the light reflecting off of the knife like claws on its large metal hands. The robot walked by, its constant angry ranting getting louder with each metallic footstep. As it walked by they were able to hear some more of its frustrated speech. “If only my sensors were working, then I could find them instantly. Grr, If I ever find those two...” Its voice started to fade. As soon as the escapees were unable to hear it, the first word form them was spoken from Danny. “It’s broken, that will probably give us an advantage.” Amanda was a little startled, but she replied quietly. “Yeah, it would have found us sooner if it was in good condition.” “Well we still need a way to get out of here, and now we have this guy to worry about.” “Right, so what do we do now?” Danny paused. He didn’t expect Amanda to ask him that question. But even though he was a very smart person, he couldn’t think of a fool proof way to get out of the situation that they were in. “You do have a plan, don’t you?” It was like Amanda had read his thoughts. Usually he would have thought up a smart remark, but the situation was too dire. “...no” They stared at each other for a minute, than Amanda looked away. “I was hoping you had a better idea than mine, but I think we should just chance it and keep looking for a way out.” “And if we run into the robot?” Danny questioned. She paused to think, “Run?” Danny was quiet for a little while, then turned to her and smiled. “Sounds like a good idea to me.”..... “AAAAAAAAARRRG! WHE DID THOSE BLASTED HUMANS GET TO?” Robo Knux was angry. The others had obviously found their humans due to the constant screaming going on. He would never get that upgrade! The only reason he kept looking for the pathetic flesh bags (as he liked to call them) was so that the doctor wouldn’t disassemble him. He dispised the doctor almost as much as he loathed Robo Tails. That pompous fool thought all the others were highly inferior to his “great powers.” “Great powers,” he said to himself. “Yeah right. I’ve never seen anything so great from that idiot.” He walked on, cursing all living and nonliving things in existence until he came across one of the few power boxes on the whole facility. He quickly found the control panel in the dim light. He punched in the code and opened the box. There he found a multitude of switches, knobs, and buttons. Robo Knux found the switch that controlled

the lights for the warehouse and flipped it.

.....Danny and Amanda continued walking, but this time there was less silence. They talked almost the whole way, mostly about strategic actions, but on the occasion there came conversations about their fate. Weather anyone would believe them if they got out, what would happen if they got caught, and once they wondered if they would get out alive, a topic that had been on their minds ever since they herd the first scream. Now they were talking about what fate would befall the others. "Maybe they will be fed to some horrible monster!" "Oh please, that's just silly." "I know, I was just joking. Jeeze Danny, you don't have a sense of humor do you?" "That wasn't really funny." "...Well what if they got put into slavery?" "Probably in a factory or something" "What kind of factory?" "A factory where they make Ductape for people who won't shut up." "Oh, so you do have a sense of humor then?" Amanda and Danny quarreled on with the smart remarks for quite a while, until they heard the robot's voice. AAAAAAAAARRRG! WHERE DID THOSE BLASTED HUMANS GET TO?" They were instantly quiet. They knew the robot was somewhere near, but where did the noise come from? It seemed to echo from every wall. Then they heard the robot's footsteps...coming from behind them. Luckily they found another pile of crates and hid behind them just as the robot turned the next corner. He almost walked right past while cursing things if he hadn't noticed a box on the wall. He typed in some numbers and opened the front of the box, where he found buttons and switches. He looked at them for a minute, then chose a white switch and flipped it. Instantly the hallway was flooded with bright light, so bright the two of them gasped shortly as the light stung their eyes. Unfortunately for them, the robot turned around quickly, obviously hearing the small, quiet noise. All he could see in front of him were crated piled high upon each other to the high ceiling. He looked as of he was going to turn around and walk away, but he didn't. Instead the robot shot over quickly and drove his foot long claws into the box right in front of Amanda and Danny. With little effort he lifted the dusty crate just high enough to see their faces etched in pure terror. "Aha!" he said out loud. Robo Knux enjoyed playing with his victims, and especially with the feeble little human minds. He liked to terrify them, to watch them scream for mercy before he lopped their heads off. He couldn't lop any heads today, but he wanted to hear a scream. "Well well," he said menacingly. "I've been looking for you annoying humans for a long time now. Tell me," he leaned closer to them, "how did you evade me for such a long time?" He knew that he had already lost the bet, so he had plenty of time to toy with them. Amanda and Danny simply sat there, too petrified to move. "How about you?" He leaned so close to Amanda that she could feel the cold metal tip of his muzzle against her nose. "Why did you insist on delaying the inevitable?" And yet they just sat there, not moving, hardly breathing, just being terrified. "Well? Why aren't you answering me? Are you SCARED?" He lifted the box high above his head and chucked it as hard as he could (witch was very hard if you didn't know) at the wall of crates behind them. That turned out to be a very bad idea, for as it hit the other crates, the ones on the bottom smashed, sending about twenty crates toppling down upon all of them. Robo Knux was hit hard in the head by the corner of a big heavy crate, temporarily disrupting his circuitry and giving him the appearance that he was unconscious. Amanda was able to duck and escape any injury when a pair of long crates wedged only inches above her head. But Danny ended up unconscious with his leg trapped underneath two crates only feet away from the "unconscious" robot. She came over and tried to pull him out, but it was no use. His leg would be ripped out of it's socket if she tried to pull it out, and the crates it was suck under were to big to be lifted by a fifteen year old girl. She decided it would be best to leave him, and hope that nothing bad happened. But right when she started walking away, she heard the sound of metal on wood. She didn't need to turn around or stop, because she knew exactly what was happening behind her. The robot was waking up. Pure instinct took over and she ran. She ran as fast as her human legs could go, and she yearned with all her heart that she could go faster. Her heart pounded, her muscles burned, water was streaming from her eyes. And yet she refused to stop. She ran

