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Prologue

Many years ago,the two greatest leaders of the era, Lord Alder Hansen and Lord Strom Hammond,created the great institute of Datraw. Here,mythical creatures all around the universe were trained,and their powers and skills were enhanced many times. Some of the greatest Ridas and Canes were produced from Datraw like Serbert Flagg,Edred Carolinus,Kenelm Black,Belgarath Normandy and many more.

But after some centuries,there was a fight between Serbert,a student of Alder, and Kenelm,a student of Strom,about which of the two founders was greater. There was an intense fight between them,when their masters came. After hearing both the sides,they decided to just shoo off the thing. But their students urged Lord Alder and Lord Strom to have a fight,just for the sake of knowing which of them was a better teacher.

Finally,they agreed to have a friendly fight.

But the problem was that it did not end up nicely.

Alder ended up hurting Strom so much that he could never be able to walk again.

But Strom did something much worse. He had the ability to mutter

a single incantation, which would damage a person's mind so badly that he would be totally useless afterwards.

After the heat of the situation passed away, Strom realised what he had done. He was utterly ashamed of himself. So he did another incantation on himself which would enable himself to take Alder's form and continue the school. Then he modified the students' memories so that no one remembered 'bout the fight.

And the legacy of Datraw continues.

But someone remembered the fight. And he was intended to take revenge for his great teacher...

Chapter 1

It was hot summer day in Plunarius. It was extremely hot that day. All the people were at home. Suddenly a brilliant white thing flashed across the sky. At the same time there was low sound of a series of clicks and notes. Everyone was on the streets now. It continued on for about a minute when suddenly someone yelled, "Run for your lives, it's the morse code of Destraayae. Cranium has started his invasion!"

At that moment, everyone ran frantically around, tryin'to save their lives. A dozen ridas threw their amulets on the ground which immediately burst open into small levitating bubble pods.

At that precise moment, the meteor crashed, killing hundreds of Ridas and Canes. Only two of the billions residing on Plunarius escaped through the latrop in the heart of the palace of the planet.

These were Esméralda Quagmire and Tom Huang.

Chapter 2

Esmer and Tom just escaped through the latrop made by Toby Chiang, the most intelligent creature in the entire universe, when they saw the amount of destruction caused by the meteor. It was one of the latest toys of Cranium, the Dark Lord of Destraayae. The explosion killed off the whole planet.

Esmer broke down. She had just lost her husband, Lord Phineas Zorander. Tom came near her.

“Don’t worry,” he said. “Everything will be fine.”

“HOW CAN ANYTHING BE FINE, WHEN MY HUSBAND, MY SUBJECTS, MY PLANET, EVERYTHING IS DESTROYED? AND ABOVE ALL, I’M FERTILE!”

Tom was shocked. “You’re fertile?! And you didn’t even think of telling me? How could ya do that?”

Esmer just muttered an apology under her breath.

“So,” said Tom, taking a deep breath. “What’s the name?”

“Olivia,” Esmer told him.

The Dopecaps-42, which they were riding, now gained speed. It was a fast moving, spacepod-like transport, only available to the wealthiest and highest rank of Ridas and Canes.

CHAPTER 2

They were heading towards the nearest planet of Valhamen, which was only 7 light days away. The ruler there was a great friend of Lord Phineas, Esmer's husband.

His name was Lord Tristan Atherton.

Chapter 3

The next few days passed quietly. There was nothing much happening on the Dopecaps-42.

On the 5th day, at 1309 hours, a sudden rumbling woke up the sleeping Esmer and Tom. They looked at each other and dashed towards the control room.

There they saw the reason of the sudden tremor. A huge group of Retchnippers were biting their way through the Dopecaps. There were about a hundred of them.

Tom immediately rushed towards the Ridger, a simple alien destroying machine. "GO AWAY!" said Tom. "I'M NOT GONNA GIVE MY BEAUTIFUL SHIP TO YA!" Tom had himself assembled the latest speed boosters and the Ridger364 in the Dopecaps.

The Retchnippers now attacked with even greater force. "Looks like I need to put new my Rebastill in use to finish them off," he murmured. Clicking a button, a small hole opened up in the roof of the ship. Tom jumped out. A sudden buzzing sound accompanied.

"He must be killing them," thought Esmer. Within minutes, he had destroyed all of the invaders and he jumped in. "They were

quite a lot. You should sleep again. We would reach Valhamen in a few hours' time."

In the distance, Esmer was able to see the flickering lights of Valhamen. But she was too fatigued to go on any more. She slipped away into the dark...

Chapter 4

“Izzy, dear Izzy,” called Lord Phineas Zorander. *“Don’t worry. I’m fine. Fight the war. Kill Cranium. Restore my respect. Be strong.”*

Esmer woke up, panting. “DON’T GO AWAY MY LORD! PLEASE COME BACK!” She clearly remembered his words, as if he had indeed spoken to her in person, instead of a dream. He could have been using some device to contact her. But she clearly saw the messenger, Semreh coming into the royal court with a sunken face.

“The Lord is no more. Nothing is left to lose.” said he.

Just then she noticed Tom, standing in a corner of her room. “You’re shrieking madly. So I came check upon you.” he said. “Don’t worry ‘bout me. I’m fine.”

“Great. So get up and prepare yourself. We’re landing in ten minutes’ time.”

“OK” she said.

Chapter 5

Valhamen was not really as it was last time Esmer had visited it.

There were starving people on the streets. The buildings were really shabby.

The most striking difference she saw was the Royal Palace. Once grand, made of brilliant white marble, it was now yellow due to corrosion.

Esmer walked as if in a trance and she reached the doorway of the great palace. Tom shook her as she was just about to bump into the door.

Tom straightened himself as he said, "This is Esmeralda Quagmire, Queen of the Planet Plunarius. We have come here to take refuge at Valhamen. And I am Tom Huang, the faithful friend of "

"Let us convey this message to the Lord Tristan Athertan. Please wait here." said the guards and went inside.

Esmer and Tom waited for a short time when the king and his queen came towards them at a fast pace. Lord Tristan came and embraced Tom dearly and so did his wife to Esmer.

"We waited for you for days. Finally you come to us. How can

we thank you!“said the king teary eyed.

“What happened to you all,My Lord?”,asked Esmer.

“Oh,I will tell you all. But first,come inside and freshen up.
Then during dinner I’ll tell you all.”

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