*Erebus*

Part 1: the awakening and the consequences

My name is Sidharth Hrithik Roshan. I was born on 19th February 2082.

Present day, 24th May 2100.

Sidharth just came out of Thakur college of engineering and technology. He was there today to give JEE advanced (Joint Entrance Exam Advanced). He was preparing for this exam from past 2 years day and night. Both he and his cousin sister, Tara Rajesh Mahajan were preparing for this exam. ‘Now where do I look for Ajay.’ There was a huge crowd of students and their parents. To enter the most prestigious engineering college of India, one must crack JEE mains and JEE advanced and must fall under top 25000 rank. After searching for another couple of minutes, it was Ajay who found Sidharth. “Where the heck have you been all this time Ajay?” he asked. “Sorry, I parked our car little faraway from here. So, it took me some time to come over here.” Ajay replied. “Whatever let’s just go quickly, I am hungry.” “Right, I picked some chips and coke on my way here.” They both sat in car and Sidharth turned to keep his bag on back sit and to grab his meal. “By the way, how was your paper?” “I was able to solve maximum questions.” “That’s good” they then started heading back towards their house. After a two hour-long journey, they finally reached their destination. Sidharth got out of his car and stood Infront of a 2-floor mansion (ground, first and second floor) with 2-floor basement also.

Sidharth lives with his aunt Kareena Rajesh Mahajan who is A rank mage. Her husband is not awakened like her, but he is founder and CEO of VISTA CORP. A company which RND’s magic weapon, advanced weapon, and defensive suits. He owns a villa in church gate near Nariman’s point. Sidharth was staying with them since he was 11. Both, Tara and Sidharth are of same age.

Sidharth started walking towards the main door of his house with Ajay. Meanwhile, Sidharth asked, “Are uncle and aunty going to come back today from Avalon?” “Nope, they will come day after tomorrow. But why do you ask?” “Nothing, I thought they were coming today. What are going to have today for dinner?” “It’s not decided since Tara is calling her friends for a sleepover” ‘Sidharth turned towards Ajay in shock. Meanwhile Ajay rang the bell of their house.’ A blonde women opened the door. It was Emily. She was Tara’s and Sidharth’s caretaker along with Ajay and Ron who is currently picking up Tara. “Welcome back, how was your paper?” “I solved maximum problems in the paper, so let’s see” “Don’t sweat it, just enjoy now. You really worked hard for this. Besides every one of your friends are coming here today for a sleepover” “Firstly, they are not my friends and secondly why is she calling for a sleepover. Can’t they just go out?” Emily replied “They all wanted a sleepover party, and our house has all the things they need for that. Besides, she got permission from her father.” “Sure, but what about aunt? I am quite sure uncle never mentioned this to her. Whatever just make sure they don’t disturb me.” “Okay. Why don’t you go and freshen up first.” “Sure, I really need that” Sidharth started walking towards his room which is on 1st floor. Tara, Sidharth were living on first floor along with Emily and one room was kept vacant for guests. While Ajay and Ron’s room were on Ground floor with another one vacant room. On second floor, my uncle and aunt live. There is also a gym and small lab on second floor. On basement one, cars were parked and there were rooms for maids and one huge club where there were many indoor games. Basement two was used as a doomsday shelter just in case something huge were to happen. Also, B2 (Basement 2) was the biggest floor.

After taking a shower Sidharth came out and dried himself. He wore some clothes and started reading a web-novel. He was soon intercepted by Emily. She first knocked and opened the door. “What are you doing?” “Nothing just reading” Sidharth replied. “Huh, now?” “Yeah, why? Is there something wrong?” “Nothing, I thought you would skip today. All you were doing was studying and reading and go to gym.” “I did not read anything yesterday and studied for today’s exam.” “Fine, what are you going to have for dinner? Tara and her friends are ordering pizza, coke, and ice cream. Ajay, Ron, and I also plan to join them and watch cricket match.” “I want you to order one cheese and corn burger, one large fry and one Mc cheeseburger. Even I deserve a holiday from my daily nutrition.” “Hoh. Fine I will order. But you are still going to join us for match, right?” “No, I have no interest in such things. I will have it in my room.” “At least come down for today.” Before she could say something Sidharth commented “Pass” With that she stopped saying and just started to walk out of the room. As she was closing the door, doorbell rang. And a maid opened the door. Meanwhile Emily closed the door. Sidharth got back to reading. It was 8:15. Soon after doorbell started and rang continuously six times, and it was getting a lot loud down on the floor. Sidharth took his headphones, connected it with his phone and started playing music. Match was already started. By 8:32, Emily came in Sidharth’s room and gave him his meal and left. He started eating and finished it in a hurry. After that, he dumped all the garbage in his bin and straight went to bed. He switched off his room lights, started AC, and was lying on the bed. He set the timer on AC and slept.it was around 9:24. After about two hour or so, he woke up again from the loud noise. It was coming from downstairs. He could still hear voices and of cheering and got back to sleep. He played music which he hears while relaxing on low voice enough to block all the voices from below and set a timer of thirty minutes and went back to sleep.

