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Henry heard the knock on his door. Despite the eagerness he felt, he made sure to take his time approaching it. He opened the door to the two he expected to see.

“You ready?” Ryan asked.

“Zordo says we are so, we are.” Henry turned off the light and stepped out of the room, but not before Portia had a chance to peek inside. The three friends began walking down the hall.

“You didn’t want to clean up, Henry? Just this once.” Portia asked.

“What’s the point? It’s my room all the way to the end.”

“I’m pretty sure someone else has to use that room.” Ryan said.

“And I’m pretty sure Magatha and the rest are going to reclean the rooms anyway.”

“I hope you didn’t lose anything important.” Portia said. “You’ll most likely never see that room again.”

“Nope. Got my necklace and that’s pretty much all I need. Are you guys bringing anything?”

“Nothing to bring.” Ryan said. “Zordo said we’d only need standard equipment for the trip. Anything else we can get at whatever Department we wind up at.”

“Oh, I really hope it’s the Technology.”

“I doubt that. We failed Savvi’s test, there’s no way we’re getting in there. I’m still going for the Defense. What’s the point of being trained to fight Discretes if we’re never going to fight them?”

“Because that logic makes sense. Vatti didn’t even show up to give us a test. Besides, I figured out what was wrong with the handheld and I fixed it.”

“Vatti’s here today, though.” Ryan said. “Zordo told me all the Generals have been here since he returned.”

“I saw most of them.” Henry said. “I didn’t see Vatti.”

The three made their way down the stairs and to the first floor to the room they usually studied in.

“Do my eyes deceive me?” Tsudo said as they entered the room. “The Stars are actually on time.”

“Ha ha ha.” Henry said sarcastically.

“You won Verde’s knife, Tsudo, isn’t that enough. You think maybe today of all days you can not do this.”

Tsudo took out the kunai Zordo had given her. “Hey, I didn’t care who took the knife. It was the garbage, there, that insisted we have a Sync Ball tournament to decide who keeps it. So, you guys still think you’re candidates for the Department of Defense?”

Henry, Ryan and Portia sat down in their seats.

“Naturally.” Henry said. “I bet by the end of the year, we’ll have killed more Discretes than you could’ve dreamed.”

“You’re welcome.” Gia said.

“For…?” Henry asked.

“For all the technology, weapons, armor and pretty much every other tool you’ll have gotten from us in the Department of Technology.”

“You know what would be hilarious?” Thomas said. “If we were accepted into the Department of Technology and the Techs weren’t.”

“Oh the horror.” Samantha said. “If the Clowns make it in and we don’t, we should just surrender to the Discretes right now.”

“Do you guys think we’ll make it into the Department of Defense.” Torri asked his older siblings.

“It’s possible.” Terra said. “Perhaps if we’ve showed Zordo our best. I don’t think we’ve done that enough times, though.”

“It doesn’t really matter.” Terri said. “Wherever we go, we’ll still be helping Wig-Or-Log. If no one does the small jobs, the big jobs can’t be done either.”

“Where do you guys think we’ll see first?” Celphae asked. “Do you think we can visit our parents? Do you think we’ll see the Discrete headquarters.”

She let out a loud gasp.

“Or maybe we’ll get to go the surface. Henry, what’s the surface like!”

“I’m pretty sure I’ve told you a thousand times, Phae.”

“It’s the last day, Henry. Just one more time.”

“Yeah, Henry.” Kyousk said. “How can you say no to that face?”

Henry sighed.

“The surface is a lot hotter than it is down here. That’s because of the sun. Brightest light in the sky because the surface has to make it’s own roofs. Then there’s the land. Plants and animals everywhere. IT varies depending on where you are. My birthdad, Atsuma, lived in the mountains, giant rocks that are taller than skyscrapers. They don’t have a lot of plants. My home was like that, but it was surrounded by plants. There are places with rivers and lakes, giant holes filled with water. I’ve been all over the surface. It’s different in so many ways.”

“I want to see it so badly.” Celphae said.

“You might want to wrap around the Source, first.” Tsudo said. “We’ve barely even seen what’s all down here.”

“Once we get into the Department of Defense, we’ll see all of the Source on our patrols.” Carol said excitedly.

“Whoopie.” Napp said sarcastically.

“Five more minutes guys.” Ritch said.

“I think I’m going to go crazy.” Zayle said.

“Too late for that.” Ralph added “But I might go crazier.”

“I’M SO EXCITED!” Thomas screamed.

Cynthia covered her ears in pain.

“Just five more minutes, Cyndy.” Samatha said. “Then never again.”

“Three more minutes.”

“Or maybe, we’ll discover something beyond Wig-Or-Log.” Celphae said “Oh I can’t wait, you guys!”

She hugged her teammates tightly who both enjoyed the experience.

“One more minute.”

“And thus, our days of cadets are over.” Henry said. “See you guys on the other side.”

At the same moment, everyone received a message on their Displays. All of them received the same message.

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| 2 | Ritch | Cord | Extre | Scavenging |
| 3 | Tsudo | Carol | Napp | Defense |
| 4 | Terri | Terra | Torri | Medicine |
| 5 | Celphae | Capry | Kyousk | Scavenging |
| 6 | Ryan | Henry | Portia | Intelligence |
| 7 | Gia | Samantha | Cynthia | Technology |
| 8 | Thomas | Zayle | Ralph | Medicine |

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