

After coming out of the portal, Chase stood in front of the gravestone with the name, Ilem, written on it. Juliet buried the heart in the dirt where the body was buried and then covered it up. They waited and she tilted her head to listen. A muffled reply came, "Would someone get me the hell out of this thing!?"

Chase recognized that voice and said with rising happiness, "That's Ilem! She's alive! Juliet, let's dig her out." Then they began digging the dirt off and soon uncovered the coffin. They opened it up and revealed a girl who looked strikingly like LimeX with her hair, skin and eyes, the latter of which she opened. She was pissed off. Chase could not help giggling at the cranky girl, but he was more happy than amused to see the love of his life again. Tears of happiness filled his eyes as he said her name, "Ilem!"

The brunette glanced to him and stood up and brushed herself off. "That's my name. Now could someone tell me what the hell is going on?"

Chase wiped the tears off his eyes and said, "It's a long story. But anyway, it's great to have you back, Ilem. I really missed you." Then he went to hug her with all the love and affection he could muster.

Ilem pushed the man away and glanced around frantically. "Never mind that, where's our best friend LimeX? Your best friend, remember? She was with you when I tried to defend you both from the dark thing that attacked!" Standing up she glanced around. "Where is she?"

"LimeX?" asked Chase, when Ilem wanted to know where she was at. Chase looked down and away from Ilem as he said with regret, "Ilem, I'm sorry to tell you this, but LimeX isn't going to be with us for much longer."

Ilem frowned, "And would you mind explaining why?"

Chase let out a silent sigh before looking back to Ilem and told her, "I have this other half named SaxeX, a nobody. He appeared after I got possessed by a dark god named Xander. He used LimeX for his unknown, but callous plan by having her kill a lot of people and turning them into heartless, so she could gather any nobodies created from those strong-willed people. She made a deal to with SaxeX to save me, when I was possessed by Xander's darkness. And because of that, LimeX has to sacrifice herself for SaxeX to be whole again."

Ilem frowned even further, "You seem to be implying LimeX is a nobody. Chase, she's your sister! Don't you remember? She put the X behind her name because you said it made her sound cool."

Chase gave Ilem a strange look and said, "You're not pulling my leg, are you Ilem? She looks a lot more like you than she does me." Chase thought she might be pulling a trick on him or probably wasn't thinking clearly due to her long slumber in the grave. But the serious look on her face seems to be implying that she might be telling the truth.

Ilem rubbed her eyes "I wish I knew, too. Remember? We used to joke about being long lost twins!"

Chase crossed his arms and tilted his head slightly as he thought, *'Looks like LimeX has a lot more mysteries to her than I thought.'*

Ilem stood up and rubbed her eyes again. "So where is she?"

"She's in SacheX's lair, which is in the Realm of Darkness. If she hasn't disappeared by now, maybe we still have a chance to see her," answered Chase. Then he looked at Juliet and asked, "Juliet, can you take us back to the lair?" Juliet made a portal, linking up just outside where the others were waiting on the other side of the barrier.

LimeX joined SacheX as he began the ritual that would make him whole, and yet separate from Chase. SacheX was going to become a new person.

Chase and the girls went inside the portal and returned back to SacheX's lair. Ilem shivered once. "This place...feels like LimeX." She glanced to Chase and a small blush came to her cheeks as she glanced away. "Sorry, if you don't want to go after her that's fine..."

Chase said, "Of course, I'm going after LimeX. I can't have her disappear before she sees her friend one last time."

Kumo saw Chase past the barrier and said, "Master Chase, there you are! We've been looking for you!"

Chase turned around to see a happy smiling Kumo alongside Zephyr and Hitomi. He asked, "Kumo, Zephyr, and Hitomi! You guys waited outside for us?"

Kumo said, "Nope, but Hitomi was leading us to this place that smelled like nobodies."

"I see," said Chase.

Zephyr asked him, "So what happened in there? Did you meet this 'Employer' person? Did you see all the nobodies he took?"

Chase replied, "We did get a good look at SacheX, my other half. But then he left to go try to turn himself into a whole person. He made LimeX and I fight each and Diablos took Glacies into another place to fight, so that I wouldn't interfere and try to save her. You guys didn't happen to come across them by any chance, did you?"

