

## **Dimensional Cliffs 2**

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Continuing the journey of Lunar through Dimensions

### **Summary**

After being given more time, Dr. Gates was able to successfully build a safe dimension portal to take Lunar and the heroes into another dimension. After some preparation, the heroes enter the portal and enter the Wonder Dimension. In an attempt to reach the guardian of dimensions, Dr. Gates explained that he needs more wonder power, but his scientists have never returned with the power. The mission proves to be tough, as someone in this dimension with a cold heart is seeking the wonder power as well. The heroes will need to be very wary in the new dimension to stop the voids Solar has been seeing from consuming the world.

### **Book Information**

Dimension Cliffs 2 will take place in the first new revealed dimension called the Wonder Dimension. It is full of flowers where once touched, creates unimaginable events based on the environment the flower was collected in. Ideas have been taken yet again. The new characters here will have some very cool personalities and talent that I can't wait to show off. It gets harder with every book I write to make new ideas so thanks for all the support. This book has one of the more creative endings, so as always, always expect the unexpected.

## Chapter I (Lunar's POV): Test Drive

I was called early in the morning by Dr. Gates. He said he had some very exciting news to share. I knew it was going to be good, but I felt so lazy trying to get out of bed. I have no idea how everyone else is able to deal with this feeling of tiredness every single day. Regardless, I got up and ready and headed to his science lab. The drive there was a good refresher on how to drive. As soon as I got there I noticed it was way busier than usual. There were more scientists out working hard on things. I went in and met him at the front desk.

"Glad you could make it so early in the morning Lunar," he said.

"Aha, no problem. I figured it was important," I said.

"You're right. Follow me," he replied.

Dr. Gates took me upstairs towards the portal room. The last time I saw it it was still being worked on. However, this time things were different. The portal looked way more structurally sound, and I could tell it was ready to use.

"So what do you think?" he asked.

"Wow, it looks amazing. I assume it's properly working this time?" I asked.

"For sure. In fact, before you came here, we threw in a camera that we could control on the other side. It landed in a lab that looks similar to mine, but all we know is that the portal does connect to some other side.

"Really, which dimension did your portal connect to?" I asked.

"Unsure about that at the moment. I do know that it is a dimension where Dr. Gates there has a fully functional dimension portal too. The only way for a portal to connect is if another dimension portal is activated," he said.

"That's so cool. I wonder what my other self is doing there right now," I said.

"Probably on some cool quest like you are doing right now," said Dr. Gates.

"Would it even be safe to interact with our other copies?" I asked.

"I haven't researched that enough yet. If my theory is correct, only the common events being broken should have an effect on the voids. Interacting with your other versions should be ok, but for now, I think maybe try to avoid any copies once you go in," he said.

"Sounds good to me," I said.

"Once you are in, you're going to have to ask my other self how to get to the guardian. My research here has gotten me nowhere on how to get to him, but there's a chance the people in the other dimension can be of help," he said.

I felt a bit nervous. We didn't even know if this guardian is fully real, but no one else knows about the common events still.

"Well, it is a risk I think Solar and I are willing to take," I said.

"Perfect. When we send you guys, we'll use an improved capsule that Audrey used. It will safely get you guys to the other side," said Dr. Gates.

"Speaking of Audrey, how is she doing?" I asked.

"Doing pretty good I'd say. I visited with Tom the other day. She's able to speak again and has some of her memories back, though it's not fully perfect yet," he said.

"Ah, that's good to hear," I said.

“About the trip, the capsule can hold more than just 2 people. You are glad to invite more people to come with you should they want to do some extreme traveling,” he said.

“You’re right, we’ll probably need the help. I’ll think about who is free,” I said.

“Once you know, just send a message and a time for when you want to go. The portal is ready for use whenever you need it,” he said.

“Thanks!” I replied.

I started to walk back home and tell everyone about the news. I hope Solar wasn’t feeling too bad recently.

“Oh Lunar one more thing,” said Dr. Gates.

I stopped and turned around.

“Please do be careful. Dimensions can be super different aside from our characters, so have your guard up at all times,” he said.

“Don’t worry, we’ll be ok,” I said.

With that, I took off and went to recruit some people for this dangerous journey.

## **Chapter II (Lunar’s POV): No Holding Back**

“It’s ready already? That felt fast,” said Solar.

“I know! I can’t wait to use this thing. It’s even more advanced than rifts,” I said.

“I can’t wait either, but I still feel a bit nervous,” she said.

“Solar, you’re one of the bravest people I know, I have full confidence in you,” I said.

“Haha thanks. Luckily my visions have not been too bad recently. I think drinking tea daily has been helping me,” she replied.

“That’s good. Dr. Gates did say that it would be a decent while before any major damage will happen, but we can’t let the future generations disappear,” I said.

“You’re right. So I can come whenever?” asked Solar.

“Yeah, just let me know. Bring some people. Anyone who wants to help. I was also told we’d need the firepower,” I said.

“For sure. See you,” she said.

I hung up on the phone and got all my things ready. The suit and my weapons were a must have. I enhanced Cherry’s suit to provide even more protection and style compared to the last time I used it. After everything was ready, I went outside to introduce the friends I invited along on this journey. Luckily school was not so busy this time of year.

“So, this is a big deal. Thank you for coming,” I said.

“Yeah it sounds super cool,” said Sammi.

“Hyped to be here!” said Cherry.

“Ah yeah, Sammi this is Cherry, and vice versa. Both of you guys have been a huge help in path adventures,” I said.

“She sounds awesome,” said Sammi.

“I could say the same about you!” replied Cherry.

“Awesome vibes. Now, about dimensions. Sammi you weren’t there last time, but there are many dimensions out there with copies of us. We apparently broke a common event

that applies to all dimensions that was linked to Solar. Now we have to fix it before it's too late," I said.

"Oh, it sounds serious. I'll do my best!" she said.

"Perfect, Cherry, did you make her a suit too?" I asked.

"I did as you requested! She has it in her bags, don't worry," said Cherry.

"Ok now we just have to wait for Solar and whoever she brought," I said.

Not too long after, a rift opened mid air near me. I jumped back a bit and waited for them to land. Solar eventually came out. To my surprise, she brought Dylan and Thunder.

"What's up, party people!" yelled Solar.

"Solar! My queen!" said Cherry.

"Good to see you Solar!" said Sammi.

"Wow, you got the better greeting," I said.

"Aha, so good to see you guys as well. I missed you Lunar" said Solar.

"I've missed you too," I said.

Dylan and Thunder walked up.

"Woah, that guy looks tough," said Cherry.

"Yeah for real. Cherry this is Thunder and Dylan. They work at the lab back at home," said Solar.

"Glad to see him on our side again," said Sammi.

"Don't worry. Noone will get hurt as long as I'm here," said Thunder.

"It's good to have you. Dylan for a long time no see. How come you're here?" I asked.

I heard about you guys traveling through dimensions and asked Solar if I could come. I've read about them before and I always wanted to try visiting one," he said.

"Awesome sauce. I think we'll be able to do this mission successfully now. But I'm not fully sure," I said.

"Relax, nothing is getting past my guns," said Thunder while flexing.

"Alright, we are pretty stacked. I'll open a rift for us to get to Dr. Gate's lab," I said. I opened up the rift and we all walked through. The scientists were shocked at first, but calmed down once they saw it was me. We saw Dr. Gates standing next to the portal.

"Dr. Gates! We're here," I said.

"Oh wow. Looks like you got some good support. I hope it'll be enough," he said.

"Trust me, these guys have saved me multiple times. I trust them," I said.

"Sounds great to me. All I need to do is activate the portal, but I should share my protocols first," he said.

"So what's the deal?" asked Solar.

Dr. Gates started booting up the portal and turned towards us.

"That creature you guys dealt with, the one that got Redgar... it is there to protect the dimensions from harm. The empty void you were in was outside of all dimension space. It treated you guys like intruders. But with the portal now, it will take you to an already activated portal, I just don't know which one," he said.

"Oh my, well glad to know we won't see it," I said.

“I told Lunar this already but to the rest of you, you all have to be extremely careful. The dimension you end up in might not be super friendly, in case it isn't, be prepared to fight,” said Dr. Gates.

“Ha, you don't need to tell me,” said Thunder.

“We got it totally under control,” said Sammi.

“I trust anyone that Lunar trusts,” said Dr. Gates.

After he said that, the portal behind us made a loud noise and glowed. Solar was detecting tons of dimensional energy radiating around it.

“It's finally ready. Follow me,” he said.

We walked up to the main platform where the portal was being placed.

“It's a beauty,” said Solar.

“Indeed,” said Dylan.

“When you guys walk in, you'll probably end up in another lab, it might be Dr. Gates from that dimension. Whatever you do, try not to get it destroyed,” he said.

“We got this for sure,” I said.

“One more thing. You can't rift back to our dimension, you need to take the dimension portal to get back home,” he said.

“Roger that,” said Cherry.

“All right, good luck everyone!” said Dr. Gates.

He went back to his control panel. Everyone lined up and made sure their gear was ready.

“So, are you all ready to do this thing?” I asked.

“100%,” said Solar.

“Let's game,” said Dylan.

“Can't wait,” said Sammi.

“I'm so excited,” said Cherry.

“Bring it,” said Thunder.

With that, we all jumped through at the same time. It was a stranger feeling then using a rift, but we didn't end up in the purple space this time. Instead, we ended up somewhere new. The air here felt a bit different.

### **Chapter III (Lunar's POV): The Wonder Dimension**

The landing was not so good. We all crashed onto the ground.

“Ugh, that kinda hurt,” said Solar.

“Is everyone ok?” I asked.

Everyone gave a nod of approval. I can't believe we actually made it. We were inside a lab, but I wasn't sure who it belonged to. The portal behind us slowly closed, but we at least knew how to get back home. I still had communication with our Dr. Gates still as well.

“Well, let's explore a bit,” said Solar.

The area around us didn't seem to be different at first. It looked like people outside the building were living their lives as normal.

“This feels so weird,” said Cherry.

“Tell me about it,” said Dylan.

“Watch out still, he said anything could be different,” I said.  
We grouped up and slowly walked down the hallway. The building didn’t seem to be closed but no one was around us.

“Hey, who’s there?” a voice from across the hallway asked.  
We all brought up our weapons and shields, but it turned out to be someone that looked familiar. It was Dr. Gates, but surely not the one we knew. He looked scared of us at first, but we put down our weapons once we saw who he was.

“Dr. Gates right?” I asked.

“Yes, how could you know? Who are you guys? Where did you come from?” he asked.

“We came through your dimension portal,” said Solar.

“That’s impossible. I haven’t set that thing to another dimension,” he said.

“Well, the Dr. Gates we know helped us with that,” I said.

“So it’s true? Is the theory of dimensions true? My, this is ground breaking,” he replied.

“We’re here for something important. Can you help us out?” asked Sammi.

“Well, if you guys really are from another dimension, say one thing that would show you knowledge of it,” he said.

We all thought about it, but I came up with something that would be sure to convince him.

“We need to find the guardian, we broke a common event and now Solar here is seeing visions of voids,” I said.

He had quite the look on his face after.

“So be it. Come to my office,” he said.

“Nice job Lunar!” said Cherry.

“Thanks,” I replied.

He brought us to a huge office. It was larger than the one back in our original dimension.

“So what am I like in your dimension? Hopefully I’m a success there too,” he asked.

“Haha not to worry, his genius got us here in the first place,” I said.

