There are four parts to the greater story. The first part is set in the United States on modern Earth, featuring a transgendered boy with severe abandonment issues and an indomitable spirit. His parents divorced when he was three, he was put up for adoption when he was four, and spent a year in foster care before finally being placed with his new family. The lack of a stable home and favorable male role model could have contributed to his failure to identify with men or other boys, but unfavorable reactions to his feminine behavior and self-identification contributed immensely to his fear of abandonment. He had literally been told that no one would want a boy who acted like a girl. So, he hid what he truly thought and felt, pretending to be a boy for everyone around him while searching endlessly for a way to become a girl to stop living a lie.