

So against my better judgement, I decided this year to invite several of my friends to come with me to the Minnesota State Fair. Personally I thought it would be a lot of fun but have to say it turned out way more interesting than I thought it would be.

The first thing I did as soon as we got to the fair grounds was to explain a few rules. As I had been told when I was a little kid, if any of us got lost, we were to make our way to the Space Tower ride, since it was the most recognizable point in the entire fairgrounds. About two minutes later, we completely lost track of Artemis. We all decided it was best to let him be a big boy and find his way to us.

Things to interesting when we headed to the food building and Haruka managed to get her arm stuck inside the salt-water taffy cart's puller. She spent the rest of the hour trying to gnaw the stuff off her limb.

We are now officially banned from Ye Old Mill ride thanks to Chibi-Usa and Helios. I felt more sorry for Xadium and Gemini who were sitting in the boat just behind them. There's probably going to be some therapy involved at some point. Still no sign of Artemis.



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Ended up at the Fine Art Building. Minako thinks she's found a statue of the Kits.



. We need to get out of here now.



Grandma Sarah decided to introduce Gemini to the wonders of Swedish Egg Coffee. Had to explain to Tomoe that, no, someone isn't trying to steal his ideas on his own drink recipe. He is already thinking of possible rebranding ideas. Artemis is still MIA.



Hotaru had an encounter with a statue of Paul Bunyan in the Eco Building. Scared the hell out of her and she's convinced it's possessed by some demonic force. Haruka tried to find a way to buy the thing. She was lucky convinced to back down from the attempt.



Passed by a Sailor Q Merchandise booth. I think i managed to get everyone past it without them noticing it, thank god.

Made a detour to the coliseum just in time for a horse show there. Someone managed to convince a few fair officials to allow Gemini to slip in and ride a bit around the ring. She was probably the best thing there.

Minako got herself caught on top of the big wheel. We have no idea how that happened. She tried to blame Artemis for it but we still haven't found him. Oh well.



We headed over to the international bazaar just to check it out. After all the joking and teasing about the whole “food on a stick” thing, Haruka has discovered that Beer on a Stick exists. She nearly blew her money on the entire thing.



Wandered into the Midway area just for kicks and giggles. Chibi-Usa tried the Starship 3000 ride, which apparently resulted in her creating a rainbow show in the middle of the ride. Minako claims she got ripped off by a horse racing game, cause of course she was. Gemini and Xadium were super amused by the New York themed fun house.



We made our way to the Grandstand in time to see the Weird AI Concert. Honestly, this was the only time when nothing went wrong. We all had a good time and enjoyed it immensely. It was the perfect way to end the Fair experience.

One other thing to note, we finally bumped into Artemis on our way out. He tried to tell us about what happened but I think we were all too tired to actually care about anything that he had to say. Maybe another time.

Also, we didn't see Motoki or that statue for the rest of the night...

- Matsumi Kaze