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## It has begun

Wielding the battle sword with its right claw, the great roc bird glides in the open sky from the high Wolfrock Mountains to the training soil of LAUREAN, with no master in sight!

Gazing up in the sky and covering his eyes from the daylight of the star, a Master speaks to its Disciple!

Kaido: Hey Rukh... I think that birdy wants to visit us!

Rukh: What bird?

The disciple gazes upon the skies with confusion in his eyes. Rukh sees no bird. He calmly turns around to his back to inspect the whole sky. Rukh's pupils dilate! The disciple does not move! He sees an ENORMOUS feathered creature in the sky! Within a sudden movement, the mighty creature descends to the two humans!

The ROC BIRD is greater in size than any other on PANGAEA. Its height exceeds the one of humans! It is powerfully built. Its feathers wear a dark brown. Its hooked beak and claws are of dark shade. The Roc approaches the RedShields! It seems that it was looking for them.

The creature's claws touch the ground! It pulls its wide wings around its body, as it does not need them to fly anymore! It stands there and gazes upon the two humans. The RedShields wear the black armor and gray vambraces! The creature waits.

Kaido, of RED canton, of SHIELD profession, goes to the creature. He slowly tries to reach, with his hand, the roc's beak. Kaido gazes in the bird's eyes with compassion by his side and no fear in his heart! The bird accepts Kaido's presence! In a humble manner, the bird approaches Kaido and with the top of its head, it reaches and touches Kaido as a sign of trust.

Kaido: I think it doesn't have bad intentions...

Rukh: Don't stay too close... it might hiccup and eat you by mistake!

Kaido: Hah... yeah right! What would a roc bird do with an ashdion blade?

Rukh: I don't know, but that sword doesn't belong to him!

Rukh approaches the mighty ROC! His focus is on his breathing! Rukh kneels one leg and puts his hand on the sword! His eyes never leave the creature! There is great tension in the spirit of the disciple! The Roc bird has a steady gaze! The great bird sees Rukh and senses its intention! It is not a hostile one. It releases the grab of its claw, allowing Rukh to take the sword.

Rukh RedShield grabs the sword and takes it slowly. The releasing claw has a **bangle!**

Rukh: He seems to have a master...

Rukh takes a closer look at the bangle.

Rukh: It has a white anklet with a green circle and a name drawn. Its name is Rocco!

Kaido: Let's see who his master is!

Kaido glides his fingers on his vambrace and a holographic-image-representation appears. A semi-visible table made from light appears! Kaido enters some information.

Kaido: GreenCircle. Disciple: Rocco.

Offering the message, the VAMBRACE displays holographic information about the roc bird and its master.

Kaido: So... Rocco is Nickalen GreenCircle's disciple.

Kaido takes a more inspective gaze at the roc bird. It is clean. It is healthy. It is taken care of!

Rukh: Kind of weird seeing a southern state-2 spirit here in LAUREAN!

Kaido caresses the bird's feathers and gives Rocco something to eat. The roc bird observes the kind gesture and accepts the offering!

Kaido: Thank you Rocco, this is a very rare and powerful item you brought us!

Rocco's mission has been fulfilled! The bird moves away from the RedShields. It spreads its wings. They are so wide they block the sight to the Mountains! Kaido and Rukh move backwards a few steps! Rocco waves its wings! It measures the air passing through its feathers! The wave leaves a powerful wind behind! Kaido and Rukh feels the mighty force! The roc bird makes a great push with its wings and raises! The bird flies away!

The RedShields gazes upon the roc bird as it leaves.

Kaido: Beautiful creature that Rocco fella!

Rukh: Yeah... too bad he ran away; I was kind of hungry...

Master Kaido turns his sight towards his disciple.

Kaido: ... If he wasn't trained... you would have been in his beak right now!

Kaido knows Rukh was being humorous, but as a Master, he prefers to limit the humor, when he is in the presence of disciples! Typical for a master RedShield! When with disciples, the **seriousness** of the danger is above humor.

Rukh: I wasn't serious master...

Holding the green ashdion blade in his hands, admiring its emerald aspect, a question is raised!

Rukh: Master Kaido, why are there only **twelve** of these kinds of weapons allowed on **PANGAEA**?

Kaido: That, my friend...

Kaido points, with his hand, to the sword.

Kaido: ... is the rarest and most powerful material in this **star system**. It has only been able to be mined in the heart of the Olympus Mountain back on **MARS**. The number symbolizes the High RedShields who participated in the galactic war, millions of years ago.

Rukh: But every RedShield who had completed their training is rewarded with a combat ashdion knife, yes?

Kaido: I completed my training, but I am not allowed to bring ashdion on **PANGAEA**. My weapon remains on **MARS**! The blade is imperishable, resistant to any forms of degradations! It can cut almost through anything and its destruction doesn't come with ease!

