

Chapter 1

Asher climbed briskly up the cobblestone stairs to his Elemental Academy. Being a B student in other schools may be good but being a B student in this school meant that you were inattentive to detail and were said to amount to nothing. As Asher walked up the stairs students of all fifteen elements pointed to him and mocked him, this is his usual sad school life. He walked to the uninvitingly huge glass door in front of his school and heaved a huge sigh of exasperation. He got this far in his academic life he might as well continue. He pushed open the doors of his school to find corridors filled to the brim with students, who were chatting to each other before the school day starts. When Asher shut the door behind him. Every student looked towards his direction. He was very noticeable, Raven black hair, blue eyes, pale skin. One student called out.

"Hey everyone looks its the vampire!"

Everyone smiled at this.

"Anyone with type B blood run for your lives!"

Asher sighed and ignored them while walking to Dragonish class. As soon as he opened the door. Someone's hand closed it again. Asher turned slowly to see who it was. It was Benjamin, the school prefect. He stroked his red quiff back, and with a mocking smile said.

"Principles office she wants to see the vampire."

Asher rolled his eyes.

"Why does she want to see me?"

The prefect folded his arms cheekily and spoke.

"Just get there."

Asher opened his mouth to protest but closed it quickly remembering Benjamin was prefect and gave to his instructions. The prefect looked at him in satisfaction. Asher walked up the flights of stairs that led to the principal's office. As he walked up the stairs, Adam, one of the rare students that was nice to Asher asked him.

"I am doing a project for Elemental lineages; I would like to know why you were born with no element?"

Asher smiled.

"I have parents of two different elements that are opposites, so they cancel each other out."

Adam nodded.

"What may those elements be?"

"Sun and Moon."

Adam wrote something down in his notebook and tore out the page and passed it on to Asher.

"Read this after school."

Asher nodded and put it in the pocket of his jeans.

"Thank you I need to see the principle I am running late."

Adam laughed.

"Good luck and sorry for keeping you for so long."

Asher nodded and continued walking up the stairs. He always wanted to have an element but no matter how much he wanted it it would not come to him. Eventually he

reached the fifth floor. Tired and stiff Asher walked down the corridor. He was greeted by the janitor who was mopping up the bathroom floor.

"Principle again huh?"

Asher nodded.

"Well good luck sonny, I know how you feel, if only we had an invention that can carry people up automatically then you wouldn't be all sore."

Asher smiled that cheered him up the janitor smiled back and then continued with his work. He walked on until it was the end of the corridor which was where the principles office was, he took a deep breath in and out to calm his racing heart. He turned the bronze doorknob and opened the wooden door. He saw the principle sitting in her chair. He walked in and saw Nightshadow sitting on one of the two seats he was both relieved and scared at the same time. Normally he had to tackle the old principle on his own but at least that was not the case this time. His father was a tall handsome man. He had black hair green eyes a goatee and pale skin.

Chapter 2

Nightshadow turned to Asher.

"Ahhh Asher we were just talking about you come have a seat."

Asher looked to the principle who nodded in approval. Asher then took a seat on the chair across his fathers. The principle leaned forward in her chair.

"So, tell me Asher why do you think you are here?"

Asher looked uncomfortable and spoke.

"To discuss my marks?"

The principle laughed. Asher also laughed in discomfort.

"No Asher you are here because your father has some matters he wants to discuss with you."

The principle got up out of her chair and headed towards the door.

"I will give you two five minutes."

She turned the doorknob and headed out closing the door behind her. Nightshadow turned to Asher.

"I bring bad news."

Asher looked down; couldn't his father bring good news for once?

"What happened?"

Asher looked closely at his fathers' eyes; they looked down on him as usual.

"Galaxia divorced me."

Was all Nightshadow could say. Asher looked up to him.

"Why father why?"

Nightshadow said.

"Your mother and I had different ideologies..."

Before he could finish his sentence, the principal came in through the door.

"Unfortunately, that is all the time I can give you, but I do hope you found this session time well spent. Asher needs to get to his classes as I am sure you understand."

Nightshadow looked at Asher with a look of concern in his face.

"Are you sure you will be able to cope after everything I have just told you?"

Asher looked up and lied.

"Yes, I will cope."

Nightshadow nodded and went out through the door. The principle then said.

"You may leave now Asher."

The principle gestured towards the door. Asher looked at the black clock on top 8:15, it was 15 minutes into Draconish class. Time really passes slowly when you are at school thought Asher. He went out through the door and found the janitor sweeping up the corridor.

"Hope ye had a good time in there, I saw yer father exit out now."

Asher shrugged.

"Eh I suppose you can say it was nice to have him around."

The janitor smiled and spoke.

"Yer better hurry now ye don't want the teacher ter give yer a warnin for bein late sonny."

Asher nodded. He rushed down the flights of stairs which was thankfully not full of students and wondered what he had missed. As soon as he arrived at the door, he overheard the teacher talking about a language comprehension.

"We will be covering all we have learned of how the dragons graced us with this language as well as what the three trials were."

When the teacher was done saying this, he dismissed the class. Asher got out of the way of all the students. When all seemed empty, he went back to where he would sit to fetch his bag, except someone else was sitting in his spot.

"Hey thats my seat."

Called out Asher. The elemental turned to face Asher. He had purple skin, and the same physical features Asher had.

"Oh, you are just the person I was looking for you weren't on your seat so I thought I would sit here for the time being. I am Shadow I know you most probably don't remember me because you were super tiny, but I am your cousin."

Asher examined him closely.

"Well, you definitely have the nose."

Shadow laughed at this.

"Thats not the only thing I have, but you will be late to your next class, I will show you after school."

Asher nodded and headed over t his next class when Adam stopped him.

"You met your cousin and there is a very good reason for your cousin's sudden arrival, it will all be revealed in the note."

Asher turned around to Shadow who was walking on to chess. He thought he saw something black trail behind him but decided it would be best to just focus on getting to class on time.

Chapter 3

He walked towards Art class and opened the door. First one here

"Well, this is certainly a first."

said Asher's teacher Eloise, she was a very cool teacher some messy hair and eyeshadow with some blush. Typical of a nature elemental they do like style. Asher smiled.

"I do try."

Eloise laughed at the remark.

"A wise sage once said that you either do something or don't do something trying does not exist."

Asher contemplated on this it was a good quote to remember. The class slowly but surely began to get full, the lesson finally got on.

"Today we will be learning about the Uprooting movement. This movement was the most awful movement in the entire history in the Nature elemental race because it involved the uprooting of our most sacred tree, the Tree of life. In 800 AC the Earth elementals and Nature elementals had a fight. The plants were taking up most of the Earth that the Earth elementals needed to construct buildings, and the Nature elementals were not prepared to uproot their plants so Chronos the King decided to take away the tree of life because it enabled the plants to live forever given as a gift by Venus the beauty Mage. By uprooting this tree, the plants decomposed and made fertile soil which the Earth elementals used to build sturdy houses."

Asher raised his hand.

"Yes Asher?"

asked Eloise.

"Why was it sad if it made fertile soil both parties could benefit from."

Eloise nodded thoughtfully at the question.

"It was sad because now plants wither and die this wasn't the case 1000 years ago."

Asher nodded. Eloise then continued.

"For your classwork today, you must recreate the scene that I told you about and try and capture the emotion conveyed in the story."

Asher nodded he looked at the blank canvas in front of him and made use of the of the pink to capture the beauty of the tree and blue to capture the sadness of the movement. When it was time to hand in their work. Eloise looked at Ashers drawing.

"This looks almost like how my grandparents would describe it."

Asher looked at Eloise in surprise.

"Your grandparents were alive at that time?"

Eloise nodded and smiled.

"Yes, as you know us tertiary elementals live for 500 years."

Asher nodded in admiration.

"So how much did I get for this assignment?"

Eloise analysed the painting critically.

"Well, you did use your colours to convey the emotion captured in this movement and also centralised the tree, so I believe you deserve an A."

Asher could not hold the joy in his face and smiled eye to eye and jumped high in the air.

"Thank you, ma'am this means a-lot to me."

Eloise then said.

"The only advice I can give you is to try and capture the moment so that everyone else can see what it is as well as yourself because that is what art is all about."

Asher nodded and exited art class. Next class was chess. He headed over to that class.

"Well, well well if it isn't the vampire."

Asher stopped and turned around. It was Benjamin.

"Where ya headed?"

Asher looked down.

"I am headed to chess."

Benjamin scoffed.

"What would an idiot like you be doing at chess?"

"What would an idiot like you be doing picking on Asher like that?"

Asher and Benjamin turned to see who said that. It was Adam. He came up to Benjamin and held a magnifying glass up to him.

"Asher cover your eyes."

Asher did as he was told. Adam then fired a ray of light through the magnifying glass and onto Benjamins hair. Benjamin screamed with pain and quickly put the fire out with his air element. Adam smiled.

"You should know better than to mess with a light elementals friend."

Adam then ran away. Asher looked at Benjamin and followed Adam quickly behind.

Chapter 4

"Adam, you know you aren't supposed to use your powers on school premises especially against Benjamin, he is a prefect after all."

Adam shrugged.

"What and risk you of course not you are the only friend I have."

Asher smiled at him and the two locked gazes for a while. They finally made their way to chess. Chess was Ashers favourite subject although he was beaten by 20% of the entire class. However, chess was not Adams favourite he was the best but being the best did mean that you had extraordinarily little competition. They opened the door to find that everyone was already teamed up. Adam smiled.

"I suppose that leaves just you and me."

He blushed a bit at Asher. Asher smiled at him. Adam was going to be tough competition but today Asher was certain he would beat him. They took their seats across from each other and quickly set up their sides of the board.

"What colour do you want to be white or black?"

Asked Adam. Asher smiled deviously.

"I think I will opt for lucky colour black."

Adam looked at Asher in surprise and turned the board around, so he had white, and Asher had black.

"Let's begin."

Adam hit the timer and moved a pawn then in record time he hit the timer again. Asher also moved his pawn he also continued copying until he got checked. Asher looked at the board thoughtfully he could not take the bishop, but he could defend with a bishop. So, he moved his Bishop, so it blocked the attack and made sure there was something to protect the bishop. Adam looked stunned.

"I hoped you didn't find that move because now my plan is ruined."

The chess expert turned from the book he was reading.

"Shh Adam other people are trying to concentrate here."

Everyone turned to face Adam with an irritated look on their faces. Adam blushed in embarrassment. He was an enthusiastic chess player he continued with his game. Asher smiled at him and squeezed his hand under the table which was a gesture meaning.

"Just ignore them."

Adam thought and then took Ashers bishop and Asher in turn took his bishop. Then Adam brought his Queen to the other side of the board.

"Check"

Asher took his queen with his rook. Then Adam delivered the final blow.

"Checkmate."

He stretched his hand out to shake Ashers then Asher brought out his hand to shake it.

"Good game."

"Good game Asher."

They then headed out of class Asher looked down Adam saw this.

"Here is some advice."

Asher looked up with a glint in his eyes Adam could see that he was eager to learn.

"Try not to focus on just your moves also focus on your opponents moves, chess requires critical thinking and creative thinking as well in chess you must think of all the productive moves your opponent can make and use them against him."

Asher contemplated everything Adam said to him.

"Thank you for that."

Adam then smiled at Asher and hugged him.

"You know I will always be there to help."

Asher looked down in sadness because he knew it was true.

"Yea you will. I only have a 50-year lifespan, but you have a 50000-year lifespan."

Asher sat down in the corridors against the plastered wall. Adam joined him.

"You know I sometimes wish I had your lifespan its hard seeing people die all the time I don't want to lose you as well people always look at me and think that light elementals are always happy but thats not true we shine when we are happy and I shine my brightest around you."

Adam closed the gap between them and rested his head on Ashers shoulder.

"You are the only one I can feel myself you are like a brother to me."

Asher was dumbfounded he stayed speechless at this.

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Adam quickly flinched up and flushed.

"Of c-course y-you don't have to see me the same way."

. He then got up.

"I-I need to go now."

Adam looked up.

"See you soon."

Adam then watched Asher leave. Asher was still thinking of what Adam said and thought about telling Shadow this but decided against it because he thought it would break the trust between them. Asher arrived at piano class but was surprised to find the janitor there instead.

"Hello sonny the piano miss isn't ere today so yer might as well enjoy yer free time."

Asher was thrilled he rushed back to the corridors to see if Adam was still there, but he was not. Asher then went to the bathroom. The lights were darkened, and Asher could hear footsteps in the corner. Asher dismissed it as his own imagination. He switched the lights on to find Adam lying still on the floor. Asher quickly rushed to his side. He checked his pulse. It was still beating. Asher heaved a sigh of relief.

"Im not that dark sheesh."

Asher turned to see who it was, Shadow. He was holding some glowing orb.

"I just took 5000 years off his life, and I thought I should give it to you. I overheard you guys talking in the corridors so I thought I would do you a would do you a favour."

Asher looked at Shadow in horror.

"You could've killed him give his years back please."

"Relax bud he still has some years left."

Shadow put the life back in Adams. Adam quickly stood up and hid behind Asher.

"Get me away from that Void elemental."

Asher felt awkward. Adam looked at them both.

"Keep your distance away from me Shadow."

Shadow looked at him in disgust but still respected his wishes and exited out of the bathroom.

The Bell rang. Asher Adam and Shadow headed towards the big glass door. Shadow took off his jersey to show off his two black feathered wings. Adam looked at them.

"You are a dark elemental how do you have feathered wings only light elementals have feathered wings?"

Shadow said

"So don't be such a yangelst Adam."

Adam argued

"Im not being stereotypical I'm just stating facts, what are you?"

Shadow shouted

"Im a void elemental dummy."

Asher broke them apart then said

"Arent you guys going to be late?"

Shadow nodded

"Yea I just wanted to show off these black beauties, I better get home now I don't want Maron to give me a beating for being late."

With Shadow flew off. Adam turned to Asher.