Kumo shook his head and answered, "Nope!"

Chase said, "I thought so. So anyway, as for the nobodies, we haven't seen any yet."

Zephyr finally saw that LimeX (Ilem) was with them, although she looked slightly different. "LimeX, are you back to normal now? We met some heartless back there. Kumo and Hitomi said it was your heartless, is that true?"

Kumo said, "When a heartless gets destroyed first before the nobody, they become a full person again."

Chase asked, "Wait, you said that if a nobody has its heartless destroyed first and then itself, right?"

Kumo answered with a nod. "But there's no heartless for SacheX to become whole. How is he supposed to become a person?" Then Chase thought for a few moments before an idea came up and he said, "Unless the heartless, who happens to be Xander's darkness, counts. That means Sachex is already in the process of trying to destroy himself so that he can be complete. Come on, guys! We have to go stop him and save LimeX."

Kumo pointed out, "But Master Chase, there's a barrier between us! How do we get in?"

Chase looked around for the button on the wall that Diablos had pushed earlier to keep any more intruders out. He found it and went to push it to deactivate the barrier and let Kumo and the others in. Kumo went inside and stood next to Chase who was in front of the door leading to SacheX. Chase said, "Alright, now for the door. We need to find some way to burst it down so that we can get to SacheX quickly before LimeX disappears forever."

"Ooh, let me try!" Kumo eagerly said.

Chase looked down at his apprentice and asked, "Kumo, what are you--"

Before Chase could finish his sentence, Kumo did a Quick Blitz attack on door as he cried, "Hiyah!" Then he followed up the attack with his spell, "Aero!" A gust of hard-blowing winds tried to blow down the door.

"In this case I can help too! Aerora!" Zephyr called, boosting Kumo's Aero with the stronger variant of the spell. "So we need to get rid of this Sachex person why exactly? This is very confusing..."

Chase answered, "We need to stop SacheX because if he becomes whole, then LimeX will be gone forever and I don't intend for this to happen. Not if I can help it!" He was very determined to get to SacheX on time.

"How does he become whole... If he's you?" Zephyr asked, this part was the most confusing to him. If SacheX got what he wanted then would that mean there would be two Chases?

Chase said, "I don't know exactly how, Zephyr."

The barrier suddenly shivered and collapsed in on itself. It was as if the thing supporting it had completely vanished. Ilem frowned, "Is that normal?"

Chase replied, "Who cares about that, we have to go now." Then they all rushed and ran up the steps.

SacheX was standing at an altar with LimeX beside him. He glanced to her and then at the heartless on the table. "Are the nobodies ready?" he asked. LimeX held up the bag holding the writhing nobodies. "Good." Just as Chase's group entered the room, he saw SacheX raising his blade and struck LimeX in the heart. She collapsed and the male nobody reclaimed the pure heart that floated out.

Kumo gasped while Chase was in greater shock and cried, "Nooooo!"

Then he started running towards LimeX as Kumo watched his master and said, "Master Chase!"

Chase knelt beside LimeX and held her in his arms as he looked down at her frantically in fear and sadness of losing her. He begged, "LimeX please, don't leave me!"

SacheX pushed the heart into the heartless and it grew, then he opened the bag of nobodies and his mouth stretched to comical proportions as he devoured them. "Whoa!" Kumo cried out in surprise as he was weirded out by what he just saw. Finished with the nobodies, the man then put a hand on the heartless and light shined through the darkness. Kumo and Chase shielded their faces to keep the light out of their eyes for a bit before they adjusted to it.

LimeX opened her eyes and sat up, incidentally banging heads with Chase in the process. "Gah!" he cried.

She instinctively pushed him out of the way and held her head, the light dimming so it was easier to see. "Shut up Chase, I told you I'm a nobody. Losing a heart isn't going to kill me."

Chase thought, *'But aren't nobodies without hearts? What are you doing with one? Unless you weren't a nobody the whole time.'*

Thage was nothing. She felt nothing, she saw nothing, she WAS nothing. All she was, in her mind, a cloud of ephemeral essence drifting in oblivion. Maybe that's what life is after death. She felt at peace with herself, like she had never before. She couldn't even remember how she died. The truth was, however, that she was dead. A flicker came to her. She wasn't in oblivion. She was in the Lanes Between? How odd. Not caring, she drifted on with her meager existence to be played out before her.

