

((Note: This whole story is not canon to the RP. The following sections take place during [chapter 46](#).)

Shortly after meeting each other over a slain deer and eating it together, Frostfire and Rhino were now hunting a pack of wolves trying to escape them. The pack had split up into two groups with one of them darting off to the side and the other still going on forward. The dragons parted off and followed after their chosen prey. Frostfire went after the parting wolves, which consisted of a larger number of wolves than the ones that had stayed on their path. The cold dragoness only needed to keep one of them to fill her belly, since eating only half of a deer would not be enough for her. She observed the formation of the wolves' group to see which one would be best to take. Perhaps she should aim her for the leader in the front, so that if she missed it, then she would get one of the others behind it. Frostfire blew down her ice breath at the wolf in the front and encased it in solid ice. The rest of the pack darted away from their leader as soon as they saw what happened to it. The dragoness descended down to her prey and opened her mouth to use her blue fire that she held back in her jaw to act as a blow torch in melting the ice. She held her mouth in front of the wolf's head and melted only part of the ice there. The creature saw its predator before it and tried to break free of the ice as its head twisted around and squirmed. Frostfire swallowed back her fire and clamped her sharp teeth around the wolf's head, letting her fangs pierce its neck. With the animal dead, the dragoness melted the rest of the ice off its body and began to eat it. As she feasted, she heard Rhino speak to her through telepathy, *'Hey, did you get your wolf yet?'*

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After eating all of her prey, Frostfire got up and left behind the wolf's skeleton with the small remains of flesh stuck on some of it. She spread out her wings and took to the air. She was going to Henry's house to tell him about Windfall and see if he and his family look like to live there. Should they ever show interest in the city, she hoped that they would be able to catch up to Rhino and his human friend before they resumed their travel. The dragoness soared over the woods as she looked for the single house. She used her knowledge of how she got from the south side of the city ruins to the boy's home and navigated her way through the path she took. She used the familiar landmarks of certain trees to get there. Soon, she spotted the chimney and black roof of the house. Frostfire looked for a place to land and found a spot at the front yard. She tilted herself to the side to make a u-turn and descended down to the yard. Once she has landed, Frostfire let out a loud calling roar to summon Henry, Yukki and Eddo. At least one of them should come out and answer her, provided they were all home. As she waited, she saw two folds of the window blinders separating to create a slim horizontal diamond-shaped hole. Someone must be taking a look to see who is outside before they went to greet them. After the blinders closed back into place, it took nearly half a minute until the door swung open and Henry was there to come outside and greet, greeted, "Hey Frostfire, how's it going?"

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After telling Henry about Windfall, the boy and his sister, who threw a frying pan at him while overhearing the conversation, went back into their house to get their bags packed for the move.

Frostfire sat outside patiently, waiting for the family to be ready. It took a while for the family to get all their things and possessions. Though she understood the time it took to be prepared, she was worried that Rhino's human friend would be done eating and then resume travel before Frostfire and the others would catch up to them. Eventually, she saw the door swing open and she saw Henry and Yukki coming out carrying bags and rolling suitcases, each one at a time. Eddo followed them out holding a small bag in his mouth. After getting all the luggage outside, Henry told the dragoness, "We're ready, Frostfire." His eyes fell onto the many bags as he continued, "But...we can't exactly carry all of these on our own." Then he looked back at her and asked, "Think you can help carry some of them for us?"

The dragoness replied, "I will gladly help, though I won't be able to fly you all to another dragon and human heading for Windfall like this. The dragon was the one who told me about this place. I was hoping that we may travel alongside them."

Yukki smiled and her eyes lit went bright as she asked, "Another human? Are they a boy or a girl?" She looked like she wanted to make friends with one. This was understandable as there were not many humans around anymore.

Frostfire answered, "It was a boy from what I heard."

"Ooooh!" squealed the girl as she giddily bounced on her toes and held her arms closed to her chest and finger-closed hands to her face. "I sure hope he's hot and cute!"

Henry smiled at the dragoness and he pointed his thumb at his sister. He said, "She likes to get her hopes up."

Frostfire giggled quietly and replied, "I see." Then she thought about how Rhino might have to carry some of the many duffel bags and suitcases. She asked the girl, "Yukki, do you have any ropes? I think the dragon may help carry some of the luggage when we go with him."

Yukki answered, "Oh no, I didn't pack any at all. I'll go get them!" She went back inside the house for two minutes until she returned with some ropes. "Got 'em!" Then she put them in one of the duffel bags.

With everything done, the dragoness replied, "Well let's get going then. They might be leaving as we speak. We don't want to get left behind." She went over to their luggage and carried one of the duffel bags in her mouth. She carried two more of the luggage in her front talons. She felt something heavy in these bags like if they had machines in them. It seems like they did not want to leave their objects of entertainment behind.