“Good to hear. I suppose I believe you now, my readings say my portal was turned on without warning. What were your names?” he asked.

I introduced everyone to him and how we met Dr. Gates in our dimension.

“That’s so weird, I’ve never met any of you guys in my world,” he said.

That shocked us. How could he have created the portal without our help?

“In our dimension, Dr. Gates needed our help to create the portal because the technology he had was nowhere advanced enough to make. What did you do?” asked Solar.

“I suppose you’re right. This timeline is not as advanced as it could be. I should introduce you all to what makes this dimension special. I’ve done some research and I know it is what sets us apart from other dimensions. This is the Wonder Dimension, full of wonder power,” he said.

That sounded really cool to me. I was glad that the people here weren’t hostile or anything like that.

“What in the world is wonder power?” asked Sammi.

Dr. Gates opened a screen on the wall.

“You see, we have an energy here that we call wonder power and it’s stored in these little flowers. It’s not too common, but when harvested in large amounts, you can create something called a wonder flower. Upon touching it, it will cause a special effect to happen in the surrounding environment,” said Dr. Gates.

“What kind of effect?” asked Dylan.

“Anything. Expect the unexpected. It could start raining food, or the ground might shift, or gravity might become non-existent. With enough work and modifying, wonder flowers can be used to create any effect the owner wants it too. I had my scientist help me collect them to create this portal. It is running on pure wonder power right now,” he said.

“That’s so cool, but what happens if the public gets their hands on it?” I asked.

“Fear not, wonder flowers are extremely rare in our world and the government has set rules on who can use them or not. I’ve been given special permission to use them for my portal,” he said.

“If your portal works, can you help us get to the guardian?” asked Solar.

“Right, about that. I don’t have enough wonder power to track the dimension the guardian lives in. I need more wonder flowers. Unfortunately, my latest group of scientists never returned with the flowers, and I had to stop work on the portal because of it,” he said.

“Oh no. Are they ok?” I asked.

“I’m afraid not. I would tell you the whole story but it would be too long. I can play this audio recording instead,” he said.

## **Chapter IV (Lunar’s POV): The Dead Lilac**

We all sat down and got comfy before playing the recording.

“A little warning, it might be a bit tough to listen to. Is that ok with everyone?” he asked.

“Don’t worry, I think everyone here can take it,” said Thunder.

“Perfect. So you know, my team here was composed of 3 guards and 1 scientist. They were looking for wonder flowers in an abandoned research lab far away from town. I will give more context after,” said Dr. Gates.

He pushed the button and sat down with us. I wasn’t sure what we were going to be up against.

**Scientist:** Careful, this place hasn’t been scoped out yet.

**Guard 1:** You think this is worth risking our lives over?

**Guard 2:** Hmph, so easily spooked by a bedtime story huh?

**Scientist:** You mean the rumors of the assassins targeting us?

**Guard 1:** One assassin. She kills everyone trying to get their hands on this wonder power.

**Guard 3:** That’s not possible.

**Guard 2:** Mythmaking at its worst.

**Scientist:** One person going around dismantling Dr. Gates' entire operation? It’s pure fantasy.

**Guard 1:** That’s because she’s bulletproof. She showed up to one of our other teams just 2 weeks ago with her blaster and karambits. One wrong move and she would take your life in

an instant. Our bullets didn't even make a dent. She took the entire team in one minute. I heard one time she even-

**Scientist:** Enough!

**Guard 1:** Look I'm just telling you what I heard! Anyone who goes against her, disappears for good! She's a bulletproof wizard.

**Guard 3:** Pfft, magic ain't real.

**Guard 1:** It's the wonder power. You know why they call her the Dead Lilac right? It's the purple flash you see before you die. Whatever wonder power she has, is fully under her control.

**Guard 3:** Seriously? Then how do you know any of this?

Scientist: He doesn't. All he has are stories.

**Guard 2:** Let's move out. And no more stories.

*The guards and scientist were walking away from the building. I thought the recording was over, but then we heard a slurping noise that wasn't coming from Dr. Gates' staff.*

???: Heh, too bad. Your stories were really good.

The recording ended with tons of gunfire and screaming afterwards. Dr. Gates made sure to stop the recording.

"So, this is the current situation. It appears someone out there, that my staff nicknamed the Dead Lilac, is out for the wonder power. It's not only a harm to my portal plan, but also to this dimension. Someone with too much wonder power can become unstoppable," he said.

"Was it the person at the end of the recording?" I asked.

"It has to be. She sounded dead serious," said Dr. Gates.

"She sounded so bad ass," said Sammi.

"Hmph, nothing that we can't handle," said Thunder.

"I haven't sent out any more teams recently because of her. I can't risk losing any more people. My portal can't be connected to other dimensions, but there might be a larger problem here. If that person gets too much power, this dimension, and potentially others will be in danger," he said.

"Don't worry. We need the portal, so we'll help you stop whoever this is," I said.

"I appreciate it, but are you sure? I don't know exactly how strong this person is," he said.

"Trust me, and trust yourself. Dr. Gates from our dimension saw us save his life. Everyone here has been through tough battles. We can do it," I said.  
He thought about it for a bit.

"Ok, I think it is ok then. We do need to stop their plans right away or else things will get worse. Still, I should send someone with you from this dimension. You guys are new here, and I don't want anything bad to happen," he said.

"We appreciate it very much," said Dylan.

He sent a text on his phone. We waited for a bit, but then the person I least expected to come showed up. It was Audrey, but from this dimension.

"Hi guys!" she said.

"Audrey!?" said Solar.



“How did you know my name? Did he already tell you about me?” she asked.

“No, we know you from our dimension. Man this is crazy,” I said.

“How is Audrey in your dimension?” asked Dr. Gates.

“She was sent in a capsule to test the portal. But uh, things went wrong and it spiraled a bunch of events that involved her dad,” I said.

“Tom? We’ve been on very good terms ever since Audrey was hired at the lab,” said Dr. Gates.

“No way, you work here as a scientist?” asked Solar.

“I sure do! I love this place. And the dimensions are so fascinating. It was interesting to hear about me in your dimension. Tell me about it some more sometime,” she said.

“Yeah for sure!” said Solar.

“So, what do we need to do now?” asked Thunder.

“Well, Audrey will help you travel around this world. I have a guard out there who has yet to return, but there is no evidence that this Dead Liliac person got to him yet. I need you all to go to his last known location and see if you can save him. Then, you’ll have to get to the location of the recording to see if there’s any signs of how you can get more wonder power,” he explained.

“Sounds good to me!” said Cherry.

“That’s light,” said Dylan.

“Good to hear. Audrey, take care of them,” said Dr. Gates.

“Got it boss,” she said.

“If the recording made her sound that dangerous, then you’ll need all the support you can get. Don’t let down your guard guys,” he said.

I wasn’t going to hold anything back, but now I was a little nervous. This could be the biggest threat we’ll ever face. Still, we had one of the strongest bodyguards out there, professional scientists, mechanics, and Solar. What could go wrong?

## **Chapter V (Lunar’s POV): World of Wonders**

After a quick recharge, we left the lab and started heading over to Dr. Gates’ other guard. We didn’t have our cars here, so we needed to walk throughout this adventure.

“So, I heard that you guys broke some common event,” said Audrey.

“Haha maybe. I started seeing visions a few months ago. That’s why we are here to get to the guardian,” said Solar.

“Guardian huh? Dr. Gates was hard at work. He’s been gathering all the wonder power he could possibly get. But this person halted our plans, and might harm our dimension,” she said.

“No nobody knows who she is?” asked Sammi?

“Nope, not a clue. I don’t think the government knows about her at all. Only the scientists and guards here from Dr. Gates’ lab has been reported missing. We’ve also been collecting way less wonder power than usual,” said Audrey.

“What’s this wonder power like?” I asked.

“Oh, you’ll all see very soon,” she said.

We were approaching a forest and left the city. We traveled for quite a while. Audrey ran up and picked out a flower from the ground. It was unlike any flower I've ever seen. It had eyes, and it was glowing blue.

"This is a wonder flower. I stored some here for safe keeping, but I can show you guys what one does. You'll need to get used to them before we encounter more," she said.

"Is this a good idea?" asked Dylan.

"Of course!" said Audrey.

With that, she crushed the flower and seemed to release its energy. It was weird. I felt an unknown force flow inside me. I could tell the others were feeling the same thing. Audrey seemed to be unaffected, like she was used to it.

"What's going on!?" asked Thunder.

"Don't worry guys. Nothing bad," said Audrey.

There was a surge of blue aura surrounding us and started to create a border. I closed my eyes and reopened them. It was like there was a permanent blue filter at the borders of my sight at all times. The energy from the flower seemed to finally calm down.

"What the heck just happened!? What am I seeing!?" asked Cherry.

"That my friends, was the power of a wonder flower. It'll let out its energy and its seed. We'll need to collect it in order to stop its wonder magic. But once we do, we have full control of the wonder power from the seed," said Audrey.

"Well what's this blue stuff we're seeing?" asked Sammi.

"Oh! It's pure wonder power. When you're inside an area with active wonder power, you'll see that at all times," she said.

"So where's the seed?" I asked.

"Not sure, we'll have to find where it is. But it usually relates to what wonder effect we created," she said.

"Huh?" asked Cherry.

Before anyone else could ask a thing. The ground slanted a bit. Then it slanted even more. We all began to slide.

"Ah!!" said Solar.

"Oh boy. This one again. Grab these!" said Audrey.

Audrey handed each of us a big energy circle that let us use it as a surfboard almost. It was kinda fun.

"Reminds me of skateboarding haha," said Sammi.

"I'm not a big fan of this!" said Thunder.

"Woo! I kinda like it," I said.

"So what do you mean by the location of the seed relates to the effect?" asked Solar.

"I mean that we'll find the seed after we go through the wonder effect in its entirety. Look out!" she yelled.

There were rocks coming from behind us and rolling down the newly created hill. Now that I took a closer look, the affected terrain was huge. I had a feeling we were going to be sliding for a while. Audrey seemed unfazed and was having fun even. She probably had experience with the wonder effects. I turned around and started shooting down the rocks and other debris to protect us. The rest follow suit as well. There was a huge tree log that soon came up and I

was afraid that our guns weren't going to be able to dent it. Luckily, Thunder noticed and just used his fists to completely tear the thing in half.

"Wow! You're so strong," said Cherry.

"Heh, that ain't nothing," he replied.

"We're almost there!" said Audrey.

We kept sliding and eventually made it back onto some flat ground. Audrey got off her board and immediately ran towards a shiny blue object hovering not too far away. It had eyes somehow too and carried the same blue aura we were seeing. After she grabbed it, the aura went away and the ground behind us went flat and back to normal.

"So, how was that?" she asked.

"That was awesome," said Sammi.

"What the heck just happened?" asked Dylan.

"That my friend, was the ground shifting wonder effect. I discovered it a few months ago. It'll shift the ground in a downwards slope and cause debris to come falling. I said the seed's location relates to the effect, because we found it right at the bottom of the slope," she said.

"So what was all the debris from? Where did it just spawn?" asked Solar.

"You're right, this stuff really just spawns out of thin air. Likewise, after the seed is collected, all that stuff will vanish. Luckily, with the seed we can use it to control our own wonder power," said Audrey.

"That sounds so cool. I'm guessing one seed isn't enough?" I asked.

"Right again. Getting the portal to even have the power to activate took around 500 seeds. Wonder flowers are a scarce resource in this dimension," she explained.