through hallways, past piles of boxes, and through intersections. And she just kept running.

.....Robo Knux was back online. He found the unconscious boy trapped underneath the crates and quickly hog-tied him. Then he found another one of the power boxes, punched in the code and opened the box. "Let's see her flee when she's blind as a bat!" He flipped the light switch off.

.....Amanda was still running. Her senses were numb and burning and she couldn't breathe. And yet the pure terror of getting caught by that inhumane psycho kept her going. Then the lights went off. She stumbled blindly in the darkness, almost tripping over herself about three times within the first twenty seconds. She came to a halt in the dim light to see what she could make out in the dim light to be a large room, with pillars supporting the high ceiling and piles of boxes lining the walls. She tried to look behind her, to see whether the robot was following her, and whether she could afford a break. That also turned out to be a bad idea, because as soon as she turned around again, she ran headfirst into one of the iron support beams. She instantly fell unconscious.

## 4 - Change

Amanda awoke about an hour later with a blinding pain in her forehead. The first thing she noticed was that she was in a well light room. Then, as she regained consciousness, she could make out a glass capsule, about six or so feet high keeping her contained. And she could make out a staircase winding up to the upper levels. Amanda tried to think, but her head was in to much pain. She hardly even noticed the yells in the next room. But it was so hard for her to concentrate over her throbbing forehead. "Why am I even ...?" She couldn't finish the sentence, for every word she spoke hurt even more. So she slumped against the glass wall and pondered the robot's motives.....

"So, you three made a bet?" The three robots had confronted the doctor with their agreement, and metal shadow demanded his reward. He stepped forward and explained the bet to him. "Yes, we made a bet that whoever captures two humans' first gets the upgrade you were working on. Yes, we know about the upgrade," He said after the doctor gave him a look of suspicion. "We overheard Robo Tails talking about it. And since the competitive factor made the capture even quicker it would be within you're best interest to see to the demands of the winner, me." Dr. Eggman scratched his head as he explained to them. "Well you got here too late; Robo Tails arrived before you did and persuaded me into giving him the upgrade." "What?!" the three robots said simultaneously "That's right!" Said a familiar yet sinister voice from the hallway. Coming from the poorly lit corridor walked...Sonic the hedgehog. The three robots stood there, stunned. They all were thinking the same thing, what is Sonic doing here? Is he working for the Dr now? How did HE get in here?" Sonic seemed to read the silence. "Confused? Well this should clear things up a bit." He put his hand on his wrist and tapped it a few times. A light a surrounded him, and in a few seconds Robo Tails stood gloatingly where sonic once was. "Like the new upgrade? I can change my appearance into that of anyone I've seen." The three robots were livid. But they were able so suppress there anger enough for them to not shoot him on the spot. Something almost definable as a curse word escaped from Robo Knux's mouth. Robo Tails took this as another moment to gloat. "Well, those humans aren't going to test themselves, are they? You three better get on it now. Of course, All I have to do is push a button. I hope you three don't mess anything up." "The three stormed off, barely able to contain there fury. After a few minutes and well out of the doctors hearing, all three of them broke into a fit of swearing. ....