Yukki beamed, "Okay coming!"

After taking another duffel bag onto her tail, which used to curl around the handle, the dragoness spread her wings and took off flying. She kept her flight slow enough for the family on the ground to

keep up, so as not to lose them by accident. She heard the wheels on the suitcases roll as they walked after her. As they went, Frostfire began to sniff for Rhino's scent to see where he has been. She caught his smell sooner than she thought and found him with a human boy roasting some meat on a fire in the distance. She thought, *'This must be his friend.'* She stopped and hovered in air as told the family, "That's them over in the distance. Do you see them?"

She heard Eddo answered through the handle in his mouth, "Ya."

Henry said as well, "I do too."

Yukki replied, "Me too!"

Frostfire told them, "Then let's go to them and see if they'll let us join."

Henry suggested, "Yes you ask them. I'll go get the rest of the luggage as you talk."

The dragoness instantly got a better idea in her head on how to make this go faster. "Actually, I'll get the luggage. I can use my ice magic to carry the rest." She landed and put down the luggage and flew back to the house to retrieve the rest. There she put the luggage together as close as she can and held her legs around them. Then she cast an icy blue stream of magic that covered both her legs and the luggage. The mana immediately hardened into ice and the dragoness was now able to carry them all without any of them dropping. Frostfire flew back to the family, but she landed closer to Rhino and his human. She unfroze the ice and heard the family coming to her from behind. Just as Rhino and the ginger red-haired boy were about to leave, Frostfire greeted the dragon, "Hello again, Rhino. I told these people here about your trip and they decided that they want to go to Windfall, too."

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((**Note:** This section takes place during [chapter 55](#).)

Rhino and the boy named Ryan had agreed to let the family go with them. Rhino carried most of the luggage that were held onto his back thanks to the ropes that the two boys tied around him. Henry and Ryan each both took two bags, while Frostfire froze the rest in her ice with her legs trapped as well. After traveling for some time, the sky started to become darker, being mostly dark blue with a few stars starting to shine with the lighter blue hue in between the white and orange light of the sun sitting on the horizon. Frostfire knew that travel in the darkness at this time of the day would be difficult, so it would be best to come to a stop and rest for the night. Yukki was of the same mind as she asked aloud for everyone to hear, "Hey guys, can we stop? It's getting dark out here."

The dragoness agreed as she spoke to the others below her, "She's right, we must camp here and rest."

The 3 males looked up at them as Rhino replied, "Alright, we'll stop here." The fleshcrowne was the first to stop walking. The boys quickly halted alongside him.

As Frostfire began to descend down, Henry breathed out and said, "Oh good, my legs were starting to kill me. I'm pooped!" Ryan was heard giggling at the blonde's comment. Upon landing, the dragoness melted the ice and let the luggage fall into a hill-like pile. Then she moved off the luggage and laid down to let Yukki and Eddo off. She felt the two slid down from her back to her tail.

Rhino said, "Alright first thing's first; we need to make a fire to keep the bugs and animals away from the kids. We need to get some stick and stones." Then he volunteered, "I'll go out and fetch them."

Frostfire felt her stomach hungering for food. She knew that dinner would also be needed for the night, so that hunger will not keep them up. So she volunteered to help and do her part, "And I'll go hunting for food. Maybe I'll catch some early owls."

Eddo smiled and asked, "Can I help, too?" His tail flicked and his eyes lit with eagerness to be useful.

Frostfire was about to say "no", but Rhino was the first to tell him, "Yes, just stay her and guard the humans. Some small animals might come and bite them, and I don't want anything happening to them while we're gone. Can I count on you?" The dragoness at first thought that he was mad for letting a hatchling do a job for older people. But she quickly realized that this must be his creative way of keeping the hatchling here.

Eddo answered, "You bet! I won't let anything get to them!"

Henry looked skeptical about this and questioned, "Should we really be letting Eddo do something da-" He was interrupted by his sister elbowing him hard. "Ow!" he cried before he looked to her with his face contorting in the pain he felt.

Not meeting her brother's eyes, Yukki cheered, "I know Eddo will take good care of us. He's a great dragon!" It seems like she caught on to the fleshcrowne's trick.

So did Ryan as he nodded and said, "I think we'll be okay with him around."

Rhino said, "Good to see everyone's on board with this. We'll be right back." He left the group and began to search for the things needed to make a campfire. Frostfire also turned and went off on her own. She kept to the ground since her wings were too tired to fly. With the sky getting dark, she needed to make hunting quick or else she would be lost in total darkness of the night.