Amazed by the might of the sword and filled with wonder of what capabilities the GreenSquare blacksmiths must have to forge such a grace of a weapon, Rukh dares to question their reason!

Rukh: We shoot plasma, bolts of intense energy, from our upper vambrace! This weapon is primitive! We don't win wars with this brute, nonessential approach! But yet, it is forbidden! Yet, anyone can spar with it!

Kaido: Why would a GreenCircle spar with it? He completed his White Training many years ago... One might ask, why does a Green practice the **Shield arts**?

Rukh: Green canton... they don't know the arts of war!

Kaido: Every graduate of White Training knows discipline, self-care, hand-to-hand combat, survival, weapon knowledge and use!

Rukh: ... but not the strategic approach of a **Red!**

Kaido: Check his history.

Sliding his finger on the vambrace, Rukh searches for Nickalen of GREEN canton, of CIRCLE profession! The RedShield is shown a holographic representation of Nickalen's physical aspect. Rukh sees the height is medium, the eyes are light green, the hair is brown. There is also information regarding Nickalen's kin and his training history.

Rukh: His father is Ryan RedShield! He is a High Red back on **MARS**, and Nickalen completed RedShield training being the top of his unit!

Kaido: Yet, he is a GreenCircle!

Slightly confused, and annoyed with Nickalen's decisions, Rukh replies.

Rukh: I don't like him. His **ikigai** leads him to the Red Canton!

Kaido: The IKIGAI of one individual is decided by that particular individual!

Sliding far to Nickalen's training history, Rukh observes that the GreenCircle had only **younglings** as disciples. WhiteCircles!

The RedShield remembers he has an assignment! To give WhiteCircles a Master!

Rukh: Is it time to suggest a new disciple? A WhiteCircle with phase-1 White Training already completed? An **adolescent**?

Kaido checks his vambrace for a closer observation of Nickalen's **master-disciple** background.

Kaido: We might suggest a new disciple...

Rukh: There is Veon, Palacia, Azur, Zaia ...

Scrolling down the displayed holographic list, Rukh finds what he considers a suitable match.

Rukh: Zaia, from AZLAN... she might be appropriate. Her parents are both in the Green Canton, she would fit just right!

Kaido: Azur, from the KUMARI will do.

Rukh inspects Azur's kin information. He is not pleased with Kaido's choice.

Rukh: What!? Why? He has Blue Canton parents!

Confused and slightly defiant, Rukh questions his fellow Shield's decision. Kaido speaks his reason!

Kaido: Diversity! One might not learn new things while being surrounded by the same environment

Rukh: I don't agree! If the boy truly wishes to be a Blue, he will need all the...

Kaido interrupts Rukh.

Kaido: ... if he truly wishes to be a Blue, he will not be influenced so easy to change. Your RedShield master, do you think he chose the Red Canton after he completed his White Training?

Rukh: Boran is a High RedShield! You don't reach that potential without dedication!

Kaido: Look here...

The training history of Boran, of RED canton, of SHIELD proficiency, appears on the hologram from Kaido's vambrace. He calmly presents it to Rukh.

Kaido: He started as a BlackSquare... In the starfighter developing science unit. He built space combat crafts... C2Vs!

With confusion in his eyes and a brief of skepticism, Rukh replies.

Rukh: Didn't imagine him being a Square...

The hologram is gazed with eyes of unclarity by Rukh! He does not understand how the roads of decisions have led Boran to become a RedShield! Kaido senses Rukh's confusion and offered some enlightenment.

Kaido: Then, he became a BlackCircle! He started flying them... and soon after, he decided he wanted to fight with them! Maybe his ikigai is not being a great leader but being a **great combat space fighter** with leadership qualifications

Rukh: I understand... the journey... not the destination

Kaido: Precise. Let's assign Azur WhiteCircle to Nickalen GreenCircle. The rest I trust you to give them suitable masters!

Kaido gazes upon Rukh with eyes of trust and friendship! Each, with their right hand, grip the right forearm of the other as a sign of agreement and respect!

Rukh: Will you take the sword to the sanctuary?

Kaido: Yes, I will deal with the blade. You make sure the adolescents have their masters by the next day. White Training is coming in one lunar rotation!

With a friendly mock, Rukh replies to Kaido.

Rukh: Make sure you don't get robbed by some wild sparrow!

Kaido moves his sight to the sky and gazes at it! The sky is clean and blue! Kaido smiles, knowing the planet they live on is a safe world!

Kaido: Don't worry, the Black Knight is always watching!

A watchful protector orbits around the planet somewhere in the dark sky! It is unseen by the sight of human eyes, but it is out there! The Black Knight satellite!

Kaido begins to calmly walk away from his standing spot. Rukh joins Kaido in his walk.

