Story opens on a short paragraph of exposition:

Since the beginning, a small collection of devout mystics learned the secrets of the world and mastered them to keep the world from falling into disarray by becoming The Keepers of the Four. These followers look upon the elements of Life, Death, Space and Time with the highest of respect and treat their work as a strict lifestyle. Traditions have been faithfully upheld for millennia, until one disastrous event occurred....

Perspective switches to the chosen character

Direction for story paths(For later updates):

Randolf’s paths reflect the good and bad that come from a traditionalist mindset, while Lynne’s paths reflect the good and bad of a young, rebellious mindset. The endings should mirror each other with how they end and be similar with the message but applies to the characters differently.

Place any revisions/new ideas under the last story of Lynne to keep them obviously separated.

# Randolf

On his own, before the fight

Randolf, one of the strongest members of The Keepers of the Four, had been dispatched to quell the raging storm of elements. Staunch in upholding the traditions of the Keepers, he alone was entrusted with this task.

Yet at the eye of the storm, a small abandoned village, his conviction wavered at a familiar sight. Lynne, his apprentice, made her way through the element-scarred buildings.

Not knowing why she’d made her way here, the veteran of the Keepers called out, “Lynne! It’s dangerous out here! Return to the temple quickly!”

“Back off, I need to understand my potential!”

“You cannot! It’s too dangerous!” Randolf shouted a desperate warning, watching as Lynne continued deeper into the chaos.

Momentarily stunned by his apprentice’s brashness, Randolf gave chase, following her to a park, which the Elements seemed eager to reclaim.

Normally willing to talk, Randolf saw that his apprentice wouldn’t leave unless by force. For her own safety, Randolf would have to fight her.

Different endings occur depending on the elements chosen

### Life

“Good ending” - Using his power over life, Randolf cleanses Lynne of her wounds and asks for her help; begrudgingly she agrees and they are able to stop the storm together; after it subsides, Randolf allows Lynne to go off on her own

### Death

Both combatants stood, breathing haggard. A chill of decay lingered in the air as Lynne slumped to one knee, clearly defeated.

-Lynne is too injured to help or continue; in order to save her and stop the storm; Randolf will expend his power over death to end the storm at the expense of his own life

### Space

“Cataclysmic ending” - Randolf uses the powers of space to transport Lynne back to the temple, ensuring her safety while he attempts to stop the storm on his own, his failure is implied as the storm overtakes the town and becomes a permanent mark of the element’s chaotic nature

### Time

As the storm of elements raged overhead, spurred on by the conflicts below, Randolf realized it was out of his hands. He had no hope of stopping it alone…

“Lynne, I need your help”

Lynne staggered to her feet, glaring daggers at her former mentor and refusing to answer. Even if she had been willing, she looked in no condition to help.

-Radolf reverses time to before the fight, several times until he can get Lynne to agree to help

As the storm subsided, Time would come to take its toll. Randolf ages years in the span of seconds, hair growing pale, wrinkles cutting through his features. The now wizened mystic gave a hacking cough.

# Lynne

On her own, before the fight

Lynne, a mystic in training, grew to hate the ways of The Keepers. She was very curious of her powers, but her teachers forbade her to learn more than what was taught.

Seeking to test the extent of her powers, she moved towards the eye of a storm where the Four Elements were raging. In this abandoned town, she may be able to explore new grounds despite the dangers.

To Lynne’s surprise, she encountered Randolf, her mentor, in the mind-bending landscape. Trying to escape his sight, Randolf calls out to her.

“Lynne! It’s dangerous out here! Return to the temple quickly!”

Lynne couldn’t abandon this chance, especially since she has been noticed here. “Back off, I need to understand my potential with these powers!”

“You cannot!” Uninterested in his warnings, Lynne seeks to escape from Randolf.

Lynne soon found herself in a chaotic, once-beautiful park with little room to escape further, with Randolf closing in.

From one look, Lynne could see Randolf was no longer in the mood for words and ready to use force to return her home.

Though she had not sought violence, Lynne finally saw her chance to test her skills and expand upon them. Calling upon her strength, she seeked to unearth the secrets of her powers!

Different endings occur depending on the elements chosen

### Life

Lynne holds her own against Randolf but she soon begins to see restraint from him.

After noticing this, her will to fight falters alongside Randolf’s and the two stand off and stare each other down.

“This isn’t the time to fight…” Lynne admits.

“You’re right.” Randolf walks over to Lynne.

“We must stop this together.” Randolf sits down and begins to meditate. Lynne follows.

The two calm their minds and begin to sift through the storm and restore the elements to the order they once had.