"Yea I also need to go now I don't want Helios to worry too much about my whereabouts."

Adam then also flew off. Asher saw them both off and headed down the steps of his school. He also wanted to be home as he was walking down, he heard a scream. That one scream turned into many more screams. He rushed back into the school building that was now empty and watched through the glass doors what was happening. Huge tanks and armoured jeeps plagued through the once peaceful streets of Manor Town. Tanks were shooting and soldiers marched through the streets. Soldiers with rifles shot at everyone through the jeeps then he saw his father Nightshadow in the lead. His father looked to his direction and nodded then walked on. Asher headed outside to his father.

"Father what is the meaning of this?"

Nightshadow turned to Asher.

"Oh, hello son cares to join?"

Asher looked at all the people running in fear and some lying down in pools of blood.

"Is this the ideology you have? Kill people?"

Nightshadow laughed.

"Asher don't be stupid now little boy."

He went on with a hint of pride in his voice.

"This group you see here son is an elite group known as the Voidlastings we strive to go and find Chronos's heir and when we do, we kill him!"

Chapter 6

Asher looked at his father in disgust. He did not believe anyone should be killed especially Chronos's heir.

"Why would you want to kill him?"

Nightshadow smiled even wider.

"Well, well well aren't you eager to learn from me. Well, my boy Chronos was very powerful, and we believe that no one should have that much power because it will destroy the balance of the world."

Asher started to understand now but a question on the tip of his tongue had trouble escaping.

"Anymore questions?"

asked Nightshadow. Asher nodded.

"What if I were Chronos's heir?"

Nightshadow smiled as if he were looking forward to that question.

"Asher dear in this world what would be of most importance, keeping the timeline safe or letting you live?"

With that said Nightshadow laughed and continued. A sense of emptiness filled Asher his own father would kill him then a realisation came to Asher. He shouted.

"You didn't divorce Galaxia, did you?"

Nightshadow froze and sighed.

"I did divorce her Asher I could never kill such a beauty."

Nightshadow continued with his giant massacre. Asher heaved a sigh of relief at least his mother was still alive. A sense of urgency rushed through Asher's heart. He needed to find out where his friends are before Nightshadow did. He hoped they were still alive. He ran across the street and turned many lefts and rights. He finally arrived at Maron's house but before he knocked on the door, he remembered that Adam gave him a note on why shadow arrived at the school. He opened the note briskly and read it.

Dear Asher

You may be thinking why I wrote this to you well the first thing I want to tell you is about the sun and moon combination is very rare and that because Galaxia is Chronos's descendant who was also a Sun and Moon combination you could very much be the heir and I would speak to Alpha Mage if I were you.

Second your cousin Shadow has arrived here because his father Maron is also fighting this war and I am sorry to tell you, but Nightshadow is the leader of the Voidlastings, oh and another thing you must know is to not read this at night.

P.S I am at Maron's house which is house 48 this afternoon.

Adam"

Asher quickly looked up at the sky the sun was only starting to set. He then looked behind him. He was at house 48 he knocked on the door the door opened, and Shadow stood by.

"Asher good to see you are alive come in before they see you."

Asher quickly went in he walked through the passage and to the left he saw Adam who was reading a very thick book, next to him was Helios his father who smiled at Asher and returned to his cup of tea and lastly was the janitor.

"Wait what is the janitor doing here?"

The Janitor laughed.

"The truth is I am not really a janitor."

Asher looked in awe as the janitor stood up and took off the brown cloth to reveal very white robes with golden tips and wings that stretched upwards, touched the ceiling, and removed his glasses, white beard, and hair to reveal the smoothest white hair and skin.

"I am Alpha Mage the last ancient elemental."

Asher looked in awe. Helios then intervened.

"My son Adam is reading a book by Alpha Mage, and it has something that I think Asher would want to see."

Adam closed the book and brought it to Asher who sat down on the other end of the dining room table.

"Page 22."

and went to go sit back down next to his father. Asher looked down at the book. It had a brown leather cover and printed in gold were the letters.

"Prophecies."

Asher opened the book to the page, and he started reading it.

Chapter 7

"I am Alpha Mage I and a few others have served Chronos all our lives I am the last one he gave me a vision he said.

"Alpha soon at the dawn of the elemental era new elements will arise the ancient ones shall pass away, but these new elements shall pave way for a new Chronos."

"He then gave me an encrypted message which I hope you my dear reader will be able to decode."

"When the clock strikes midnight darkness shall be consumed by the void. The earth shall give way to time an element that was taken by darkness. It knows no light, but he is willing to create light. He shall keep the flames of revenge and the coldness of hate. Like a phoenix he comes from the ashes with a name meaning happiness. The toxic happiness he known shall be forgotten Darkness shall turn against him He shall rise up and defeat the darkness and the void."

"I don't know what to make of this it has things that don't even exist yet. My dear reader that is all I can tell you, but I warn you I believe these signs will happen when these new elements form before I conclude these signs sill mark the beginning of a new era of time but also the beginning of a great mourn."

Asher closed the book and looked at it deep in thought.

"But how does this prove I am Chronos?"

Alpha laughed at this but stopped when he saw this made Asher uncomfortable.

"No no I'm not laughing at you instead I'm laughing because we have proof you are him."

Asher looked up and smiled. Alpha smiled back. Asher then asked.

"But what sort of proof do you have?"

Alpha then said.

"While I was pretending to be janitor of the school you possessed the several qualities of Chronos which are Generosity, Faithfulness, Goodness, Joy and kindness the seventh being spirit."

Asher looked at Alpha in confusion.

"But how did I possess these things."

Alpha looked towards everyone at the table.

"Remember the time when you saw a stray dragon pup in the street cared for it and gave it to the animal shelter that selfless deed allowed the puppy to be given into a beautiful new home."

Shadow added on

"Remember in the bathroom when I offered you 5000 years of Adams life, I overheard that you did want Adams lifespan but out of your loyalty to your friend you didn't that is faithfulness."

Helios moved his son closer to him and gave Shadow a scowl. Adam then also contributed something.

"Remember when I first came to the school, and nobody wanted to be friends with me you came right up to me and offered that you would be my friend I was very thankful and can never forget that day."

Alpha then turned to face Asher.

"You came out of that principles office and looked at the positive side of the outcome even tho something terrible had happened represents Joy."

Asher looked at everyone and smiled.

"Then I guess that spirit is when you stand up for what you believe in."

Alpha nodded his head in agreement.

"That is exactly right."

Alpha then sat down in satisfaction.

"Then it is settled tomorrow Asher you are leaving first thing in the morning with the four of us to begin your training."

Asher looked at Alpha in confusion.

"Wait wait wait there is a war going on and you want me to out into that massacre in the morning why can't we wait until after the war?"

Alpha went to him and knelt, so they were eye to eye.

"Asher, I know its difficult to leave home trust me I have been in that situation before but if you don't leave, I am not sure there will even be a home.

Chapter 8

Asher investigated Alphas opalescent Pupils.

"I just need some time to think."

Alpha nodded and smiled at Asher.

"Very well then okay. How about you sleep on it tonight?"

Asher with unwavering excitement in his voice said.

"That's a great idea and marched off."

Alpha coughed and Asher stopped in his tracks.

"Didn't anyone tell you it's unhealthy to sleep on an empty stomach?"

Alpha pulled out an entire dish of cheese covered pasta it smelt delicious.

"Freshly made by yours truly."

Asher sniffed the air; he was very hungry indeed. He took plates out and set them on the table he also put down his utensils as well as everyone else's. Alpha watched from the sidelines.

"Umm Asher?"

Asher turned around.

"Yes Alpha?"

Alpha continued saying.

"Everyone already ate but I'm pretty sure that they wouldn't mind second helpings.

Everyone turned to Alpha as soon as he mentioned second helpings. Alpha laughed and went back into the kitchen. He fetched the one huge part for everyone, when he came to Asher, he dished two portions.

"Only because you didn't have a second helping."

Asher looked at Alpha in awe his father has never treated him like this before at this point, he did not even want to go back to Nightshadow he wanted to stay with Alpha Mage. As he ate the food, he could taste the love put into it unlike with Nightshadow who only gave him a meal once a day his excuse was so that he did not become fat. As everyone was done eating. Alpha showed them to their rooms.

"Helios and Adam will sleep in the first room, Shadow will have the master bedroom and Asher, and I will sleep in the second bedroom."

Everyone agreed happily with this. Shadow exclaimed.

"We should come up with a cool name for ourselves how about the timelastings or even the magic lastings?"

Everyone shook their heads at this then Helios said.

"How about the Everlastings?"

Asher who was busy rubbing his eyes said

"How about we get to bed."

Everyone obeyed Asher and went to bed. Asher closed the door behind him and flunked himself on the bed, as soon as he got in, he heard Alpha saying.

"Asher, I know that saying yes to destiny is a very difficult thing but saying no to it wont help solve the problem. The Ancient lands now known as the Shadowlands was once

my home and because I refused to accept my path it cost me, so I urge you Asher to please don't make the same mistake I did."

Asher turned to face Alpha and asked.

"Then why can't you help defeat the Voidlastings?"

Alpha looked at Asher and finally whispered.

"I need to train you first before I can die if I risk me now then my gem will be transferred to you before you can even cope with it."

Asher nodded then went to sleep. Alpha looked at Asher.

"Good night, Asher."

And then slept with him. Midnight approached and Asher got out of bed to fetch himself a glass of water and to also catch a break from Alpha's snoring. He saw a light in the kitchen it was Helios.

"Rough night?"

Asher turned quickly then he nodded.

"I had a nightmare and also Alpha's snoring."

Helios snorted when he heard Alpha's name.

"You think Alpha's snoring is terrible wait till you hear my wife's she snores the whole house down and then wakes up as tho nothing happened."

Asher laughed at this.

"Who is your wife if I may ask?"

Helios looked at Asher solemnly.

"Galaxia is it was quite some time ago that Nightshadow divorced her mainly because he was disappointed that you lacked an element."

Asher gasped at this revelation, so number one Nightshadow lied about Galaxia divorcing him and number two Adam was his half brother.

"Don't tell Adam about this tho I am not sure how he will respond to that."

Asher nodded. He drank his cup of water and made his way to the room. Alpha stretched out in bed and continued sleeping with no noise. Asher climbed back into bed and dozed off peacefully. The next morning came. Asher was still lying comfortably in bed Sun beams just hit the blanket and made it extra comfortable. Alpha laid up and looked fondly over at Asher. He was thinking whether he would wake him or not but decided it would be best to wake him up. He petted Asher's shoulder.

"Asher its time to wake up."

Asher groaned he rubbed his eyes and looked over at Alpha.

"What time is it?"

Alpha lifted the sleeve of his robe to look at a watch.

"Its 45 minutes past 9."

Asher laid up his hair was all over his face. Alpha with his white and golden hands stroked Asher's hair back. Asher smiled.

"A long time ago about 10000 years ago Chronos and I were there I served him for as long as I can remember it is an honour to serve thee once again."

Asher looked at him fondly.

"How old are you if you don't mind me asking."

Alpha looked at him.

"10024 years old."

Asher looked in confusion.

"How do you still look so young?"

Alpha laughed.

"When your lifespan is 100000 years being 10000 still means you are about 20 in human years."

Asher came to Alpha's side of the bed.

"So have you decided yet?"

Asher looked up tears filled his eyes he closed his eyes and looked down.

"I still need some time."

Alpha nodded and put a comforting arm around Asher.

Chapter 9

Asher laid on his chest.

"It's okay what is bothering you."

"All my life I was a disappointment I have no element I get Bs in school and now I can't even make a decision because of my own selfishness, last night I dreamt that Nightshadow called me a loss cause and now I'm scared he is right."

Asher cried into Alpha's arms and Alpha sat there with Asher in his arms.

"It's okay Asher it's okay I know how you feel but you only feel this way because everyone who didn't love you called you that but look at everyone who does love you, they have always been proud of you. Look at how far you have come all these obstacles you have faced many people would have committed suicide by now but you you have always wanted to be the best you can be you fell down and got back up and that is something to be proud of."

Asher looked up at Alpha.

"You really mean that?"

Alpha looked down at Asher he wiped the tears off his face.

"Of course I do."

Asher hugged Alpha around the neck and Alpha returned the embrace.

"Thank you for being with me."

Asher then got up out of bed and headed to the bathroom to go and bathe. Alpha also got out of bed. He used his magic to make up the bed and examined himself in the mirror. He tidied his silver white hair and fixed his robe. Then with some tweezers took out the stray feathers out of his wings and stretched them out, he then put his hood on and headed out to the dining room. Helios and Adam were already there.

"Good morning."

Helios turned around to see who it was.

"Aah good morning, Alpha how are you?"

Alpha replied.

"Doing well what are you all doing here?"

Adam stepped forward.

"We are leaving now; my mother will be worried about us, and we don't want to scare her."

Alpha then said.

"Well, aren't you going to wait for Asher he is just getting washed and well he had a rough waking up."

Helios shook his head.

"Unfortunately, not we need to go now, and Adam is supremely late for school."

Alpha nodded.

"Understandable have a safe trip."

Helios and Adam then left. Asher hurried to the dining room. Alpha turned to him.

"Hello there, you sure are looking fine, Helios and Adam left apparently Adam is very late for school."

Asher looked up.

"That's okay I understand."

Asher and Alpha went outside they closed the door behind them since Shadow was still in bed sleeping. It was a very weird morning instead of bustling streets there was silence. The two both walked through the silent streets of Manor town until they reached the school. People huddled around something. Asher took a closer look. There in the centre of attention was Benjamin.

"And then I saw him rush back in school. Nightshadow looked in his direction and nodded then he ran towards Nightshadow they were talking and then he ran away Nightshadow then continued massacring everyone."

Alpha as soon as he heard Benjamin was talking about Asher grabbed him.

"We need to go now!"

Just then Benjamin saw Asher.

"It's him that's the human I was talking about."