The mysterious girl wandered through the realm of light, looking as if it was just aimless wandering. At one point she stopped and went rigid, creating a corridor and going through it. One of the rare times she used her keyblade glider and ended up in the Lanes Between. She looked around on her bike-like glider for something. What she was looking for was beyond her but, she knew she wanted to look for something. She saw a body floating in space and went over to it. Putting it on her glider, she returned to the Realm of Light through another corridor. This was just what she needed; a colleague to help her with her goal. Her glider disappeared and went back to its original keyblade form. She pointed that at the body which she had set down, pouring mass amounts of light through the keyblade from herself and her surrounding and forcing it all to occupy the empty shell in front of her.

What...was this? She was being filled with light; it was warm. What was this? Thage opened her eyes. They were now permanently glazed over - just as how they had been as she died. "Who... Are you?" Then the strangest experience occurred. She separated. Her other self stood and faced Thage. "I'm Roxanne. You remember me."

"I do... But who woke me up?"

"I can't tell - I can't see anyone... Hey, who's that?"

Thage stood up and looked around. There was...that girl? Memories started to flow back into her - before she died. She was with a girl...and this girl was there. She looked very familiar. "Who are you?" Before the girl had a chance to answer, a hand grabbed her. Falling unconscious, she grabbed Roxanne's hand, and was pulled into the void.

LimeX paused and stood up, and then thrust her hand into nothing, where it disappeared and drew out Thage. She fell along with Roxanne. Thage opened her eyes, releasing a blinding light. She faintly heard LimeX's voice, "And stop wandering aimlessly, you want to get yourself killed!?" Thage remained silent. Her head was killing her. Something was wrong...very wrong. Roxanne didn't look good, either. She looked extremely pale - like a ghost. Thage was worried. Why was Roxanne outside of her? Something must have happened when that girl woke her up... She didn't want to think about it - it was causing her head to hurt much worse.

Chase was surprised to see her. "Thage?" he asked as he looked at her. But Chase noticed something different about her; he sensed light instead of darkness in her.

Dropping Thage, now that gravity was working on her, LimeX turned to look to Ilem and paused. "Hey," she said.

Ilem replied, "Hello." Thage groaned and stood up. When she stood, Roxanne stood also. The light

vanished and in the moments it took everyone to adjust to the darkness again, a single body sat on the table, waiting. It was a twin of Chase and he was admiring his hands as if he could see something no one else could.

"SacheX?" Kumo asked.

Chase thought, *'He looks just like me now; same look and everything else in detail. This is creepy.'*

LimeX doubled over for a moment and vomited a stream of darkness from her. "Would you not beam that light in this world? It's extremely sickening," she spoke, standing back up. "And hurry up and get out of here, I'm half inclined to take that heart back off you."

SacheX flinched and turned his eyes to glance at her, "I shall see you later then."

He vanished through a portal and LimeX breathed a silent sigh. "Now, I would like to see some sunlight, do you all mind if we get the hell out of here before I explain?"

"Right, let's go," said Chase. Then he created a Corridor of Light to the Land of Departure. Everybody went in through the portal until they were at the throne room. Thage and Roxanne limped after them there. "I'm glad that's finally over with. I hope..."

Kumo asked, "So we can get back to training now?" He was very eager to get back to his practices.

Chase said, "We will, but first I think we all deserve a break from all that's happened today and yesterday. And also, LimeX did say she had some explaining to do, right LimeX?"

LimeX paused and leaned against something. "Let's see... I became a nobody when we fused together when I protected you. The people that I killed... Somehow, I collected the hearts of them. What else to you want to know?"

Chase thought, *'Kumo and Hitomi said that nobodies were without hearts. When SacheX stabbed you, we all saw a heart floating out of your wound. That heart must've belonged to one of the victims she killed. She must've been carrying it with her the whole time.'*

Kumo asked, "If you're Ilem's nobody, then how are you standing here? Both the heartless and its nobody have to be destroyed for the original to appear again."

Chase said, "I think I can answer that, Kumo."

Kumo looked at his master and asked, "What is it, Master Chase?"