The dragoness kept her senses keen and alert for prey to detect and kill. She maneuvered her way around trees, taking care not to step on anything that would make a sound and scare off the animals. Soon, she heard the screeching of bats in the air. Frostfire looked up and saw a colony of them flying in

the sky. The dark sky made them very hard to see, but she knew there were there by the flickering movement of wings she saw. The dragoness blew out her ice breath at the bats. She caught 3 of them, which instantly fell after getting encased in ice. The winged rodents would not be able to fill her belly, but perhaps they would for Eddo and the humans. But there were 4 of them and she only got 3 preys. She needed to get 1 more to feed all of them. Frostfire flew up to the fleeing bats that were now aware of her presence. Before she could freeze another one, something sharp pierced her left side just beneath the wing. The dragoness roared in pain as her wings stopped flapping due to the trauma of the attack. She fell, her body touching down the tree branches and then hitting the ground. Frostfire groaned, feeling the hurt where the branches scratched her and the part of the body where she crashed on. The real damage was the shot that hit her, she felt the sharp soreness of the wound. Then she smelled 4 human scents, none of which belonged to the ones she knew, and heard a man speak in a hillbilly accent, "Well well well, looks like we got ourselves a draggun. We's gunna be havin' ourselves dinner."

Frostfire looked to where the smell came from and saw the humans carrying bows aimed at her. The men had sadistic looks on their faces, seeming that they would enjoy killing their reptilian prey. The dragoness got to her feet and growled at them warningly. She ignored the sharp pain she made worse by her movement. "Go away," she told them.

"Make us," dared the man in the front. He fired an arrow at her and struck her neck, nearly hitting the throat, which could have killed her. The other men shot at her, but Frostfire had seen that coming after the first shot and quickly shielded herself with one of her wings. The arrows pierced her membrane and they hurt just as much as the side's wound. Looks like Frostfire won't be flying until she sees a white dragon. She retaliates by breathing ice at them.

"Whoa!" cried the hunters as they began to run out of the way. But the ice breath catches one of them and freezes him in ice. The remaining hunters surrounded her and took arrows out of their quiver to latched them to their bows and shoot. The dragoness felt the arrows fly into her flesh and made a low-sounding pained roar. She blew her ice breath at the man in the front and froze him just as he was about to shoot again. More arrows shot at her from the left and the right. The dragoness's legs gave way and collapsed; she was weakened by her nerves taking damage and the blood pouring out of her wounds. She clenched her teeth, feeling the pain getting worse. She wondered if she was ever going to survive or not. Frostfire started to use both wings to shield her torso, hoping that the webbing on her limbs would be able to hold out for as long as it can. Though the humans probably had more than enough arrows to totally destroy them.

The hillybilly hunter taunted her, "Look at ya, ya turnin' into a pin cushion! I bet my ma could use one of them." His friend laughed along with him. Frostfire growled quietly at the insult. She would get back at them somehow. She laid her head and long neck on the ground and let it snake to the left. She pinpointed where the arrows from the left were being shot and spotted one of the hunters. The man saw her and screamed, knowing he was going to get trapped in ice. He turned and ran, but was unable to escape the dragoness's breath. Now he stood there in his running position with his face fixed in fear

with wide eyes and bared teeth. Then Frostfire felt another arrow shot into her neck and snarled in pain. Her face contorted into that of a dangerous anger as if she was a cornered animal, which she would describe herself in a situation like this. She moved her head to the right to glare at the final hunter. She blew another breath of ice as he fired his arrow at her. The wintry breath encased both the man and his arrow, which flew into her mouth and hit the uvula. The dragoness gagged for a bit when the less-than-sharp tip of the iced arrow smacked it instead of puncturing it like an unfrozen arrow would. The arrow landed on her tongue and she spat it out onto the grass.

The forest was silent again after the hunter's defeat. Now the only one left was Frostfire who laid there wounded and too hurt to move. She was about to use telepathy and call for Rhino to help, but she did not need to as she smelled the imperial fleshcrowne and heard his footsteps coming to her. He asked worriedly, "Frostfire, are you alright?"

Frostfire moved her head to look at him and answered hoarsely, "No, I got ambushed by humans and they hurt me pretty badly." She winced from the burn in her wounds.

Rhino asked, "Are they still around?"

The dragoness answered, "No, I froze them all in ice. They won't trouble me no more."

"Well that's good," replied Rhino, though he was still troubled by her being hurt. "But now I need to get you back to the others and see if they carried something to fix you. You don't look like you can walk right now."

Frostfire shook her head, confirming his thoughts, "I can't... Thanks for helping me."

"You're welcome," said the fleshcrowne. "Now let's go." He went over to her and helped her onto his back. He carried the dragoness through the woods, going on to rejoin the others.