

**IASC 3P04 Part 2: Short Story**

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**Title: The Tragedy of the Staggered Village**

**Key Information:**

## Landmarks

- Araxies
- Preca
- Dark Neukrea
- Willsden (village)
- Eoinric Peak (main castle)

## Characters

- Randoul (Protagonist)
- Dravks (main villain)
- Eldl (Dravks acid dragon)

**Exposition:** The planet plunged into a blackhole after its original universe's 2 suns collided, which created a giant explosive pull. Which knocked the planet into its universe's blackhole and took it to another dimension. When it came out the otherside, a portion of the Araxies was turned into darkness. Araxies was a lively continent, it was known as the central beacon of its universe, kind of like the sun is for most other planets. Araxies is habitable by a great array of species. It was said to be the most prosperous planet, with trees and other natural elements being able to grow by themselves without water. In Araxies, Willsden is the village that began building 52 years after the blackhole event. The village was made up of knights, farmers, artists and stonemasons.

**Rising Action:** Randoul grew up as an outcast in his village called Willsden, he was raised by the family known as the Chesters for his whole life. He would go to school till the age of 14 years old, then join the knights core, when he became of age. By the age of 16 he was known as one of the best swordsmen in the village, but when he and his unit were out on a scouting mission. They returned to their village, engulfed in flames and smoke. The goblins attacked when they were away. Randoul, enraged by this, takes off at night when the village is rebuilding. In the dark of night, Randoul notices goblin footprints in the dirt when they arrive in the village. So he finds the direction that they went home in. He realizes once he reaches close to the end of Preca that these tracks were leading into the Neaukrea ShadowLands. And from the stories he heard from when he was a kid, he knew the dangers of this place, and he knew the darkness that dwelled within it.

**Climax:** Randoul enters the Neaukrea Shadow Lands and after walking for only 15 minutes, he is attacked by a goblin scout group. He gets stabbed in his right shoulder, but he keeps fighting and manages to kill them all off. And continues to push on. He passes multiple lava volcanoes that spit out lava into the sky when they erupt. And these aren't regular, like volcanoes that don't erupt very often. These will erupt multiple times throughout the day and if it starts to rain acid

then that will trigger the volcano to begin erupting constantly until the acid rain stops. Randoul continues on and finds himself entering the inner lands of Neaukrea, and it begins to rain acid, he uses his shield to cover himself from the acid rain. A sandstorm also begins to pick up pretty close to Randoul, and it begins to toss acid at his whole body. And at this point, he needs to keep pushing forward until he can find someplace to campout in. Since his armor will only protect him against it for so long. He notices through the crevice of his shield that a volcano is up ahead, but it has some sort of cave hole in the side of it. Once he gets into the cave, he takes a look around and realizes that he is alone. So he ends up camping there for the night since the acid rain continued all throughout the rest of the day. He finally sees the main castle of the Drekes named, Eoinric Peak. Randoul walks down the spiky/lava stairs, so he can reach the gates of the castle. On his way down, he also hears the dragons that are being held within the castle. He sneaks down the backside of the castle, since the castle is placed in a sort of crater on the planet. Randoul uses his rope that he tosses up to the top of the castle, which allows him to climb his way to the top of the castle. He sees 2 guards coming towards him across the board walk. So he hides behind a metal barrel of dragon lava. And when they come close to his position, he kills both of them. By stabbing one of them and dunking the other in the lava dragon barrel. He continues on taking out the guards one by one and still not being noticed. Randoul holds his right shoulder and realizes that he got banged up pretty good. He finally gets to the underground arena, where he sees Dravks (The head of the Drekes) in the pit with his dragon Eldl. Randoul starts to head to the stairs where all the civilians would be sitting and calls out Dravks name. He acknowledges him and so does Eldl, who gives off an acid scream which spits out acid into the sky. Randoul pulls the shield off of his back to block some of the acid from Eldl. And jumps down into the pit. They engaged in talks about what happened with the village. Dravks acts like he doesn't know, but after a while admits that it wasn't him personally who did it. Since acid would have been everywhere instead of fire, he said that he gave the order to his goblins to take the other dragons and burn Willsden to the ground. This is when Randoul pulls his mask down and pulls out his sword. Dravks climbs on top of his dragon Eldl. And they begin to duel. Randoul ends up coming out on top by killing Dravks and Eldl. But he did not get out unscaved, he was poisoned by Dravks sword from the battle due to Dravks plunging it into his left leg.

**Falling Action:** Randoul takes one of their horses and begins to ride home. He realizes the poison is starting to take a hold of him. And is going through his body like a snake through the grass. Since it entered his left leg during the battle. It has now spread to his chest. He fell off his horse from the strong winds that came through Neukrea. But he gets back up and keeps on riding back to Preca, he is already halfway there. Once he finally enters Preca he begins to lose control of his horse once again and begins to feel numb throughout his body. The knight falls off again, but this time he falls completely off, and his horse continues running into the distance. He goes into a deep sleep and wakes up later on in the night. Randoul rises to his feet, drops his shield to lose some weight, and continues to hobble home on foot.

**Resolution:** He finally enters the shiny new gate of his village and sees that the village has been rebuilt, with stronger fortifications and walls. This would make it easier for them to defend against dragon attacks if they ever come back. He sees, out of the corner of his eye, his knight commander and his mother come running to his aid. As he collapses on the floor. He wakes up a few days later, realizing what is happening to his body, since all the adrenaline is gone. And looks down to see his body begin to deteriorate. He has his mother on the side of his bed and lots of the other villagers. As he lets out his final words, Dravks is gone.....