We kept moving forward to find the other employee. I think everyone was still in shock from the wonder effect we just experienced. If people back home knew about this stuff, they would try to get their hands on it for sure.

"Lunar!" It was Solar.

"Everything ok?" I asked.

"Nothing, I just missed you," she said.

"Haha, same here," I said.

"Do you think everything will still work out?" she asked.

"I'm sure it will. I won't let anything bad happen," I said.

She seemed to cheer up a little after.

"So, I've never met any of you here before. What was I like in your dimension?" asked Audrey.

"Well, to be honest, we never really talked to you. You were meant to test our portal but the test went wrong and you were stuck in some dimension space in hyper sleep. Solar and I saved you, but we lost a friend doing so," I said.

"Aw, well I'm sure she and I appreciate it. Who was this friend?" she asked.

"His name was Redgar I believe," said Cherry.

"Ah, that sounds like a nice name. I hope I'm doing ok back in your world," she said.

"I think so," said Cherry.

We soon approached the edge of a cliff. There was only the ocean to be seen. However, there was a pretty cool dragon shaped fossil nearby.

“Huh, are we at a dead end?” asked Dylan.

“Not even close. Wonder effects can help us move forward sometimes,” said Audrey. Audrey picked out a flower not far by and used its power once again. The blue aura came back. This time, the magic went towards the fossil, and made it come to life! I couldn’t believe it, there was an actual dragon. This wasn’t some myth in this dimension.

“Wow! There are dragons in your world?!” asked Dylan.

“For sure! They went extinct a while back, but some fossils remain. I discovered a wonder effect that will bring one back to life for a bit,” said Audrey.

“That’s actually so cool,” said Solar.

“Well, hop on!” she said.

We all got into the dragon and it started taking off across the ocean. It was pretty cold, but suddenly it felt really really hot. The ocean started becoming a lava lake instead and active volcanoes were appearing.

“What’s going on!?” asked Solar.

“This wonder effect will spawn in parts of the dragon’s home. Get ready,” she said.

“Get ready for what?” asked Thunder.

Before she could answer him, flying lava rocks began heading our way. There were geysers as well. We all did whatever we could to make sure the dragon was safe. Eventually, it landed on some terrain again where the seed was located. Audrey grabbed it and the dragon turned back into a fossil again. The lava also turned back into water.

“Wow, I will never underestimate any wonder effect,” said Sammi.

“Glad to hear it!” said Audrey.

“What is this place?” I asked.

“This is Chill Brews. One of the finest taverns out there. The tracker says that our guy is in there,” said Audrey.

“Is the Dead Lilac here too?” asked Cherry.

“Unsure. I don’t think so though. Otherwise our guy would probably be dead by now,” said Audrey.

“Damn, that’s cold,” said Dylan.

“No matter what, be ready for anything,” she said.

We all loaded up and walked inside. I hope we weren’t too late.

## **Chapter VI (Lunar’s POV): Tavern Brawl**

It seemed pretty busy considering a real threat could be in the area. Everyone was having a good time.

“Well, I think I’m going to get something to drink. Let me know when you guys find our guy,” said Thunder.

Everyone else went to do something in the tavern as well. Solar stayed with Audrey and I.

“Any clues on where he could be?” asked Solar.

“It looks like he’s just chilling somewhere on the very back of this floor. Let’s go there,” she said.

We walked over to the edges of the room and tried to pinpoint where this guy was. There were some stairs we climbed to get a better view from the second floor. Pretty soon, Audrey had a target located.

“Look over there!” she said.

We looked in the direction she was pointing too. I couldn’t believe it. It was Gash from this dimension.

“Is that Gash?” asked Solar.

“Yeah! How do you know his name?” asked Audrey.

“We know him from our dimension. He was a guard for Dr. Gates as well,” I said.

“That is pretty cool. I’m glad to see he’s ok. Dude needs a break. Based on what I can see, he has a wonder flower on him right now,” she said.

Audrey went downstairs to go and talk to him. They looked like they were having a nice conversation. Solar and I were going to go down and meet him, until we felt a surge of wonder power coming from someone else down in the bar. We decided to wait upstairs in case it was the Dead Lilac. A person next to him ordered a drink, but he stole it. That triggered a series of events. The angered person tried to throw a punch, but missed him and accidentally hit a glass which landed in someone else’s soup. All of the sudden, the little guy whipped out a mini blaster and started causing chaos around the bar. Shots were being dispatched everywhere. He hit a karaoke machine that Sammi, Cherry, and other people were using, and that made them pretty angry too. Gash and Audrey noticed all the chaos and saw that the guy was after the wonder flower, so she started to run away. Thunder was chilling at a table with a drink until the little guy’s blasts struck him. He turned around instantly and went to deal with the guy. He was gaining on Audrey, but then Thunder stepped in and knocked his head down. He picked up Audrey to make sure he was out of reach of the wonder flower. There was also an angry mob of the other bartenders surrounding him. Sammi, Cherry, Dylan, and the others didn’t engage at first. I thought the guy was all taken care of, but then he whistled. Suddenly, there were heavy footsteps coming in from the back of the mob. I couldn’t see who it was, but they were huge. They had a huge sledge hammer and slammed the entire mob out of the way, and even knocked Thunder and Audrey out too. Everyone was out of commission after that. The wonder flower was sitting on the ground, so I knew we had to do something.

“Come on Solar, let’s go,” I said.

We jumped down and tried to intervene.

“Hey, that’s our wonder flower,” I said.

“Heh, you picked on the wrong guy,” he said.

His guardian came up and tried attacking us. Solar and I were able to deal with them for a bit. Audrey eventually got up and went to use the flower’s power.

“Noo!” said the Thief.

Nothing happened at first. Not too long after, we heard the cry of bulls from outside the building. I had no clue what was going on, but a huge herd of bulls crashed into the building and took Audrey, Solar and I on top of them. We were quite literally riding a bull rush.

“Audrey!? What is this?!” asked Solar.

“Oh! Just the running of the bulls. They’ll take us to the seed,” she said.

The bulls were running through all sorts of terrain. We had to make sure we didn't fall off or it was over for us.

"So who was that crazy dude!?" asked Solar.

"His name is Louis. I've seen him a few times back in the city. Dude is crazy for wonder power as well. We've tried warning him about the consequences of holding it all to himself but he never listened," she said.

"I'm guessing this isn't the Dead Lilac either?" I said.

"Definitely not. But I've never seen that guardian of his before. He must've hired them very recently. Looks very strong," said Audrey.

"Yeah for sure. Thunder can tank a lot, and they just slammed him out of the way with ease," said Solar.

"He has been collecting wonder power, I know it. He must be powering up himself and his guardian with it," said Audrey.

The bullrush made one final jump and showed a seed in the sky. Audrey made a jump for it and managed to collect it. We were brought back to the tavern, where things were getting cleaned up. Louis and his guardian left already by the looks of it. We went to make sure our friends were ok.

"It's been a while since I've been bullied like that. Those guys are nuts," said Thunder.

"They ruined our wholesome 100 karaoke moment!" said Cherry.

Audrey quickly explained who they were.

"Sounds awful. We'll be ready next time for them," said Dylan.

Gash also came up to the group.

"Good to see you all ok. Audrey, are the other scientists ok?" he asked.

"I'm afraid not, you were the last guy who was 100% alive," said Audrey.

"I see. We have to move on regardless. I'm glad you got my wonder flower before Louis could," said Gash.

"Gash! We know you," said Solar.

"Really? Let me guess, you guys met me in your dimension," he said.

"Exactly," I said.

"Tell me about me during our trip. We need to get a move on. There should still be tons of wonder power in the lab where the Dead Lilac ambushed our friends. We need to check on them and get the power before she or Louis gets to it," said Gash.

We headed out of the tavern after grabbing a few more drinks for the trip. Solar didn't seem too well, so I checked up on her.

"Everything ok Solar?" I asked.

Yeah, I just saw some more visions that's all," she said.

You know, from the research at the lab, thinking about flowers can help reduce the amount of visions you see," said Gash.

"Really? I'll try it out then. Thanks," said Solar.

"No problem," he said.

"Gash you're such a nerd," said Audrey.

"Says the scientist with actual nerd glasses," he said.

The two of them bantered for a while. It was a pretty sweet friendship. Dr. Gates was right. We really needed all the help we could get. That wasn't going to be our main threat yet.

## Chapter VII (Lunar's POV): Virtual Reality Again

Getting to the location of the recording was going to take way longer than getting to the tavern. We were going to have to cross many obstacles to get there. Solar asked how come we couldn't go through the city, but Audrey said that carrying this much wonder power on us would give away too much attention. We couldn't show Louis where we were.

"Every step we take, I fear for how much power the Dead Lilac gets," said Gash.

"How bad are we talking about?" asked Dylan.

"If she gets enough wonder power, it would be as if she had infinite wishes. The ability to control reality and do whatever she wants. We don't know her motives yet either," he replied.

"There have been studies on wonder power and the effect it has on a person's brain. It has been proven that it can alter their decisions and enhance their emotions. We have to hope they aren't fully crazy," said Audrey.

"Whatever is going on, we'll stop them, and Louis," said Cherry.

"Thank you guys," said Gash.

"I'm still surprised you never met our versions in this dimension. I must be back in Echo Earth here then," said Solar.

"Huh, probably. We also never heard of anyone time traveling," said Audrey.

"So strange," I said.

"We've been through an entire metaverse and Minecraft world too," said Sammi.

"Really? What's that like?" she asked.

I pulled out my headsets and a small computer to show her what we did to enter that world. I also told her about all the friends we made in the digital worlds.

"Woah! That all sounds so cool. Hold on, we might have a problem," she said.

We were approaching what seemed to be a dead end. It was a fenced off forest.

"I don't think we can go through this way. It was fenced off due to increased sightings of the Dead Lilac there. But time is short," said Audrey.

"I have another wonder flower we can use. Maybe it can help us?" said Gash.

"I think it's our best bet. I've never used one here, so the effect might be new to me," she said.

Gash handed her the flower and she used it. Nothing happened at first, but then I noticed the wonder power going towards my computer and headsets. We all backed up because we had no clue what was going on. After a bright light, the unthinkable happen. Just like with my super merge, it started spitting out Minecraft blocks and items just like last time.

"No freaking way," said Sammi.

"Not again," I said.

The wonder power seemed to conclude its power. The entire area around us was transformed into Minecraft again. The forest seemed to have a clear path. I was guessing this is how we'll

be able to cut through safely. I thought the madness was over, but then some familiar faces flew down from the sky. I couldn't believe it. It was Alex, Archer, and Zero even.

"Woah! Who are these guys?" asked Audrey.

"Ugh, my head hurts. Lunar is that you!?" she asked.

"Sure is! The gang's all here," I said.

"Really? Oh my god you're so right. Pleased to meet the new faces," said Alex.

"What on blocks is going on?!" asked Archer.

"I think we just entered Lunar's world. Second time for me. Why does it look so different?" she asked.

"Actually, we're in another dimension right now. This isn't the Earth you were on before," I said.

"Damn no way," she said.

"Why the heck are we here now? I thought it was supposed to be a few tests today?" said Zero.

"Come on, Zero cheer up. There are plenty of people you can meet now!" said Archer.

"Hmph. Good to see you guys. I guess," he said.

"I've never seen this wonder effect before. It took out stuff from Minecraft into our world. Including some of your friends I'm assuming," said Audrey.

"We've had this happen before in my dimension too," I said.

