

● DRAGON BALLS ●

Chapter 1: Hunt for the Dragon Balls (Babunia Saga)

Russian Biggest Secret known as Lenin

3rd Arc

It appears that the next dragon ball is located in the East. This means that they will need to journey to the eastern part of the globe in order to retrieve the next ball.

Jacob and Pola leave the safe shack that they had found, and manage to find a scooter that they can use to travel with. This scooter appears to be lost, which means that it has likely been abandoned, and they may be able to use it for their travels.

The young monkey boy and the girl hunter decide to take advantage of this, and proceed to make their way on the scooter as they head eastward. During their journey towards the east, Pola decides to ask the young monkey boy about why exactly they are searching for the dragon balls. In response, the god that had spoken to them earlier suddenly interjects, adding "balls" to the end of the query. The comment caught both Pola and Jacob by surprise, as the god's response was completely unexpected, and rather humorous. She reminds Jacob of her previous question:

"Why exactly are we looking for the dragon balls?"

The monkey boy then states that the dragon balls have the power to summon a supernatural dragon that can make any wishes come true, which is the main reason why they are on this quest to retrieve them. Despite the fact that they are currently looking for all seven of the dragon balls, Jacob confides in Pola that he isn't just after any random dragon ball. Instead, he wants the specific dragon ball that Daniel had initially taken from him, one that was rather sentimental to him. The ball in question was the ball with 2 stars, which has some personal importance to the young monkey boy. Pola tells Jacob that before they embark on this journey of theirs, they will need to gather a proper team. She suggests that they cannot just continue this quest with the two of them, as there is potential risk in doing so. Instead, she believes that an organized team, with specific members of specialized skill sets, would prove to be more beneficial in retrieving the dragon balls.

After 8 days of constant traveling eastward, Jacob and Pola arrive in the city of Moscow in Russia. It turns out that the radar is detecting the next dragon ball quite nearby. It seems to be close to our protagonists. However, the two of them pause in Moscow for a bit, before continuing their journey onwards towards their ultimate destination.

Pola examines the Russian culture around her, fascinated by its uniqueness. She then turns her attention to Jacob, noticing that he looks unusually tired, perhaps due to the extensive amount of traveling that they have been doing so far. She asks him if he would like something to drink, as a way to help him stay refreshed and energized for the journey ahead. He agrees with her request and they both enter a restaurant, presumably for some much-needed sustenance and refreshments after the long travel through Russia towards their destination. They sit down at a table together and order whatever they wish, perhaps taking the time to relax and unwind a little bit before resuming their adventure.

Meanwhile, back on the quest, Daniel is also making his own moves, searching for an alternative mode of transportation while being in Germany.

He appears to be deciding on the Volkswagen Golf R, one of the most versatile cars in the world. This choice likely indicates that Daniel is taking a different path than Jacob and Pola to reach the dragon ball. He gets into the car and sets off on a journey to Nigeria, located in Africa.

Daniel passes by a German police booth. The German police are already on alert from the speed limit violation, and once they spot the robot going a far too high of a speed, they quickly give chase.

In order to avoid being caught by the German police, Daniel comes up with an ingenious idea. He jumps out of the vehicle near a gas station, and transforms himself into a vending machine, offering candy bars. The German police follow his car, but they quickly realize that he is no longer in it. They see the vending machine and assume that it belonged to the store. They have fallen for his disguise, but for how long will it hold up?

Meanwhile, back in Russia with Jacob and Pola, they continue to dine in establishments one by one. During the trip, Pola notices a flyer about Lenin's Mausoleum, which catches her attention. The mausoleum is a historic edifice in Russia, and Pola seems interested in checking it out. Pola asks Jacob if they could go together to the mausoleum. After drinking water by water, the monkey boy stopped thinking clearly and simply agreed to visit the mausoleum.

Pola is filled with energy and excitement as she enters the mausoleum, while Jacob seems to be caught up in his thoughts about existence. They are both finally inside the grand mausoleum, which must contain the

remains of the man that it was built for, Vladimir Lenin. Pola examines their surroundings, taking in the vast architecture and history of the building they currently find themselves in.

