

The corridor of darkness warped Xander to a dark room inhabited by people wearing black hooded cloaks with silver fasteners. The crowd bowed to their master and greeted, "Welcome back, our lord." These people were all worshippers of darkness, whose goal was to find Kingdom Hearts so that they can use it to bring darkness into all the worlds.

Xander told the cult members, "Hey peeps! Guess what? I found us a way on how we can get to Kingdom Hearts." They looked up at him with eyes delighted at the good news their lord brought for them. He took out the scroll and tossed it over to the black-robed priest, so that he could read it out loud to everyone.

The priest said, "To summon Kingdom Hearts, one must have the X-blade which will unlock it at the Keyblade Sanctuary. To create the X-blade, you need to have a battle between light and darkness at the Keyblade Sanctuary."

"And I know one way to do that; we need to start a Keyblade War," said Xander with a sinister grin on his face. "We convince all the worlds of light and darkness to fight each other at the Keyblade Sanctuary. We'll watch them fight until the X-blade has appeared. Once it's there, I'll snatch it before the others do. With X-blade in my hand and the power of Kingdom Hearts, I'll bring darkness to all the worlds down to the darkness and make everybody live under my principles!" This was his goal, the reason why he sought Kingdom Hearts. Then he looked at the witch and said, "Hey lady, get the worldly message spell ready so that I can talk to every nation."

The witch looked at her ingredients and saw that she was a few ingredients for her spell. She said, "I can't, your darkliness. I'm missing the orichalcum and the blood of a royal aether elf."

Xander said, "Fine, we'll get those. But where can we find them?"

One of the warlocks cast a spell which produced a cloud of blue gas that started taking form and shape until it created an oval-shaped magic screen that showed visual and animated images of where the ingredients are located. The first animation depicted the home of Master Bihai and a complex-looking crystal star imbued with magical power sitting on the shelf next to three books. The warlock said, "This is where you'll find the orichalcum. It's right inside the old man's cabin in the forest."

Xander asked, "You mean that old coot's place? Yeah, I've seen his home before and I'm about to go there soon. I'm gonna commit two crimes: home invasion and robbery. If necessary, I'll even break his bones until he's dead. Now where's his royal highness? You know, the aether elf."

Then the screen changed to that of a royal wedding taking place inside the castle. The warlock told, "As you can see, the aether elf king is hosting the wedding for his daughter the princess, who's getting married to the prince of another elven nation. We only need to kill one of them to obtain their blood: the king or the princess."

Xander said, "I'll be going for the princess after I swipe the orichalcum out of oldie moldie's place."

The warlock suggested, "Alright our lord, but do please take a few of our elite warriors with you. The king has his guards at the wedding too and they all excel in arcane magic."

Xander said confidently, "Pfffttt! Please, pal! I'm the best fighter there ever is. I can handle anything those pointy-eared freaks throw at me without any help."

The warlock said, "But our lord, these warriors have been itching to prove their usefulness to you. They want to get in on the action you've had the entire time."

Xander said, "Alright fine, they can go and kill the elves in my place. At least, that'll get things done faster."

The high priest said, "Very well, I'll send the warriors to the wedding and bring back the body of the elf."

"Sounds like a plan!" said Xander. He summoned the corridor of darkness and walked into it. He disappeared from the cult's room and corridor closed behind him.

A while later, a portal appeared at the ruins of the Keyblade Temple and a female figure stepped out. LimeX rounded the corner and dived into the ruins' debris and pulled out a badly ruined Chase. His clothes had tears and rips on them with some blood stains from his wounds, his silver hair glistened in the sunlight with a few stains of blood on it, and his armband had been broken after Xander had attacked it. She jumped up to the roof of a non-ruined building and said, "I should have seen this. I did see it!" She scolded herself as she knelt beside Chase and held him up by the upper part of his body. "Why did I ignore my instincts?" she muttered as she checked him for injuries. She found slash wounds on his back and took out a mega potion to use on them. "We're disgraces now....me even more so...." She paused and then began to awaken Chase, "Chase? Chase!! GET UP!! You wanna lay here while the whole world's going to end? We need to figure out a way to stop that guy without starting a war." But unfortunately, her words fell on deaf ears as the silverette did not wake up to her yelling. Clearly the guy had died from the loss of blood or he was too badly hurt or unconscious to get up. LimeX checked the pulse on his wrist and felt no beat out of it. The black-haired girl clenched her teeth and cursed, "Damn it, he's dead. How could he let himself get killed like that? Stupid lightblader!" Then she thought of a way to bring her partner back to life. She would have to kill one of the nearly extinct phoenixes and then extract all of its blood to feed Chase and revive him. The dark temple guard picked up her partner and carried him off into the portal.

