**Queen’s Rise, Nueka’s Recovery**

* Nueka, dubbed the Mad God or the Raging God by tribal Neranoids, wanders aimlessly around the continent. Destruction follows him.
* Lintyr meets Queen after escaping into a secure underground colony of Earth Neranoids. The two work to wake Relnor under the guidance of the Neranoid leader.
* Lintyr and Queen discover the Neranoid leader is a fraud, and leave the colony. They travel northwest together, Queen beginning to explain some of her past.
  + Music Inspiration
    - Artist: Linkin Park
    - Song: Hit The Floor
* Queen establishes a settlement in the northwest forests. She begins creating golems imbued with will to perform tasks for her, as well as further her study of crystals.
* Nueka falls into a hibernation state in the freezing north. He is buried under layers of snow.
* Queen and Lintyr establish a connection. Lintyr’s aging ceases, and she gains much greater control over lightning. The connection takes the form of a crystal embedded in the back of her right hand. As Queen’s settlement grows, Lintyr is sent out to scout potential threats and search for Nueka.
* Lintyr locates Nueka while scouting the far north with a large group of golems. They wake the Raging God and he brutalizes the golems. Lintyr is able to attach a tracking crystal to him before making her escape.
  + Music Inspiration
    - Artist: Linkin Park
    - Song: Figure.09
* Queen begins to excavate a cave and construct a gigantic shrine of thousands of crystals arranged perfectly. She states it will let her remotely control Nueka. Doubts form in Lintyr’s mind.
* Nueka breaks from his rage, nearly passing into hibernation again. He is deeply shaken by the memories of his acts, and wanders slowly.
  + Music Inspiration
    - Artist: Linkin Park
    - Song: Breaking the Habit
* Nn approaches Nueka and the two communicate. Nn shows Nueka visions of a Neranoid champion keeping Neranoids apart peacefully. Nueka refuses, and states he’s not worthy of that, nor able to. Nn gives a vision of time freezing on the planet, and Nueka takes it as a threat. Nn shows another, of the glowing god emanating deep grief. Nueka understands, and bonds briefly with Nn over their disappointment with themselves. Nueka still refuses the offer, and asks Nn to no longer interfere with Neranoid civilization. Nn vanishes. Nueka heads south.
  + Music Inspiration
    - Artist: Linkin Park
    - Song: Easier to Run
* Worried, Lintyr develops a cure for the tracking crystal in herself as a contingency.
* Lintyr overhears Queen discussing with an Earth Elemental representative of Relnor. Relnor demands for her to assist him but she declines forcefully. The representative states there will be war if they do not join. Queen kills them, growing crystals out of their rocky form to destabilize and collapse them, in response. Lintyr is horrified.
* Lintyr escapes in the night, running deep into the forests around Queen’s land. She tears off her infected arm and pours the cure over it, muffling her screams.
  + Music Inspiration
    - Artist: Linkin Park
    - Song: From The Inside
* Nueka retreats to a cave deep underground, and attempts to re-examine his past actions, and who he is. He sees how all of his powers were stolen, and suppresses them as best he can. The raging storm he has lived in for centuries calms.
  + Music Inspiration
    - Artist: Linkin Park
    - Song: From The Inside
* Lintyr and Nueka both travel from village to village.
  + Lintyr attempts to warn Neranoids about Queen and her plans to control the Raging God, but receives mixed reactions. Some villages cheer at the prospect of ending the Raging God’s rampage. Others laugh her off as insane. A few do take heed of her warning, bolstering defenses as best they can and agreeing to communicate with other tribes.
  + Nueka attempts to reach out to Neranoids, but is met with terror every time. He has little idea of what has changed over the years, nor Queen's threat.
  + Music Inspiration
    - Artist: Linkin Park
    - Song: Nobody’s Listening
* Queen completes her shrine, and Nueka feels a strange cold presence looming. Queen and her golems begin to smash the shrine, and the damage is transferred to Nueka. The Neranoid’s form glitches and shatters before reforming painfully. Nueka calls out to Nn, who appears but seems to hesitate to do anything before vanishing again.
  + Music Inspiration
    - Artist: Linkin Park
    - Song: Session
* Nueka, crawling from the pain, happens upon Lintyr. Lintyr understands what's happening, and explains it to Nueka. Nueka demands to be brought to Queen. Lintyr refuses at first, but Nueka begs her. She is shocked by the difference in Nueka, and agrees to help.
* Lintyr and Nueka approach Queen’s land. Queen meets them, and waits for Nueka to die. Nueka beseeches her to stop, sometimes talking more to Nn than her as his mind falters. His form glitches more and more, and he gets within arms distance of Queen. Queen steps back, slightly shocked that he isn’t attempting to kill her. Nueka’s eyes flicker out as he falls to his knees, dead.