

Zephyr was able to keep his ground just barely with all of the opposing spells, but another person was helping LimeX. "You don't understand!" he said when the newcomer, who introduced herself as Thage, started scolding them. "She's being controlled by darkness and right now and even 7 against 1 isn't a fair fight for us!"

Thage yelled, "No! I will not allow for this! You must GO AWAY!" She raised her Keyblade into the air. "Fira!" she shouted with all of her might. "Thunder!" She tried pushing them back with her spells to get them away from that girl they called LimeX.

"Strike Raid!" Zephyr called while throwing his keyblade forward. It went towards the fireball to stop it. He would let Chase deal with the Thunder spell as the blonde himself was not as well equipped for such a thing. Chase saw the incoming lightning bolt and quickly hurtled to the left to avoid getting shocked. Kumo hugged onto Glacies's leg tightly as he was afraid of getting shocked, while the bluenette kept both him and Hitomi close to protect them.

"Gah! Don't interfere! Magnera!" the blonde 19-year-old angrily cast again, trying to get that boy to stop interfering with her defense. Zephyr used his Aerora spell to keep himself from being pulled by the magical orb.

Glacies tried telling Thage, "Wait, you don't know what's going on! LimeX was the one who set the building on fire, not us!"

Chase saw Zephyr currently engaging the aqua-eyed woman and thought about changing the strategy now that a new enemy has joined the fray. He ordered his allies, "Juliet, go and help Zephyr take down Thage. Sakura, to me! Kumo, you try slowing Thage. And Hitomi, you must help us with LimeX. Glacies, keep protecting the two as usual." Then he and the demon girl dashed towards the brunette, who was using the moments to burn a few more buildings.

"Bind!" Kumo shouted as he tried to hit the newcomer with his paralyzing spell.

"Gah! Reflera!" Thage gasped as she heard the spell being cast. She did not have much time, for the spell was near-instantaneous. She rolled over to the right, but not in time. Most of the spell was deflected, but some of it hit her left foot. She exclaimed as all feeling went out of her foot. She was not nearly as agile as she was and she swore under her breath. Yelling in rage, she swung her blade at the neko boy, but Glacies got between them and used her keyblade to block her attack.

Glacies pleaded to her, "Please, you have to hear us out before you help the wrong person." Chase swung his keyblade in a horizontal spin as he tried to hit LimeX with Round Blitz. He almost got to her, but then the deflected Bind spell hit him and his partner. The man was dropped onto the ground in a paralyzed state, while Sakura became frozen in place. The brunette used a Corridor of Darkness to appear behind Thage and grab her by the shoulder, pulling her back hard into the Corridor to get her away from the fight as the blonde gasped in surprise.

Kumo saw this and pointed to the two darkblader girls as he cried, "They're getting away!"

Hitomi stepped forward a bit tentatively, "Slow!" she called casting her Slow spell to slow LimeX down, but then the two foes disappeared again.

The two girls warped and came out on the other side of the town. Thage was panting now. Who did that? She wheeled around to face the person who pulled her into it. It was the girl whom she was protecting. "Who are you?!" she asked, panting. "And how can you open Corridors?"

LimeX gazed at the young woman for a few moments and then said, "It would be best if you didn't get involved... However, thank you for your trouble."

Thage asked, "Whatever do you mean? Those people were trying to hurt an innocent little girl - seven of them, all at the same time! I don't know how you can stand things like this. I don't know, I just, just... I don't like seeing people getting hurt! And, oh..." The blonde sighed and thought for a moment, *'Hmmm. These people called her LimeX... She couldn't possibly serve the Darkness?'*

The brunette turned and pointed her blade at another house and said, "Fire." The home was lit on fire.

'Certainly though, a good person wouldn't just try and harm innocent people, though... And the fact that she can create Corridors of Darkness of her own will... Just who is this girl?'

LimeX then turned to look at the girl and told, "You are on the wrong side." She turned and waited for the eventual form of Chase and the others.

Thage asked, "You still haven't answered my questions. How can you just create these Corridors of Darkness without serving it? And just who are you?!" She was really overwhelmed now, and confused. *'Is this girl really innocent or is she something more? Agh! What am I concerned if she is innocent or not? Why am I saving people anyway?! I am evil; I am to put death to all who oppose me. But that's not me and I know it. My job is to keep servants of the Darkness safe. That's why I have these powers... I'm only a stagehand, not a lead actress...'* Thage sighed inwardly. *'Is this really who I am? Or is there a greater purpose for me? Whatever the case, I need to find out just what this girl is up to!'* She sighed and thought for a moment. This girl did not need help; she can fend for herself and the blonde was sure of it. "Well, whoever you are, we'll meet again. I'm sure of that. Take care of yourself." Thage threw LimeX a card with her name and contact information. She then opened a Corridor to where the battle site was held.