Xander arrived at the front of Bihai's house after coming out of his corridor of darkness. He walked up to

the door and broke it down with the heavy strike of his keyblade. "Here's Xandy!" he cried maniacally.

Master Bihai, who had been taken by surprise by the burly man's entrance, yelled in shock, "You! You're the dark man from the visions I've seen!"

A crooked smile formed across Xander's face as he said, "That's right! I'm the same guy who broke into the temple, stole the scroll, killed the silver-haired monkey, and demolished the whole temple. Too bad his girl wasn't there; my keyblade would have loved to dice her into little pieces or at least turn her into a heartless. As for you, my elderly friend, it's about time someone sent you to a retirement home in the afterlife." Xander pointed his weapon at the old man and asked sneeringly, "Ready to go now?"

The old man summoned his keyblade and got into fighting stance as he spoke defiantly, "Not today! You've killed my apprentice you monster and I won't allow you to get out of here unpunished."

Xander shook his head in amusement and said, "You poor senile fool! Anyone who faces me in a fight gets killed. If I were you, I'd make this easy and cough up the orichalcum that's sitting around here inside your little cottage."

Bihai asked in a demanding tone, "The orichalcum? Was the scroll not enough for you? Just what are you planning to do with it?"

Xander lifted his head slightly to the side and answered, "Well since you're about to die, I might as well tell you. I have a cult of worshippers who are followers of the darkness. We're going use that orichalcum as one of our ingredients to put into the cauldron and cast a great spell. That spell will deliver a message, my message, around the world and persuade every nation to fight at the Keyblade Sanctuary." Bihai's eyes went a bit wide with tension and Xander said, "That's right, buddy! I'm starting a Keyblade War."

Bihai's face contorted into a glare and he yelled, "I will not let you do this!"

Xander said, "Hah! We'll see about that, gramps!" Bihai yelled out a battle cry as he charged towards the intruder. He thrust his keyblade at Xander, but muscular man moved out of the way and let the elder hit the air instead. Xander raised up Death's Revenge and stabbed it into the old man's back.

"Ahh," Bihai screamed in pain as blood poured out and stained his lime green robes. Then Xander kicked him hard in the rump to push him off his keyblade. The old man fell down onto the floor.

Xander got onto Bihai's back and held him with one hand. He brought the blade of Death's Revenge to the old man's neck and threatened, "Now cough it up! Tell me where the orichalcum is or I'll slice your head off and watch it roll out the door."

Bihai yelled, "I would rather die than help you with your nefarious scheme!" Then a circle of light shined

beneath the men. Xander looked down at the light expecting it to hurt him. "Salvation!" the old man cast his spell. A bright beam shot out of the circle and burned the red-blond as it blasted him off of Bihai and into the cabinet, making it fall over to the side and breaking all the antique cups and plates inside as well as the window glass on the cabinet. The spell had also healed the wound on Bihai's back making it look as if Xander had never cut him. Bihai got up and turned to the evil man. "Firaga!" he yelled. Then a big fireball was launched out of the keyblade and it flew at the red blond. Xander was quick to move out of the way and let the Firaga spell hit the wall instead.

Xander said, "Fine, you can die like that long-haired rat. Now it's my turn! Slow!" He used his spell to slow down Bihai's movements. He ran over to Bihai and swung his keyblade few times at him before he kicked him into the wall. Then Xander tried to slash at the old man, but Bihai was quick and lucky to duck below the attack, letting Xander scar the wall instead.