Not too near them, there are some **speeders**. A name given to a hover craft with use for one pilot! The craft can travel on low-height, open-air territory. It constantly monitors the core pulling force of the planet and emits an opposite signature of that gravity, making it **LEVITATE**. It is small in size and easy to maneuver! It has constant safety check with an emergency STOP if impact seems imminent, without transferring the energy force through the pilot! A perfect traveling craft that can be used by anyone who wishes to.

In their walk to the speeders, Kaido puts the emerald blade in a sheath and, with curiosity, asks a question.

Kaido: This is your last year in the RedShield training?

Rukh: Yes, the **final training** will begin soon, it is said it challenges all the qualities of a RedShield, to see if we are truly meant to be one!

With a slight of sorrow in his eyes, Kaido offers some guidance.

Kaido: It will be a long, hard task to fulfil. Don't let feelings darken your judgment... **Mission before emotions!**

Rukh: Thank you master Kaido for advice! I will not fail!

Kaido: Is your wolf growing well?

Rukh: YES!

With bliss in his words, Rukh praises his dear disciple.

Rukh: She has grown beautiful and strong; very discipline and kind. We quite formed a bond. I never thought we would stand each other!

Kaido: Yeah... wolves don't like receiving orders, but they are the most disciplined state-2 spirits in this system. What is her name?

Rukh: Ryal!

The RedShields have reached the speeders. Kaido climbs on one of them. He puts the blade in a safe positioning. Kaido puts his right hand to the back of his armor. He takes something from his back. Something that appears to be a **MASK!** The mask has two round glass pieces, positioned for the eyes! The glass has a dim red color! The mask corresponds with the blackness of the armor and its material!

Kaido puts the mask on his face! From the mask's left and right edges, it can be stretched! The edge's elastic composition allows Kaido to stretch it to the back of his head! At his back, he connects, with both of his hands, the two edges of the mask as if he ties them together! Kaido releases the bind and puts his hands on the handles! The mask has become a HELMET! It is good for traveling. Best for combat!

Kaido: Don't forget... **Mission before emotions!**

Kaido twists the handle and the speeder accelerates! It gains momentum! Kaido leaves Rukh and rides away to the closest sanctuary near Wallrock Mountains!

## The dawn of the star

Dark clouds embrace the lands and peaks near Waterdeep. Something carves a path! A golden shimmering ray sneaks through the clouds. Rising from below, the ray brings its source! It brings its vast fire **GLOBE!** It changes the dark sky to orange to dark yellow. It begins to heat up **PANGAEA!**

Highlands, Mountains, Fields, filled by abundance with all nature's gifts, welcome the **STAR's** arrival.

Passing the horizon, the ray reaches the shore of a nearby lake. The young glow of dawn gracefully moves from the calm water of the lake to a trembling one, near a falling cascade. The ray ascends the waterfall! The curious light reaches the upper lands and enters an opening in the rocks. It enters a cave and meets a hammock! Inside it, the ray shines upon the closed eyes of a young beauty.

Oona: Of... go away...

The young woman moves and turns on the side facing the inside of the cave. She does not want the awakening light to disturb her! She acknowledged the presence of daylight! She enters an interior debate!

“Ah... the longer I stay the harder will be to wake up... “.

Then, she opens her eyes wide and decides!

“Let's get up!”

One leg leaves the hammock and touches the cold floor of the cave. The other leg follows, and the young woman leaves the hammock behind! She gently walks out of the cave with no clothing!

Oona embraces the morning shine! In her right, the water from a river falls to a careless deep lake! From above, where she stands, the lake can entirely be seen! The shore of the lake is surrounded by a lush verdant land with hills and valleys! To her left, Oona can slightly see, from afar, a **sanctuary!** The place of safety is situated between the craggy mountains of Wallrock!

The young woman feels the pleasant warmth of the daylight! The rocky chill under her toes! The breeze that grasp her uncovered body! Oona takes a deep breath.

And DIVES!

Oona hits and enters the water of the lake! She comes out with her head and wears a smile! She enjoys the not too cold water! The temperature is ideal! She moves her long dark hair away from her sight and to her back.

Oona sees a **tree** in the middle of the lake! The roots of the tree cannot be seen! They are underneath! Its trunk stretches into beautiful branches! They are covered with vivid yellowish leaves and they hold round shape fruits!

The young woman goes to the tree!

In her swim to the fruits, she looks for a hanged bag near the shore of the land. There are many trees on the land with many branches! As she arrives in the middle of the lake, she sees the branch holding her bag with her clothes inside! Oona is relieved that the bag is still where she left it and she does not have to go naked home!

The tree in the middle of the lake is not an ordinary tree! But it provides shade! And Oona can gaze upon the yellowish fruits, without being bothered by the daylight of the star! The fruits are round in shape and gold of color! She hops from the water and grabs one!