Everyone turned to face Asher and Alpha. Asher and Alpha turned to the crowd. Maron who was part of the crowd pushed past everyone then stopped to look at Asher then at Alpha.

"Well, this is certainly not how I expected to meet my nephew. Who is the person next to you?"

Asher turned to Alpha. Alpha stepped forward.

"I am Alpha Mage, 10024 years old and last ancient elemental."

Everyone gasped when they heard this. Except for Maron who kept a Poker face.

"What were you doing talking to your father?"

Asher answered but his heart was racing.

"I asked him why he was doing this, if this was his ideology, why they wanted to kill Chronos's heir and whether or not he actually divorced Galaxia."

Maron nodded.

"Now for the million-dollar question. Why did Nightshadow nod at you?"

Asher relaxed himself then answered.

"I don't know."

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Maron smiled and patted his head.

"Well looks like you are innocent."

Everyone looked shocked even Benjamin.

"How do you know you have no proof?"

Maron laughed.

"That's why I interviewed 3 other people who never knew who Asher was or Nightshadow before I interviewed you because you seem to have a little hatred towards Asher."

Benjamin folded his arms and scoffed.

"Yea so what did they say?"

Maron looked at Benjamin with a smile.

"Well, they said the exact same things you did except for the conversation between them."

Benjamin stormed away with a scowl on his face. Maron then dismissed the crowd and walked over to Asher.

"It's a pleasure to meet you Asher, I'm sorry it's just these people wanted me to interview you so badly."

Maron then turned to Alpha Mage who was busy looking over at the school.

"Are you a teacher there?"

Alpha Mage quickly turned to Maron and shook his head.

"Oh no I was the janitor."

Maron looked at him puzzled.

"What would a gracious being like yourself be doing mopping floors?"

Alpha blushed at this he was never called gracious before.

"It's a long story."

Shadow then appeared behind them and hit both Alpha and Asher on the back before resting his bony elbows on their shoulders.

"Good morning my people what would a simple pleb such as myself come across?"

Maron pinched the bridge of his nose in embarrassment.

"Shadow what are you doing out of school?"

Shadow then went up to Maron.

"Can't I take a break from those boring teachers?"

Eloise who was busy looking through the glass doors of the school came rushing down the stairs.

"Shadow and Asher dear what are you doing out of school you both had me very worried when you didn't attend art class, I thought they the Voidlastings had killed you."

Alpha was about to say something but was then silenced by Shadow.

"That's because we had more important things to do than attend school."

Maron shook his head.

"What could be more important than your education if I may ask?"

Alpha then started explaining but was silenced once more by Shadow.

"Oh, I don't know how about the world?"

Maron stepped forward.

"The world can worry about itself right now the only thing you have to worry about is your education."

Alpha had enough. He spread out his wings and with all the force he could muster he shouted.

"ENOUGH!!"

Everyone looked towards Alpha's direction. Alpha folded his wings and cleared his voice.

"I let them both skip school, I know you both value education and I commend you for it but for this I believe I should take them under my wing."

Maron and Eloise looked at each other in perplexity and then at Alpha. Maron said.

"And why should this happen, what are you hiding?"

At that moment Adam came through without greeting Alpha took the book Adam was carrying under his arm and handed it to Eloise.

"Page 22."

Maron read over Eloise's shoulder. When they finally finished reading. Maron looked over at Asher.

"So according to this prophecy you are Chronos?"

Asher nodded. Maron looked towards Eloise who looked towards Alpha.

"If the prophecy is about Asher why should Shadow go with?"

Alpha said.

"I just thought that Shadow could come along to give him support."

Maron laughed so hard he started to cough.

"The only support Shadow is giving is to his fellow learners at school."

Eloise turned to Alpha and Asher who looked pleadingly at her she sighed and turned to Maron.

"I think that Shadow should go if Asher is indeed Chronos then he is going to need all the support he can get."

Maron sighed.

"Fine take Shadow with you."

Shadow smiled at this. Adam quickly went next to Asher so as not to be with Shadow.

Asher then looked towards Alpha's direction. Alpha then spoke.

"So, Eloise we need a woman with a very good intellect to join our little force would you like to join?"

Eloise looked at them with excitement.

"I would be honoured but who would take classes for me?"

Adam looked around.

"My father could always do so he was very good at art when he was at school in-fact he even got top marks."

Chapter 11

Eloise looked at Adam with an impressed look on her face.

"Well then it is settled I will join your force."

Adam hugged Asher and exclaimed.

"Woohoo the Everlastings are ready to go."

Maron chuckled and headed towards his house. Asher looked towards Alpha.

"So where are we headed?"

Alpha looked up to the sky in thought and then turned to Asher.

"First we have to travel across Elementia to receive 5 gemstones."

Eloise turned to Alpha.

"The five gemstones belong to the five ancient elementals, correct?"

Alpha nodded.

"Once we have these gemstones, we will be able to unlock the Chronos within Asher."

Asher looked down.

"Why do I have to be Chronos, why couldn't it be someone else?"

Adam then tapped Asher's shoulder and rested his hands on it.

"You have the lineage destiny chose you to be the heir and in order to fully realise your destiny we have to do this."

Asher looked into Adam's eyes.

"Even then can't we train me after the war ended?"

Alpha looked to Asher with a confused look he walked up to him and slowly knelt.

"It's like I said yesterday Asher if you don't go on this journey I'm not sure there will even be a home anymore."

Alpha then raised up and walked back to where he was. Then without warning he started walking towards the forest behind the school. Eloise followed closely behind.

Shadow looked behind at Asher and Adam

"Come on you slow pokes adventure awaits."

Adam turned to Asher. Asher looked towards him in tears.

"I'm not sure if I can take down my father all by myself."

Adam held his hand in comfort.

"Who said you have to do this on your own?"

Asher smiled and hugged Adam. They looked at each other and walked towards the others. They headed towards the forest knowing that whatever challenges they face they will face it together. Alpha was in the lead he was marking something in ink on a map.

"These are the different locations we will find these gemstones."

Eloise looked at the map and pointed to the names Alpha etched down.

"A rose quartz, Lapis lazuli, diamond, amethyst and pearl, but what do they mean?"

Alpha pointed to them all.

"These are the cores of the ancient elementals, a rose quartz is Venus's core, Kanes is lapis lazuli, diamond is Ahlam's, amethyst is Joys and and pearl belongs to Atman."

Everyone stopped walking and looked at Alpha in confusion. Alpha turned towards them.

"Okay beauty is rose quartz, Chaos is lapis lazuli, Diamond is dream, Amethyst is happiness and pearl is soul."

Shadow then stepped up and took the map from Alpha Mage. He looked at all the locations on the map but noticed a remarkably interesting pattern.

"Guys all these gemstones can be found across the five corners of elementia. The first one beauty can be found in dragon flying academy. The second one lapis lazuli can be found in the swamps. The third one diamond can be found near the military camp that borders the Shadowlands. The fourth one amethyst can be found on Ivy's farm and the fifth one pearl can be found in Sage alley."

Shadow looked closely at the map and navigated with a needle point how far they were from each location.

"Okay we are in harmony forest which is East to Manor town. So, if we want success, we would leave diamond for last so heading towards the Shadowlands we should go to Ivy's farm which is to the North of us then Southeast towards the swamps and then we continue North passing through Pearl alley and dragon flying academy and then we head East towards the military camp."

Everyone was shocked when they saw how Shadow was able to devise a plan very quickly for them. Alpha took the map back and drew the path they were going in ink. He then rolled the map up and put it in his satchel. They all headed Southeast to Ivy's farm. The deeper they went the more the growth of trees blocked out the light of the sun. Adam started glowing dimmer and dimmer and held onto Asher's arm for support. As they walked deeper into the forest the light grew so dim it was non-existent. They stopped and were all looking at Adam. Adam was still hugging tightly onto Asher's arm.

Chapter 12

Shadow then said.

"Hey lighty boy can't you glow a bit brighter it is getting dark in here."

Adam squealed.

"I can only glow brighter when I am happy and well, I am scared."

Asher knew what would make him happy, but he did not know if he should tell him especially since Helios told him to not tell him, but they need his light, and Asher does not want him to be scared. Asher turned around to face Adam. Adam loosened his grip around his arm and looked up to face Asher.

"Adam there is something that I think you would like to know, and it does involve us."

Adam's dim started to glow a bit brighter.

"Yes, Asher what would you like to say?"

Asher took a deep breath in.

"So, you are probably not going to believe me, but we are half brothers."

Adam looked at Asher. Asher looked at everyone else. They encouraged him to distract Adam from his fear. Adam was starting to glow much brighter. They could see their surroundings. So, they began to walk again. Adam then said.

"Asher how is this we have two different fathers?"

"We share the same mother."

Adam put a hand to his mouth and then hugged Asher.

"I always felt I had a connection to you but now I see why."

Adam glowed so bright that it was as though they were walking around with the sun. When they were approaching the centre of the forest Eloise exclaimed.

"I sense we are near a source of great power!"

Alpha Mage nodded in agreement and then stopped walking.

"I think we should take a little break before moving on and maybe I can even share a little history on this great source of power Eloise is talking about."

Eloise smiled when he said this. Everyone sat down in a circle except for Shadow.

"I am not a big fan of history so I'm going to catch some meat for us except for Eloise for her I will catch some fruit since Nature Elementals are vegan."

Then as soon as he said this he disappeared into the forest. Everyone then turned to Alpha Mage who was busy drawing something in the soil.

"A long time ago when the fae ruled the universe, Clara, Blossomforth, Lily, Fawn and Aarus, the five faeries united their magic which created the Tree of Wisdom it was called this because back then power came not through physical means but through their knowledge. During the great shift which was a time of interbreeding the faeries mated with the elves to produce five different mages which later on would be known as the ancient ones."

Asher raised his hand to ask a question. Alpha Mage looked towards his direction and acknowledged his raised hand.

"If there were only five ancient elementals then where did you come in?"

Alpha nodded at this.

"That is actually a very good question thank you for sharing that."

Asher smiled at this. Alpha continued.

"I was a child of the tree when the tree bloomed finally after 100000 years I emerged from a golden flower, the faeries looked at me and knew I was there for good reason, but they didn't know what it was because I contained the wisdom of all of them they called me Magus meaning magician. When the faeries and elves died out the Ancients were all that was left. They looked at me and asked what they should do so I looked at the tree and looked at the five crystals left behind by the faeries and the stones left behind by the elves. So, I took them and as a sacrifice I buried them by the five roots of the tree. Then as tho by destiny Chronos was made and by the existence of him he made it so that power relies both on knowledge and physical power and from that day on Chronos was our leader and he renamed me Alpha Mage."

Everyone was in shock when they heard this story. Shadow then came back with a huge deer over his shoulder.

Chapter 13

"I fetched dinner, with a few minor setbacks along the way."

He slunk the deer on the ground and walked over to Eloise and handed apples and oranges. Everyone except Adam wondered how the deer seemed perfectly intact. Asher asked.

"How is there no blood?"

Adam started flickering like a torch. Shadow ignored Adam and with a knowing smile he said.

"The privileges of being a void elemental is you can steal life."

Asher then said without thought.

"Almost like how you did with..."

He closed his mouth before he finished his sentence and then turned to Adam.

"Im sorry."

Adam with held back tears whispered.

"Its fine."

Then turned away from Asher and Shadow. Shadow scoffed. Adams glow stopped. How could Asher talk about that traumatic day? Why didn't Asher stop Shadow? These thoughts raced around Adams head. Adam felt hollow. Alpha who saw everything that happened asked Shadow to take the deer away and then rationed the fruits among everyone.

"How about we all rest somebody couldn't think of other people's feelings and it is almost evening."

Everyone agreed on this and ate the fruits Alpha rationed to them. Alpha gave Shadow one last look of disappointment before slumbering on the soft grass. Everyone else soon followed. Adam fell asleep first Asher walked up to him and put his arms around him.

"I am so sorry my brother."

Meanwhile in the heart of the Shadowlands Nightshadow felt negative energy flowing through his veins. He got up from his bed and headed down to his secret room. He ignited blue flames on the four corners of the cobblestone chamber and sat down crosslegged in the centre he knew it had to come from someone who was related to him he closed his eyes and went into the dream realm. He looked through all the dreams his family was having until he caught Adams dream.

"Jackpot."

He whispered to himself. He opened the dream to see what memories he made on the day but when he saw one memory, he started to smile.

"So, Asher is Chronos? This makes it even better."

He walked right into the dream but as soon as he did this all the vibrant colours faded away and he was standing right behind Adam who looked at everything with fright in his eyes, but he got an even bigger fright when he saw who was behind him.

"You must be Adam? Ashe has told me lot about you."

Adam was scurrying backwards on the cold grass.

"What do you want?"

Nightshadow heaved a sigh then with sad eyes he said.

"I know your situation I want to help you."

Adam did not know if this was a trick or if he wanted to help him.

"How do I know I can trust you?"

Nightshadow rested a cold hand on Adams shoulder.

"I have good intentions...my son."

Adam shivered at these words.

"S-son but I am not yours."

Nightshadow looked as tho he were taken aback by these words.

"If you are Ashers half brother, aren't you also my half son?"

Adam then turned around away from Nightshadow.

"What are you going to help you with?"

Asked Adam steering the topic away from the fact he could also be Nightshadow's son.

Nightshadow with a glint in his eyes circled Adam like a predator.

"I'm going to help you realise why your friendship with Asher is problematic. You see he has told me things about..."

Adam looked at him wearily.

"About?"

Nightshadow stopped and advanced towards him he then grabbed hold of Adam and whispered in his ear.

"You."

Adam froze at this. Nightshadow smiled at his reaction.

"However, I will only tell you what he told me if you give me one thing of yours."

Adam gulped. Nightshadow approached him further.

"What do you want?"

Nightshadow bent down so he was eye to eye with Adam. He lifted Adam's head and whispered in his ear.

"Your happiness."

Nightshadow smiled at this with a smile that did not match his eyes.

"That's right child nothing else just your happiness."