"Aeroga!" Bihai cried and a gust of wind blew Xander at the wall. The portrait above him fell and hit his head. Darkness shrouded Xander and he dashed towards Bihai at lightning speed. He was using his Dark Haze attack to slash Bihai multiple times in a hit-and-run style. Every slash he made on the old man, Xander would fly over to a wall and then rebound back to cut Bihai again. Of course, every time he landed on the wall, his keyblade would unintentionally cut the wall when he was going to strike again. After the technique ended, the muscular man grabbed Bihai by the robe and threw him up at the ceiling. Xander jumped and did his Aerial Sweep attack at him, cutting into Bihai's flesh and cutting down the chandelier from the ceiling to fall down onto the table below. The two opponents fell with Xander landing gracefully and Bihai roughly on his front. Then Xander picked him up and threw the elder at the one of bookshelves. The bookshelf fell on top of Bihai with the books dropping around him.

Xander laughed mockingly and said, "This is way too easy! You're too old for this, old man. I don't think you can handle anything I can throw at you. Speaking of which, here take this!" Xander picked up a coffee maker and threw it at the old man's bald head. The coffee maker did a lot of hurt to Bihai's skull and knocked him out. Xander smirked and said to the fallen man, "That's right, you old coot. Go to sleep while I ransack your place." Then he went to check everywhere in room. He searched in the fallen cabinet, the kitchen cupboards, and he even smashed the vase to see if it was inside. But the orichalcum was nowhere to be found. "Dang, it's not in here. It must be in one of the other rooms," Xander said. So, he went into the other room with the crystal ball on the table and searched the drawer for the orichalcum. There it was, Xander finally found what he was looking for and smirked as he took the crystalline star out. He said, "Gotcha! Now I'll take you out of this dump and bring you over to a place that has a better job for you than collecting dust."

Bihai slowly opened his eyes and woke up. Xander might have thought that he had been knocked out to unconscious, but Bihai had only been dazed. The elderly pushed the bookshelf off of him with great effort as the pains, he felt in places where Xander cut him and used furniture to harm him, hindered him. Bihai groaned in agony before he looked past the doorway to see Xander holding the orichalcum. Bihai whipped his keyblade at the marauder's direction and charged focus energy into it as he yelled, "Drop that orichalcum now!"

After getting startled, Xander whipped his head around to see the elderly man has just awoken. "Eh?!" he cried in disbelief. Then a Pulse Bomb shotlock was launched at him. Energy blasts bombarded Xander and the crystal ball room, damaging the man and some of the furniture in the room. After the shotlock attack ended, Xander's clothes were damaged with a few holes on his shirt and jacket and blood stains from the burns on his skin. He chuckled under his breath and said, "Wow, that really hurts a lot. In all my battles in this era, I've never suffered this much pain from any keybearer I faced. I have to give you credit, gramps. You're good!"

Bihai noticed that Xander used the word, era, in his sentenced. What did his foe mean by that? Bihai tried to come up with an idea for why Xander said that, until memories of the stories he read of the gods' battle came to him. He thought, *'Of course, it all makes sense now. That man shrouded in darkness is the dark god taking the form of a mortal!'*

Xander said, "But of course for the shake of my life and my goal, I'm going to have to destroy you right now." Then he took off all his bangles and darkness shrouded him. His eyes glowed red and glared at the old man standing in the other room. Bihai gasped in fear and took a step back as he looked in awe at the monstrous creature. Xander raised his keyblade and shouted, "Stop!" Instantly, the time continuum around him came to a halt and Bihai was now frozen in place; no breath escaped his lips and his whole body was fixed in the position he was in now as if he was a statue himself. Then Xander dashed towards Bihai and used his Dark Haze attack to slash Bihai all over, ripping deep slashes into his flesh and spilling his blood. Xander did a final move on Bihai by thrusting the sharp tip of his keyblade into his throat to destroy his windpipe. Then he picked the old man up and threw him into the crystal ball room. The Stop spell ended and Bihai squirmed in pain trying to breathe air before he went limp and died. Xander laughed at his slain opponent and said, "Rest in hell, gramps!" Then he summoned the corridor of darkness and walked into it.