On the next day, Sidharth woke at six as usual, brushed his teeth and went down in the kitchen to drink some black coffee and soaked dry fruits. While preparing coffee, he saw all pizza boxes and coke bottles in a big black trash bag and turned back to see the state of living room. It was a mess and still chip packets were lying on the table and some coke also. He then drank his coffee and went up to gym. From six thirty to eight, he was working out. After an intense workout, he asked Mansi, one of the maids to boil 3 eggs and to bring to his room. While he was going up, he saw Emily coming out of her room. Judging by her state, she just woke up. He decided to ignore her, but she eventually saw him. “Good morning Sidharth.” She greeted. “Good morning” he said and started walking towards his room. He closed and then straight went in to take a shower. He came out and there were eggs on his table. It was eight thirty. He then started to read novel where he left yesterday. Before he could finish one page, someone knocked. It was Ron. “Sidharth, you awake?” “Yeah, what happened?” “I am going to get some breakfast. What do you want?” “Same as usual.” With that, he left. After five minutes or so, someone else knocked on the door. Before I could say anything, she opened it. It was Tara. “Sheesh, always reading. Why didn’t you come down yesterday?” “Sports aren’t my thing. Besides why did you call everyone yesterday?” “Our exams finally got over and we had match on the same day, so I called them.” “Why are you up so early?” “Ron came to wake me up. He asked what others wanted to eat.” Meanwhile she went towards bathroom to get toothpaste. She came out while brushing her teeth and sat on his bed. “Why are you sitting on bed?” “What, can’t I sit on my brother’s bed?” In an annoying tone, he said “Fine, just don’t disturb me.” with that he started reading his novel while she left the room. After some time, Mansi came in room to give breakfast. I had a glass of orange juice, some bread, jam, and butter. This bread was from one of the best bakeries in locality ‘Merwans.’ He started eating his breakfast and after finishing, he went down to keep his plates and glass in dish washer. While he was going down, he met Ishika, one of Tara’s friends. “Hey, good morning” she greeted. He turned around and greeted her to. “Are you free tomorrow, we are going to mall for shopping. Will you come tomorrow” she asked in a very shy manner. It was like she was blushing. “Sorry, I have a tight schedule tomorrow.” With that he went down “Are you hitting on him?” Ishika quickly came back to her sense and suddenly turned around in a shock. It was Emily, one the caretakers. “No, I just … asked him to join us.” “Don’t worry, he won’t be joining you guys tomorrow.” “Eh, why?” “Because he never joined us to begin with. Since he was a kid, he always preferred to stay alone, either study, or read novels, comics etc. He never sent to any family functions nor partied with us.” “But why does he stay like this?” “Since his childhood, he was like this, there’s nothing you can do.” While Emily was saying this to Ishika, she put her hands around her neck and went with her on 1st floor. ‘There are some things no one should ever know’ Emily said to herself in her mind.

After keeping the dishes in basin, he came back to his room and locked it. He then started his PC and laptop at the same time. On PC, he searched for Alister Campbell, the strongest dark mage with SSS rank. Since Tara’s gang was going outside to Nariman’s point, Sidharth decided to check on him as they both possess similar powers. He died in 2079 in Hermit gate breakout. A SSS rank gate is something which shakes entire world. Sidharth also possessed dark attribute, but the only difference was Sidharth also possessed the talents of a weapon wielder, i.e., he could turn his internal energy into mana as well as aura or infuse attribute in any weapon.

The internal energy, also known as Chronos can be converted into mana, aura, qi. There are theories that it can be converted into many more type. Sidharth can control two which is rare. There are people who can wield all three and are the strongest of humanities. Sidharth wanted to see his interviews with the people from history to learn about his skills. But before he could play any he heard footsteps coming towards his room. As his room was last in the series from staircase, so he immediately shut down his PC directly from CPU and went towards the door pretending to leave the room, he saw it was Ron “Yo, you going somewhere?” “Yes, I want to go to chroma for a new laptop, so I was coming down to ask someone to come with me. We will leave at 11” with that, he closed the door. Ron was still processing as all of this happened quickly after he shot his question. Sidharth got back in his room and locked it. ‘That was a close one. No one can know that I am an awaken.’ With that he got on bed. It was 9:15. He got back up, unlocked his door, and started playing game on his PC. Time flew and it was already 10:40. He got back and changed his clothes. At 10:55 Ron came knocking the door. “Sidharth, are you ready?” he opened the door and nodded. He looked at Ron’s right-hand side, Emily was standing there. Out of curiosity, he asked “Are you coming too Emily?” “Yes, I am going to keep an eye on him” “Oi” “We never know, you might even buy yourself something.” “Whatever let’s leave” with that, we started heading down to basement one, where we parked our car. After buying a laptop, they went to grab their lunch from a nearby restaurant and came back home at 2. Sidharth went straight to his room. He then went to sleep. After five hours of sleep, he woke up due to huge sound. It was an explosion. Another huge explosion occurred. Ajay quickly came in my room. He was a little scared, but when he saw me, it showed a relief expression “Thank god, you are safe” “What were those sounds?” “Don’t know, Emily went out to see what is happening and Ron is with Tara. Come on, we are heading downstairs in basement one.” With that we started heading down and met Ron and Tara. As we reached 1st floor, Emily joined us as well. “It’s a terrorist attack. Not a dungeon break. Ajay, take Tara and Sidharth in B1, Ron and I will stay up here.” “Okay” with that, they went in B1. After an hour, Emily came down “You guys, it’s over. You can come up now” with a relieved face Tara went up. As all of us were climbing, we saw what was happening outside, it was all being broadcast on news channel. Apparently, a terrorist organization name ‘Hourglass’ attacked. Multiple casualties have been reported. Heroes were on the site and killed most of the terrorists and captured few for interrogation. Soon phone calls started to ring on Tara’s phone. It was of her friends to ask about her status. At the same time, Emily received a phone call. It was from Vista Corp. “Okay, I understand” “Hey guys, I just received a call from Vista corp. They are going to send some mercenaries” “That’s a relief” Ron commented. Emily continued with her sentence, “Tomorrow, Both sir and mam are going to return