Then Nightshadow took out a black box from the pocket of the black cloak he was wearing.

"All Asher told me about you in this box."

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Adam looked at him and laughed.

"Asher never said anything bad about him you are trying to put my trust in you."

Nightshadow turned to him.

"You think he cares? Oh, but then again you have been in a family who loved you too much you never experienced hate my child my naive child you think Asher is so great then put him to the test."

He then opened the box to reveal a black rose and then took Adam in his arms and whispered.

"This rose has 40 petals if for 40 days you don't tell me or even give me proof Asher loves you then your happiness will belong to me."

With that said he laughed maniacally and vanished in a puff of black smoke. Adam felt a bit of unease, but he knew Asher loved him, back in the base Nightshadow got out of his chamber and up to the control room. He looked towards an ice blue female with white long hair.

"Krystallos you are in charge of the Voidlastings but whatever you do don't go into the forest or wherever my location is."

Krystallos nodded.

"Yes boss."

And continued commanding the group. Nightshadow nodded and whispered under his breath.

"See you soon Adam."

Back where the Everlastings were Asher woke up to find Adam still sleeping, in-fact everyone was still sleeping except Eloise was still sleeping. Eloise was busy with the fruit Shadow brought. Asher looked at what she was doing with great interest.

"Care to join?"

Asher nodded he sat down next to her. She grabbed the seeds that were next to her.

"Us Nature elementals have the ability to produce goods. You see this seed?"

She held up a seed towards Asher. Asher nodded.

"From this seed I can sprout a fruit."

Then Asher beheld the sight. The seed had growths coming out of it and then it turned big and then red like an apple. Eloise passed the apple towards Asher. Asher took it and sank his white teeth into the juicy fruit.

"Its going to be a long journey so you better eat up."

Asher nodded and finished off the apple. Then everyone finally woke up. Asher at once jumped to Ashers side.

"Good morning, everyone."

Alpha then Shadow got up. Shadow looked at Adam and then sighed heavily he then walked up to him and scratched the back of his head in embarrassment.

"Look Adam I know I haven't been nice to you recently and I want to apologise can we at least be friends?"

Adam looked at Shadow and Shadow looked at Adam with very sincere eyes. Finally, Adam said.

"I forgive you."

And went ahead to hug Shadow. Shadow raised his arms trying to process what was happening and he patted Adam on the head. Adam then let go. Alpha who was holding the same map as before gestured that everyone should continue walking on and so they did, Alpha was in-front. Asher and Adam on either side and then Shadow and Eloise behind them. When they got to the centre they found the biggest tree in the forest. It was the tree of Wisdom legend has it that whoever would listen closely to it could here it talk its wisdom. Somebody must have believed it because Asher pressed an ear against it and can hear a certain rumble that sounded like water. Alpha joined him. He pressed his hand against the tree and through the crevices o pf the bark the tree glowed gold. Asher did the same and the tree glowed silver. Asher felt a magical surge of power

through him. His hands were glowing white. Everyone except Alpha who knew what was going on gasped. Then Alpha Mage said.

"The tree must have sensed Asher was human and gave him powers because it felt Chronos through him."

Asher looked at his hands in awe.

"So, this is what it feels like to have magic?"

Alpha nodded.

"We still need to find the gemstones though what you have are the base powers unifying all the gemstones will provide you with enough power to defeat the Voidlastings."

Chapter 15

Asher nodded.

"Then let's get to Ivy's farm!"

They all continued North then they came to a great hill. Shadow looked at it and touched the ground, Sandstone.

"Guys it seems there was a path here that worn with age."

Everyone nodded and let Shadow lead the way. Eloise looked at the growths with much interest. She bent down and tried to find what kind of plant it was and saw that it was vines.

"Shadow how old do you think this sandstone is?"

Shadow stopped and looked towards her direction, he looked at the stone and finally said.

"If you want to know how old I think it is then you are out of luck because my powers only work on living things."

He then turned around and continued walking on. Eloise eyed the vines suspiciously and continued walking. They arrived at the top and they were out of breath but considering they were already at the entrance they walked on. Through the narrow cave they went until they finally arrived the farm, it was not as big as they thought it would be it was only one kilometre wide and one kilometre wide. A huge stream ran to the left of them and to the right of them was a huge fishing lake. They were finally greeted by a friendly looking sprite she was beating her dragonfly wings rapidly had blue skin, purple eyes and purple hair that was tied into two pigtails and was only thirty centimetres in height.

"Hello, hello, hello what brings fine travellers like yourselves here?"

She at once said with a smile. Alpha replied.

"We are looking for an amethyst we suspect that it could be on your farm?"

Ivy nodded then looked at him thoughtfully and pointed to the stone corinthian column in the centre.

"The amethyst is over there but I am not sure if I really want to give it away, well not until I find work for you, but I mean its just that you can't really get it for free you know?"

Shadow then covered his face with his hands.

"We climbed a whole damn hill to get here and now you want us to work come on."

Ivy seemed taken aback by this Eloise then came to the rescue.

"We would be happy to help with whatever you need as long as its quick because we are kind of in a hurry."

Ivy then said.

"Well, the only work that I have for you is to help me plant apples."

Adam looked all around the plot in confusion.

"But how are we supposed to plant anything if the soil hasn't even been hoed down?"

Ivy facepalmed herself.

"So thats why none of the seeds were growing."

Asher fetched the hoe and handed it to Adam who looked at it in confusion. Asher then said.

"Since you seem to know what you are doing."

Adam looked at it awkwardly and then gave it to Eloise who began hoeing as well as planting the seeds. Asher then turned to Adam with folded arms.

"I thought you knew what you are doing."

Adam grabbed on his other arm.

"Im really more of a thinker than a doer."

Asher then came to him and watched Eloise toil the earth.

"I can see that."

Adam was then about to take Ashers arm, but Asher took his arm away. Adam started to feel a bit distant. Eloise then wiped her brow.

"Phew it's been a while since I have done this but at the same time I enjoyed it."

Ivy smiled she flew towards the amethyst. Asher looked at it in awe he imagined being at the marble column. He sprinted towards it and gazed at it. Ivy then raised it off the column and handed it to Asher. She then looked to Eloise.

"Thank you for helping me at least now I know how to actually farm."

Eloise smiled.

"You are very welcome I however would like to ask you what the black vines growing on the path was."

Ivy looked at her in confusion.

"What black stuff are you talking about?"

Then when Eloise went through the cave to show her the vines, but they were gone. Even Shadow looked surprised.

Chapter 16

"That is very strange although I won't dwell on it, we do still need to find the other gems." They all said their goodbyes to Ivy and headed SouthWest towards the swamps. They finally made it to the foot of the hill where the forest began. They walked on until they were at the Tree of Wisdom again which was where they made camp. Evening approached. Eloise gave everyone a slice of apple. Adam used his magnifying glass to make a fire at the centre which everyone cuddled around for warmth. Asher then said. "I'm going to go climb the tree just to get rid of some energy I have left."

Adam nodded and spoke.

"Same. Wait up I am coming with you Asher!"

So, it was only Shadow, Eloise and Alpha who were around the fire. Alpha ended the awkward silence.

"Eloise, you never told us that you were good at farming?"

Eloise with a knowing look said.

"I didn't really feel the need to say something like that you see growing up on a farm, work was all I knew but I left that life to become a teacher because I felt there was much more to life than work unfortunately my parents didn't support me because I was a girl so I had to try and forge my own path on my own."

Shadow then said.

"At least you had parents, my parents were killed in concentration camps during the human uprising I was about to be killed but as if by deus ex machina the Navy led by Maron saved all us elementals and Maron took me in as though I were his."

Shadow then sighed. Alpha looked gently towards his direction. Shadow then softly said.

"I was eight at that time but ever since that day I guess the enjoyment of pain and the non-existent morality grew on me. I try to be morally good, but I end up being the opposite instead."

Alpha put a comforting hand on Shadow's shoulder.

"Thank you for telling us this we will try and help you."

Shadow looked up.

"You promise?"

Alpha hesitated for a moment.

"No, I have been alive long enough to know that promises are foolish but promise or not we will try and help."

Meanwhile back at the tree. Asher climbed halfway up while Adam was still at the bottom he grew tired of this, so he spread his white wings and flew all around the tree as he was flying, he spotted something of great interest he then went to get Asher who was at a branch.

"Asher come quickly I have something that I think you would like to see as well!"

Asher slipped a bit as soon as he heard Adams yelling which gave him a fright. He looked up at Adam with a hint of curiosity in his eyes.

"What did you find and where is it?"

Adam who was still hovering in the air replied.

"It looks like a library of some sort it is right behind the tree!"

Asher then slid down the bark onto the soft grass below, the fire was out, and Alpha Mage, Eloise and Shadow were sound asleep on the grass. Asher then called up to Adam.

"I think I will go to sleep now it's been a long day."

Adam nodded but hesitated to go to sleep after what happened before, so he said.

"Im going to see if they have any books in their that could benefit us."

Asher nodded then he laid down and closed his eyes. Adam then flew back to where he was before and landed inside the library. He looked around it had loads of books on many different elements, it was also quite small only four, four shelved bookshelves.

Then a chilly wind that followed a beating of wings followed and landed behind him. He then froze as soon as he heard that familiar deep voice. The voice grabbed him and whispered in his ear.

"Starlight, star bright first light I see tonight."

Adam tried to fly out, but the voice held him down.

Chapter 17

"Try and escape but there is no escaping Nightshadow."

Nightshadow then grabbed Adams shoulder and forced him to turn around.

"Let me see that sun loving face of yours."

Nightshadow then while keeping Adams gaze used his other hand to telekinetically tie Adams wrists and legs, he then kicked him onto a chair in the corner he then tied his body to the chair.

"Why do you keep targeting me?"

Nightshadow smiled and spoke.

"Because you are the strongest of the group."

Adam chuckled at this.

"Well yes dark is weakened by light."

Nightshadow then advanced quickly towards him.

"Silence boy."

Then he held up the rose and threatened to pluck one of its petals. Adam tried to stop him, but he at once fell. Nightshadow picked the chair with Adam in it and leaned against it.

"Another thing I wanted to tell you."

Adam looked into his eyes. Nightshadow leaned forward.

"Asher says you are very clingy and don't seem to understand the meaning of personal space."

Adam looked down this was true he was very clingy of him."

Nightshadow continued after seeing his reaction, he walked slowly behind him, so the wind of his silk cloak followed brushing Adams skin. Adam flickered violently. He then tenderly grabbed Adams shoulders and pressed cold lips on the back of his neck. Adam squirmed but gave up considering he was tied up to a chair was this Nightshadows plan all along, he then whispered.

"If Asher cared at all, why would he leave you as soon as he called you brother and where was he when you were taken by Shadow?"

Nightshadow abruptly pulled away. Adam struggled to answer his question. His light was out, and the rose lost all its petals in one go. The question lingered in the abyss of his heart. Then all was left was Nightshadows purple glow. He laughed cruelly.

"I have won boy; your happiness is mine."

Then Nightshadow laughed once more. Adam was trapped. Tears started coming down. Nightshadow stopped and looked at Adam who was sobbing violently but silently.

"Shh no no please don't cry Adam."

Then Nightshadow facepalmed himself.

"Dam-nit I can't be this weak!"

He then sighed and untied Adam from the ropes. Adam looked at Nightshadow with confusion in his eyes, but fear was still present, nonetheless. Nightshadow looked at him coldly.

"Leave now!"

Adam looked at Nightshadow then he took the book titled "Elements" and flew away.

Nightshadow then looked outside chilly wind blew on him.

"Do I really want to fight my own son?"

Then he shook his head.

"Should someone really have that much control over time."

He remembered his own father. Voidus the most powerful tyrant of the Void element and his mother Katniss the most powerful night elemental. He looked back at how he was treated and wondered.

"What have I become?"

Nightshadow then flew back to the Shadowlands. Morning soon came. Alpha Mage woke up then he woke up everyone one by one. Adam was the last to wake up, Asher laughed at this.

"So, what books did you read?"

Adam lied.

"All of them."

He quickly said. He could not tell them what really happened. What if they considered him a traitor? Alpha looked at him with suspicion in his eyes before unravelling the map that continued their journey.

"The swamp is next we will find the lapis lazuli there."

Everyone nodded and followed Alpha. Halfway through everything turned dark as though it were nighttime. Then Alpha gave the map to Shadow and went to where Adam was.

"You guys continue I need to talk to Adam about something."

Shadow nodded. Asher then looked towards Adam before continuing. Eloise hurried Asher along. Alpha turned to Adam and then said.

"You lied when you said you have read all the books didn't you?"

Adam nodded. He then hesitantly told Alpha about Nightshadow. After fighting off some Shadows by the swamps, racing with Sages on broomsticks and flying dragons in the dragon academy. The Everlastings only had one more gemstone to collect the diamond. They arrived at the military camp which bordered the Shadowlands.

Chapter 18

They were greeted by Maron.

"Shadow! My son.

He then ran towards Shadow and embraced him. He then looked to Asher and the others.

"Hey guys so how are the Chronos thing going?"

Asher then said.

"So far so good we just need a diamond from you."

Maron looked at him and the others.

"Well, if its a diamond you are looking for then you have come to the right place."

Alpha Mage then said.

"Well, if you can give it to us then we will go."

Maron smiled then led the way to the cabin where the soldiers sleep and pointed to the dream catcher with a diamond at the centre.

"You can take it if you want, I really don't see any significance in it."

Alpha thanked him.

"Well, we better get down to business."

Maron did not look too nappy about this and quickly went into Alpha's way.

"Knowing you you are more of a knowledge type but knowledge alone wont help in defeating the Voidlastings."

Adam nodded at this. Alpha looked at Adam. Adam then said.

"Chronos is the embodiment of both knowledge and physicality."

Alpha Mage nodded at this. Adam then opened the book called "Elements" and read the chapter on Chronos's abilities.

"Base powers include teleportation, levitation, transfiguration and pyrokinesis.