Glacies sighed in frustration, "Why do we keep losing her?"

Kumo looked at his mentor and asked worriedly, "Master Chase, are you alright?"

Chase, under the effects of Bind, forced himself to talk and say, "Not...really... But...don't worry...about it... It'll...probably...wear...itself out...or unless...someone...has an...Esuna...spell..."

Glacies heard him mentioning that spell and said to him, "I have an Esuna spell to help you out."

Chase was glad to hear that and said, "Really?.. That's...good!.. I...could...sure...use it...right...now..."

"Me too..." Sakura replied, grateful that she would not have to suffer this condition for long.

Glacies was about to go over to them and cure them, but then she saw a dark portal appearing. Kumo looked at it with curiosity and asked, "Master Chase, why does that portal look weird?"

The bluenette sensed its strange energy and asked, "And why do I feel like there's darkness inside it?"

Hitomi closed her eyes sensing for a few seconds and announced, "The darkness levels are still strong here... They didn't leave."

Then Glacies saw Thage stepping out of the dark portal and trying to swing at the child. "Hitomi, watch out!" the bluenette cried. She went to the little girl's defense and did a Quick Blitz on the enemy by jumping and swinging her keyblade from the back to the front to hit her.

Thage fell to the ground, feeling the wind knocked out of her. Glacies stood over her with her keyblade pointed at Thage, so that she can get ready to strike whenever the woman tried to make a move. The blonde opened a Corridor from the floor and teleported a short distance away upright. She then said, "Alright. You guys win for now, but I'll be back. This score isn't settled yet." She retreated into the Corridor once again, but she closed it slowly.

There was probably enough time for one person to jump into the portal and travel with her, but no one chose to do that. Their friends needed help. Glacies heard Chase grunting from trying to move in his bound state. She went over to him and Sakura as she cried, "Guys!" She cast her Esuna spell on them and cured the silverette and demon of their abnormal status.

Chase got up on his feet as she said, "Thanks Glacies!"

Sakura also got up and stretched her arms up, cheering, "I feel much better now!"

Kumo asked, "So what do we do now? LimeX got away."

Chase said, "Well Hitomi said that she sensed their darkness energy somewhere around here, so we know that they're still in this world, but they're in a different location."

Glacies figured, "Then that's when we should use Zero's help on this one." She turned to Sakura and asked, "Sakura, can you ask Zero to track down LimeX's scent?"

The demon asked, "Got it. Zero?" The ghost dog barked and started tracking the scent as best he could. The keybladers quickly followed after him.

Thage reappeared on top of a building near where LimeX was. She jumped off of the building and landed lightly on her toes. She then asked the brunette, "By the way, are you interested in working with me?"

LimeX turned and regarded Thage. Then she nodded once, "I have three conditions. One, do not ask what I am doing. Two, do not ask why I am doing it. And three, you will create heartless." She pulled up a random person walking by and stabbed them, creating a heartless. "Now, let's get out of here. I am tired of fighting these light people."

Opening a Corridor to be linked to where they would go, Thage asked, "Alright, then. Where are we going?"

LimeX sighed and closed her eyes. She paused for a few moments and then said, "Wherever the corridor takes me." She turned and created her own portal. "Follow through mine, we don't need two separate points in which to be tracked."

"Alright," the woman said, closing her portal, and was ready to follow the girl.

Meanwhile in New York City, Diablos was walking down through the city sidewalk with his hands in his pockets. The dark purple-haired 16-year-old boy was a trouble-maker, who loved to make everybody miserable and never had any regrets on what he did. He was wearing a white shirt underneath a black waistcoat, dark purple trousers, black kerchief, white stockings and black shoes. He came by to a wine stand, where the man was selling a variety of bottled wine to his thirsty customers. Diablos, bored out of his mind, decided to have some dirty fun with the vendor. While the seller was talking to his customer, the boy went over to the stand and pushed down the sample bottle over the counter. Both men saw with shocked faces what happened as they watched the bottle fall and a sound of broken glass was heard. The delinquent ran away as the angry wine vendor yelled, "Hey, get back here!" Diablos laughed at the terrible prank he did as he ran around the corner onto another street. He did not care about the feelings of other people as long as he was being amused. He finally reached the alley and leaned against the wall as he chuckled to himself, "Hah, that was sure funny as hell!"

