

*"'χ'... A most ancient letter. Some say 'kye,' but the meaning is the same. Death... A letter that spells endings."*

—Master Xehanort

*"This χ-blade will open a door—one that leads to all worlds! Then, Keyblade-bearing warriors will flock here from each and every one of them, to battle for the light within Kingdom Hearts! And just like the legend says, the Keyblade War will begin!"*

—Vanitas

*"Behold. These lifeless keys used to be full of power, united with the hearts of their masters. On this barren soil, Keyblades of light and darkness were locked in combat as a great Keyblade War raged."*

—Master Xehanort

This story takes place thousands of years before Kingdom Hearts: Birth by Sleep. Welcome to the time of the Keyblade War, when light and dark fought for Kingdom Hearts. In this time, all the worlds were joined together and it was easy for anyone to travel to them by foot, horse, vehicle, or keyblade glider. Everyone knew what a keyblade was and it was very rare for someone to not know what it was. Most people generally had a keyblade; again, it was rare for someone not to have one. There were no ceremonies for giving a keyblade to someone as generally people had the ability to wield a keyblade at birth.