Chronosian powers include summoning the dead, going into dreams, and giving and taking away elements. When these powers are combined, they summon the sword of the guardians which can grant the power of a God."

Adam closed the book and gave it to Alpha. Who nodded in approval. Adam then looked at Asher and then to Maron. Maron looked at Alpha.

"Are you sure he is ready? Has he even been trained yet."

Adam then said.

"No, he hasn't but I don't think Alpha would mind training him."

Alpha sat down in the ground as though in thought he then said.

"I can offer him help on the bases however the Chronosian state is something he is going to have to figure out on his own as I don't have any experience on what to expect in the achievement of the Chronosian state."

Maron nodded. Eloise then said.

"I better be off now I don't want Helios to think that I have completely quitted my job."

Adam nodded.

"I also need to get back. I kinda need to get back."

Alpha nodded and then with two waves of a hand they were gone. Asher and Maron as well as Shadow gasped in awe. Maron then turned to Shadow and said to Alpha.

"Can you teleport this little parasite to school as well."

Shadow looked at Maron with a smirk. Alpha also teleported him. Maron nodded in satisfaction then he said.

"I better go now the troops are waiting for their commands. Alpha saw Maron off and then turned to Asher with the book in his hand.

"Let us begin your training first thing I will train you on is levitation."

He walked towards a nearby table and put a book on it. He then turned to Asher and spoke.

"I need you to stay calm imagine an invisible force is lifting the book up and making it float."

Asher looked at the book and tried to do what Alpha did but no matter how hard he tried he could not do it.

"Asher perhaps I should teach you about the 7 chakras first."

Asher looked at Alpha as tho he was insane.

"The seven what now?"

Alpha then said.

"Muladhara, Svadisthana, Manipura, Anahata, Vishudha, Ajna, Sahasrara but we are only going to focus on the first 4. Muladhara located at the base of the spine is security and grounding. Svadisthana below the belly button relates to emotions, sexual and creative feelings. Manipura found in the solar plexus relates to self esteem confidence and control. Finally, Anahata is about love compassion and emotional wellbeing."

Asher looked at him and asked.

"So, by connecting to those 4 chakras I will be able to master the base magic?"

Alpha nodded.

"Let's begin."

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He teleported them both to the Tree of Wisdom, it was incredibly quiet, and they both sat down below the tree, so all the roots were surrounding them. Alpha sat cross legged; Asher did the same thing. Alpha then said.

"Imagine a red energy at the base of your spine and roots extending from the base of your spine down to the ground. Now let go of your tension and embrace stability."

Alpha breathed in and out. Asher did the same thing. Alpha asked.

"How do you feel?"

Asher responded.

"I feel secure."

Alpha nodded. He then said.

"Now visualise the red energy changing to an orange sphere and moving up to the pelvic area chant Vam several times and know you are a creative and emotional person."

Both persons chanted Vam several times and Alpha continued.

"Now visualise the orange sphere turn yellow and move to your solar plexus. Imagine the warmth radiating from this centre-and breathe in confidence and exhale self doubt."

Asher breathed in and out. Alpha Mage continued.

"This is the final Chakra, Anahata. Visualise the yellow sphere turn green and move to your heart. Feel the energy filling your heart with love and compassion. Open up your emotions and embrace love."

As Asher inhaled and exhaled, he felt something flow within him but as he opened his eyes, he noticed Alpha his gold lining on his face glowed and so did his eyes and then they stopped.

"Can you feel the magic in the air?"

Asher nodded. Alpha got up.

"I used to feel this a lot more but now feeling this again is amazing."

Asher looked at Alpha in confusion.

"Aren't you the embodiment of magic?"

Alpha turned to Asher cheekily and spoke.

"Aren't you the embodiment of time?"

They both laughed at this. Then Alpha sat down next to Asher.

"It feels so good to be doing this with another person."

Alpha then investigated Asher's eyes with a sense of fondness and sadness.

"I remember when you first came to the school you were so nervous, so scared watching you grow from that small boy to who you are now is heartwarming, but now like before I am nurturing you into the best Chronos you can be, Asher there are no words to express how proud I am of you."

Asher teared up upon hearing this and embraced. Alpha then got up. Asher also got up.

"Now let's start training you on the base powers."

Asher nodded. Alpha teleported them back to base camp. He pointed to the book.

"Now make it levitate."

Asher nodded he concentrated on the book and felt the energy making the book rise.

When he opened his eyes, he saw the book levitate and then with outstretched arms he made it slowly fall onto the table again. Alpha with a smile on his face said.

"Nice work Asher."

He clapped his hands in approval.

"Now try teleporting the book on the ground."

Asher nodded.

"But how exactly do I teleport things?"

Alpha looked at the ground as though he were thinking of how he can best explain the concept of teleportation.

"It is the transfer of an object's energy to another place so instead of rising it you must make it move to another place very rapidly."

Asher nodded. He then looked to Alpha for an example. Alpha seeing the look on Asher's face stepped forward making sure he brushed the silk of his robe playfully to Asher.

Asher smiled. Alpha positioned his feet one after the other.

"Take note of my stance Asher teleportation is a very forceful business teleporting something can make you fall backwards if you don't have the proper support."

Asher nodded he stood in the same position as Alpha did and stretched his arms out in front of him. Then he felt the rapid transfer of the book to the ground in quick succession. Alpha nodded.

"Indeed, Asher but just so you know."

He then with his staff moved Asher's feet a bit more behind and made him stand up straight.

"Always stand up straight!"

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He laughed at this. Asher joined in. Alpha then said.

“Next up is transfiguration. This is when you change the shape of the object. First picture what you want the object to turn into and then commense.”

Asher nodded. Alpha then turned the book into a log.

“I want you to turn it back into a book.”

Asher nodded. He looked at the log and with a wave of his hand he turned it into paper.

Alpha looked at it.

“Close but not quite! Can you remember what the cover looked like or what was on the pages?”

Asher shook his head.

“I didn’t read the book or even had a chance to look at it properly.”

Alpha nodded.

“I suppose that is true.”

Alpha then said.

“The last thing I can teach you is pyrokinesis.”

Alphas eyes lit up he then set the tip of the twig on fire.

“For this you must change the energy within it. Change it from orange to blue.”

Asher looked at the flame on the twig. He then looked into Alpha’s eyes he saw the shards of red, orange, yellow and green, he then felt the energy of the fire and made it change colour like his eyes from orange to blue. Alpha nodded and snuffed the flame out.

“You have a lot of potential my son.”

Alpha smiled then said.

“We still need to train for a little while tho.”

Asher nodded. Months full of magic training passed. Soon Asher was 16 years old and fully trained. Alpha looked at Asher.

“You are ready my son Asher.”

Asher nodded he then lay down on the grass looking up at the stars. Alpha joined him.

“Stars are magic to you know?”

Asher sat up with interest. Alpha sat up and continued.

“Each person has their own set of stars, and each star is a soul some come down and some just want to stay up there. Spirits are material things as they are memories of that person, and they always wander about as guardians of the person who their memories belong to.”

Asher wrapped an arm around Alphas and rested his head on the arm.

“Alpha how long do you have left to live?”

Alpha sighed.

“90 000 years left not long Asher and please.”

He lifted Ashers head up, so their gazes met.

“Call me Magus.”

Asher smiled at this. The in the distance a shooting star passed.

“Someones about to die.”

Thought Asher to himself but that did not matter if Magus was there, he felt safe. Then Magus took out an envelope with a seal on and passed it to Asher.

“You will know when to read this.”

Asher looked at it and then to Magus. Magus then said.

“Let's spend most of the time we have together now.”

Asher nodded. Then Magus put an arm around him.

“Son, you know how much you have grown, how far you have come, I can't believe it, it has gone too fast.”

Asher smiled then he said.

“You are like a father to me. Nightshadow sometimes just ignored my existence but you you have always been there for me.”

He yawned a bit and then moved to Magus's lap and rested his head on his chest. He looked up then closed his eyes and spoke.

“I love you.”

Then he went to sleep. Magus put both wings around Asher. One tear rolled down, he looked down at Asher and with a bittersweet smile said.

“I love you to.”

He then looked back up at where the shooting star crossed and knew what it meant. He nodded and then closed his eyes and went to sleep. The next day Asher woke to the sound of Magus's snoring. Maron came to them.

“We lost Nightshadow took all my troops.”

He then turned to Asher

“You are our last hope.”

And then he left. Magus woke up and at once looked around for Asher.

“Asher! Asher!!”

Then Asher appeared from behind the trees and solemnly said.

“We need to go!”

Magus nodded.

Chapter 21

They walked until they were at the border of the Shadowlands. As soon as Asher and Magus crossed the border a sudden wave of weakness passed through Magus like a ghost. He knelt besides Asher and started breathing heavily. Asher looked at him in horror.

“Magus what happened.”

Magus looked up sadness in his eyes.

“Being here takes life from me, we only have 25 hours before I am gone for good.”

Asher panicked.

“How long is that.”

Magus looked at his watch.

“Until 12:00 the next day.”

Magus then got up. He spoke.

“We must keep pushing on.”

Asher nodded. They walked deep into the Shadowlands. It was dark every single flower and it smelt bad. The only plants that managed to grow were brambles which were thorny bushes that emitted a purple aura around them and purple vines which were the same kind of vines that grew on the path of Ivy's farm. Magus looked at everything in disgust.

“When the Mages saw me, they brought me here it was a magical place there was life all around, especially beauty. That is when I met Venus, she taught me the magic that flows through nature's roots but now that the Voidlastings took control. Everything is gone. Its painful to look at.”

Asher could empathise when the Voidlastings took over his town 4 months ago he felt empty he called that place home and seeing it in the state it was also made him feel empty. Magus thought he saw a shadow of someone out of the corner of his eye The Shadow grew bigger every time. Magus then said.

“It has been an honour being your mentor Asher but now Im afraid the story must go on. Fate has decided that it is time for me to leave.”

Asher looked at him with horror written all over his face.

“No, no you cannot die. I need you, you took me this far, do not die please.”

Asher pleaded tears ran down his cheeks.

“I don't want to do this anymore I just want things to be normal I never asked for this I want my family back I want to go home.”

Magus wiped the tears off Ashers face and whispered.

“Son, listen to me Chronos chose you because of who you are whether you have me or not that fire inside will always burn bright inside.”

Magus looked the Shadow drew near and a short knife held in its right hand. It ran towards Asher. Magus went in the way of the Shadow and embraced Asher in a tight embrace.

“I am proud of you.”

The knife then plunged through Magus, and he fell dead on Ashers feet. Asher looked down then with quivering hands felt his neck, no pulse. Magus was dead. Asher looked up to see who handled this horrendous attack. It was Nightshadow, he plunged the sword deeper, so blood flooded out, then pulled out. Knife shining with crimson blood. “Calculated move from my side I knew he was so soft for you.”

Asher looked at his father tears flooding out. Was he really this evil. He asked himself but he jumped when Nightshadow looked at him with a grin on his face. He pointed the knife at him.

“You are not my son you are an enemy Chronos!”

In the background a flash of lightning was seen. Asher backed away at these words.

“H-how did you know?”

Nightshadow who was cleaning his blade smiled. He put it back in the sheath. He came closer to Asher.

“Your friend Adam showed me through his memories.”

Then he said

“Submit to me and we will not have to fight.

Asher looked at Magus’s satchel the gemstones were in it. He then devised a plan, but it was soon destroyed when Nightshadow took the satchel. Nightshadow smiled cruelly.

“Tsk, tsk, tsk you never learn do you.”

He then turned up Ashers head and was so close to his head that his breath mingled with his and he whispered.

“Oh well I did think you wanted my love?”

Asher froze. Nightshadow laughed softly and pulled away. Asher was finally getting his fathers approval; would he really turn this down? He blurted out.

“Never.”

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Nightshadow then laughed gently at this and tied a chain around Ashers wrist

“You are coming with me.”

Nightshadow then turned around leading Asher to the base. As they were walking Asher saw that the chain looked weak, so he tried to break it. Nightshadow felt the tug and turned to look at Asher.

“Don’t try to break out of these chains I crafted them from moonlight and cats' breath.”

Asher sighed.

“Father, please don’t do this to me!”

These familiar words passed through Nightshadow like a ghost. He ignored them. Asher stayed silent for a while then he said.

“Why are you like this, why do you ignore me, what are you so afraid of?!”

Nightshadow had enough of this, he turned around and dangerously looked at Asher.

“Do you want me to gag you as well?”

Asher shook his head. Nightshadow nodded.

“Good boy.”

They carried on walking in silence. Asher looked up at his father. He has always feared him but now something felt off. Asher was so lost in thought that when Nightshadow stopped he bumped into him. Nightshadow turned around to look at him. Asher looked down. Nightshadow then said.

“I am going to stop here now, and I recommend you do the same!”

Asher nodded. He sat down and made a fire. Nightshadow looked at him

“Pyrokinesis not bad!”

Asher looked up then down again. He fiddled with the chains that were wrapped tightly around his wrists. Nightshadow approached Asher. He turned his chin up to him and smiled.

“You are mine now Asher.”

Asher took a ball of flame from the fire and threw it at Nightshadow. Nightshadow quickly dodged it.

“Don’t play with forces you don’t know Asher.”

Nightshadow spoke a strange tongue and summoned a gigantic beast. It was a manticore. Nightshadow laughed cruelly.

“You have no one its just me but we can always end this charade now.”

Nightshadow looked at the Manticore. Then sent it back to the shadows from where it came from. He then turned to Asher.

“Break time is over child get up!”

He dragged Asher over, but Asher remained silent. They arrived at a trapdoor.

Nightshadow pushed Asher onto the staircase and closed the trapdoor on him. Asher looked at the dark area and created a small flame for himself which lit the dark staircase. Asher continued. He finally reached the bottom.

“Who is there?”

Called someone from the dark.

“Show yourself!”

Asher went in the direction of the voice. He saw the figure of a man. The man turned around. It was Shadow. Shadow looked at Asher.