Lynne and Randolf rise to see the city at peace again. They take a moment to speak to each other.

“I don’t want to stay.” Lynne confesses, downtrodden.

“I should not force you to do otherwise.” Randolf says. “Go and find your own path.”

Uplifted, Lynne parts ways with Randolf and begins her journey to discover more about the elements in hopes that one day she can bring those results back to him one day.

### Death

Lynne expertly takes down Randolf, admiring her own new powers as he lays exhausted.

She looks down upon Randolf with pleasure, but in this moment of pride, she loses control over the forces of Death and they begin to rage.

Randolf screamed in pain as the energies of Death suffocated him. Lynne’s shock held her mind back from reacting to this sudden attack.

By the time she recovered and attempted to control these powers, it was too late. Randolf ceased struggling and lies motionless on the ground before Lynne.

Lynne panicked and began to run out of fear of her own power, abandoning her mentor to the Elements. She soon realizes her escape will bring her to the point of no return, abandoning her kind mentor and the life she has lived so far.

As she found a place to rest and calm down, a chill of determination ran through her body. Lynne decided that she would study the extent of what one can do with the elements on her own.

### Space

Lynne defeats Randolf and quickly leaves him on his own.

“Lynne! Please wait!” Randolf cried out desperately. “I deeply apologize for attacking you. It’s clear that you are powerful and I need you to help me calm this storm!”

Lynne stops for a moment, only barely holding onto her rage before it erupts out at Randolf.

“This isn’t about power, Randolf! I never wanted to abuse the powers of the elements or whatever you think. Not that it matters anymore.”

“You lost your chance to make up when you started throwing punches. You have to deal with this yourself.”

“Goodbye forever, Randolf.”

Lynne quickly turned away and began walking off, ignoring Randolf’s pleas. His desperation only sped Lynne on, snuffing out any chance she would turn back.

### Time

Lynne stands over Randolf as he lies on the ground, weak from his attempts of controlling the storm while fighting her.

“Please, Lynne… You must stop this chaos…” Randolf pleaded, barely able to cough out his words.

Lynne wanted to scoff at Randolf, but could not ignore her teacher after had accepted defeat.

She began to call upon her remaining power. Slowly, Lynne was able to mold the landscape to its original form.

However, Lynne’s inexperience soon caught up to her and the elements fought back against her, distorting her physical form and concept of reality.

Lynne’s path to success was arduous, but she managed to bring peace to the desolate city.

Randolf stared in awe at Lynne’s aged body, shocked at her accomplishment.

Lynne blankly stared back and Randolf, unsure what to tell him of the years of reflection that happened in only minutes.

All she could do was turn away emotionlessly to signify that whatever relationship they once had now means nothing.

# Revisions/new ideas

I think that Lynne’s Death story is a good example of letting her rebelliousness get the better of her, causing her to make a mistake.

Life:

The only element that gives a ‘good’ ending. In some way, both characters make up, stop the storm and end up learning more about each other.

Death:

Stories that show an example of one’s ignorance can lead to tragedy.

Space:

Reveals more of the character’s relationship and further damages it to the point where it becomes unsalvageable.

Time:

The player character learns the error of their ways at the cost of their youth.

Lynne

Life

Lynne sees that Randolf is no longer willing to fight, and they come to an agreement to stop the storm together.

Lynne admits to wanting to leave the Keepers, and Randolf lets her go.

Death

Lynne's wrath leads to her accidentally killing Randolf, causing her to flee in terror.

She now lives in hiding, studying the elements.

Space

Randolf loses the battle, and tries to appeal to Lynne to ask for help.

He ends up offending her, and Lynne leaves Randolf to his fate.

Time

Lynne beats Randolf and realizes he only wanted to help, so she tries to fight back against the storm.

Lynne’s inexperience causes the elements to age her in a short amount of time.

Randolf

Life

Randolf heals Lynne after the battle and asks her for help in stopping the storm.

They successfully calm down the storm and Randolf comes to accept Lynne’s decision to learn on her own.

Death

Randolf defeats Lynne, but realizes she’s gravely injured and that he has used too much strength.

Randolf expends every ounce of his power to stop the storm at the cost of his own life.

(Maybe change? Isn’t the thematically the same as Lynne’s Death route)

Space

With Lynne defeated, Randolf teleports her to the church of the Keepers for her safety.

Randolf attempts to calm the storm from there, but appears to fail as the storm continues to rage on years after the event.

Time

Randolf asks for Lynne’s help but she refuses to answer. Randolf rewinds time to find a way to convince her, but as he ages he realizes his harsh teachings are what pushed her away.