"AAAAAAAARRG!" Amanda was woken up with a start. Something bad was happening somewhere close, she could feel it. Someone in the next room was yelling, and something mechanical was laughing. Then there was silence. Amanda had almost fallen asleep when the yelling voice came back. "WHAT DID YOU DO? TELL ME WHAT YOU DID TO ME!?" "Get him out of here and get the last one." "ANSWER ME!!!" Amanda never heard an answer, but she could vaguely recognize the voice. It hurt her to have to listen to him, emotionally and physically. Her head still hurt. The sound of wheels came ringing though the hallway, accompanied by heavy metal footsteps. The robots were coming back. She closed her eyes and slumped over, pretending to still be unconscious. It was pushing something that sounded like a large grocery cart. Something was beating on the glass, and then stopped. Whatever was pushing the cart was fooled by Amanda's trick. "Pathetic human, unable to recuperate after over an hour." The footsteps faded, but Amanda stayed still, just to make sure. "He's gone, you know. You can stop pretending." Amanda sat up, startled. She turned around to look at whoever had addressed her, and instantly turned around. "...Do I look that bad?" She turned around and looked at him. There, sitting in a glass capsule like herself, was a miserable orange hedgehog. It sat there, his back facing her, seemingly



oblivious to all goings on. "Umm, how did you know I was faking it?" "I could hear you moving. You aren't the quietest person in the room." She sat there, amazed at what she was seeing. He had four long spines at the back of his head and was wearing familiar clothes...Then she realized something, something horrible. "Uh, what's your name?" ".....Danny" "Oh, my god...are you really?" "Why do you-?" He turned around. His face was quite handsome now, for a hedgehog at least. But Amanda was focused on his brilliant blue eyes, which stood out magnificently against his bright orange fur. He seemed to only just realize who he was talking to. "Oh my god Amanda, it was horrible in there. There were robots, and a crazy fat guy, and then that red guy shoved me into this big capsule thing, and the smoke, and the others...and...and..." He started to sob. "And you're next!" Amanda was worried, but his last words had sent her into panic. She tried to remain calm and calm him down. It was awful to see her oldest friend crying like this, and even more awful to see what had happened to him. She tried to get some information out of him, while trying not to break out into tears. "What, what happened to the others?" He was wide eyed with panic now, the fur around his eyes thoroughly soaked. He couldn't bear to look at her. He whispered to the floor. "Same thing...I think, I was only able to see Ethan getting rolled out of the room by some blue robot, Screaming and shaking, inhuman..." Danny finally broke down, he turned around and resumed sobbing, shaking all over. Amanda knew she wouldn't be able to get anything else out of him. The only thing stopping her from holding him was three feet and two glass walls. In fact, the only reason they were even talking to each other was for the fact that there were a bunch of small air holes at the top. "Danny I...I'm so sorry...I-" "Aha, she's awake." The red robot was back. Now Amanda was scared. Danny turned around again when he heard the voice and, being the loaded pistol he is, he started yelling again. "THERE YOU ARE, YOU COWARD! WHY WONT YOU ANSWER ME? ARE YOU AFRAID OF ME? WHAT ARE DOING WITH US?!" The robot was obviously on a bad mood. Amanda could tell that something bad was going to happen soon. The robot stopped, faced the capsule with Danny in it, and decided to yell back. "SILENCE YOU INSIGNIFICANT THING! HOW COULD I, IN MY GREAT SUPRIORTITY, BE AFRAID OV YOU? YOU WEAK, PATHETIC PIECE IF MUTATED SCUM! DON'T YOU DARE ADRESS ME!" "DON'T TALK TO HIM THAT WAY!" Amanda had spoken out. The robot turned his focus toward her, his green glowing eyes full of rage. Her blood was pumping in her ears, making her head hurt worse. He strode over silently, as if the final straw had broken. He stopped in between the two capsule, facing Amanda with ever growing fury. "How dare you, a feeble little human, address me in that tone. You are more pathetic than your little friend over there. If I could have my way, you wouldn't have as many limbs as you are accustomed to...and I will eventually have my way." And to finish it off, he swiftly banged Danny's capsule with his gigantic fist. Then he grabbed the handles on the other side of Amanda's capsule and pushed it into the other room. "Amanda!..." Danny called in despair, but it was too late. The robot had already wheeled her into the next room. He sat down and tried to pull himself together. It was hard to get comfortable with his new spines. He tried to imagine what she would be like when she came out. Then Danny remembered something. He forgot to tell her about the yellow robot..... Down the hallway they went, a Amanda could see was darkness. She didn't dare turn around and look at the robot. She closed her eyes and wished desperately for this to be over. Maybe it's just a dream, she thought. Maybe if I close my eyes for long enough it will all go away. She tried that, tried becoming oblivious to all of her surroundings. She almost was able to slip into a sleep-like state, but she was thrown into a bigger capsule, breaking her hard earned concentration. The room was small, circular, with high ceilings and wires everywhere. A large machine that looked like a demonic boiler stood in the back of the room. Thick pipes and hoses would from the top and connected to the top of the capsule she was in now. There were two tubes on the top. One had something glowing inside it, the other held purple gasses that swirled inside venomously. ON the other side of the room was a control booth with a set of controls

inside. The capsule was in the middle of the room, so she could see in every direction. Then, two figures walked into the control booth. One was a tall, rather chubby old man with a red jacket and a large mustache. She expected the red robot to be the other, but instead there was a yellow robot. It's glowing blue eyes standing out in the darkness of the room.