Chase explained, "After Juliet and I went to revive Ilem with the heart Thage gave us, Ilem said that

LimeX wasn't a nobody but she was my sister. She only became a nobody after we combined to use the X-blade. The real question we should be asking is why Ilem and LimeX look exactly alike. And my guess is that one of them went through the same process SacheX did to look like in all the details I feature. But that's only just a guess. I don't know if I'm right or wrong." He crossed his arms at the end.

LimeX glanced to the group and nodded at Chase. "It's similar to that, so now there are any other questions you want answered?"

Chase asked, "So which one of you is the clone?"

Thage and Roxanne silently looked at the others, watching them converse. The pain suddenly magnified. Thage gasped and sunk to the floor. Roxanne rushed over to Thage, concern showing in her glazed eyes. "Come on, Thage, we must get back to that girl. Something might happen to us if we don't." Roxanne helped Thage up, made a Corridor of Light back to where they woke up and she pulled her inside, set her back in front of the girl, then closed the Corridor.

Seeing the two girls leave, Kumo asked, "Hey, where are you going?"

"Welcome back.... I have selected you to help me.... I want... To rid everywhere of darkness... We need to show them the light...." The mysterious girl took off her hood at these last 2 sentences and her eyes took on a more blank look than they had before.

Thage asked, "What? Selected us? What does that even mean? And -"

Roxanne said, "Patience, Thage, if we listen long enough, this girl will explain all." With that, Thage sat back and waited for more.

The mysterious girl said, "Well... You were the ideal person for this... Just an empty shell, waiting to be brought back..."

Thage looked at the girl. She DID die; she guessed that made sense, but one thing in particular was really strange. "Why did the two of us split apart? She was just another persona of myself... She shouldn't be here..."

Roxanne said, "Thage, I'm your Nobody."

Thage gasped. How did she get a Nobody?! She realized. She took her own heart out. But that still didn't explain why there were two of her. She decided just to leave it at that. "Well then," she said, looking at the Mysterious Girl. "What's your name?"

The mysterious girl replied, "Well... My name..... For now, call me Light... That is my name, yet it is not my name..."

"Light? So, what are our new orders?"

The mysterious girl said blankly, "Travel round to different worlds and infuse them with light... Also, any people you see that could do with more light infuse it in them."

"And I'm supposed to do this how?" Thage replied, she tried to create a Corridor of Darkness. It wouldn't materialize. She exclaimed and tried again. Nothing. "Why won't my Corridor materialize?! This must be some kind of joke!"

The mysterious girl frowned, "That's odd...your Corridors of Light should be working perfectly fine... Especially considering we're in the Realm of Light..."

Corridors of LIGHT?! What is she talking about?! Thage said, "What? I've always used Corridors of Darkness... And not just my Corridors are gone, but the darkness inside me is gone as well! What's wrong with me?!"

"When I found you, you were an empty shell without a heart. I filled that empty shell with my light, so you are merely a vessel of light, nothing more. That means everything you do may only use light as you lack any darkness at all." The mysterious girl looked off in the distance. "We should get started as soon as possible."

Thage stood up and looked around at the area. She couldn't really remember how she got HERE, but she knew that LimeX wasn't her master anymore. This girl, Hikari was it? She was Thage's master. "When do I begin, master?" Thage bowed at the waist and waited for a response. Roxanne silently did the same.

"I am not your master... We are servants of the light goddess... After Xander, the god of darkness, tried his last attempt at making darkness take over, our master deemed it necessary to exterminate all darkness... As to what we need to do now, just go to a world and start exterminating the darkness by forcing more light into it. You two may also like a cloak or mask, something to hide your identity, sadly not everyone approves of our great goddess's plan... I shall go now." The mysterious girl disappeared in a Corridor of Light off to some world.

Thage sat up after Light left and looked around. There was nothing really, but oblivion. Something like her familiar darkness, but warmer somehow. Sighing, Thage stood and looked at Roxanne. "Are you sure this is what we need to do, Roxanne? I mean, if we get in trouble with Hikari..."

Roxanne made a Corridor of Light behind her. "I know the consequences, Thage. Now, we have work to do. Get in." Thage followed Roxanne's instructions and went inside. Roxanne did a double-take before she followed behind her, closing the Corridor.