“” Asher what took you so long and where is Alpha?”

Asher looked down.

“He is dead.”

Shadow looked at him with a sombre face.

“Oh, I am so sorry to hear that anyway we need to find Adam.”

Asher looked at him in shock

“He is here?”

Shadow nodded.

“Yes, but keep it down there is this creature down here who will eat us alive if we make any noise.”

Asher nodded.

“Let's stay here for the time being show me what this creature looks like.”

Shadow shook his head.

“Are you crazy? Adam is all alone. We need to find him first!”

Suddenly heavy footsteps approached them they got louder. Shadow put a hand over his mouth as well as Ashers. Out of the corner of his eyes he saw the most indescribable hideous creature he had ever seen. The creature turned to their direction and walked away. They both heaved a sigh of relief.

“Quick we must Adam before it does.”

Asher nodded. They got out of there little corner and headed towards the workshop whose door was still open. Shadow closed the door and locked it.

“This place is soundproof it won't hear us in here.”

Asher nodded. Adam was a very analytical person if he were anywhere, he would be here.

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Asher still had the flame with him. He asked.

“How did you guys land up here?”

Shadow turned to Asher.

“Turns out the principle is a Voidlasting, so we were sent here because apparently we betrayed them.”

Asher nodded all that mattered to him is they find Adam if he is still alive. They searched through the whole workshop and in the corner, they heard sobbing. Asher cautiously tapped his shoulder. Adam turned around and quickly embraced him.

“Adam are you okay.”

Adam looked at Asher and shook his head. Asher nodded. Adam tucked his stray hairs behind his ear but continued looking down.

“That creature is called a Nurak she was summoned by Nightshadow to kill and eat all the prisoners.”

Asher looked to Shadow then back at Adam again.

“Can't you use your light to shine the demon away.”

Adam fumbled with his white tunic then grabbed hold of his other arm and looked down.

“Nightshadow took my happiness away.”

Adam started crying again. Asher quickly came to comfort him. Asher was shocked Adam was ice cold. Shadow then said.

“I can always send that Demon to the void, but I need some bait.”

Everyone looked around for something that could be used as bait. Adam then said “I found a nut.”

Asher and Shadow ran towards Adam and then devised a plan. Shadow quickly opened the portal and opened the door. Adam threw the nut on the ground where the portal was. Everyone held their breath when Nurak came running through like a wild animal she tripped on the nut and fell into the portal which Shadow at once closed. Adam asked

“I never knew Void elementals could open portals that's usually attributed to...No way are you an...?”

Shadow shrugged uncomfortably

“I-I don't know what you are talking about.”

Everyone then quickly ran up the stairs to where the trapdoor was.

“How are we going to get through?”

Asked Adam. Asher smiled.

“This is where my transfiguration powers come in.”

He felt the trapdoor, metal, he then felt the energy flowing through and shaped it into a key which fell on the stairs and made a hole in it.

“How did such a small key make such a hole.”

Asked Adam. Asher then explained.

“Because energy cannot be created or destroyed the overall mass is conserved.”

Shadow looked at Asher.

“Okay whatever the hole is pretty small so crossing it should be safe.”

Asher and Adam agreed they peeped their heads through the hole and looked around making sure that no one saw them. They then got out Asher dusted himself off.

“Nightshadow has the gemstones of the five mages, but I have Magus's we need to go inside and find the satchel.”

Shadow then said

“How do you expect to find the satchel with all his cronies inside we are unarmed.”

Adam looked down as tho he was deep in thought.

“We should kidnap one of the guards and force them to tell us where Nightshadow's lair is.”

Asher nodded. Everyone sneaked into a bush growing near the castle and waited for a long time. Then a realisation came to Asher.

“Adam its nighttime right?”

Adam looked up at the starry sky above them.

“Yes, Asher it is.”

Asher added on.

“Why did you tell me that I shouldn't read the letter at night?”

Adam then realised.

“Oh no!”

As soon as he said this, they quickly ran out of the bush but as soon as they did this a being draped in black chained them all so quickly and brought them inside.

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Adam looked at everyone.

“I am so sorry everyone I forgot that dark elementals could see through the moon.”

Asher, who was behind him, sighed.

“Its okay Adam we will find a way out of this.”

Adam nodded. Asher was sad that his friend lost his happiness he was determined to get it back. They made it to a very dark place whose only light sources were the torches that flickered a purple flame. Shadow who looked at the questionable décor said.

“Why would Nightshadow use limbs of people for torch holders?”

Then the being threw them into a cellmate entirely of bedrock.

“Have fun with your cell mate.”

He then threw the door closed and locked the door. Everyone turned to their cell mate.

“Who might you be?”

Asked Asher. The cell mate looked up.

“I am Argurus a former Voidlasting.”

Everyone backed away at this. He then continued.

“That’s okay Im going to be death sentenced anyway.”

He then reached into his shirt and pulled out a piece of parchment and gave it to Asher.

“This is a map of the entire castle.”

Asher gave the map to Adam who looked at it in deep thought. He then nodded his head and spoke.

“Thank you.”

Argurus nodded. Just then a guy dressed in black came to their cell. He was holding a double-bladed axe. He opened the door and dragged Argurus out. Argurus looked at Asher.

“Good luck.”

Then the door closed with the three of them inside. Asher remembered the envelope Magus gave him. He tore it open and read it.

“Dear Asher

Contained in this letter is the last three chakras you will learn to master the Chronosian state. They are Vishudha, Ajna and Sahasrara.”

Asher looked up towards Adam and then to Shadow.

“Shadow can you read this for me.”

Shadow cheekily said

“Why can't you read yourself?”

Shadow took the paper from Asher and read it from the beginning. Asher sat cross legged

“Dear Asher.”

Shadow stopped when Asher disturbed him.

“What is it now?”

Asher then said.

“Can you read from Vishudha?”

Shadow rolled his eyes and spoke.

“You should have been more specific.”

He looked back down at the paper and read.

“To get to Vishudha imagine a blue energy surrounding your throat. Imagine the energy expanding and filling your entire throat. Feel the sensation of light, its warmth, and its energy. To get to Ajna imagine the energy turn purple and move between the eyebrows. Visualise it fill your entire head and know you are connected to divine wisdom. The last Chakra Sahasrara imagine a thousand petaled lotus at the crown of your head imagine each petal opening revealing a brilliant white light. Allow this light to fill your entire being and know you are one with everything around you.”

Shadow looked up from the page he was reading he saw Asher sitting on the ground in a lotus position. A white aura with purple light shone from him. The purple light then encased him in an energy bubble and raised him up in the air. Shadow looked to Adam. Who looked at the orb with Asher in it with awe. Shadow then said.

“What is happening?”

Adam still transfixed replied.

“I don’t know.”

Then the orb lowered but Asher looked different. He was purple in colour and had a golden head chain with a silver teardrop at the centre. He held a sceptre with the opal that belonged to Alpha in the centre, five more holes encircled it. It was made of gold. Asher had two black wings behind him. He was lying down unconscious on the floor. Then he woke up and looked at himself.

“What in the name of Eclipse just happened?”

Adam quickly came to his side.

“How do you feel?”

Asher felt his skin and then looked at his sceptre and felt his golden head chain.

“Powerful!”

Shadow smiled then went around Asher examining him.

“When you look like this all the Voidlastings will wish they never messed with us!”

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He said while knocking both his fists together, Asher got up off the floor.

“We first need to get out of this bedrock prison.”

Asher looked at Adam and approached him. Adam looked up.

“I can give back your element.”

Adam looked at Asher in sadness.

“Its not my element that was taken from me its my happiness!”

Asher looked down in thought. Then it occurred to him.

“Nightshadow told me your memories revealed a lot...”

Adam looked up. Shadow looked at the both of them.

“Im just going to sit in the corner you guys carry on.”

He then left and sat in the corner. Adam sighed.

“Let me tell you what happened.”

Asher nodded.

“Im listening.”

Adam took a deep breath in and a deep breath out.

“In my dream he appeared. He touched my shoulder which sent shivers down my spine then he told me that I must prove that you loved me before the last petal of a black rose dropped. Then he vanished I was confident but did not find anything. The other encounter was in the tree of wisdom I flew in but then a strange familiar aura filled the room it was him he came back he tied me to a chair and made me question myself but then he dug too deep into my heart. The way he smiled at my vulnerability then the petals dropped and all there was was his eerie purple glow I could not help but cry but strangely he comforted me I do not know if this was sincere or if he wants my trust then he told me to get out. The last encounter I was at school the principle took me and Shadow and brought us to the Shadowlands. Nightshadow was there he turned to Shadow then to me but there was this evil look in his eyes when he saw I was trying not to look at him. He approached me and forced my head up to look at him I was fixed on his gaze then he told the principle to put us in the trapdoor where the demon was I was screaming at this asking him to spare us but he never listened and pulled out the stem of the rose and showed it to me reminding me of my loss.”

Adam quickly put both wings around himself and started to cry. He then said.

“He says he targeted me because I was the most powerful one in the group because I was a light elemental.”

Asher put a warm hand on Adams shoulder. Adam fell into his embrace, but he folded his wings this time.

“That laugh he did it still makes me shudder.”

Asher held him.

“Im sorry that happened to you believe me when I say Nightshadow will pay for what he did.”

Adam nodded

“You will?”

Asher smiled then he whispered something in Adams ear that made him smile a bit.

Adam said

“You know me too well.”

Adam started flickering. Asher then said.

“You know how happy I am that you are my little brother.”

Having said this Adam started shining again.

“Thank you!”

Asher smiled.

“Just remember no one can ever take away what makes you, you.”

Adam nodded. Then Shadow stood up from the corner he went to Asher and Adam.

Adam was still holding the map. Shadow took it from him and examined it.

“We are downstairs, if we exit out, we must head left to the throne room which is where we will find Nightshadow.”

Asher nodded. Adam thought about this.

“We are going to have to blend in with the Shadows, because I am light, I will fly overhead so the guards do not see me and Shadow being the one with the map will lead the way. Asher will follow behind him.”

Shadow liked the sound of that plan.

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“And when we reach the throne room, we will show them who the Everlastings are but first.”

He said pointing to the bedrock door.

“We need to get out of here.”

Adam chuckled. He cracked his knuckles and put two hands on the door. He then breathed in and out. Shadow screamed

“Whoa whoa whoa not all of us are immune to radiation!”

Shadow then made one portal through the door.

“I am Void I can do this.”

He then gestured to everyone to go through the portal.

“Quickly before they come here again!”

Adam and Asher nodded and quickly went through. Shadow then also came through and closed the portal behind him. Shadow then led the way with Asher behind him and Adam flying overhead. Then they stopped.

“Guys the map never mentioned anything about a password.”

Asher looked at the door with the tumbler on it. He then looked at the map and behind it as well but there was still nothing. So, he pressed his ear against it and turned the tumbler but was surprised when no gears clicked. He checked the handle, but the door wouldn't budge. Shadow and Asher both looked up at Adam. Adam landed and used his magnifying glass to burn the door down.

Adam flew back overhead. Shadow then gestured to Asher to do something. Asher caught on and used pyrokinesis to kill off the flame. They quickly went through the doorway and made it through the corridors that was swarming with guards. Shadow then whispered

"Remember stay in the Shadows and keep low except for you Adam you must stay high."

They all nodded Shadow and Asher quickly crawled through the guards careful not to bump into any of them. It was many twists and turns. Asher was tempted to get up, but he didn't even Shadow had to admit crawling was much slower than walking. Shadow then got up.

"Shadow get back down here what are you thinking!?"

Whispered Asher

"We can take em!"

A guard looked towards Shadows direction.

"Escapee!"

He shouted. All the guards looked towards him. Asher then got up and looked up. Adam nodded. He landed with a huge thud and looked towards the the guards. He closed his eyes and smiled.

"Didn't anyone tell you?"

He opened his eyes and with his magnifying glass.

"Don't mess with a light elementals friend!"

He then focused a light beam on the ground and shouted to Asher.

"Now!"

Asher rushed to the flame and grabbed it the flame then turned it purple and encircled him in orbit. He then shot every blast to every soldier, and they all flamed up. They then made a run for it. While the soldiers were burning into obsidian. The Everlastings finally reached the doors of the throne room which were unguarded, and they entered the forbidden place. The three of them looked around the place. It was very dark the inly light that passed through was from the six stain glass windows that depicted different people who Asher assumed were the ancient elementals. He looked at one in particular. It was Magus. Adam joined in.

"If he could see where you are now, he would be very proud!"

Asher nodded and wiped his tears. He then said.

"Search for the satchel!"

Everyone nodded and searched around the place. Adam flew up and checked the balconies that were above. Shadow looked behind the throne, which was at the other end of the room, Asher sat down in the centre wondering how he was going to face Nightshadow, but his thoughts were interrupted when Adam called out.

"Guys come quickly!"

Asher and Adam flew up to Adam who was looking at a door.

"What is it, Adam?!"

Adam put a finger to his own lips. Then pressed his ears to the door. Everyone else followed along.

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They all put their ears to the door and listened. Then Adam backed away.

“No, not him again.”

Asher looked at him then at Shadow. Shadow turned to Adam.

“Hey Adam!”

Adam looked at Shadow.

“Yes?”

Shadow continued.

“That move you did back there was pretty epic, when you set the guards on fire.”

Adam chuckled to himself.

“I guess it was it.”

Asher added on.

“Now show that Nightshadow that you are not who he thinks you are.”

Adam looked towards them.

“I was not talking about Nightshadow tho, I was talking about who he is going to recruit.”

Shadow looked to him alarmed.

“Who is it?”

Adam then whispered.

“He is going to recruit Benjamin and Krystallos to target everywhere we found the gemstones but first they are going to target the tree of wisdom.”

Asher then said

“Oh no how are we going to defeat Nightshadow and defend the tree of wisdom?”

Shadow then said.

“We should split up. Asher focus on defeating your father; Adam and I will try and protect the tree of wisdom.”

Asher shook his head quickly.