"Well it's nice to see you guys again," said Sammi.

"I feel so weird. I want to go back home," said Zero.

"Yeah, how do we reverse this?" asked Alex.

"Well, if the only way to reverse a wonder flower's effect is getting the seed, then we should get the seed. It looks like your Minecraft stuff made a path through the forest. It should be safe to go in. Especially with your friends here. Are you guys ready to do this?" asked Audrey.

"Sure am! It is kinda nice to be out with Lunar again," said Alex.

"I can't wait to see what this world has to offer," said Archer.

"Whatever. I guess," said Zero.

We began making our way through the forest. All the trees were turned into Minecraft oak trees. There were even some mobs around us too.

"Is everything going well with the void stuff?" asked Alex.

"Kinda. We're one step closer to getting to the guardian who could potentially fix everything. We're just trying to get more wonder power, and stop whoever the Dead Lilac is," said Solar.

"That sounds like a cool name," said Archer.

"Sounds cool, but also really lethal. We can't let our guard down at all in this forest, even with this path," said Audrey.

"Wait, everyone freeze," said Gash.

We all stopped in our tracks. Everyone was basically sweating. Out of nowhere, a bright purple flash came out from a bush and tried attacking us. We all managed to dodge it.

"Run for it!" said Audrey.

We all packed our bags and got the heck out of there. I looked back and saw someone on a purple hoverboard riding towards us.



“That might be here,” said Cherry.

“No kidding,” said Thunder.

We were almost out of the forest, but then the Dead Lilac hovered over us and landed right in front of the group.

“You guys are lucky you have no flowers,” she said.

“Leave us alone,” said Audrey.

“Seems fitting that you would say that,” she took off her hood, “Audrey,” Audrey’s expression seemed to be full of hurt.

“What? It can’t be...” said Audrey.

“It can be. I thought wonder power could make anything happen,” they said.

At this point, Thunder and Alex had enough. The two of them rushed in and tried to stop her. I thought it was going to end well, but they didn’t even get a chance to hit her. Both fell to the ground. It turned out she had a full force barrier around herself made of wonder power.

“Heh, cute,” they said.

She grabbed out some karambit knives and was going to hurt them. The rest of us jumped in to help. Even if we couldn’t hurt her, we had to distract her long enough.

“God, what is this stuff?” asked Solar.

After being pushed back, the Dead Lilac created a wave attack of wonder power and pushed everyone back. I didn’t think there was anything else we could do. Before she could lunge at us, Zero got up and put out his hand. I was confused as to what he was doing, but I saw real magic being put to the test. It looked like he was hacking her barrier bubble. The Dead Lilac fell down afterwards.

“What!? That’s not possible,” she said.

“Try beating a hack,” said Zero.

She had a look of anger, but decided to leave us after that.

“Zero you saved us!” said Alex.

“Yeah yeah. New ability Archer gave me. I guess it is pretty cool,” said Zero.

“Zero, I’m so proud of you! I could give you a hug,” said Archer.

“Don’t even,” he said.

“It is pretty cool that it works even outside of the digital world,” said Sammi.

I looked over to Audrey. Gash was trying to calm her down or something.

“Is everything ok?” I asked.

She didn’t say anything at first.

“It’s, her,” said Audrey.

“Who?” I asked.

“The Dead Lilac. I know who she is. Her name is Kithara,” said Audrey.

“How do you know them?” asked Solar.

“It’s a long story. We have known each other since high school. Kithara was never one to have many friends. She’s an orphan, and was constantly bullied in school for having no money or parents. Our school was a total jerk. Not a single staff member did anything to address the issue. I was one of her only friends back then,” said Audrey.

“That sounds horrible,” said Cherry.

“After we graduated. We went our separate ways. Kithara wanted to come with me, but the lab position at Dr. Gates’ only had one spot for me and another friend I already gave the spot to. I haven’t seen her since that day,” said Audrey.

“Man, that really sucks. Sorry to hear about that,” said Alex.

“It’s ok. I guess I never knew how cold her heart was. To be a full on psychopath. I’m not sure why she wants the wonder power. But her past doesn’t help her emotions. The wonder power has to be making her do all this. This is not the Kithara I know,” said Audrey. Cherry gave her a hug.

“Don’t worry. We’ll save your friend,” said Cherry. She burst into tears.

“Thank you,” said Audrey.

Everyone else came in to give her a hug. Well, almost everyone.

“I’m not one for hugging,” said Thunder.

“Count me out,” said Zero.

“I think we’re almost at the end of the forest. Come on, we’ll get the seed and help your AI friends get back home,” said Audrey.

We kept making our way through the path. I really did feel bad for Audrey. It does hurt seeing your friends become monsters. I could almost relate to her situation. There were some hostile mobs that we encountered, but taking care of them was no problem at all.

“What is this blue stuff I’m constantly seeing?” asked Alex.

“Oh! That’s the wonder flower effect. Since you’re in the affected area, you’ll see it too,” said Audrey.

“Ah, very neat,” said Alex.

“I think this is it!” said Audrey.

We saw a seed floating above the path just outside the forest. Audrey ran and grabbed it. All of the Minecraft stuff started going back into my computer.

“So, see you later Alex, Archer, and Zero! Thanks for your help!” I said.

“No problem! Always fun seeing you guys,” said Alex.

“It was good seeing you guys again too,” said Archer.

“I guess it was ok. Maybe I’m getting used to this,” said Zero.

The rest of the gang said their goodbyes. Soon enough, our AI friends were sent back to the computer again. The forest behind us turned back to normal.

“Wow, that was a cool wonder effect. The good news is that it saved us a lot of time. We’ll need it to beat Kithara to the lab,” said Audrey.

“The lab?” asked Dylan.

“Yeah, that’s where the recording was sent from. Look ahead,” she said.

Everyone looked in front of us. There was a huge lab in front of us, and it looked like it was attacked.

## **Chapter VIII (Lunar’s POV): The Fight for Wonder**

We all rushed and made our way to the lab. I thought destruction was bad, but this was on another level. Kithara was not a kind person. The entire building was left in ruins and scratch marks. There were chemicals in liquid form splattered everywhere.

"It's worse than I could have ever imagined. We need to see if the people from the recording are still there," said Audrey.

"Hopefully they are," said Gash.

We all carefully walked through whatever was left of the main entrance. This looked like an old research lab.

"Do you guys want to know a cool story about this place?" asked Audrey.

"For sure!" said Solar.

"This isn't just some old research lab. The government used it to collect wonder power secretly and develop some technology. One day, it got shut down. That's why we sent those scientists to come collect whatever remained of it. Unfortunately, Kithara found out about this place too, and she's been stopping Dr Gates from getting any more power," she said.

"Don't worry, we'll stop her," I said.

That reassured her. The area inside wasn't much better than the outside. Everything was basically broken. Even the floor we were walking on looked like it could break at any moment. I could sense that there was a whole pool of chemicals underneath us.

"Damn, she really messed this place up," said Sammi.

"For real," said Cherry.

We heard some debris fall from across the room.

"I think someone else is here," said Gash.

"We should check it out," said Audrey.

Everyone rushed over to where the sound came from. It was a much larger testing room. There were some remains of wonder flowers here.

"God, there's so much left. We need to grab it quick," said Audrey.

Before we could get to work, Louis walked out of the debris. I was surprised to see him here, but I guess it made sense because he was also looking for wonder power.

"Louis! I don't know what you want with the flowers, but you can't keep hunting it down!" said Audrey.

"Well isn't it obvious? This power belongs to everyone. I'm tired of the government banning us from using it to make our lives easier," he said.

"It's too risky! Only professionals should use it," said Gash.

"I've proven that I could use it well. I almost stopped you guys with my guard back at the tavern. Now should I call them again?" he said.

"That little twerp..." said Thunder.

Thunder stepped out from the backline and tried getting Louis. Louis quickly grabbed a flower from the side and used its power. This stopped Thunder in his tracks, as another wonder effect started to happen.

"Uh oh, I've never seen a wonder effect here before," said Audrey.

The aura started to form once again. When I opened my eyes, things felt larger. Then I realized that everyone shrank in size massively.

"Holy heck, we're so small!" said Cherry.

Louis was also shrunk. We tried running after him, but heard a threatening noise from above. The wonder effect also activated a robot AI arm from the sky that was equipped with a laser beam.

“Shoot, that’s the lab’s old defense system. The wonder effect must be powering it,” said Audrey.

“What does it do?” I asked.

Before she could reply, a mouse walked out from under the table, and the robot zapped it to dust.

“Oh, got it,” said Solar.

“We’ll have to get the wonder seed before Louis does to get the power. Follow me,” said Audrey.

Audrey guided us safely on the floor and used debris and the tables to make sure the robot didn’t spot us.

“God, this is more scary than I thought it would be,” said Dylan.

“Don’t worry, I think we’re almost there,” said Gash.

We kept moving, but suddenly the ground beneath us broke and revealed a huge pool of chemicals. Solar fell in but we made sure to grab on to her.

“Thank you!” she said.

“No problem at all,” I said.

I thought we were going to be ok, but then the robot arm decided to move downwards and tried to zap us directly. Everyone started to really get a move on. We tried using our weapons against it, but it was useless because we were tiny.

“How did this lab create such a menacing robot?!” said Dylan

“Honestly I’m not too sure myself,” said Gash.

I grabbed out my super merge and created a decoy that could distract it for a bit. Luckily it worked. The robot kept trying to destroy the piece of junk I created.

“It’ll buy us some time for now, but we need to get that seed quick,” I said.

“I have no idea where it could be. I’ve never seen this effect before,” said Audrey.

Before we could come up with a solution, the aura started to fade away, and we returned to our original size. The wonder effect was closed.

“Huh?” asked Sammi.

We looked across the room and saw Louis holding the seed.

“Looking for something?” he asked.

This time, we were all ready to get him. We took a few steps, but then something way louder and scarier came bursting from behind the wall. It grabbed Louis and held him there.

“Ah!” he yelled.

We were stunned. It was Kithara.

## **Chapter IX (Lunar’s POV): Guitarist Incoming**

“Kithara let him down!” said Audrey.

“What? The brat? He has something I need,” she said.

Audrey tried saving him, but Kithara used some force to push her back.

“Do you like my new wonder effect?” she asked.

Audrey didn’t respond, instead she went back to the group.

“Yes, the flowers here will be enough to finally achieve the effect I want,” said Kithara.

“What are you trying to do?!” asked Gash.

“Well you know, revenge. Revenge on the poor miserable people who had nothing better to do in life but instead bully a sad girl. Well, we shall see who is sad after I’m finished,” she said.

With that, she put Louis in an energy cage and went straight for us. Thunder and Solar held her off for now, but the rest of us joined in soon.

“Gah! She’s too strong!” said Thunder.

“What makes you say that?” asked Solar.

They were right, it wasn’t just Kithara’s weapons or hoverboard that made her strong. The wonder effects were giving her special powers like speed and extra strength. Nothing that our technology could be compared to. I let my friends distract her and went to the cage.

“You ok?” I asked.

“Yeah, I guess so. Kithara is crazy. I had no idea she was the Dead Lilac people were talking about,” he said.

“Well, for what it’s worth, we won’t let anyone die,” I said.

With some effort, I managed to break the cage open and let Louis free.

“Hey uh, tell the others that I’m sorry,” he said.

“Will do,” I said.

Before he could get out, Kithara teleported to us and snatched the seed from him. With the distraction, Louis quickly left afterwards. I’m sure he learned his lesson about messing with too much power.