LimeX entered the Mystic Jungle world. It was a lush and dense rain forest that is the home to many mythical creatures and plants, including the rumored-to-be-extinct phoenix. LimeX had come here to hopefully find one of these birds and kill it to obtain the phoenix blood and feathers needed to revive her fallen comrade. Although it was illegal to kill them because of their endangered status, LimeX did not care about that because she needed Chase alive. As she laid Chase down on a flat boulder, she thought, *'You had better hope there is still at least one phoenix alive, Chase. I'd hate having to do all this searching for nothing. If there is nothing, I'm going to commit suicide, find you where you're at, and beat you to a living pulp.'*

Then she trekked through the jungle to begin her search. On the way, she passed by a swarm of butterflies hovering over patches of bright red flowers with glittering yellow pistils. Each butterfly glowed a brilliant color like red, blue, yellow, green, pink, or white. Then she pushed her way through a heavy undergrowth of tangled plants that brushed her sides as she went through. After she was out of

the bushes, LimeX approached a group of blue jellyfish-like creatures that had flower-like hoods and no tentacles. They were called phantoflores, which was short for phantom flowers. They weren't really flowers despite the name, but the transparent hoods they had kind of looked like flowers. The phantoflores were part of the insect family as they had six long legs under the hoods they used to fly with. LimeX ignored the beautiful display of floating phantoflores and continued on her way.

After 50 minutes of searching, LimeX climbed up a steep mountain and leapt over to a giant vine that formed a pathway around a giant tree. She sat on the edge and breathed out a few pants before she said, "Sheesh! This is taking too long. I'm never going to find a phoenix. Why did I even bother trying in the first place? They're extinct for Pete's shakes. You know what, Chase? You can stay dead for all I care, because it's your fault for not protecting the temple." Then suddenly, she saw a speck of fire slowly gliding in the distance. "Wait? Is that what I think it is?" she asked as her hopes started to rise up. An eagle-like screech from the fiery creature confirmed itself to be a phoenix. "So, there is one more left after all. Okay, time to go kill it." LimeX summoned her keyblade and stood up on the vine before she jumped off and hopped to the mountain before going from tree to tree after the phoenix.

The blazing bird caught sight of its predator following after it. Out fright due to its instinctive fear of humans, the phoenix started flying away faster. LimeX gritted her teeth as she thought, *'No! I can't let that thing get away. Not after all this searching. I have to get it now!'* LimeX got to a big branch and whipped up her black and gold keyblade as she cried, "Thunder!" A jolt of electricity struck the phoenix on its wing and paralyzed it with shock. The phoenix let out a long screech in pain as it spiraled down to the ground. Upon hitting the jungle dirt, the phoenix's bones broke and brought more pain to its body. LimeX climbed down the tree until she reached ground. She walked over to the dying phoenix and finished it off with another Thunder spell, thus putting it out of its misery for good. The flames disappeared upon its death and LimeX picked up the bird and carried its body into the portal.

The portal warped her to a retail store and inside an aisle where the cereal bowls were on display for sale. As LimeX picked up one of the bowls, a few shoppers saw the slain phoenix hanging over her shoulder and they all looked at her in shock. "Oh my god!" murmured a woman. A man pointed to LimeX and shouted, "Poacher!" LimeX ignored the outraged and upset comments as she walked through the portal to get back to Mystic Jungle with the cereal bowl in hand. Someone crossed his arms and criticized, "Not only is she a poacher, but she's a damn thief, too. We should get the constables and have her arrested."

After getting back to her starting point where she had left Chase, LimeX squat down and placed the bowl on the ground. Then she took out her knife and stabbed and cut the phoenix to draw all, if not most, of its blood. After filling the bowl with phoenix blood, LimeX picked up and went over to Chase's body. She lifted his upper body and head a bit and poured the phoenix blood into his mouth. After all of it went down his throat and digested in his stomach, LimeX pulled Chase's body off the rock and took him into the portal to get to a safe place where he would rest for hours until his full resurrection.

Xander walked up to the witch with the orichalcum in hand and said to her, "Look what I got!"

The witch looked at the crystal star material with delight and said, "Oh my dark lord, you brought back the orichalcum."

Xander smirked, "That's right! And that measly old toad didn't last 3 minutes against me. He practically croaked before that time. Well, most people don't last longer than that against me anyway. So, where's Team Hitman? Are they back yet?"