“How will you guys do this there are many of them and two of you.”

Shadow chuckled

“Have you forgotten Helios, Maron and Eloise with their help we can and will defeat the Voidlastings.”

Asher nodded.

“Good luck!”

Shadow and Adam turned and nodded.

“Thank you, Asher.”

They then headed out of the room and closed the door behind them. Asher looked towards the door and then headed downstairs. He sat in a Lotus position and looked towards Nightshadows room.

“The final battle has begun!”

With all the courage he can muster he called out.

“I am here father come and fight me!”

Nightshadow came bursting through.

“Finally, Asher you have come.”

He then landed on the cobblestone ground. He’s normal black robe had moonlight armour on. Asher saw his eyes they showed no mercy. Then Nightshadow said.

“However, lets battle in a place that is much more exhilarating. Nightshadow snapped his fingers and were teleported to a bridge outside. It was quite windy. Asher looked around and held onto his staff. Nightshadow charged at him. Long Katana in his hand. Asher brought his staff up to block the attacks. Asher levitated Nightshadow off the ground, but Nightshadow used this to his advantage, he spread his ominous wings and flew effortlessly towards Asher and slashed the sword, so it would’ve beheaded Asher, but Asher countered it just in time. He then teleported his sword out of the battlefield and into the abyss below.

“Please Nightshadow I don’t want to fight you.”

Nightshadow who breathed heavily said

“Then it would be my pleasure to kill you Asher.”

Asher who now realised his father never cared about him said.

“Then you will not call me Asher.”

He closed his eyes and concentrated on himself and his goal. Knowing Magus will always be there for him. He opened his eyes and the silver linings that marked his skin glowed silver.

“You shall call me Chronos!”

Then he took his sceptre and ignited white flames of purity on both sides. He then charged towards Nightshadow. Nightshadow who still looked confident. Nightshadow then tried moving out of the way, but Asher caught him by the metal of his armour. Nightshadow squirmed but it was no use Ashers grip was strong. Asher then brought the flame to the armour which melted off. He then let go of Nightshadow and extinguished the flame. He then flew back into the castle, but Nightshadow was following close behind. He flew into the room where the stain glass windows were and into Nightshadows room. He scurried around searching for the satchel. Nightshadow was creeping up on him and grabbed him from behind.

“What are you looking for you naughty boy!?”

Asher tried to teleport but when he saw the intertwined snakes Nightshadow put on him. He knew he was powerless.

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“Looking for the satchel?”

Nightshadow said as he turned Asher around, so they were face to face. He then grinned deviously and snapped his pale white fingers together. He teleported them both to his chamber. Then while still holding Asher he tied him to a stake that was at the corner of the room.

“So, tell me Asher.”

Asher exclaimed

“I told you not to call me that!”

Nightshadow edged towards him.

“I can call you whatever I want to call you brat!”

Then Nightshadow took a torch and put a purple flame on it. Asher could see he was tripping.

“Chronos should never be, neither should have Voidus or Katniss.”

Nightshadow's voice cracked at this, and Asher could see tears coming out.

Nightshadow told himself.

“I know what is going to happen to you my son when I do this.”

Asher only heard this as a mumble. He looked at Nightshadow in confusion. Then Nightshadow looked at him.

“If you are so powerful then WHY DON'T YOU KILL ME!?”

Nightshadow then threw the flame to the ground down at Asher's feet. Asher screamed in pain then Nightshadow whispered.

“I am sorry.”

Then he untied him. Asher stopped screaming. His eyes glowed white and he levitated up off the ground. Nightshadow knew what was to come but instead he just stood there looking at Asher. Asher then said with two other voices.

“You shall pay!”

Meanwhile Shadow and Adam ran through the forest towards the military camp. Maron turned towards their direction and rushed towards them.

“Whats wrong? Where is Asher?”

Shadow then said.

“He is facing his father Nightshadow quick we have to get the others.”

Maron nodded. They ran towards Manor Town and into the school. Shadow barged into art class where Eloise was. Shadow with a smile said.

“Class dismissed.”

Maron with Adam escorted everyone out of the school. Eloise asked.

“What is the meaning of this?”

Adam and Maron ran towards Shadow and said to Eloise.

“The Voidlastings Benjamin and Krystallos are planning on taking down the tree of wisdom.”

Eloise gasped at this and joined them. Shadow then turned to Adam.

“Where is your father usually during these times.”

Adam looked down thoughtfully.

“He is normally at home with Galaxia.”

Shadow then looked towards Adam

“Well don’t just stand there go!”

Adam nodded. They ran across the street where Helios was then Adam opened the door.

“Dad!”

He shouted. Helios and Galaxia ran towards the shouting. Helios saw Adam.

“Son! How is Asher and how are all of you?”

Galaxia interrupted.

“Asher?”

Maron added on.

“Asher is busy fighting Nightshadow and apparently the Voidlastings are after this tree called the tree of wisdom.”

Galaxia gasped at this. She then turned to Maron and the others.

“My mother would tell me stories of that tree if what you are saying is true then we need to protect it.”

They all nodded. Galaxia bent down to Adam and embraced him.

“How is Asher?”

Adam smiled and spoke.

“He is fighting Nightshadow and also he is Chronos!”

Galaxia got up and spoke.

“Then shouldn’t we try and help him?”

Adam shook his head.

“He told us we have to protect the tree I wouldn’t want to disobey him.”

Galaxia then turned to Helios.

“Helios, you should go, if Nightshadow sees me, I don’t know what will happen.”

Helios nodded.

“You will be, okay?”

Galaxia nodded

“Yes.”

Helios then turned to the others, and walked towards them, Maron nodded. The Everlastings raced towards the forest and towards the tree of wisdom. They stood their ground and waited. Helios was the first to speak.

“So exactly how powerful are these Voidlastings?”

Shadow then with a smirk said.

“I don’t know but it doesn’t hurt to find out heh?”

Maron looked at Shadow.

“I know most of the Voidlasting troops do you have any names?”

Shadow looked up in thought then he whispered to Adam.

“Hey lighty boy whats the names of the Voidlastings we are going to face?”

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Adam rolled his eyes then turned to Maron.

“Benjamin and Krystallos.”

Maron then turned to the others.

“Do you guys know of any lightning, war, sand or metal elementals?”

Shadow nodded then he turned to Adam again.

“What? You are the one who is good with names!”

Shadow exclaimed. Adam sighed.

“Well, the only metal elemental we know of is Cypress but sadly we do not know of any lightning, war, or sand elementals.”

Maron said.

“Well, that’s better than nothing. Do you know his whereabouts?”

Shadow nodded.

“4:00 sir”

Maron smiled knowing where Shadow was going and saluted. Shadow also saluted back.

“Now go to the swamps, Eloise, Helios and I will use our elements to the best of our ability.”

Adam said

“We won't let you down.”

Maron nodded.

“You better not, the fate of Elementia rests on our shoulders.”

Adam and Shadow then raced off into the forest. They ran on until they found a strange looking pool. It was circular in shape and had ancient runes all around it. In the centre was a blue and purple spiral. Adam looked at it and then at Shadow.

“You don’t have a magic wand on you by any chance?”

Shadow shook his head.

“If you want a wand then you better go to Pearl alley and go to the wand store there.”

Adam shook his head.

“I was thinking that we could use it to catch some elemental manna.”

Shadow nodded.

“Oh well.”

They continued southwest towards the swamps. As they were walking Shadow said.

“Whats the deal with you and Cypress anyway?”

Adam sighed.

“Its not that I have anything against him its just, who lives in a swamp that is always so stinky and slimy, and also the kind of music he listens to on the radio, not to mention the fact that he made us to a labyrinth which almost made us die all for a lapis lazuli!”

Shadow laughed at what Adam said. Adam looked at him.

“What? Why are you laughing!?”

Shadow wiped the tears of joy from his eyes.

“You say you have nothing against him but then you proceed to say things that you don’t like about him.”

Adam also laughed at this.

“Yea maybe I do have something against him.”

Shadow nodded

“Hey as long as you don’t hate him I’m fine.”

He then elbowed him.

“Lighty boy.”

Adam rolled his eyes. They finally made it to the swamps. Adam cringed as he walked through the water of the swamps. Shadow also felt uncomfortable. They walked towards the fireplace that was at the centre and rested on the rock. While they were drying themselves. Adam looked around and asked.

“Hey Shadow, where is Cypress?”

Shadow shook his head.

“I don’t know.”

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Meanwhile by the Shadowlands Asher woke up in a strange place there were white and gold columns all around. Asher looked around in awe.

“What? Where am I?”

In the distance Asher saw a figure dressed in white approach him. Asher teared up when he saw who it was and rushed to embrace him. The figure embraced him back.

“Magus you’re alive?”

Magus smiled sadly and shook his head.

“No Asher I am still dead.”

Asher looked down and spoke.

“Am I dead then?”

Magus shook his head.

“You went into the Chronosian state without the aid of the gemstones this is why I said that we should find the gemstones or else you could not go into the chronosian state!”

Asher felt a bit of betrayal

“You lied to me?”

Magus nodded.

“For a worthy cause Asher.”

Magus then walked through the corridors of the room. Asher followed along. Magus had never looked so ethereal before.

“How do I get back?”

Magus turned to face Asher and knelt down beside him.

“I will show you the way.”

Magus then got up he walked towards a table as he was walking, he said.

“I never thought I would be able to see you my student but now here you are seeking guidance from me yet again.”

Asher walked towards him. Magus turned around holding a quill and rolled up paper in his hand. He walked towards Asher.

“In order to get out you just have to sign this.”

He unravelled the piece of paper and gave it to Asher. Asher looked at the paper it was written in a strange tongue. He then took the quill from Magus’s hand and looked hesitantly at the paper. Magus saw this. He went behind Asher putting both hands on Ashers shoulders.

“Its okay this is just a contract you make to me saying that you have permission to leave this place.”

Asher then seeing that Magus was always by his side. Signed the contract. Magus then quickly took the paper and rolled it up Asher then gave him a quill. Magus then said.

“Before you go, I need to tell you something about Nightshadow.”

Magus had a smile on his face that didn’t quite match his eyes.

“Nightshadow never knew what love his parents had always abused him but when Galaxia showed up his whole world changed however upon their marriage Voidus infiltrated their marriage and said that when they have a son, he will kill him. Soon Nightshadow and Galaxia had a son named Asher but Nightshadow remembering what his father said divorced Galaxia and ran away with the child. He formed the Voidlastings. His aim was to kill anyone who had immense power.”

Magus sighed and looked to Asher with a solemn look, but he never took his hands off Ashers shoulders he turned Asher around. Asher looked up at Magus.

“Unfortunately, because you are Chronos you have immense power so although Nightshadow seems to want to kill you he never wanted to him planned on making you so angry with him you unleash Chronos’s full might on him, so he dies.”

Asher looked down in thought.

“Oh no I need to get back to the battle who knows what I am doing right now!”

Magus nodded and pointed to a white door that had light shining through.

“It is not to late.”

Asher then walked towards the door, but Magus stopped him.

“Not even a hug of goodbye for me?”

Asher smiled and rushed to embrace Magus yet again.

“Thank you.”

He then rushed towards the door. When Asher was gone. Magus looked towards the paper that had Ashers signature on it and smiled. He unravelled it, looked at the bottom of it, and nodded. He then placed it on the table and softly said.

“Finally, he is mine.”

Asher made it back to where he was, he was standing by the crimson bridge where his first battle with Nightshadow took place.

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He heard heavy breathing below him and looked down to see Nightshadow his normal pale face was covered in bruises and blood was coming out of his mouth. Asher looked

at him but instead of hatred there was remorse. Nightshadow looked at him with tears in his eyes. He coughed up blood and whispered.

“Kill me.”

Asher looked down at Nightshadow who was lying down on the ground he was not going to end it like this he looked back into Nightshadow's eyes.

“No!”

He grabbed Nightshadow's arm and pulled him back onto his feet. Nightshadow looked at Asher in confusion Nightshadow's wing was half torn and his usual silk robe was in rags.

“Why did you let me live?”

Asher then said.

“By understanding where you came from it was easier to empathise with you. It doesn't excuse your behaviour, but it made me understand why you did what you did.

Nightshadow smiled at this.

“Maybe.”

Asher then said.

“This is not who you are. This is what your parents wanted but it's not what you want.”

Nightshadow cried.

“I don't know who I am anymore.”

Asher nodded. He cupped his father's head and whispered.

“That's okay because I know exactly how you feel.”

Asher quickly embraced Nightshadow and Nightshadow shocked by this sudden embrace, embraced him back.

“Thank you and I am very sorry my son.”

Asher looked up at Nightshadow.

“You are welcome, and I forgive you.”

Nightshadow looked at the signs of dawn streaking across the sky.

“But what about the tree of wisdom.”

Asher smiled.

“I sent my friends to go protect it so it should be fine.”

Nightshadow nodded. He looked back at the castle and back to Asher.

“We need to go inside and fetch the gemstones.”

Asher nodded.

“Can't you snap us in?”

Nightshadow lifted his hands.

“Yes, indeed I could however you did break most of my fingers.”

Asher scratched his head in embarrassment then the two headed into the castle.

“So, what did I do when I, you know, lost control.”

Nightshadow pointed to himself.

“Do you really want to know.”

Asher shook his head

“No way.”

Nightshadow smiled. They arrived at the door of the castle. Nightshadow opened the door and walked to the hallway.

“Huh I wonder where everyone is.”

Nightshadow then looked at the sprinkle of obsidian. Asher laughed.

“Adam is really not someone you would want to mess with.”

Nightshadow looked back at the obsidian and remembered when he manipulated Adam.

“I hope Adam doesn’t try and kill me when he sees me again.”

Nightshadow thought to himself. As they were walking through the black mess.

Nightshadow then asked.

“How is Adam doing if I may ask?”

Asher looked at him and spoke.