“Ah, another seed,” she said.

“Kithara no!” said Audrey.

“I think, Kithara yes is what you mean,” she said.

After absorbing the power of the seed, Kithara seemed to have gained some super speed, and used it to grab all of the wonder flowers in the room in a flash.

“Now, this is finally all I need,” she said.

“Please reconsider!” said Audrey.

“It’s too late for that,” she replied.

Instead of using the wonder flowers to create effects, she combined them together and created a cool looking rock guitar from it. She sent the remaining flowers above. There was a big noise.

“My dream castle is finally done,” she said.

“This is madness!” said Gash.

“And this guitar, I finally have one after not being able to afford anything,” she said.

I tried grabbing it, but Kithara strummed a chord and knocked everyone completely across the room.

“I don’t have time for you guys anymore,” she said.

Kithara took her hoverboard and left the lab. I’m not sure what she did, but there were loud scary noises coming from above now.

“We, we might be too late,” said Audrey.

“What did she just do?” asked Sammi.

“Her guitar. I knew she always wanted one, that’s why she chose it as her weapon,” said Audrey.

“Really? How can that be used as a weapon?” asked Thunder.

“There is a saying that music makes you lose control. She’s going to use that guitar to create a wave of music to control the world,” said Audrey.

“What about the rest of the flowers?” I asked.

“She created a castle for her to play her songs in. If she gets on stage and starts playing, we only have about two hours before all hope is lost,” she said.

“If her guitar and castle were created by wonder flowers, can’t we just get the seed and stop it?” asked Solar.

“That’s what we are going to have to do. She didn’t create just any wonder effect. Her creations use the power of it. The seed will be inside her castle for sure. We need to get to her quickly,” said Audrey.

“I think we could all use a break for now. Especially you Audrey,” said Gash.

“Ow, yeah you’re right. Knowing Kithara, she’ll probably wait until she has an audience to perform to anyways,” said Audrey.

“What about your co-workers from the recording?” I asked.

We walked towards the room where they were believed to have been during the recording. There were lots of scratches and blast marks everywhere. The guard describing Kithara was not exaggerating. There weren’t many clues around, except that there was lots of violence. I saw Audrey and Gash standing in silence.

“Is everything ok?” I asked.

Gash pointed towards a name tag on the ground. There were sets of equipment, ripped up clothing, and some glasses.

“I’m so sorry,” I said.

The rest of us left the room to give them some time alone.

“Man this is so bad,” said Sammi.

“Yeah, this is probably our greatest foe yet. So much intention to hurt. Dr. Gates was right, the wonder power really needs to be kept under control,” I said.

“Do you really think we can stop Kithara? She has so much power. Even with all of us we can’t do anything,” said Solar.

“That’s not the Solar I know,” said Thunder.

“Huh? What do you mean?” she asked.

“What I mean is, you all are so capable. Sure this Kithara person is strong, but when you guys faced me, you all thought the same thing. I could’ve easily taken you all. But from what I saw, none of you guys ever gave up. You all kept fighting and thought of solutions to take me out. It was kinda inspiring I won’t lie. And Lunar, you have the biggest heart I’ve seen. Risking your own life to save someone else. If anyone can do it, it’s you for sure,” he said.

That was surprisingly wholesome coming out of Thunder. We all gave him a big group hug.

“You’re pretty cool after all,” said Solar.

“Aha, yeah yeah whatever. I figured some motivation is needed in times of darkness,” he said.

“Well it sure worked. I’m proud of you,” said Dylan.

“Not to burst the bubble, but what should we do now?” asked Cherry.

Audrey and Gash walked in. They looked more motivated than ever. Maybe they overheard Thunder’s speech.

“We need to return back to Dr. Gates. He’ll know what to do,” said Audrey.

## **Chapter X (Lunar’s POV): Brewing the Plan**

We decided to try making a rift to get back. It would take us too long to return by foot. Even more so considering we used 3 wonder effects just to get to this lab in the first place.

“So do you think your rifts will still work here?” asked Solar.

“It should. If there was a Lunar in this world, he must’ve used a rift gun too,” I said.

After making some adjustments, I grabbed my rift gun and created a rift. It should be set back to Dr. Gates lab.

“I got confirmation that it’s there!” said Audrey.

We all hopped through afterwards. Man it was nice not needing to walk again.

“Welcome back everyone. Gash! Glad to see you made it out,” said Dr. Gates.

“It’s good to see you again sir,” said Gash.

“What about the scientist and guards from the recording?” he asked.

Audrey had another look of sadness.

“They uh, they didn’t make it,” she said.

Dr. Gates had a concerned look on his face as well.

“I see. We will honor them. But we need to deal with the threat,” he said.

“It’s not just anybody. The Dead Lilac was my friend from the past. Her name is Kithara. She’s trying to use the wonder power for total control over this dimension and maybe others!” said Audrey.

“I can tell that she’s way too strong for any of you guys to deal with. We’ll need to think of a strategy to take her on,” said Dr. Gates.

“She has the wonder power of like 100 wonder flowers. What can we possibly do?” asked Audrey.

“I might have a few ideas. The lab has some extra wonder power that we can’t use for the portal due to constraints. We can try using some of it to buff up your gear,” he said.

“That sounds really cool! I didn’t think my suits could get any better,” said Cherry.

“Trust me, we can take it to the next level!” said Dr. Gates.

He showed us a secret room in the lab where not many people go. There was a huge tank in the center filled with the same blue aura that we see every time a wonder effect happens.

“This tank is full of pure wonder power. Every time we get a seed, we put it through a special machine and it extracts the power from it. This is how we get to control it. All it takes is maybe a few liters and some imagination. Then boom! It’ll do whatever you want depending on how much power you use,” he explained.

“So this is how you’re creating the dimension portal?” I asked.

“Exactly so. All I do is use the power to imagine how I want the portal to be contracted, and the energy barriers it needs to break in order to reach another dimension. I tried getting it to access any dimension but what I have right now is not enough to achieve that,” he said.

“I feel bad using some of it,” said Sammi.

“Oh no worries at all! We are nowhere near close to having it ready considering Kithara is hoarding most of it. Plus, you all need it to stand a chance against her,” he said. He climbed a ladder and flipped a lever. There was wonder power being extracted and placed into smaller jugs. After the process was done, he each gave everyone a jug.

“It’s all of the wonder power I got to spare, but after you’re done with it, it’s possible to return it,” he said.

“So what do we do with this?” asked Solar.

“Well, open it up and pour it all over yourself. The power will go directly towards your weapons, suits, and bodies. Don’t worry there’s no harm, but it will give you all strength, agility, and resistance. Basically, whatever Kithara throws at you won’t be able to harm you as badly,” said Dr. Gates.

We all looked at each other and gave it a chance. He was right, I felt way more energetic. It was like having 5 energy drinks at once and a motivation to fight.

“Damn! Our stuff is looking smooth,” said Cherry.

“This is looking quite solid indeed,” said Dylan.

“Glad to see nothing went wrong. With this, you all should be ready to take her on,” he said.

“I’m still nervous,” said Audrey.

“How come Audrey?” asked Dr. Gates.

“It’s just Kithara. I used to know her so taking her on just feels painful. I feel even more bad because I hurt her when I accepted this lab position and left her behind,” she said.

“It’s not your fault. The wonder power got to her head,” said Gash.

“I know. I’m just afraid that I’ll have to finish a friend that I used to care for a lot. I should mention this right now but Louis isn’t just some random guy advocating for public wonder power use. He was one of the people that used to bully Kithara. That’s why she had a huge hatred for him back at the old lab,” she said.

“Wow, that is insane,” said Sammi.

“Sometimes I wish we didn’t have this power. It really does go bad in the wrong hands,” she said sadly.

“I understand your concern Audrey. Whatever happens, we will stop Kithara and try to save her at the same time too. I refuse to believe all the evil she is doing is coming from her heart,” said Dr. Gates.

“Yeah Audrey! We’re all here for you. And we’ll get through it together,” said Gash. She gave him a hug. It was a touching moment.

“Well I think I experienced too much wholesomeness for one day. When is the action happening?!” asked Thunder.

Thunder didn’t need to wait much longer. The roof of the room suddenly opened up. We all ran outside to see what was going on. I couldn’t believe my eyes. Kithara had her castle right above Dr. Gates lab and it was huge.



“Oh my god! Her castle is terrifying but so pretty,” said Audrey.

It was so large I don’t even think I could see the entrance from down below. Everyone in the city didn’t seem to like it, and ran far away.

“What is she doing?” asked Dr. Gates.

There was a huge opening at the bottom. A claw came out and started to grab Dr. Gates' remaining wonder power supply.

“We got to stop her! That’s too much wonder power for one person,” he said.

Everyone got out their weapons and tried attacking the claw. No matter what we did, none of our attacks could do anything. There was a similar energy barrier surrounding it that prevented us from even touching it. The claw managed to rip apart the tank of wonder power and brought it inside the castle.

“No!” said Dr. Gates.

There were some flashing lights as the castle consumed the wonder power. Shortly after, Kithara rode down with her hoverboard to meet us.

“Thanks for the wonder power chumps,” she said.

We all stood our ground.

“What are you doing here? You caused enough damage as is to my friends and staff,” said Dr. Gates.

“Just thought I would offer tickets to my very first concert,” said Kithara.

“What?! What are you talking about?” asked Audrey.

“You know, my super awesomer world dominating performance. Everyone will hear it, but I think you guys should have early access. As a thank you for helping me get the wonder power,” she said.

“You’re nuts. You know that!?” said Gash.

“I’m sure you will all enjoy it. And if you don’t show up? Let’s just say your world is doomed,” she said.

With that, she took off on her hoverboard and moved her castle into another direction. The skies cleared up after she left.

“Well, we might be screwed now,” said Sammi.

“Maybe, but this will be my first concert in a long time. We should go!” said Cherry.

“We have to. It’s the only way to save everyone. But we need a plan,” said Audrey.

“I think I can come up with something. If her castle is up there, we’ll need something to get you guys up there,” said Dr. Gates.

“I can create a solar path there!” said Solar.

“Really? I had no clue you could do that,” I said.

“Another one of Max’s upgrades for me!” she said.

“Perfect. Once we are all up there, we just need to sneak past whatever defenses she has in there and grab the seed. Once it’s in our possession, her guitar and castle should disappear,” said Audrey.

“What about Kithara? What are we going to do with her?” asked Sammi.

“I know her the best, and it should be up to me to make up for what I did. I will talk to her assuming we’ve stopped her evil plans. Hopefully it all ends well,” said Audrey.

“Sounds good to me. As long as I get my revenge,” said Thunder.

“Thunder, this is like the third time you are trying to get revenge on someone,” I said.

“I’m a man with grudges Lunar,” he said.

“Haha, fair enough,” I said.

“Alright team, if we all feel ready enough then let’s stop her once and for all!” said Audrey.

Audrey led the way. It was nice to see her motivated again. I wonder if Audrey back in my dimension would be the same. Either way, we were more prepared than ever. Only time will tell if our wonder power was strong enough to face Kithara.

## **Chapter XI (Lunar’s POV): Recollection of Wonders**

The castle was still nowhere in sight. We must’ve traveled for about 2 hours so far.

“We should be getting closer don’t you think Audrey?” asked Gash.

“Yeah hopefully,” she replied.

I wanted to use a rift, but then we saw a cloud of wonder aura in front of us.

