**Introduction**

The first event of the story.

Nn’s Arrival

* Nn, in his natural form, wanders the universe. Time moves quickly, galaxies spinning and colliding.
* With a wave of his arms, Nn slows time down. The galaxies all but stop.
* He approaches a sun-like star.
* He holds a chunk of asteroid in his hand, examining it.
* Lifting it above his head, Nn pours energy into it.
* The asteroid balloons with mass, forming an entire planet.
* Nn flies across the planet many times, blue and green swathes of plantlife following him.
* Oceans fill and the planet’s atmosphere forms.
* Nn surveys his work, shifting mountains and carving rivers.

Creation of the Gods

* Nn lands on the planet in the plains of the largest continent.
* His hand waves, and glowing energy from his body extends, breaks away, and forms four humanoids.
* Their eyes open, one by one, glowing white as their bodies fade to a mute gray.
* Nn gestures to the side, and they all turn to look.
* In the distance, a gargantuan temple of stone rises, shaking the ground.
* Nn vanishes.
* The Elemental Gods stand still for a moment.
* One of them takes off towards the temple, running quickly. The others follow.
* As they run, their bodies attach to matter in different ways.
* The one in the lead, Lor, attaches to wind and takes the lead by far.
* Just behind, Vilnis also attaches to the air, but in his fervor ignites it, forming fire.
* Lagging behind, Mezo latches on to water in the air, learning to slide on the ice beneath them.
* At the back, Relnor stomps along, dirt and rocks building him up to become gigantic.
* Lor arrives at the temple and flies into one of the massive, mountain-sized openings.
* Vilnis nears, but as he does, the temple’s openings slam shut instantly.
* The temple stands still in the aftershocks, and the Elemental Gods outside look up, confused.

Settlement

* Centuries have passed. The Elemental Gods have formed tribes separate from one another.
* Relnor rules the massive central desert and badlands, having become mountainous but nearly unmoving.
* Hordes of Earth Elementals build roads and large shelters.
* Mezo rules the shores and the greater oceans. He moves as a typhoon rising from the ocean to the clouds.
* Water Elementals form shimmering cities under the ocean on the continental shelf. They venture inland for the white stone they value so deeply.
* Vilnis is secluded to a volcanic region in the northeast. In the pit of the largest caldera, he seethes.
* Fire Elementals build no shelters or infrastructure. They simply war and burn all that they can, without a thought. Vilnis creates more and more, and the beings pour from the rim of the volcano.

Corruption

* As Vilnis pours out Fire Elementals, he wages endless skirmishes with Relnor’s Earth Elementals.
* Vilnis’ troops are pushed back once again.
* A misty figure appears before Vilnis and beckons him near.
* The figure enters a large cave and Vilnis follows.
* The cave deepens and becomes extremely thin in areas.
* Vilnis and the figure are able to squeeze through due to their amorphous properties.
* Vilnis reaches a sea of molten rock beneath the surface, but the misty figure is nowhere to be found.
* Suddenly, the figure latches on to Vilnis from behind.
* Dark tendrils course through the Fire God’s figure, forming a skeleton of charcoal.
* The assailant attempts to control Vilnis’ body, but the Fire God resists.
* With a massive burst of flame, the figure is thrown out.
* In a flash, the figure escapes through the cracks of the earth.
* Vilnis is left with the charcoal skeleton, and attempts to chase after the assassin.
* His bones crack and shatter as he attempts to fit through the cracks. They reform, but it is agonizing.
* After years, Vilnis returns to the surface. Endless pain has driven his seething hatred into pure madness.
* New Fire Elementals are borne from Vilnis, bearing the same charcoal support structure.
* Vilnis grows to great sizes, burning matter now adding to his form.
* The mad god sits in his searing caldera, four monstrous arms holding his burning body aloft as Fire Elementals pour forth like never before.