## **Backstory**

In an age where humanity had grown obsessed with profit at the cost of everything else, the Earth had become a casualty of its own insatiable greed. Earth was becoming unhabitable. The level of atmospheric contamination has escalated, and the once-fertile land lay barren and lifeless. Despite repeated warnings from nature itself, mankind refused to heed the call and continued on its destructive path. It seemed as though the very foundations of the planet were about to crumble under the weight of humanity's folly.

It was then that nature took matters into its own hands. Though it had long been content with defending its own, it was clear to all that humanity had become a parasitic virus, consuming everything in its path. Nature was no longer benevolent. Nature became enraged!

The ensuing display of power and beauty was nothing short of awe-inspiring. The elements unleashed their fury upon humankind who had defiled the planet for far too long. Raging winds tore through cities, torrential rains flooded the land, and earthquakes shook the very core of the Earth. The destiny of humankind appeared precarious as nature persisted in its relentless crusade against those who dared to exploit the planet for their own benefit. All that remained were the remnants of humanity's former glory, now merely shadows of what they had once been. Each living creature knew that all destruction in the world was caused by humans so they became united against humans, the parasites!

As the world settled into a new normal, most parts of the world had been conquered by nature. The wealthy had built cities up in the air called Highland, where they could escape the chaos below. Whereas people who could not move to the Highland were living in cities called Lowland with scarce amounts of food and energy. The people living in Lowland were the only ones left to bear the brunt of nature's fury. The city was sieged, and with each passing day, their situation grew increasingly dire. Venturing outside the safety of the city was a perilous proposition, as the dangers that lurked in the wilds were many and varied.

Despite the Highlanders' elevated existence in the sky, they still depended on resources from the earth. To meet their needs, they established industrial facilities in barren areas, but with little regard for the environmental impact, they continued to pollute the surroundings.

The possibility of restoring a state of coexistence was unclear, with opinions on the matter varying widely. Some believed that humankind should plead for the forgiveness of Mother Nature. Ultimately, isn't humanity inherently intertwined with the natural world? If humans ceased to inflict harm on other beings, wouldn't Mother Nature forgive her children? There were those who held the belief that nature was unforgiving and thus sought to protect themselves by devising weapons. In the meantime, some placed the blame for all devastation on the Highlanders, who persisted in polluting the environment, resulting in rebellions against them.

Rebellions were targeting facilities to cut the power of Highlanders. Due to frequent rebellions by Lowlanders and the harsh weather conditions transporting materials from the facility to the safety of the Highlanders' world was an exceedingly risky task. To mitigate the danger, Highlanders started to employ skilled pilots from the Lowland, who were adept at navigating the treacherous landscape and evading hostile forces.

One of the zeppelin pilots hired to transport goods from Lowland was Mr. Canmore, a Lowlander. His daughter, Tamora, was born and raised in Highland and had a passion for engineering and flying vehicles, particularly zeppelins. Despite having some friendships with Highland youth, she faced

harassment and discrimination from others. Tamora frequently felt like an outsider and struggled to find a sense of belonging in Highland. Though she had never visited her parents' homeland, her father shared stories of the Lowland with her.

Tamora had always idolized her father and his job as a zeppelin pilot. Her fascination with flying fueled her desire to join him on a trip. After much persuasion, her father agreed to take her along to pick up raw materials from the facility. Due to her overwhelming excitement, Tamora found it difficult to fall asleep the night before. When morning came, her father noticed that the weather was unnaturally calm and had a sense that something was off. He briefly considered leaving Tamora behind, but she was already up and ready to go, having even prepared sandwiches for the journey. As they set out on their trip, Tamora was thrilled to finally see the Lowland, but their elation was short-lived. As they approached the industrial site, the weather suddenly took a turn for the worse.

Suddenly, a bright flash of lightning struck the zeppelin, causing it to shake violently in the air. Tomora stumbled and lost her balance, hurtling towards the facility's windows. The impact was jarring, and Tomora awoke in a daze, feeling disoriented and confused. As she struggled to gather her thoughts, her mind raced with worry for her father's safety.

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