“Huh, we must be getting close!” said Audrey.

We all ran towards the cloud. The castle wasn’t exactly here, but we had to check it out regardless. When we got closer, I noticed something strange about this cloud. The wonder aura around it wasn’t exactly the same blue color as a normal wonder effect. It was more grayed out than before.

“This looks new,” said Cherry.

“Yeah, let’s proceed with caution,” said Audrey.

With that, we all walked into the cloud. The wonder aura started appearing around our eyes again.

“What is this place?” asked Sammi.

“The excess wonder Kithara had must’ve scattered here. We must be sitting in an area where any wonder effect can happen at any time. We need to get through it to get to her though so let’s do this!” she said.

We carefully started walking through the cloud. Everything seemed fine at first, but then the ground tilted like it once did before.

“Uh oh,” said Solar.

Luckily we all knew the drill this time. Audrey gave us all our platforms again and we slid down the hill again. There was debris falling behind us again but we easily took care of it with our wonder powered gear. I could see the end of the hill, but then something new happened. The ground suddenly shifted the opposite way and we began sliding back to where we came from.

“Uh, this never happened before,” said Dylan.

“Don’t worry about it. We just do it again!” said Audrey.

This was starting to get a little chaotic. There was more debris than before coming at us. The ground then decided to finally go back to normal.

“Is that all?” asked Thunder.

Thunder spoke too soon. A giant dragon fossil fell from the sky and the ground shifted back down. The fossil was rolling towards us now.

“Man this ain’t good,” said Solar.

“I think we’re almost done with this hill,” said Audrey.

We slid for a few more minutes, all while trying to avoid the fossil hitting us. The ground finally shifted back to normal for good, and then the dragon fossil came back to life.

“Oh my god!” said Dylan.

“That’s our ride out,” said Audrey.

“Never thought I’d get to see one of these live,” said Gash.

We got on the dragon and flew off again. The wonder cloud was too tall, so we were still stuck inside.

“Remember what happened last time?” asked Audrey.

“What?” I asked.

My question was answered soon enough. The lava rocks and geysers came flying right at us again.

“Ok, I remember now!” I said.

The flying rocks were easy enough to handle, but then another wonder effect happened. Suddenly there were shooting stars flying towards us from the sky.

“Oh brother!” said Sammi.

“I got these guys,” said Solar.

She placed up an energy roof to shield us.

“Good thinking,” I said.

After some more time, the dragon eventually landed on solid ground again and returned back to a fossil. The stars also stopped raining down on us.

“I’ll miss that guy,” said Dylan.

“Ok let’s keep going,” said Audrey.

The action was never ending. Another wonder effect happened and all light around us just went pitch black. All I could see was the outline of my friends.

“Woah! What’s this?” asked Solar.

“The shadow wonder effect. It’s ok guys just make sure to look at the outlines of everything and we’ll be good,” said Audrey.

That was easier said than done. We all kept bumping into each other or other objects. It took a while to get used to seeing the blue aura, so this was a bigger challenge.

“Hey who hit me!” said Thunder.

“Oops, must’ve been the wind haha,” said Solar.

“What is that thing in front of us?” asked Cherry.

It was hard to see what Cherry was looking at. The outlines reassembled a statue of some kind. It kinda looked like Kithara.

“Did Kithara really make her own statue!? What a narcissist,” said Audrey.

Thunder tried charging into it but it was guarded by a wonder shield.

“She even put protection on it!” he said.

“Well I can’t really see anything so I’m not sure what we should do about it. It might be important!” said Audrey.

We didn’t have to wait much longer. The wonder effect ended and we could all see again. We were also right. This was a statue of Kithara. More specifically one where she is striking a pose with her new guitar.

“Pfft, that’s funny,” said Audrey.

It was still unbreakable. Not long after though, we heard a familiar noise from before. There was a roar of bulls coming towards us.

“The bulls are coming!” said Audrey.

“Huh? What do you mea-,” Gash couldn’t finish his sentence.

The bulls charged from behind the statue and completely destroyed it. We all hopped on the bulls and let them lead the way.

“Holy! This is insanity,” said Sammi.

“Yeah but I got used to it,” said Audrey.

They kept traveling until we reached another cliff. Every bull made a jump and then dropped us off on the ground safely.

“Bye bye!” said Cherry.

“Alright, I can feel the presence of the castle. We must be getting closer,” said Audrey.

I could feel it too. We had to be close. The path for now was pretty simple. Nothing was happening to the ground for now. I thought all the wonder effects were done, but more kept coming. My mini computer started acting up again and spat all the Minecraft stuff out again. Alex, Archer, and Zero were back with us once again.

“Welcome back!” I said.

“Not again!” said Zero.

“Bro I was in the middle of grinding!” said Alex.

“Aha apologies. We didn’t mean to have you all here again,” I said.

“Good to see you guys again,” said Audrey.

“Is the super scary lady here again?” asked Alex.

“Nah, we’re on our way to fight her,” said Gash.

“Well I guess at least we don’t have to deal with more lunatics,” said Zero.

Another wonder effect happened at the same time. This time the shrinking one. Everyone including our AI friends got turned tiny.

“Huh!? What is this all about?” asked Archer.

“Just another wonder effect. It’s all ok,” said Audrey.

“Are you sure!??” I asked.

I pointed towards an angry ravager who saw us.

“Oh yeah. That was the ravager I was trying to kill,” said Alex.

“We should run!” said Solar.

She was right. At this size, nobody would be strong enough to deal with it. We all kept going instead as it chased us. Zero tried hacking it, but it still wasn’t enough.

“Little update, Kithara is going to take over the world now if we don’t stop her concert,” I said.

“Oh my god I love concerts! We have them sometimes in the Minecraft world,” said Alex.

“I didn’t know Minecraft people had concerts. That sounds awesome,” said Dylan. The ravager made one last charge. I didn’t think we were going to outrun it, so everybody stood their ground with whatever defenses we had. Luckily for us, the shrinking effect wore off and we returned back to normal size. Now the ravager looked nervous.

“Hell yeah, time to finish what I started,” said Alex.

She went in and delivered the final blows.

“Man you are feisty,” said Audrey.

“Thank you!” said Alex.

“I can see the other side of the cloud. We’re almost out!” said Gash.

“God damn finally,” said Thunder.

We all made a run for it. Just before we could get out, there was one more obstacle. A deep dark biome must’ve spawned when the Minecraft wonder effect happened. Now there were sculk sensors everywhere.

“Nobody say a word,” said Archer.

We all walked quietly past the sensors and tried to get out. Unfortunately, a piece of debris fell from the sky and accidentally triggered it. It spawned a warden because of that.

“Ah!” said Alex.

The warden started running towards us.

“It’s ok,” said Zero.

He got out his hacks and made it work for us.

“Oh wow! You sure are useful,” said Alex.

He made the warden attack whatever was behind us. We took the opportunity to keep moving. Before we exited the cloud, my computer started acting up again and started ending this wonder effect.

“Guess you’re all out again. Thanks again!” said Lunar.

“No problem at all. Visit sometime you all!” said Alex.

“Freaking finally...” said Zero.

After all the Minecraft things were packed up. We finally left the cloud.

“Freedom at last!” said Sammi.

“Now I understand why that cloud was so big. Look up,” said Audrey.

Kithara’s castle was right above us. It was time to infiltrate and end this.

## **Chapter XII (Lunar’s POV): Cue the Opening Act**

It was really high up. Solar got to work on creating her solar path. It sure was impressive. She used the sun’s energy to create a yellow energy path that was strong enough for people to walk on. After doing some adjustments, she made it stretch all the way to the entrance.

“Wow, you sure are impressive,” said Cherry.

“Thanks! You should thank Max though,” said Solar.

After the path was created, we all began to walk on it.

“Wow, this feels cool,” said Sammi.

“It does. Thank you Solar In fact, thank you everyone for helping us. I know you all have a quest to save the dimensions, but I really appreciate you all for helping us take out Kithara,” said Audrey.

“It’s no problem! That’s what being a hero is all about,” I said.

She smiled. Eventually, we made it to the top. We weren’t exactly inside a castle. It was like a front yard with the main entrance at least a few kilometers away.

“Wow, this is really big,” said Dylan.

We stepped onto the courtyard and began making our way to the front doors. We were soon stopped by Kithara herself, who decided to greet us on her hoverboard.

“Well look who it is! You all must be really excited to see the amazing, no, the EPIC wonder I’m preparing!”

“We’re here to stop you before you finish it!” said Audrey.

“I see. Well you’ll have to wait a bit longer though. Perfection takes time! Just enjoy the opening act I planned. That’s your cue guys!” she said.

With that, she flew off back to her castle. All of a sudden, there were people who walked out on the courtyard. They didn’t look like regular humans. Each one was glowing fully blue just like the wonder colors.

“She created a fan base?!? She really is crazy,” said Gas.

Some of her creations were there to watch, but then others were there to attack us. They started the opening act by launching missiles towards us. We all scattered and made sure to dodge them. Slaying each fan was pretty simple. A few strikes and they would go away. The only problem was that Kithara seemed to have created thousands of them.

“Lunar look out!” yelled Cherry.

There was a missile coming right for me that I didn’t see. I couldn’t get out of the way in time, so I decided to jump on it. Surprisingly, it didn’t blow up, and instead I was able to ride it.

“So awesome,” I said.

I got full control and redirected the missile to hit a large group of her wonder fans. Before it hit, I made sure to jump off. The missile blew up and finished off the remaining missiles.

“Lunar, that was so bad ass of you!” said Cherry.

“Aha, thanks,” I said.

“Indeed it was,” Kithara came back, “The next performance is truly amazing. You’ll be SHOCKED at how good it is! Enough talking, prepare yourselves for a dazzling light show!”

Kithara flew off once again. The lights went out and her fans went quiet.

“Not again,” said Thunder.

This wasn’t like the wonder effect like last time. Shiny lights of all colors were placed above us so we could see.

“Aw, this is kinda nice,” said Sammi.

I thought so too, until the lights slowly fell onto us. Turns out the lights were all electric bulbs. We definitely did not want to touch these.

“Everybody stay close,” said Audrey.

The lights kept crashing down, but we all walked together and kept walking towards the front entrance. It was somewhat beautiful I had to admit. Kithara really did know how to put on a show at least.

“Despite being bullied, Kithara always had a huge imagination,” she said.

“That’s nice to hear,” I said.

A light almost hit us, but Solar guarded us. It looked like she absorbed the energy almost.

“I forgot I can absorb some instances of light,” she said.

“God, you can do it all,” said Cherry.

Eventually, we walked out of the light show and the lights turned on. Kithara was back to greet us once again.

“Ready for a break? Too bad! I banned intermissions in my show. No point in sneaking out, you don’t want to miss the next show. After all, these performers will be trying their hardest not to miss you!

“Huh!? What does that mean!?” asked Gash.

It was too late, Kithara already left. Lights were being shone on the walls of the courtyard. There were more wonder fans standing on balconies.

“Wonder what this is all about,” I said.

All of a sudden, each fan took out a cannon and started shooting homing rockets. We all began to make a run for it. These rockets were really special. It had the ability to avoid surfaces if it didn’t connect onto a target.

“All of these weapons were created using the wonder power she has. Who knows what she made inside the castle,” said Audrey.

Everyone was getting pretty good at dodging. We also figured out that we could redirect these homing missiles back towards her fans. It took some more effort, but we were doing a good job at getting rid of them. The difficulty started to spike not long after. There were fans that were homing rockets that were even larger than the ones before.