“Im not sure I managed to get him happy again after that treatment you put him through but he is not entirely himself if I can put it that way he is quiet lately and even Shadow is worried about him I just hope he doesn’t do anything rash to himself he is currently going through a lot I would leave him alone if I were you.”

Nightshadow nodded.

“I understand I only targeted him because he was the most powerful light elemental believe it or not but because of his lineage by Helios to Archangel he has some power that he hasn’t fully unlocked yet and light is fuelled by happiness so I thought if I took that away he would be much weaker but now...”

He facepalmed himself.

“Now I see the extent of the damage I did, to be fair I never knew I was capable of doing that until I saw Adam crying.”

Asher nodded.

“Thank goodness we had Magus he managed to talk to Adam, so I think that leveraged some of the pain he felt.”

Nightshadow nodded.

“But now Magus is dead thanks to me.”

Nightshadow heaved out a huge sigh.

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“I hope Adam doesn’t try and kill me once he sees me.”

Asher shook his head.

“He is not like that, well, if you try and kill me or only when it is necessary he would kill but other than that he is very kindhearted.”

Nightshadow nodded. They finally reached the door to where the throne room was and slowly opened the door. Nightshadow and Asher quickly flew up to where his room was and opened the door. Nightshadow headed towards a wall and said something in a strange tongue. The wall then opened and Nightshadow headed inside. Asher looked into the darkness, but Nightshadow was soon back with the satchel and gave it to Asher who put it onto Nightshadow’s bed. He opened it and took out all the gemstones which flew up before resting inside of Asher’s staff. The staff then glowed and turned into a pendant which at once shrunk to fit around Asher’s freckled neck. Nightshadow smiled. “It suits you.”

Asher smiled a bit. They went outside and out of the corner of Asher's eye he saw Adam and the others. Asher jumped from the balcony and quickly embraced him. Adam smiled and then said.

"Where were you?"

Asher smiled then showed everyone Nightshadow who just came down the stairs not making eye contact with anyone. Adam immediately backed away. Helios hid Adam behind him. Asher then said.

"Don't worry he is good now."

Maron then stepped forward. Nightshadow looked at his younger brother. Scars marred his brother's face and his purple hair was cut short but messy, nonetheless. They stared at each other for long. Maron then said.

"Is that so...brother?"

The word brother came out very rusty. Nightshadow nodded.

"Yes Maron."

Maron chuckled but uncomfortably.

"I always looked up to you thinking you wouldn't become what Voidus and Katniss were like to us but look at you I thought you would come into that forest and save me."

Maron then shook his head.

"But that doesn't matter now because you still need to face justice."

Helios nodded and stepped forward although Adam was still clinging onto his robe. Helios then said.

"Since he killed 625 people it's only fair that his lifespan gets decreased by 31250 years."

Maron nodded. He pushed Asher out of the way and put one finger by Nightshadow's forehead and another by his chest he then breathed in and out. A purple glow filled the room and when it faded. Nightshadow at once fainted on the floor. Helios then stepped forward and put a hand on Nightshadow. His eyes glowed white and a glow came dancing around his fingers and seeped into Nightshadow's wounds healing them. Helios then stepped back. Soon Nightshadow got up and looked at himself in awe as the pain became nonexistent. Helios stepped forward dangerously.

"You manipulated my son and now look at me his father healing you, you Nightshadow have a lot of apologies to give, and you will, and I say WILL apologise to Adam and if you refuse."

His entire being started to glow.

"You will see just what happens when you mess with a sun elemental."

Asher looked at Nightshadow who looked towards Adam. Nightshadow sighed but before he did. Asher whispered into Helios's ear.

"Let me just say that Nightshadow infiltrated Adam's dreams and manipulated him into thinking I didn't love him so that his happiness dissipates but thankfully I managed to get his happiness back."

Helios then turned to Nightshadow.

"When you apologise you will not lay a finger on him."

Nightshadow nodded. He knelt down so him and Adam were face to face. His green eyes meeting Adam's blue. He then said.

"Adam, I am very sorry for ever doing those horrible things to you."

Adam hesitated he opened his mouth to speak but no words came out he took a deep breath in and spoke.

"I-I do t know if I can forgive you, you did do some horrible things to me."

Nightshadow nodded.

"I understand."

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Eloise turned to face Asher. Asher looked towards Nightshadow and then to Adam.

"How did you guys manage to protect the tree of wisdom?"

Adam smiled then turned to Shadow who said.

"It was not easy."

Shadow continued.

"So, we went to the swamps to get Cypress and Adam was being all wimpy about it because he totally didn't have anything against him."

He smiled mischievously at Adam who just rolled his eyes and sighed. Shadow then carried on.

"So, we went to the fireplace, but he was gone we then wanted to turn around and leave but he immediately jump scared us Lighty boy here being the scaredy cat that he is jumped up so high he might as well have set a world record, and he hid behind me."

Adam clenched a fist at Shadow. Shadow smiled and gave a wink. Adam smiled and let Shadow carry on talking.

"So lighty boy hid behind me and Cypress greeted us with his usual sup kids greeting I told him what happened and that we needed him. So, we got to where Maron was, and it turns out that it was a diversion."

Nightshadow looked at Shadow in confusion.

"How is that possible though? I specifically told Krystallos and Benjamin to go to the tree of wisdom."

Maron approached Nightshadow

"Why do you sound so disappointed about this?"

Everyone looked towards Nightshadows direction. Nightshadow then said.

"I am not disappointed, Im just confused at how they could get a simple instruction so wrong."

Eloise chuckled.

"I do recall they're being a library shaped like a tree called the tree of wisdom although it is quite far from the actual tree of wisdom."

Adam then said

"Guys shouldn't we try and focus on getting rid of the other Voidlastings?"

Nightshadow nodded at this. Asher then said.

"Adams right guys."

He then turned to Nightshadow who was looking at his newly healed fingers and bat like wings in awe.

"How many Voidlastings did you recruit?"

Nightshadow looked to the sky as if in thought.

"About 1000 why?"

Shadow then said.

"Small number we can beat em easily."

Nightshadow then said

"Who said we need to beat them?"

Maron interrupted

"How else are we supposed to defeat you guys?"

Nightshadow smiled

"Brother when I killed mother and father, I asked one of the sages to fuse their gemstones together. I then took it and placed it on a fallen branch and with the gemstones I have been able to manipulate the minds of dark elementals to join my force."

Helios then added on.

"So only light and umbral elementals will be able to destroy it?"

Nightshadow nodded

"Correct but the Umbrals are extinct, but rumour has it that one umbral is still alive."

Shadow interrupted suddenly

"So where can we find this gemstone?"

Nightshadow said

"Its at the heart of the Shadowlands but I will warn you that I placed a dracornian to guard it."

Shadow looked to Adams direction

"Do you know what a dracornian is?"

Adam nodded

"A dracornian is a mix between a unicorn and dragon the unicorn part of them gives them an infinite amount of knowledge however the dragon part makes them..."

Shadow interrupted

"Yea I think we get the drift."

Asher who ignored Shadow said.

"Carry on Adam."

Adam nodded

"The dragon part of them makes them very ferocious and not someone who you would want to mess with."

Nightshadow nodded.

"That is correct I have tasked the Dracornian to give three riddles in exchange for the gemstone, but I must warn you I made the riddles exceptionally challenging and if you get a riddle wrong the Dracornian will kill you."

Everyone looked to Adams direction who immediately backed away.

"Oh no I am not going to face the dracornian I may be good at problem solving but when it comes to riddles, I am terrible."

Helios smiled deviously

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"Sure, you are not exceptionally good even tho you can solve 100 riddles correctly in a row."

Nightshadow responded

"Then its settled Adam you shall take on the Dracornian."

Adam backed away

"How do I know this isn't a plot to get rid of me so you can take Asher?"

Nightshadow sighed

"You wouldn't know that but even then, Asher would win against me."

Eloise commented

"Nightshadow, I don't think this is an appropriate time to say that."

Nightshadow immediately shrugged and backed away. Adam scowled. Eloise then turned to Adam who looked down. She then said.

"Just remember that we will be here for you."

Adam smiled a bit then with a determined look on his face he turned to Nightshadow who was busy playing with his dagger in his hand then he said in a voice that still had some shakiness in it.

"Lead the way."

Nightshadow smiled and put his dagger back in its sheath. They exited out of the throne room and into the wide corridors and headed downstairs to where the front doors were. Nightshadow opened the doors with telekinesis and walked across the bridge that covered the 10-kilometre moat. The others were following behind him. He then turned left and walked towards the trapdoor. Asher, Adam, and Shadow just glanced at the place in disgust. Then they walked on towards 5 stone pillars in the middle was a pentagram where the staff with the gemstone was. Asher looked to Adam who flickered violently.

"Asher, I don't know if I can do this?"

Asher turned to Adam.

"Who said you have to do this alone?"

Adam smiled. He remembered saying this to Asher when he first went to go face the Voidlastings when he thought of how Asher came out of the battle, he regained his confidence. He stood up straight, but he then asked Asher.

"If I get a question wrong you guys will come and help?"

Asher nodded

"In any way possible."

He hugged Adam and then Adam said.

"Thank you."

Nightshadow said

"We are here."

Adam looked at the place in awe but got a fright when he saw the dracornian. It had a blue body, blue eyes with a yellow pattern on the outside, a curled unicorn horn, feathered wings with yellow feathers, claws, and a long furry tail. It spoke but without moving its mouth

"Who dares cross my path?"

Nightshadow stepped in

"Would you be so kind as to give me that gem?"

The dracornian laughed

"Nightshadow, you know the drill send me your best troops to answer my three riddles then you may have the gemstone."

Nightshadow pushed Adam forward.

"Go!"

Adam glanced back at Nightshadow then he faced the dracornian with fear in his eyes.

The dracornian scoffed

"You are no match little boy."

He laughed. Adam quivered.

"We shall see."

The Dracornian began to get serious.

"Here are the rules. You are not allowed to converse with your friends. If you get a riddle wrong, I will kill you."

Adam gulped. Nightshadow walked up to him.

"We will protect you from death."

Helios also came up to him.

"You have Chronos, Shadow, Nightshadow, Eloise and Maron."

Adam regained his confidence and firmly looked up into the Dracornians eyes.

"Let's begin."

The Dracornian smiled

"First riddle, the more places I be the less you can see, what am I?"

Adam looked up and immediately answered

"Darkness!"

The Dracornian said

"Correct, second riddle, I last forever, and you might have too much or too little of me what am I?"

Adam looked up.

"Time"

The Dracornian said.

"Correct however the last question is impossible."

The Dracornian laughed

"Your life is mine!"

Adam shook his head, but he started to sweat. The Dracornian said.

"I cannot be, but I am your biggest fear What am I?"

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Adam looked to the ground and started stressing. Asher saw this and went besides Adam while holding his pendant.

"There is a much easier way out of this."

Adam shook his head. Adam stepped back.

"Alright."

Adam then said to the Dracornian

"The answer is failure."

The Dracornian nodded. Then a red aura glowed around his horn and around the gemstone. He handed it to Adam. He took it and fled with the others away from the Dracornian. Asher asked

"How was failure the answer?"

Adam smiled

"One only fails if one does not try, and failure is my biggest fear."

They ran back to the dark castle. As soon as they stopped. Helios then said.

"There is a certain sun formation that can be used to separate the two gems from each other."

Nightshadow nodded.

"Sun element alone wont help us destroy the gemstone we are going to need help from a metal elemental!"

Shadow groaned

"The only metal elemental I know is Cypress and he is in the swamps doing who knows what!"

Nightshadow smiled at Shadow

"Do you remember that person who threw you guys in the bedrock dungeons?"

Shadow nodded. Nightshadow then called out.

"Aphelios!"

Then like a lion a cloaked figure rushed up to Nightshadow and bowed down low.

"Yes, master how can I help you?"

Nightshadow said

"Aphelios, I need you to pair up with Helios and destroy that gemstone."

Aphelios nodded. He turned to Helios and immediately walked up to him. Helios then turned to the gemstone and stretched his hand out. Aphelios did the same. He coated the gemstone in mercury. Helios then hit it with a flash of light. Then the gemstone exploded in a sonic boom. The wither and darkness that surrounded the place turned into light and life. Everyone who was under the gemstone spell finally regained there consciousness. Although they couldn't remember the events that took place during their hypnosis. All except for Aphelios. Helios asked Nightshadow.

"Why does Aphelios seem unaffected by the breakage of the spell?"

Nightshadow responded.

"Because he is from the grave and now, I shall send him back to continue his rest."

Then he waved his hand and Aphelios vanished. Eloise looked at the place in awe.

"Even the most destroyed of places can regain its beauty."

Asher nodded. He was thinking of what Magus would think if he were to see the beauty that came back to this place. Maron squeezed Shadows shoulder. Shadow smiled.

Maron then said.

"After all of this I say we deserve a little rest."

Everyone nodded. Maron then continued.

"My camp isn't too far from here its about hours walk."

However, Nightshadow seemed to have other thoughts he then said.

"Oh, who wants to sleep in a dirty camp we have a castle we can sleep in!"

Maron rolled his eyes then he said

"Let's cast a vote whoever wants to sleep in the castle say aye."

Everyone at once said

"Aye."

Even Shadow agreed much to Marons disappointment. They all walked inside with Nightshadow leading the way. They walked through to the room with the stain glass windows. Nightshadow pointed upstairs.

"Those are the six bedrooms."

So, everyone made their way up to the rooms although only four rooms were occupied, Adam and Helios, Nightshadow and Asher, Maron and Shadow, Eloise. They all said there good nights to each other and went into their rooms. Shadow threw himself on the bed that Maron was already sitting on. Shadow looked at Maron playfully. He spread his feathered black wings and jumped on Marons back. Shadow then said

"You aren't mad at me for choosing the castle, right?"

Shadow said. Maron said

"Im a little mad but also a bit relieved at the same time."

Shadow then lay down

"Goodnight Dad."

Maron looked over at him

"Goodnight Shadow."

Then they both went to sleep, however in dreams peace was never a choice for Shadow.