

The Boggarts

Shadow Academy

Arx System

Mauro Wynter was called in for a special mission to take down a highly dangerous creature. The Boggarts was a semi-mythical beast, one that could read the nightmares and fears of its prey and feed upon it, leading the victim to panic and mania – allowing for the death embrace of the Boggarts to come as a relief.

His Severan Principate Phalanx fighter touched down at a small landing pad in the bowels of the Shadow Academy. The first thing that Wynter noticed was that emergency lighting was illuminated and the klaxons were screaming a blaring call.

It was clear the station was in disarray and a massacre had transpired. Wynter jumped out of the cockpit and took his blasters out of his holster. The confines of the Shadow Academy diminished some of his battle tactics, his jetpack and grenade launcher would be useless in such short quarters. He walked slowly and with a purpose as he took stock of his surroundings and studied the schematics of the Shadow Academy.

The sound of screams alerted Wynter to where the Boggarts was raging and raining down carnage. The closer Wynter got to the center of the Shadow Academy the sight of blood and gore was on the walls and floor. The sounds of death grew louder as Wynter approached with his guns raised. The sight of the Boggarts caused terror to strike into the mind of Mauro. The creature had three sets of arms and was muscular with a frightening face. Multiple eyes and fangs were glistening. In many of the arms of the Boggart were dying Shadow Academy staffers.

Wynter strode forward firing blaster bolt after blaster bolt as he approached the Boggarts. The creature dropped two of the dying victims and turned his attention to Mauro Wynter. The Boggarts let out a roar as it fully appraised its prey. A guttural roar continued unabated for several seconds as Wynter fired repeatedly. The blaster bolts appeared to only have minimal impact against the Boggarts scaled hide. Wynter knew his weapons would only be partially affective as he formulated a plan. His beast mastery allowed him to understand the mind of the creature.

Wynter backed away, giving the Boggarts the sense that he was afraid and retreating in fear. As long as the Boggarts did not get in range of Wynter its ability to instill panic and fear would not be able to affect him. Wynter began to run, retracing his steps. Luckily the size of the Boggarts did not allow it to gain on him, lumbering forward at a pace that Wynter could keep abreast of.

He returned to his fighter and jumped into the cockpit. He keyed on the ignition and the fighter craft slowly lumbered forward, fighting to stay aloft in auxiliary power to hover in place. He knew he could only keep the position for so long. He keyed on the laser cannons and aimed at

the entryway as the Boggarts came into view. Firing repeatedly with all the cannons the Boggarts went down hard in a flash of fire and smoke.