“Look out!” I said.

It was safe to say that these rockets had to be dodged. There was no way we were getting them to work on our side. We soon came across a wall in the courtyard that was blocking our path. With a rocket coming for us, we all stood in front of the wall and let the rocket blow it up for us.

“Good thinking,” said Dylan.

“Real smart Lunar,” said Thunder.

All the fans stopped firing their rockets. Kithara was here again.

“Not gonna lie, I’m a little impressed you all made it here. Impressed and GLAD! I get to hit you with the greatest opener of all time. I mean that literally. I’m gonna hit you now. Get ready for the most amazon, ground breaking opener ever produced! It’s time to get this knucklefest started,” she said.

She left soon after.

“At least we are getting our money’s worth,” said Solar.

After all of the other opening acts we saw, we were ready for the final one. That’s what I thought at first. Huge fiery fists punched their way through the ground and created platforms everywhere. Loud music started blasting everywhere. The fists were punching in rhythm to the song.

“Wow, you weren’t lying about her creativity,” said Cherry.

Rocket launchers also came out that fired in sync with the beat.

“It’s like a dance floor. Come on!” said Audrey.

We started making our final trip to the front gates. Every time a notable beat hit, we made sure to jump for it in case a fist was going to hit us. It was all so cool to see. Maybe even a little fun. Some of the gang were just jamming to the beats being played. I didn’t blame them to be honest.

“We’re almost at the end,” said Audrey.

After a few more platforms to jump and rockets to dodge, we all made it to flat ground once again. At this point, the music started picking up. We all dashed towards the door. The fists were punching all of the ground behind us quicker. Near the end of the song, we made it to the steps of the front doors as the last fist punched upwards. There was even confetti and cheers coming from her fans.

“That was the weirdest opening act I’ve ever seen before,” said Sammi.

“It was pretty fun, I won’t lie. We’re finally at the door. We need to stop her now,” said Audrey.

Kithara opened the doors.

You made it through the knucklefest. Impressive!” she said.

“Yeah! We sure kicked it all,” said Solar.

“Don’t look so happy, that was just the opening act. The rocking beat of the main event is going to echo across the world, no, throughout the dimension! Noone will be able to resist it. Heads will bob and feet will tap. They won’t be able to stop. A truly captive audience.

“Please Kithara! It was fun and all but now it’s time to stop this,” said Audrey.

“I worked too hard already. It’s time for the EPIC wonder I’ve been preparing for!” said Kithara.

### **Chapter XIII (Lunar’s POV): Kithara’s Rage Stage**

“Feast your eyes on KITHARA’S RAGE STAGE!” she said.

“Uh oh,” said Cherry.

She took out a speakerphone and started talking to everyone in the whole castle.

“All audience members, please make your way to the main stage!” she said.

After that, she went inside quickly. We followed her too. The castle inside was just as impressive as the outside. It looked like the inside of a casino. There were a bunch of wonder fans just having fun. It was glad to see she gave them some personality.

“There’s a sign there that points to the main stage. Let’s follow it,” said Audrey.

Audrey took us on a whole trip just to get to the stage. There were main staircases and hallways we had to follow. Luckily none of her wonder fans were attacking us. It seems like they just wanted to enjoy the show too, even if it was evil.

“This might be my first concert ever! I can’t wait,” said Solar.

“True, but we still need to stop her,” I said.

“Hopefully her music is better than her instinct to kill us,” said Sammi.

After walking a bit more, we could hear the roars of a huge crowd. We were getting close. The hallway ended and revealed a huge stadium in the castle. This was some really good design on Kithara’s part. All of her fans were sitting in bleachers high above. We had no access there. We kept walking forward until we saw the front stage. Noone was down with us. I guess they couldn’t afford the best seats.

“Where is she?” asked Gash.

“I’m not sure. The area in front of the stage is pretty empty,” I said.



We kept looking around until suddenly someone walked up onto the stage in front of us. It was Kithara. She had a whole rock outfit on too. Guess she used the time to change clothes.

“Ahem, thank you all for coming. SORRY FOR THE WAIT!” she yelled.

All of her fans were going nuts. I was afraid I was going to lose my hearing.

“Are you all ready to lose yourself to the sweet beat?! This finale will make the entire dimension my captive audience. MY RAGE STAGE!!!” she yelled.

The music on stage started to play. She got out her guitar as well.

“One! Two! Three! Four!” she said.

The entire crowd started chanting a beat for her to get started. Soon enough, she started playing a song without lyrics, and it was pretty catchy. I won't lie.

“Oh no. She started. If she plays long enough, she'll have control over everyone in this dimension across the planet including us,” said Audrey.

“Then let's go stop her,” said Thunder.

We all went on the stage and tried stopping her. Kithara saw us and started blasting her tunes right at us. It was so powerful it was like trying to swim against a riptide current. She blew all of us off stage and kept playing.

“Our gear still can't get us close to her! At least it hurts less,” said Dylan.

“If we can't attack her directly, then we'll just have to play music against her. Does anyone here play guitar at all?!” asked Audrey.

Nobody said anything at first. Eventually, Thunder raised his hand.

“I used to back before I worked for Mr. Grizz. Good old music was good for my brain. Stopped afterwards after I realized I had no free time,” he said.

“Can you still do it?” she asked.

“I guess if we have no other choice. It's not my preferred choice of fighting though,” he said.

“Perfect! Now we just need to get him one,” said Audrey.

I took out my super merge and zapped it on an unused guitar on the stage along with a wonder flower Audrey still had. It created a pretty cool looking guitar fit for Thunder.

“Huh, thanks guys,” he said.

We climbed back on the stage and got his amp ready.

“Oh a challenger appears! Let's see if you can keep up,” said Kithara.

Thunder started to play a little bit. It was slow at first, but he managed to keep up with whatever Kithara was playing.

“You're doing great Thunder!” said Solar.

“I might need some backup or something!” he yelled back.

We all went around and grabbed some wonder power that could let him play a bit better.

“Much better...” he said.

“Ugh this is too boring. Time to change the pace,” said Kithara.

She started to play her original music even faster than before.

“Thunder! You're going to have to play a different song than her to take control and stop her!” yelled Audrey.

“What tune?! I haven't played for a long time, remember?!” he said.

“Wait, I have some experience writing music. I can write something he can play to complement Kithara's song and switch directions,” said Cherry.

We let her get to work. A few minutes later, she had a score written out and tossed it to Thunder.

“Now we’re talking!” he said.

The song started to sound a little bit different from what Kithara was originally playing. I think the plan is starting to work.

“How dare you ruin my beautiful song!” she yelled.

Some of her crew members went on stage and tried to get Thunder. The rest of us guarded him to make sure he could keep playing. I had to say, Thunder’s playing was actually really good. It was nice to see what he did outside of beating people up for a living.

“Enough! Fine you can change the song a bit but can you do this?!” said Kithara.

She started to play a little differently. There was wonder aura coming out of her guitar with every note she played. All the aura came together to create a purple fire breathing dragon.

“Oh dear,” said Solar.

She played her music to control the dragon and made everyone get off the stage again.

“Ok, this is going to be harder than I thought,” said Audrey.

The dragon started chasing us even off stage. Solar, Sammi, and Cherry went to distract it.

“Her music is way too powerful and she has her own beast. We need to counter with the same measures,” said Gash.

“Huh? What do you mean by that?” asked Thunder.

“What I mean is, you’ll have to play your music and create your own creature to fight off that dragon as well,” he replied.

“But what do I make!?” he asked.

“I know that dragons are Kithara’s favorite beings. Maybe you can think of something you really like? The guitar has wonder power in it. You can do exactly what she did,” said Audrey.

Thunder thought about it for a while, and then picked up his guitar and went back on stage. He started playing something completely new, and suddenly, he was also creating something with the wonder aura. I couldn’t tell what it was at first, but I soon realized what he made. It wasn’t a beast, but instead a god! Zeus to be specific.

“God damn! This is awesome!” I yelled.

“I was named based on him,” he said.

“Unbelievable,” said Kithara.

The dragon stopped attacking our friends, and went to deal with Thunder’s Zesus. It was a good matchup. Both exchanged attacks that were really powerful. But I could tell that Kithara was still a little bit stronger. We needed to somehow help Thunder out. We all started just rooting for him in the crowd.

“You got this Thunder!” I said.

“Beat that dragon up!” said Solar.

“Yeah get his ass!” said Audrey.

All the noise we made seemed to have motivated Thunder. He started playing even better and faster. His Zesus overpowering the dragon. Kithara was the one struggling to keep up now. Eventually, he finished off the dragon by summoning lightning bolt clouds and zapping it away. The dragon was gone for good.

“No!” said Kithara.

While she was distracted, the rest of us took the opportunity to sneak attack and knock her out. Gash gave her a sleep potion. Her fans were shocked and confused. We also grabbed the guitar and dismantled it.

“That ends that,” said Audrey.

“Thunder you were great buddy!” said Solar.

“Thanks. Thank you all for the help. You got my passion back!” he said.

“Anytime. You’re a great guy Thunder,” said Gash.

“Thank you everyone for helping us too. We might be able to stop this once and for all. I’m tracking the seed to be in a room somewhere in the tower,” said Audrey.

“Sounds good to me. Let’s get it!” I said.

“The potion will wear off soon so we should leave now,” said Gash.

We all left Kithara on the stage and quickly left for the seed. There was a feeling of disappointment in the stadium as we left. I don’t blame her fans exactly. It would suck if the artist performing at a concert was knocked out. We were one step closer from freeing this world from the evils of wonder power.

## Chapter XIV (Lunar’s POV): Roll the Die

The room in the tower wasn’t too heavily guarded, thankfully. We could see the seed in a locked up wonder cage in the middle of the room.

“Wow. It’s majestic,” said Audrey.

“Yeah it looks different compared to the rest,” said Cherry.

“It’s still locked up but we can get it out,” said Gash.

We all grabbed out our weapons and blew the cage into pieces. Maybe it was a little overkill. Audrey walked up to the stand and snatched the seed.

“Finally, we are done!” said Audrey.

Even after grabbing the seed, the castle didn’t go away.

“Huh?! I have the seed!” said Audrey.

“A seed of this size is too strong in the environment. We’re probably going to have to leave the castle entirely for it to disappear,” said Gash.

“Rats!” said Audrey.

At the same time, a loud alarm started blaring from the room and soon throughout the entire castle. Kithara must’ve had a security trap here.

“The potion wore off!” said Gash.

We could see outside the room Kithara running towards us. There was also music playing again. We all looked at each other and knew we had to make a run for it out the window. I had a feeling this was going to be a crazy escape.

