**THE RISING OF THE SHIELD HERO**

The Shield Hero has been summoned to the Palace.

**Shield Hero** : W-where am I? What just happened?

**Shield Hero** : If I remember correctly, I was just reading a book I found--

**Priestess** : Welcome, Shield Hero! We summoned you, along with the Spear, Sword and Bow Heroes to ask for help to save our land from--

**Shield Hero** : Wait, wait, wait. This is too much to take. I’m a hero? I never saw myself as one and will be never will!

**Priestess** : Mighty Hero, the Legendary Shield chose you as its wielder, you are worthy of being a hero.

**Shield Hero** : Yeah, yeah, I get that part that I’m a hero. But a SHIELD?? A shield is not a weapon! I cannot fight with a shield!

**Priestess** : It seems like I’m not enough to clear your questions. Follow me, and I’ll lead you to the King’s throne hall. He plans to meet all the Heroes to tell you about why you are here.

**Shield Hero** : Wow, you have a king? Man, this is awesome!

The Shield Hero follows the Priestess to the King’s quarters.

**Priestess** : Your Majesty, all of the Heroes has arrived.

**King** : Greetings, mighty Heroes of the Spear, Sword and Bow!

**Shield Hero** : Ahem!

**King** : ...and Shield. We summoned you here with hopes that you can save our land from an upcoming catastrophe, we call it the Waves of Calamity.

**King** : In exchange of the big favor we are asking, we will be providing the Heroes own money, food, armory and assisting adventurers for your battles.

The Shield Hero was never given any of what the King has said.

**King** : Now then, we pray for your safety for your willingness to help us--

**Shield Hero** : Wait! Don’t you think you’re missing out somebody?

**King** : ...

**King** : I’m sorry but I think I’ve already done what needs to be done.

**Shield Hero** : This is not right! Why are the other heroes given what they need while I’m not? How am I supposed to fight with this puny shield????

**King** : ...

**King** : You are really irritating.

**Shield Hero** : What?

**King** : I’m sorry it seems like you’re too dense to notice. To be blunt, Shield Hero, I despise you a lot. Not only that you possess that USELESS WEAPON but because of your ENTIRE EXISTENCE! How dare you even step on the palace grounds, you FILTHY, EVIL, INCOMPETENT HERO!

The people inside the hall are secretly murmuring and laughing at the Shield Hero.

**Shield Hero** : So not all heroes get the same treatment after all huh.

**Shield Hero** : I don’t know why you are so mad at me, old man. But you better watch me, I will rise to the top and you’ll see me the Shield Hero worthy of its name.

**Shield Hero** : You’ll witness, THE RISING OF THE SHIELD HERO!