"Yes we are!" said a voice somewhere in the room. Xander looked to see the warriors sent to crash the wedding coming out of the corridor of darkness with the body of the aether elf princess. She had her heart removed during her assassination, so now she looked like a sleeping doll.

Xander was pleased with their mission's success and said, "Yes! The final ingredient! Now we have everything to get this war started. But first I'd like to hear a story about how you guys slew the princess in front of everybody's eyes." He imagined the shocked and horrified looks on the audience's faces when the men and women killed their princess and found this picture quite amusing.

The tall man who was glad to have the honor to tell the tale said, "Well your evilness, when we arrived at the wedding, the priest was asking if anybody had any objections to their marriage. I, of course, shouted, 'I do, because she's dead!' That was when I thrust the keyblade into her chest and released her heart. The rest of my comrades used their powers to keep her body from fading as her heart drifted away. The audience started screaming in terror and they all ran away just as the king called for the guards to come in and avenge his daughter; the prince and his royal majesty joined the fight as well. So, we all started slaughtering them one by one until the last guard found it hopeless to defeat us and ran away with a tail between his legs." Then he looked at the sneering blonde-haired woman and said, "Of course, Amanda here killed him with a Dark Firaga spell before he could make it out the doors."

Xander said, "Hah! That must have been pretty fun for your guys. I wish I could have been there to see the action myself."

The tall warrior asked, "I take it the old man was too boring for your liking?"

"Tch, nah! You know I never get bored of killing people. If I did, then I'd have to find some other way to entertain my keyblade," said Xander. "Anyway, we have a war to start. So, take out the babe's blood and give it to the witch."

"Yes, lord," said the warriors. So, they cut the princess and extracted all of blood to put into the jar. They handed the witch the jar and she began to mix the ingredients into cauldron along with the orichalcum and the aether elf blood.

Once the liquid inside the cauldron was completely mixed, the witch moved her hands above the cauldron and moved them around in a circle as her fingers kicked about at the air and she chanted out the universal message spell. Pretty soon, purple clouds shot up above the cauldron and in the center of them was an image of the entire planet. Xander looked at it in fascination as he was excited about getting each and every nation to fight at the Keyblade Sanctuary. The witch said, "The spell is complete, lord. Now all you need to do choose which worlds you want and deliver your message to them."

Xander walked up the cauldron and looked the image and said, "Okay listen up, spell. I want you to show me all the worlds ruled by power-hungry rulers and rulers interested in power." The spell did that as it was commanded and it started expanded to show all the worlds Xander wanted. Meanwhile in each and every world, a circle of purple smoke appeared in the sky and an image of Xander's face appeared in it. The people looked up at the sky as Xander said, "Greetings, ladies and gentlemen, I have a message for your ruler; one that involves benefitting information. Want to rule more than just your kingdom? Want to rule over all the worlds and reshape reality to your liking? Well pal, there's only one thing that can grant you that power and it's Kingdom Hearts!" A heart-shaped moon appeared next to Xander's head. The rulers, who were watching the message spell, looked at Kingdom Hearts as if it was a beautiful jewel, something they want to have and possess for themselves. "That's right pal; Kingdom Hearts, the heart of all worlds, has supernatural power greater than all the things in the world combined, can be yours to use if you have the X-blade." Kingdom Hearts was quickly replaced by the slowly spinning X-blade. "And the only place you can find it is at the Keyblade Sanctuary." The X-blade disappeared and in its place appeared a bright, beautiful and lush forest. "The X-blade must be used at the Keyblade Sanctuary to unseal and summon Kingdom Hearts. Then you must draw out Kingdom Hearts' power to obtain all the powers and knowledge to use them. Once that is done, you will be the most powerful person, or in this case god, in the world. But you better hurry get your butt over there, because the other nations are sending their soldiers to claim Kingdom Hearts for themselves. Time's ticking! Tick Tock!" Then after the purple smoke disappeared from the sky, the rulers got their soldiers drafted to be sent out to the Keyblade Sanctuary to fight over Kingdom Hearts.

Back at the lair, the witch let out a wicked laughter and said, "Those fools fell for it! Now we to sit back and watch them murder each other until the X-blade appears."