*Everyone jumped out the window and landed back inside the stadium. The crowd seemed angered and started throwing things at us.*

**Lunar:** Don’t look back, Kithara is gaining on our tail.

**Audrey:** Reinforcements grow I think it’s time to bail!

**Solar:** Now stay alert and keep your wits about. Come on, there has to be an escape route!

**Kithara:** NO! Don't let them get out!

*We all managed to avoid all the things being thrown at us and got in before the doors closed in on us. Now we had to traverse to the entrance through the castle hallways and stairways.*

**Cherry:** We gotta lose the heat, this is our one shot.

**Gash:** Let's go weapons loud. It's time to hit that jackpot!

*Kithara suddenly appeared in front of us and was preparing an attack. Audrey threw in a smoke bomb and we all got past her.*

**Audrey:** We got to escape from sight. Come on, let's sneak by!

**Solar:** We better place our bets and roll the die!

*A door at the end of the hallway leading to the casino part of the castle started closing. Sammi threw in a device and held it open for us. I could tell Kithara was not happy that we got out. Inside the casino, all of her wonder fans were on patrol now. We had to not get seen now.*

**Lunar:** Oh man they're everywhere, how are we going to pass?

**Sammi:** Stay low, sneak fast, or else they'll get your ass.

**Dylan:** What are you kidding me we don't need to run. I think you forget we have a thing called a gun.

*Kithara suddenly yelled out from the speakers.*

**Kithara:** INTRUDER ALERT. SPIES IN THE BASE. KITHARA NEEDS YOU TO DISMANTLE THEIR FACE!

*Even more wonder fans entered the room now.*

**Cherry:** Woah watch it, here they come!

**Thunder:** Why are we singing? This is kinda dumb.

*We quietly walked our way through the room using pillars as cover.*

**Solar:** Zip right past them, swift like air.

**Audrey:** Damn I'm so good, my sealth's got flair!

*We thought we were in the clear, but then a wonder fan spotted us.*

**Wonder Fan:** Hey you guys don't move! Are you all spies!?

*I spotted a pizza box in a trash can and tried to get us out of the situation.*

**Lunar:** Uh no, we're just the pizza delivery guys!

**Dylan:** Did you order this pizza with a side of fries?

*Dylan handed the wonder fan the box and they opened it.*

**Wonder Fan:** Oh maybe yes let me take a look inside. UGH pineapple on pizza, you goddamn thieves!

*The wonder fan threw the pizza back at us and made Audrey throw the seed somewhere on a roulette table by accident.*

**Audrey:** Hey wait, no stop. The wonder seed!

*Kithara just entered the room and spotted the seed. Half of us went to distract her, and the other half went to go get the seed. I was on seed patrol.*

**Solar:** As the roulette wheel spins we'll feel our heart's thrill.

**Cherry:** Keep to your hand and don't fold until the very last kill!

**Audrey:** We need the strength for freedom to guide our eyes.

**Lunar:** You better place down those bets and hope you're up to the test.

**Solar:** Let's aim for the sky and then take a roll of the die!

*Solar, Cherry, Audrey and I were able to take out every last wonder fan in the room and got the seed again. We saw a sign pointing towards the exit in another staircase. We met up with the rest of our friends and began running in that direction. We ended up in another room with a bunch of arcade machines. After running a bit more, a wonder cage suddenly fell on top of all of us. It was a trap! Kithara walked in front of the room to greet us.*

**Kithara:** You idiots just fell right into my trap. That seed is mine and your asses are clapped. When I finish my song I will finally win because I'll steal all of your Valorant skins!

**Sammi:** Are you serious all that just for rank up to plat?

**Kithara:** Ah well yes but a bit more important than that. I need world domination you see.

**Gash:** Oh no way you wouldn't that's a felony!

**Audrey:** Come on Kithara stop this! This isn't you! What happened to the friendly guitarist I knew? Are you turning your back on the friend you adored? Why are you trusting your emotions hardcore?!

**Kithara:** I feel so sad. I trust my inner lord!

**Dylan:** Come closer then I have a nicer reward! This ultra rare Roblox skin that I scored!  
*Kithara walked up closer to the cage.*

**Kithara:** Woah really you'd give that divine skin to me? Is that fine?!  
*I pushed the remote button on her to disable the cage. It soon disintegrated.*

**Dylan:** Pfft, no it's mine!  
*With that, we took off and left Kithara in the dust.*

**Audrey:** The game is in our hands, this is our last chance!

**Lunar:** We have to win it all and live through this dangerous dance.

**Cherry:** Sound off with your gun load up, she's raised the stakes high.

**Solar:** All of our bets are placed, the clock is ticking goodbye.

**Gash:** Now or nothing, one final push it's time to roll the die!  
*We all finally made it through the front doors. We thought we were in the clear, but Kithara sneak attacked us from above with her hoverboard and snatched the seed. She then blocked us from leaving and pulled out her weapons and shield. I didn't think we were gonna be able to make it out now. Suddenly though, someone from above came flying down right next to us. It was Louis! He was here to help us. Now I knew we could do it with his secret weapon.*

**Audrey:** Wipe that smile your plan is running out of steam.

**Solar:** Save your breath, it's over with your little scheme.

**Gash:** Your wishes bring me nothing but disgust. We hold the cards your hand has crumbled to dust.

*Louis did his whistle again.*

**Louis:** Your dumb dream's a huge bust!

We heard the same heavy footsteps come in from behind us again. Louis's guardian came charging in again and started heading towards Kithara. She held her ground, but the guardian's charge was too much for her to withstand. Kithara was knocked right up into the sky and Audrey grabbed the seed. I think she was done fighting for good.

"Louis you came back!?" said Audrey.

"Yeah. Figured I should at least help after you saved my life," he said.

"Well I'm very glad you did," said Gash.

Kithara looked weakened, but a little different now. Audrey went to talk to her.

“Kithara are you ok?” asked Audrey.

“Yes, I am still Audrey,” said Kithara.

“Look. I’m sorry I left you behind. I regret it,” said Audrey.

“No Audrey. It is ok. It was a great opportunity and you took it,” she replied.

“If I never left you then you wouldn’t have gone on this terrible rampage!” exclaimed Audrey.

“Maybe so. But it was my fault for seeking so much wonder power in the first place. I didn’t know how controlling it could be towards my emotions. I hope you can forgive the damage I caused, even if it was not my true intention,” said Kithara.

Louis walked up.

“I was a fool back then. I’m sorry for being such a jerk too,” he said.

“I appreciate that. It was a dark time for my life back then. It’s somewhat nice to see you advocating for more equal use of wonder power. Never thought you could grow to be somewhat responsible,” said Kithara.

“I went too far with it as well. I hurt some people with my guardian just to get some of it for my own. I was just like you Kithara,” said Louis.

“Haha, power really does get inside your head doesn’t it,” she said, “Audrey. I don’t know if I will make it. Take the seed and destroy the castle. It must be done before this corrupted wonder power spreads too much,”

“No! I want to save you still,” said Audrey.

“Audrey... I appreciate you as my friend still and always will. But right now, you need to end this madness,” said Kithara.

Audrey was holding back tears at this point. She went to give Kithara a hug. It was a somewhat touching moment. After they were done talking, Audrey and Louis returned to us.

“What now?” I asked.

“We need to jump down and get far away from the castle,” said Audrey.

Solar created her path back down. We quickly got on it and slid down. When we got to the bottom, Audrey’s seed began converting back into power, and the castle above started exploding. Eventually, it all faded away. We gave a moment of silence for Kithara.

## **Chapter XV (Lunar’s POV): The Next Link**

After we made sure that the castle was fully gone, we collected the remaining wonder power and started heading back towards Dr. Gates lab. Louis even gave us all his wonder power too after realizing how dangerous it could be. Audrey and Gash thanked him for that. He also apologized for how he acted before. I created a rift to speed up the process so that we could save some time. Dr. Gates was there to greet us.

“Mission well done I assume?” he asked.

“Yessir!” said Audrey.

“Glad to hear it. Lunar and friends thank you so much for helping us. You saved our entire dimension,” he said.

“It was no problem at all!” I said.

“In return, I will keep working on getting access to the dimension where this guardian lives. With all the wonder power you got from Kithara, I will have more than enough to complete my task,” he said.

“Sounds good! I can’t wait to get rid of these visions,” said Solar.

“I think it might be hometime for some of us soon,” said Cherry.

“Tell me about it,” said Thunder.

“Don’t worry, I will get the portal working soon back to your dimension,” said Dr.

Gates, “As for you Louis, I heard you helped out in the end too,”

“Yeah a little. It was the least I could do,” he said.

“I’ve been looking for a few more employees with wonder power experience and you have it. How would you feel about working here?” asked Dr. Gates.

“Oh wow. It would be an honor working with professionals on the matter. I will do my best,” said Louis.

“Good to hear,” said Gash.

“When I am ready with the portal, I will contact you Lunar. Be on the lookout,” said Dr. Gates.

“Of course,” I said.

With that, we all hopped through the dimension portal back to our real homes. Dr. Gates was there to greet us again.

“How was the trip?” he asked.

“It was so cool!” said Sammi.

“It was full of this stuff called wonder power. You needed to see it,” said Cherry.

“We saw Audrey and Gash there! They were employees there just like here,” I said.

“That all sounds so very awesome. Audrey here is still recovering, but you can tell her and Gash about their counterparts. Did you meet the guardian?” he asked.

“Not just yet. We helped Dr. Gates get power and he is working on getting direct access to the guardian. He’ll let me know when the portal is ready,” I said.

“Sounds just like me. My portal will be ready to return there whenever he is ready,” said Dr. Gates.

After saying some goodbyes, we left the lab, and everyone but Solar went home. I still had a thought in my mind. There had to be a Kithara in our dimension too. Without the wonder power, she wouldn’t be able to turn into a villain, but still had the tragic past.

A week or so later, Solar and I went to the hospital to speak to Audrey. We were let into her room and saw her.

“Oh hey guys! I heard you were my heroes,” she said.

“We sure are. We met a version of you in another dimension,” said Solar.

“How was I like?” she asked.

“Really nice! You were still working for Dr. Gates. We even met a friend of yours named Kithara,” I said.

“Oh my god. I haven’t spoken to Kithara in years,” said Audrey.

“In this dimension, Kithara abused a special power and tried to take over the world. We were able to stop her, but she perished in the end,” said Solar.

This worried Audrey.

“We need to go see her right now!” said Audrey.

“Are you sure? Don’t you need rest?” I asked.

“Oh please, I can walk again now. I just have to rest here a few more weeks and then I’m good,” she said.

It all sounded good to me. Audrey gave me an address at the school Kithara was at and we rifted there. After doing some searching, we found her sitting at a lunch table outside. Audrey ran up to her.

“Kithara! I’m so happy to see you,” said Audrey.

“Oh my god Audrey! I’m so happy to see you too,” she said.

“I’m so so sorry for leaving you behind. It was a mistake,” said Audrey.

“It’s ok Audrey. I don’t blame you. Who are your new friends?” asked Kithara.

Solar and I gave Kithara the whole story. We even shared who she was in this other dimension and what she planned.

“Oh my. That sounds awful. It is true that I was bullied here too,” she said.

“We had a little gift for you,” I said.

Solar pulled out a guitar that looked identical to the one that Wonder Kithara used. Max helped to make it.

“A guitar for me!? This is the nicest thing anyone has ever done. Thank you!” she said.

“I figured that if we couldn’t help you in that dimension, the least we could do is check up on you in this dimension,” I said.

She got up and gave both of us a hug.

“This was nice. My classes start soon, but I will see you all later!” she said.

Audrey went with her, leaving Solar and I behind.

“Well I’m glad we were able to cheer her up here,” said Solar.

“Same. I’m guessing you’re going again?” I asked.

“Yep! I will see you when we are ready to finish this long journey once and for all,” said Solar.

We hugged one last time before Solar went through the rift back to Echo Earth. Each adventure was getting more tiring than the last, but I knew the next was going to be one of the last ones. We had to stop Solar’s visions. I could see a very small void close to my home. I still was confused as to why I was involved in all this. What was the common event we broke that caused this? All I could do now was wait. When the portal is ready, I will meet face to face with this guardian, and avenge anyone we lost trying to get here.