The two darkbladers appeared on top of a 3-storied building in the 18th century city. LimeX paused and gazed around before saying, "This is New York...." Glancing to Pathfinder for a moment, she flexed her fingers and the keyblade vanished. She turned to the building opposite them, which was a bit higher than theirs in the everlasting war of height. She gazed at her appearance and frowned for a few moments; she patted herself down and nodded. Turning to her new ally, she said, "Meet back here in 15 minutes in some clothes from this area." She then created a portal in a side street and walked into the nearest store.

Thage nodded and started walking around the sidewalk. There were many places to choose from and this place was just teeming with people. She finally came upon a clothing store and she walked inside. It was packed and she could not see anything but people. She looked among the racks of clothes and found a lime-colored gown with white frills at the edge of the sleeves. She was not very particular to anything that this store offered; nothing that looked appealing to her anyway. But this is what women from this world wore, so she grabbed it and started looking for a hat of some kind. She found a small white one adorned with a ribbon and flowers. Then she needed something to wear on her feet. She looked around some more and came upon a pair of white stockings and then some green shoes, each with a heel on them that was half an inch. She grabbed them as well and then made her way towards the back of the store. There were stalls that men and women alike went into and came out in new clothes. She then went inside one of the stalls and put her clothes on. She looked at herself in the mirror. Well she certainly looked elegant. The women of this world must be classy. She opened the door with a larger than average woman quickly replacing her inside the stall. She then made her way towards the front of the store. She left through the front door and then walked back to the store that LimeX walked into. She leaned against an alley wall next to the store and started to wait.

Diablos walked through the alley for a bit until he saw a silver-haired girl looking sexy in her green high heels and revealing legs. Diablos thought, *'Well look at what we have here; it must be another one of those prissy upper-class girls. Let's rile her up!'* Diablos walked by her and lifted up the hem of her dress, seeing her stocking and underwear, much to the woman's shock and displeasure. He wolf-whistled, "Damn, that's a fine booty you got!" Thage smacked his hand away, as the unfazed boy laughed, and glared at him scornfully.

LimeX walked out, dressed in a dark blue dress with thick black fur trims on the wrists and collar. Her normal clothes were underneath them. Her hat was a headband with big black & blue feathers on top. She took one look at Diablos and then walked toward him, saying to her ally, "Thage, that is not how you deal with these types of people." She paused and gazed to the woman and then her keyblade appeared. She spoke, "Fire..." Suddenly flames erupted from her keyblade and headed for Diablos.

"Whoa!" the boy cried as he threw himself to the side to avoid the fireball.

The girl made a portal and motioned to Thage, "That is how you deal with those types of people. Now get in."

"Right," the woman said as she got into the portal, waiting to be taken wherever she was going to go.

After they were gone, Diablos swiped the dirt and dust off of him as he said, "Hmph, some wretches. Whatever, I'll just go look for a sucker to steal from." Then he went off to look for an unsuspecting purse-carrying woman.

LimeX teleported them to a nearby diner and pulled out a wallet. She gazed inside it before pulling out some notes. She walked over to the person that people were going to get a table from. She held out the money to him and asked, "Is this enough?"

The man nodded and handed her back the money. He told her, "You pay after you eat; you've got the last free table over there."

LimeX walked over and gazed down at the menu. She ordered one of everything before handing it to Thage, asking, "Are you hungry?"

The woman answered, "Yes, but you can order for me. I've got a killer headache; I bet it was from that guy earlier..." She cracked a frown in disgust.

The girl paused and turned to put her hand on Thage, casting, "Cure."

Glacies and the others followed Zero through the streets of Twilight Town until they came to a spot on top of the building where LimeX and Thage used to be. The ghost dog tried to smell where else they went, but nothing came to his nose. He let out a whine, feeling failure. The bluenette asked, "So that's it? That's where the scent stops?"

Chase said, "LimeX must have warped out of this world. That's why Zero can't track her down anymore."

Kumo asked, "So now what do we do?"

Chase answered, "While I use my portal magic to find LimeX, why don't you guys go to every burning house you see and use whatever spell you can to put out the fires and save everyone."

"Okay," Glacies and Sakura replied, while Zephyr just nodded obediently. Juliet and Hitomi decided to stay behind as they had no ability to put out fires.