Xander told her, "Hold your horses, lady. I ain't done yet. There's still the rest of them that needs to be convinced into fighting." Then he said to the message spell, "Now give me the worlds ruled by the goody-two-shoes." The image in the purple clouds changed to that of all the worlds ruled by the more righteous leaders. "Perfect," said Xander with a dastardly grin. Meanwhile, in each world appeared a circle of purple smoke in the sky with Xander's head pretending to be hysteric and saying, "Hey guys, get your king, queen, or whatever out here; this is an emergency! A really big one!" The citizens in each world were all talking amongst themselves as they wondered what the huge problem might be and if they should be scared or not. The rulers either went out or opened the windows and looked out to see Xander's message spell and hear what he had to say. "This involves a large threat not only to your world, but also countless others as well. There's a bunch of power-hungry nations trying to go claim a powerful item used to become omnipotent, gain absolute power over the entire planet to control everyone's

wills, and rewrite reality into whatever they desire it to be. They're going to do so by obtaining the X-blade from the Keyblade Sanctuary and use it to summon Kingdom Hearts, which is where they're going to get all that god-like powers from." The keyblade sanctuary, Kingdom Hearts, and an X-blade wielding person all appeared beside Xander's head and demonstrated in animation the wielder summoning Kingdom Hearts and absorbing its power before using it to change the whole planet and making some of the people mindless slaves while the others disappeared for good. The civilians gasped in horror as they feared what their foreign enemies might do. "This ain't a joke, folks! I'm serious! Look, they're already getting started on marching to the Keyblade Sanctuary," said Xander. Then an image appeared beside his head showing another world sending its soldiers off to the Keyblade Sanctuary. "You better do something about this quick or the world as you know it will be gone!" Then the message spell disappeared out of each world. Soon, the rulers sent out their soldiers to race to the Keyblade Sanctuary and stop their foreign enemies from getting to Kingdom Hearts.

LimeX, who was inside an abandoned house looking after Chase, who was sleeping on the bed, looked out the window and saw Xander's message spell. After listening to all of Xander's words, dropped her mouth in horror and murmured, "Oh my god!" The killer had started a Keyblade War.

The message spell above the cauldron disappeared into thin air, now that Xander had no other uses for it. He looked at the witch and said, "Now you can let your horses go."

The witch laughed wickedly and said the same thing she said last time, "Those fools fell for it! Now we to sit back and watch them murder each other until the X-blade appears."

Xander smiled and laughed evilly before he said, "That's right! And after I steal it from under their noses, I'll absorb Kingdom Heart's power and darkness will take over all of the worlds! And then I'll take revenge on mom and sis for turning my Realm of Darkness into a lifeless place!" The whole room became filled with laughter from all of the cult members and Xander. Everything was going to go according to plan.

The Gallimore family was at the table eating their night's dinner as they enjoyed their conversation over their meals. Joseph shared his story of today, "So then I kept on hounding the robber all the way through town until he had this shocked look on his face when he came to a line of knight blocking his way. He tried to turn around the other way, but he forgot I was after him and screamed when he saw my face. We all dogpiled on him, took back the goods he stole and arrested him. The shopkeeper was thankful for that. He would have had to close shop if we didn't stop the thief."

Amelia smiled, "That's so heroic, Joseph! I'm just so proud-" She suddenly interrupted by her own coughs.

Her husband held onto her to support her. "Easy there, honey." He took the cup of water to her mouth as he continued, "Drink up, it'll soothe your coughs." Amelia ingested some of the contents as Glacies watched with sympathy for her mom, feeling the imaginary pain in her throat from the rasping coughs her mother suffered. Then there was a knock on the door. Joseph put down the cup and said, "I'll get it." He went to answer the door and find one of his fellow knights standing before him.

The knight said, "Mr. Gallimore, the king has made a summon for all knights to go to the Keyblade Sanctuary tomorrow. There is a war to be fought and a world to be saved from wicked men who seek to conquer the whole planet. We need every man available to put a stop to their nefarious plans."

Glacies had left the table to see the interaction. She tensed when she heard about the war part. The dream she had a couple of nights ago and the declaration of war being this close to each other, made it seem like it was more than a coincidence. She thought worriedly, *'Please don't tell me it's going to come true.'* She tried to calm herself by thinking that it was just nothing. After all, Zephyr was not needed for the war, so this scene from the nightmare cannot play out exactly like this.