Pola joins a group of other tourists and a tour guide as they explore the insides of the mausoleum. Meanwhile, Jacob, who is apparently afflicted by the water he had drunk earlier, wanders away on his own and starts searching the corridors of the building on his own.

As Jacob wanders around the interior of the mausoleum, he encounters a young guard, who spots the young monkey boy walking around by himself. The guard appears suspicious of this strange behavior, and so he approaches Jacob to investigate and ask him his purpose for being here alone. The young guard's name was Knuckles. Apparently, he is a rap enthusiast, who enjoys rapping in his spare time. However, he presumably needed a job to earn some quick cash, so he decided to take a position at the mausoleum.

The guard decides to break the silence by rapping about the mausoleum. He performs an impressive rap filled with information about the history and architecture of the mausoleum itself, seemingly in an attempt to entertain and teach young monkey boy.

"Yo, step into Red Square, where the vibe is profound,"

"In the heart of Moscow, where Lenin's legacy's found,"

"Lenin's Mausoleum, a monument so grand,"

"Where history's etched, where the people stand."

Knuckles' rap is initially a surprise for the young monkey boy. However, after listening to the guard's rapping for a while, Jacob seems to start enjoying the performance. He requests that Knuckles continue the rap, showing his appreciation for the guard's talent and the information he is imparting.

As Knuckles continues his rapping, Pola continues to explore the mausoleum until she hears the sounds of the performance, and pauses for a moment. Taking out her Dragon Ball Radar randomly, she notices something interesting: a dragon ball is extremely close, in fact, it is in this very vicinity.

Pola continues to follow the signals given to her by the radar, and eventually, she arrives at a gate that is guarded by guards. The existence of these guards immediately spikes her suspicion, as she was not aware of any security within the immediate vicinity of the dragon ball. Due to the fallout of water that they had drunk earlier, Pola fails to use the "Axii" on the guards to get past them. As they approach her with clearly bad intentions, she catches a glimpse of the sparkly Dragon Ball in Lenin's hands. She decides to persuade the guards and play a dumb blondie, but Russian

toughness is unbreakable, therefore she is done fighting and ruled out resisting. As the guards escort her to the exit, she is determined to find Jacob and inform him about her finding.

Back to Daniel, he remains as a vending machine and has not moved from his spot due to the wandering policemen. It seems like the disguise is working well, as the police seem to be ignoring the vending machine completely, and Daniel has had no need to move. Daniel was still in disguise as the vending machine, when suddenly...

“*burps*”

This causes the police who had swarmed the vending machine to take note, as they think they have found something suspicious. They begin to search the vending machine for anything incriminating, but don't manage to find anything of substance. Daniel waits as the vending machine, while he waits for the dust to settle from the burp he had let out earlier. A while later, the dust finally settles and the police have left the area, presumably deeming the vending machine as nothing of concern. Daniel heads over to a nearby gas station to gas up for the road ahead. He fills the car up with fuel, and once the car is fully filled, he resumes the journey towards Nigeria. Back to our duo, Pola is released by the guards and immediately begins to search for Jacob, wanting to tell him about the dragon ball location before he disappears again. She is determined to find him, and does not want to waste any more time than necessary. She searches through corridor after corridor when suddenly she begins to hear strange rapping once again.

“From the streets of Petrograd to the halls of command,”

“Lenin's vision ignited, across the land.”

“In the shadows of history, his mausoleum stands tall,”

“A reminder of the struggle, for one and for all.”

She hears the strange rapping grow louder and louder and eventually, she is guided to the spot where Jacob and his new friend Knuckles are. Jacob appears to forget about Pola but he proceeds to introduce her to Knuckles, the younger guard whom he has met. Although Pola is still curious about Knuckles, she decides to focus her attention on informing Jacob about the location of the dragon ball that she had located.

Knuckles overhears Pola's conversation with Jacob and he's shocked that they know the location of the hidden dragon ball. However, even though Knuckles warns them that he has to stop them, his demeanor reveals that he himself seems unwilling to do so. It's clear that he has grown fond of Jacob in his own ways, and does not want to deliver him to the authorities, even despite their previous interactions.