The AMRITA fruit holds all the vitamins and nutrients a body needs for half a day. This amazing trait is a gift from the ipanroot.

Oona takes a bite! She eats the fruit! She then grabs another two fruits and throws them to the near shore, where the tree holding her bag is! After finishing her morning meal, she swims to the shore!

With a suspicious gaze in her eyes, she attentively studies the place and walks carefully out of the lake! She hopes no one sees her without clothes! She arrives at the tree holding the bag! She reaches for the bag and grabs it! Oona takes down the bag and grabs a towel from inside and uses it to dry herself!

Inside the bag, there lies the **armor**! It is a black fabric with many armor plates! It is soft at touch and hard at impact! It absorbs the incoming force and it disperses the energy before returning to its flexible state! The armor gives comfort as well as protection!

Oona puts the armor on her body. On her left chest, the black armor has a symbol of a blue wave! She puts her feet inside the boots and takes the last pieces from the bag! The **gray vambraces**!

A vambrace for each forearm! A high tribute given from the Black Canton!  
A tribute for everyone who completes their phase-3 White Training!

Fully equip, she looks around, searching for her big hairy friend.

Oona: Bolt... BOLT!

The BlueWave loudly calls her disciple! With two fingers, she whistles for him!

After a short time, a large heavy presence comes out of the woods. Walking on four legs, massive with a split horn in the front, the brontotherium beast approaches.

Oona approaches the beast and caresses it! She smiles and offers it an amrita fruit!

Oona: Where were you? You fat slacker. Come on, we must reach the sanctuary!

The beast eats the fruit and bends its knees. It lies down. Oona climbs on the back of the brontotherium. She strongly grabs Bolt's back fur and they ride through the woods! They head to the sanctuary!

They follow a route! They rejoice the peaceful lands of LAUREAN! They traverse the ever so ancient, yet full of life arbors which nest other little neighbors on their branches! Filled with gratefulness, Oona gently touches the brown trunk of the tree. She glides her palm as the brontotherium walks by.

Oona: Dear Bolt, today we check the waters! We bring new rivers to our nature friends!

The two travelers come out from the woods. They leave the forest behind! A deep stretch of green meadow welcomes them! As they ride along the grassland, Oona observes a dry ditch filled with small rocks! She turns her sight to her back! She looks behind and sees that the narrow channel extends to the woods! She turns her sight ahead and she observes that the ditch continues to the sanctuary!

The BlueWave slides her fingers to her vambrace. A three-dimensional holographic representation of the planet appears. A globe with all its great lands and waters appear! On the hologram map, a tiny red dot slowly blinks! It indicates her location! Oona zooms in with her fingers. She observes something. The ditch connects the mountains with the sanctuary!

Oona: Whoa ... great work, Greens!

Pleased with the achievement of the Green Canton, Oona enthusiastically caresses Bolt!

Oona: This journey might not be so long, dear Bolt. We will return to ANDEAN quite soon!

The BlueWave closes the hologram map. She sees ahead the stone sanctuary cramped between the mountains.

Oona: Come on, we're getting close!

As they travel throughout the grassland, they stop for a brief moment and admire the majestic sight of the sanctuary! She gazes upon the construct from a clearer angle. Far ahead, there stands a great **stone construction** almost as high as the mountains surrounding it!

Oona taps Bolt and the two continue their travel!

Oona: Don't let the sight comfort you Bolt; we are not there yet. The sanctuary is huge... it only seems near...

As they reach the end of the route, they encounter the great mountains of Wallrock! Behind one great peak, there lies the mighty sanctuary! They continue their travel and reach the stone construction!

As they approach the place, Oona bends her neck to her back and calmly taps Bolt to slow down! She cannot see the full sanctuary anymore! It now covers all her sight.

The SANCTUARY! It is a tremendous truncated cone that has limestone as its shell! It is divided into twelve layers forming a ziggurat. Each layer is wider than the one above it. The smallest layer is on the highest point and the largest one is UNDERNEATH. Its smaller layer serves as stone armor for the GENERATOR – an antenna which disperses waves for **communication** and **energy formation** purposes. It is powered by the ENERGY STATION situated in the underground layer. The largest layer, situated underground, is the **life source** of the sanctuary! It can be used for refuge if disaster occurs! It has an escape tunnel that connects the undergrounds gardens.

The sanctuary is a great home for anyone who wishes a place of rest and stay.

Oona enters the sanctuary! She leaves Bolt outside the hangar. The BlueWave sees many people involved in many different activities! Some are working on the starfighters. Others are transporting machinery on hover carts. Some ascend the stone stairs or enter the lifts to go to the upper layers. The upper layers hold hundreds of chambers with all the necessities a person needs.

As Oona approaches the center of the hangar, she notices there is an engravement on the floor! On the center of the sanctuary's floor, there is an