..... "Well, this is the last one" muttered the doctor. It was late, and ever since he had discovered coffee he had depended on it to stay awake. Robo tails Like the machine, how the humans could not be unconscious during the process. He liked to watch their confused, horrified faces as best he could through the smoke. Unfortunately, none of the first five tests showed any signs of loyalty to the doctor. He decided to try to infuse the process with his tainted emerald. A long time back Metal sonic tried to alter a chaos emerald's power to become ten times more powerful. He ended up with a corrupted duplicate emerald that could be used for very little and shorted out often. The tainted emerald was black, and yet had a sickly green glow. Dr. Eggman had put it in the tube to see if it would make a difference. "Robo Tails, activate the Mobitizer." Robo Tails looked at him in a funny way. "Mobitizer huh, is that what you're calling it now?" "Why yes" Said Eggman looking proud. "I thought it sounded rather catchy." Robo Tails shrugged. "Well it is you're machine. Activating the..." He chuckled a little bit, "Mobitizer" And as Amanda watched in horror, he pushed a big yellow button. The gears on the Mobitizer started to turn, pumping the purple gasses into the tube containing the tainted emerald. As soon as it contacted the glowing aura, the gasses turned a smokey black color. Then the gas went down into the pipes where the hoses were connected. Amanda could tell that those gasses were bad. They were pumped into the hoses, and from there into the capsule. Amanda tried to hold her breath as the gasses surrounded her. But as her lungs started to implode she forced herself to take a breath. As soon as she opened her mouth, let alone inhale, her body went numb. She couldn't feel anything on her. Then she couldn't see anything, her anything, she couldn't even smell anything. It was as if her ears, eyes, and nose were gone. Then here senses returned, but in a different way. She still couldn't see anything except the black gas, but when the gas had first arrived, it had no smell. Now it smelled like burning rubber and sewage. And she could hear different things. She hadn't really been able to hear anything over the machine's constant rumbling. Now Amanda could hear everything. The gears turning within the machine, the laughter of the robot, the metal footsteps of another robot, even yells coming from the other room. Then she remembered what happened to Danny. Amanda was to panicked to figure it out before, but know she realized. Whatever they did to Danny, turn him into a hedgehog or something, they jut did to her. She was to horror stricken to look at herself, even though she could feel the fur on her arms.