Pola makes an offer to Knuckles, asking if he would open the glass casing in exchange for something cool. Knuckles seems to give her request serious thought, and finally, he appears to agree.

"Great, then open it." - Pola says to him indicating that she is expecting Knuckles to do just that.

Knuckles points out to Pola that she promised to give him something if he opens the glass casing, but did not show him anything before his job. This seems to frustrate him, as he feels that he has not been treated fairly. In response to his complaining, Pola decides to give him a punch to the nose. Knuckles is understandably angry after he is forcefully punched in the nose by Pola.

Pola decides to handle the dragon ball herself, choosing to leave Knuckles behind. Jacob also chooses to follow after her, not wanting to let her go alone. However, before Jacob leaves Knuckles, he stops him from continuing on. Knuckles tells Jacob to patiently wait before entering the gate to Lenin. After Jacob nods to Knuckles, he proceeds to follow after Pola. The two of them search the area surrounding Lenin's final resting place, and eventually, they decide to return to the gate to wait for something to happen. After a little while, another guard appears and speaks with the other two guards. The two of them walk away and the mysterious third guard indicates for Jacob and Pola to approach. They both begin to advance slowly and cautiously, unsure of the guard's intent who calls them over.

"I can't buy you more time, so please start running after you gather the ball from here." - It's Knuckles in disguise!

The gate opens, and Pola quickly rushes through it without hesitation. Knuckles then proceeds to flee the scene and Jacob yells after him, calling out "Thank you." as a final farewell to him. Pola sees the dragon ball resting in the clutches of Lenin's hands, what Pola could see through a glass sarcophagus. As she is trying to grab the artifact, the alarm goes off and summons the guards. As they attempt to make their escape from the mausoleum, the guards begin rushing out towards them, in order to protect the dragon ball from being taken away.

The guards continue pursuit after them and Pola throws "Yrden" in front of the guards, immobilizing them to the ground. After escaping from the guards' pursuit, Pola and Jacob come to a halt, taking a moment to catch their breath and assess the situation. They are unsure of what to do next in this situation. Jacob notices a possible hiding spot for them. He points to a VIP room in which they could hide temporarily.

They both enter into the VIP room and begin searching it, looking for anything that could be of potential use in their situation. Unfortunately,

there doesn't seem to be much of anything useful in the room, as it's mostly just furnished with regular and premium furniture. While Jacob continues to search through stuff, Pola hears guards approaching and barricades the door. Pola tells Jacob that she can handle the guards for a short while, but the longer they stay here, the worse the situation will become. She starts preparing to face off against the guards in order to buy them some time. Jacob's search for cover ends in a luxurious bathroom, as a relatively small, but rather comfortable bathtub seems like a perfect cover for now. As he tries to hide unseen in the bathtub, the god-like voice speaks to both of them, saying "balls" once again. Suddenly, the bathtub is starting to vibrate and shake forcefully. Jacob, being unaware of the situation, remains motionless in the bathtub, while Pola notices the bathtub beginning to levitate a little, and starts freaking out a bit. The god-like voice then loudly tells them "Jump in god damn it" at the precise moment that the guards started breaking down the barricade. Finally, the bathtub starts to rumble and vibrate with incredible force, causing Pola to leap inside of the bathtub as well, now preparing for whatever is about to happen.

Both of them fly away on the levitating bathtub, which, as it begins to ascend, also destroys the walls that it comes close to. They manage to leave the mausoleum, using the bathtub, and now, they find themselves high up in the sky. They feel relieved after escaping from the difficult situation and Pola wonders why a divine entity is speaking to them and what its intentions are, while Kuba admires the views from above.

Seeing as they had managed to locate one of the seven dragon balls needed for the ultimate wish, Pola takes out the radar again. She and Jacob then head south-east, setting off on their next mission to find the next one while Daniel continues his journey to Africa for the same purpose. From afar, Knuckles watches as Jacob and Pola fly away from the complex and out of his sight. He then notices a lot of movement, as all of the guards begin to line up and seem to be in a hectic and stressed mood. A very important person has arrived, and Knuckles can't help but take a look at whom it is. Indeed, it is the president of Russia, Vladimir Putin, and he looks to be absolutely enraged.