Then the two bluenettes, Zephyr and Kumo went to the first burning house. Standing in the middle of the road were some onlookers standing there and looking worried at the neighborhood being on fire. A few of them capable of magic went inside the houses to help. The young keybladers cast their spells on

the flames with Glacies shouting, "Blizzara!" The spell hit the window's flaming edges and put out the fires as it left the outer wall around it in ice.

"Aero!" shouted Sakura and Kumo. Their winds blew out the fires on the garden and the part of the yard bordering it.

"Help! Somebody help!" cried a woman inside the house on the second floor.

"We better hurry!" Glacies said urgently as she was worried for the woman's life. She opened the door to let her friends inside where there were flames all over the place.

"I'll get her!" Zephyr called. "Wind!" he said, casting his Aerora spell to pick him up off the ground and get level with the second floor's window. "Fire Surge!" he called, suddenly flying forwards through LimeX's fire. The fire that appeared around him during his Fire Surge protected him from the darkblader's fire as he went through it. While he did the rescuing, the others cast Blizzara and Aero at the spreading fires.

Meanwhile, Chase peered into the few portals he created to see if LimeX was in any of these worlds. Kingdom of Corona, Deep Jungle and the Dwarf Woodlands, but their nemesis was nowhere in these worlds. As Hitomi watched him scan, she felt the balance of Light and Darkness in this world going back to normal now. Out of the many other worlds, this one would have the greatest balance.

Zephyr grabbed the woman, casting another Aerora to blow smoke away and get some of the fire away from them. He dashed through the area that he went through when he used his Fire Surge and jumped out. "HITOMI!" he yelled. Unfortunately, he could not recast his Aerora right now which was the only thing he had to break fall.

Hitomi looked up as she was called; luckily, she was not that far away. As soon as she got close enough, she raised her keyblade, "Slow!" the child said as she cast her spell, which slowed Zephyr's descent from the window. He landed gently on the ground and both the woman and him got up in slow motion as they were still under the effect of the Slow spell.

The grateful woman said to the blonde, "Oh thank you for saving me, hun! I was so afraid of burning up and dying in my own house." Chase looked through the portals at the Wonderland, Agrabah, and the world of his birth, La Cité des Cloches. But again, LimeX was not in any of these places.

After a while of casting Blizzara and Aero, the house was no longer on fire, but the place was definitely damaged as lots of furniture and stuff was scorched and charred black and the atmosphere reeked of the smoke fumed by the fires. Glacies and the others went to the other houses, helping the neighbors put out the fires before they spread. Zero went through each house to check for anyone stuck inside, so that he could let the others know about them.

Diablos left the alley and went on his search for the sucker. On his way, a Dalmatian dog came up to Diablos and started sniffing his shoes. Not having patience for animals, the boy kicked the dog's snout and told him, "Go away, you flea-bitten mutt!"

The Dalmatian started whining and ran behind its owner, who was an angry blonde girl. She yelled, "What's your problem, you jerk?! He was just sniffing you!"

Diablos turned on the girl and said, "Oh you want to know my problem? Well let me ring it to you. I don't like animals, especially smelly and ugly mutts with a dumb shitty blonde following it like she ain't got nothing better to do."

"Excuse me?!" the girl got more annoyed at the insult.

Diablos saw a purple purse by the girl's side and said, "Hey what's that? Can I see it?"

The boy tried to grab the purse, but the girl held onto it as tightly as she can as she pulled it away from him, yelling, "Hey let go, that's mine!"

Seeing as the girl was not going to let go, Diablos summoned his keyblade, which was blue, magenta and silver in color. At the base of the blade were three blue dragon heads just above the black handle guard. The keychain was a black orb with three pairs of wings. He cast, "Poison!" Poisonous clouds appeared out the girl and her dog and they both started coughing. Diablos, being the caster, was not affected by it at all and proceeded to snatch the purse away from the girl.

As he ran away with it, the girl coughed before yelling, "Come back here!"

The three men, who were once harassed by the troublemaker before, saw the boy thief running and yelled, "Hey!" They began to chase after him with their keyblades to get their revenge.

Diablos saw the angry men coming and cursed in his mind, *'Ah crud, I better lose them fast!'*

After they had dinner, LimeX and Thage stepped back from the table and went out of the restaurant. They began walking and the brunette said, "Come, we must find a place to stay now. Tomorrow we cause havoc; tonight, we rest." They turned the corner and looked as they saw the idiot from before trying to outrun the men. The brunette could not help but grin as she secretly summoned her keyblade and muttered, "Thunder, Thunder, Thunder."