## 5 - Government seizure

The six new Mobians were locked away in stasis pods to be used for weapon testing. But the government found them first. The government had been monitoring Eggman's activities for some time now. They could tell he was up to something. But that night the radiation levels had been going up inside the base. He had activated something, and it was time for them to interfere. At the time Mobians were relatively new to humans. The only ones the human government knew about that they were not hunting were Sonic and his friends. The last time a group of Mobians went unchecked they robbed banks and caused general havoc. So if a Mobian was spotted that was not recognized by the government they would go out and capture it. That was the plan, but they hadn't been able to use it yet because there hadn't been any trouble with them for a few months. So the government soldiers surrounded the base in the dead of night. A small troop of five went to attach bombs to each wall of the ominous fortress, while avoiding the spotlights of the guard robots. Then, a special team found its way into the base through an air vent and made its way up to the control room. Luckily, Eggman wasn't in there at the time, so they shut off the power and the signal's to all SWAT and guard robots. Eggman wasn't in the base because he had seen them coming. He, a handful of SWAT, and the four powerful Mobians escaped, abandoning the base. The government searched the base thoroughly, but to no avail. But they did find something... In the vast basements they found the door leading to the Mobitizer room. They had no interest for the mess of wires and tubes, but what they found in another room attached to it. There was a sort of closet-like space, where several stasis-pods were lined up. And inside the pods were Mobians. There were seven in fact, a rabbit, a chameleon, a bat, a fox, an echidna, and two hedgehogs. The commander at the time, a man named Terry Cuppler, didn't think releasing several unknown Mobians that were contained in Dr. Eggman's base was a good idea, as he had been around during the ark incident. And if one hedgehog could cause that much damage, then he did not want to think about what would happen if any of the several Mobians possessed any of Shadow's violent tendencies. \*\*\* Professor Linda Mackremay and her assistant professor Melissa Hofman were being briefed about their new assignment by Terry Cuppler. It was late at night, so he had arranged for them to be paid overtime to stay late for this. He led them into the room where the seven Mobians were being held. The army general stood by the door as the two exited women started examining the Mobians. "General," asked Melissa, "where did you get these?" "I'm sure you heard about the raid on Dr. Eggman's base? We found them in the lower levels. Odd though, they probably weren't prisoners because there were no guards stationed anywhere near there." "Well, then we might as well get started tomorrow morning. We'll get some other scientists in here and...what are you staring at Linda?" Linda was staring intently at the purple hedgehog, her eyes reflecting the dull glow of the stasis liquid. Something about the hedgehog was captivating Linda, she couldn't take her eyes off it. But a pat on the shoulder by Melissa snapped her out of it. After shaking off the feeling, Linda discussed a plan with Terry and Melissa, and left about midnight. \*\*\* Pale mist engulfed her as she stepped out of the box. She walked blindly in the mist, calling the name of someone she couldn't remember. She couldn't hear herself, but it didn't matter, she just kept calling until a breeze meandered through her hair. Then the pale mist turned into a purple-black smoke that spun around her. It spun faster and faster, and it was a few minutes until she realized she was screaming. Then, a voice rang out from the smoke in front of her, a girl's voice. "HELP ME! GET ME OUT OF HERE! WHAT DID HE DO?" She tried to answer the desperate, scared voice, but she couldn't stop screaming. The voice kept repeating those same words for a few minutes before they started to fade... The smoke slowed down, until it was reduced to a slow orbit. Then it became a pale mist again, and a

figure walked out into the open. It was a hedgehog, and she looked familiar. The hedgehog walked slowly toward her and stopped about a foot away. She spoke only three quiet words... ..“What’s going on?”... \*\*\* Linda awoke as if someone had dumped ice water on her. She was sweaty and panting hard. Linda walked to the bathroom, got a drink of water, and tried to go back to bed. She couldn’t though, not for a few hours. All she could think about was that nightmare... “Nightmare...hmmm...”\*\*\* It was noon the next day and Linda was showing the Mobians to the rest of her team. There was Professor Gerry Earthwood, an old man who was very passionate about his work. Professors Doreen Woolfel and Daniel Kolt were there to. Melissa was there, of course. And the newest member, Chris Offnam, had just gotten out of college and had a good sense of humor and good ideas in him. And as Linda was showing the Mobians to them, Chris shot out an idea. “Hey, why don’t we give them names or something? We can’t just call them it or that!” Doreen was just about to tell him off, but Linda was able to get there first. “You know Chris? That’s actually a good idea! Someone needs to name two though.” So even with Doreen complaining that it was a childish idea they went on with it. They all decided on a mobian to name, and old Gary was chosen to name two, he chose the fox and the orange hedgehog. Daniel chose the chameleon with an apparent eagerness. His father was a herpetologist, and he inherited his affinity for reptiles. Doreen decided on the rabbit simply because she had two at home. Melissa chose the bat and Chris claimed the echidna, leaving Linda with the purple hedgehog. They all took time to study the physical features of the Mobians they chose, thinking carefully for a name that would suit it. Chris thought up one in about two minutes. “I’ll call this one Streak.” Then, Gary announced his chose of names. “I will call the orange one Boomer, because the rich orange looks like an explosion. And the fox reminds me of my old dog Hatch, so I will call it Hachet.” “Err, I think flame will do, the red markings look like fire.” Said Doreen with a sigh. “What about you Daniel?” “I’m still thinking...” Daniel was also extremely indecisive. Melissa stated her opinion. “Well I’m going to call the bat Topaz, because for some reason she has golden earrings.” There were a few named going through Linda’s mind, but she couldn’t decide on one. She could tell it was a girl, so she tried for something slightly feminine. Violet sounded like a good name, but for some reason she didn’t think it would fit. Lavender? No, that wouldn’t fit either. This hedgehog looked awfully familiar...like from that nightmare...nightmare... “Nightmare, that’s what I’ll call her.” The others thought it was strange, but she said it so seriously they knew not to ask. \*\*\* Over the next few weeks they examined the Mobians closely, while not removing them from the pods. They could only do observations, so the little information they could get was fairly useless. The scientists worked on them for about four months, until the higher-up’s stopped the program because there had been no new information about them. They ordered that the Mobians be locked away until there was a way to get more information.