Joseph nodded with a serious expression, "Alright, I understand. I'll be there."

The knight told him, "Be ready just before dawn, because that's when the army will head out. Thank you for your time and have a good evening."

"You too, sir," the father replied. The door was closed as the knight left. Joseph turned and headed back for the kitchen table.

Glacies met him halfway and told him, "Dad, if you're really going to war, then promise me that you'll come home safely. Be careful out there."

The father smiled gently, promising, "Don't worry, I will. Whatever happens, I'll be sure to come home alive and well to you and your mother."

Amelia said out to him, "We'll hold you to that, dear. We're both rooting for you."

Joseph replied, "I know, and I'll make this a big win, not just for Radiant Garden, but for us, too." They went back to the table and finished their dinner.

After many hours later, Chase opened his green eyes and found himself in an unfamiliar room. The phoenix blood had completed its job in bringing the temple guard back to life. "Where am I?" he asked

himself. Then Chase looked at the sky through the window and saw that it was dark with a little light on the very edge of the horizon, meaning that morning was about to take over dusk soon. He asked in surprise, "Whoa! How long was I out?" He recalled fighting Xander in the morning before being defeated at the end. Chase must have been really heavy in his sleep, which was very odd since he was always a light sleeper. But that's not the only thing was on his mind, Chase was also looking for an answer as to how and why he was this nearly empty worn-down room that looked quite dusty with a few pieces missing off the floor.

The door swung open with a creaking sound and LimeX came inside to find her comrade awake. She said to him, "So you're finally alive again. Took you long enough, light boy. I had to kill a few people to make time pass yesterday."

Chase frowned in disdain upon hearing his counterpart commit murder. He asked, "You never give this a break, do you LimeX?"

LimeX said, "What can I say? I'm a darkblader; I got lots of darkness in my heart. But that's not what I came to talk to your face about. Remember that guy from yesterday?"

Chase replied, "Yeah, what about him?"

LimeX told him, "He started a war yesterday, Chase. Now each and every world is going over to the Keyblade Sanctuary to fight in the Keyblade War."

Chase's eyes widened with shock & frantic and jolted up off his bed as he cried, "The war!" Damn this was his fault. If only he hadn't tried to take down Xander by himself, then this wouldn't have happened.

LimeX nodded and said, "That's right, Chase. The Keyblade War is about to start and we need to find a way to put an end to it."

Chase agreed and said, "You're right, LimeX. We have to go to the Keyblade Sanctuary now before many people worldwide start killing each other over the X-blade." He was desperate to stop Xander quickly to prevent his master's vision from coming true.

LimeX shushed him and pushed him back down. "Idiot, that's what he wants. I don't know about you, but the last time we won was a fluke. We might defeat him this time, but if he removes all of those bands we're boned. We need to find a way to stop him without bringing in an army." She let him go and began to pace. "I don't know! I want to go head on! But it would be futile, we would die, and no one would be left. We need help..."

"Help..." Chase whispered as he looked at the ground for a bit. Then an idea popped into his head and he said, "LimeX, why don't you go to the Keyblade Sanctuary and keep an eye on the situation there? You're going to spy on the battlefield and see if they're close to obtaining the X-blade or not. Do try not

to let any of the soldiers see you or you might find yourself in a fight, okay? Meanwhile, I'm going to search for the universe's best fighters to form a team to stop Xander." Then Chase found a silver bangle lying on the wooden floor close by and went over to pick it up. It may not be one of Xander's bangles, but he could use it as an example for what he was about to say. The silverette said, "If the bangles he wears are the ones responsible for suppressing his powers, then we can snap them back onto him and then freeze the bangles onto him, so that he's weakened."

LimeX nodded and pointed to her repaired cure band on Chase and said, "If anything happens, send a little spell through that crystal."

"Right!" Chase said to LimeX. She made a portal and after a last look at Chase, she entered and was gone. As soon as the portal closed, Chase thought, *'Take care out there, LimeX. The fate of the Realm In-Between rests in yours, mine, and the others who'll be joining alongside us.'* Then he opened up a portal to Bihai's cabin so that he could ask his master for his help on finding warriors and advice on foiling Xander's plans.