Diablos ran as fast as he could to get away from the men. Then suddenly, bolts of lightning started raining down at him. "Sheesh!" the boy cursed as he started dodging the spells by moving sideways, zigzags, and dodge rolls. The men with their longer legs were gaining on him. But fortunately, Diablos

made a turn into the alley way and then used his Zero Gravity spell to stop his pursuers and have them float in the air.

The three men let out surprised screams before one of them shook his fist at the air as he yelled, "Diablos! You despicable troublemaker! You can't run away from us forever! We'll get you one day! And when we do, we'll make sure you get at least ten years in prison!"

After getting halfway far, Diablos sneered aloud, "Yeah whatever, you greasy muscleheads! I'd like to see you try!" Diablos always eluded those who tried to punish him and get away with the crimes he committed like bullying, arson, theft and other stuff. The boy got far away to a safe place and looked through the purse he stole as he threw out useless items. He finally found the wallet and opened it to take out the munny. As he looked at the yellow pieces, Diablos smiled devilishly and said, "Ooh, that's a lot of munny. I wonder what I can use to go buy myself? Oh well, maybe I'll go figure it out tomorrow. I'll just go back to my place and sleep." So the boy walked through the streets as he made his way home.

LimeX saw him heading for home after following him, out of interest. She turned to Thage, seeing the woman still following her, and said, "I know where we're staying."

"Alright," Thage said. They walked directly after the unsuspecting boy.

After looking through a few more worlds, Chase started to get bored and frustrated at not having found LimeX. The man groaned to himself, "Ugh, this is getting tiresome. Why did there have to be so many worlds out there?" The search was also unsuccessful in Port Royal and Traverse Town. With having very little energy remaining to create portals, Chase decided to give up the hunt as he needed that energy to send the others home for now.

The others returned from having put out the last of the fires. "Well that was tiring," said Glacies as she, Sakura and Kumo returned feeling weary from all the work they did.

"Yeah, I want to rest," Sakura agreed as Kumo sat down on the grass.

Glacies looked to the silverette and asked, "Did you find LimeX yet?"

Chase answered, "I hate to say it, but no. I'm running out of energy to create more portals. If I try to do more now, then I can't get you guys home to rest."

The girl replied, "But Zephyr and I can use our keyblade gliders to get us home."

The man pointed out, "But then how would you find your way from here to Radiant Garden? With how enormously big the universe is, it'll be hours or maybe days for you all to get home that way."

"I guess you're right," Glacies said as she did not like the idea of taking too long to return home. "So are we going to go find LimeX tomorrow?"

"That's exactly the plan. I'm going to send all you guys back home to rest. But I need you all to be up early in the morning, like say 6:30. Our meeting place will be at Sakura's house, is that okay with you Sakura?" Chase asked the demon girl.

Sakura stretched and nodded, "That's cool with me, plenty of room at my creepy house. Zero and I will be waiting there for you guys."

Chase asked, "Okay! We'll all be meeting at Sakura's tomorrow morning. Glacies, Zephyr, you guys know your way through the Lanes Between to get to Halloween Town, right?"

Glacies answered, "Of course we do."

The man told, "Good, because you'll be going there on keyblade gliders."

The human girl was not content with the idea, questioning, "But wait, doesn't that mean we have to get up by 5:30 to get to Sakura's? I don't know if I get up that early? My sleep cycle's certainly not used to this."

Chase told her, "Then use an alarm clock or something to wake you up. But if you're late, then I'll come and get you, alright?"

Glacies asked, "But why do we have to be up this early?"

He explained, "I'll give you all a few reasons why. One, LimeX can be unpredictable; we don't know when she'll wake up and start attacking. It could be very early in the morning or late near the afternoon. I'm not going to take a risk, if she is going to strike early. And two, I'm going to be cogitating about what happened today and what happened then when LimeX was under Xander's influence to try to get an idea of what she's up to. I'll tell you my theories tomorrow, if I have any." With all that out of the way, he continued, "Come on, we should all get home and go to bed early, so that we can wake up early." He opened a portal to Sakura's world to drop her and the dog off there. Then he created another portal to return Glacies and her fellow apprentices back to Radiant Garden. "Come on, Kumo, let's go home," Chase said as he created a portal to the Land of Departure.

"Okay!" Kumo replied. Then the young master and his student returned home as the others went to their respective worlds.