

Zephyr and his friends continued to shop for gift as they looked for another shop to check out. Glacies spotted a familiar women's store up ahead. She told her friends, "Hey guys, let's go over to Blissful Belle. I have a perfume that I want to get for mom." The dress will have to wait for now as she could not afford it at the moment. She was going to have to wait for the sale to come whenever.

Sakura replied, "Okay, sure. I think I want to see what they have." The store's name sounded like it had stuff that catered to women. The demon hoped she would find something nice there.

They went in direction of Blissful Belle. As they got closer to it, they noticed a certain pair of knights hanging out with each other over by the tool store next to Blissful Belle. Despite them being in civilian clothes at the moment, Zephyr was able to recognize them. He greeted the boys, "Hey Touketsu! Hi Nemo!"

The knights looked to the group and flashed them smiles. Touketsu greeted back, "Hey guys, it's been a while. Who are your new friends?" He was wearing a dark blue jacket over a black shirt. His pants were navy blue. His laced boots were black.

Referring to the demon and the neko boy respectively, Zephyr answered, "This is Sakura and he's Kumo. They're apprentices just like us."

Sakura said, "I'm not really an apprentice of anyone. I just train myself."

"Cool," Nemo commented. He wore a dark green shirt, a pair of beige pants, black fingerless gloves, and red & black sneakers.

Glacies asked, "So are you guys like off today?" They had to be if they were not wearing their armor today.

Touketsu answered, "Yes, and partly because the city wants to ban keyblades. The king and the knights are trying to figure out how we can carry out our duties without the keyblades."

Nemo ranted, "This is stupid! Those protesters have no idea what they're talking about. Where the hell would we be without them today?"

Sakura agreed, "I know, right? Why would anyone want to be rid of them?" Discarding keyblades would be like taking civilization back to the stone age, given all the contributions these things have given people of all species and races.

Glacies, remembering her conversation with Master Leohart, answered, "It's because everyone is upset about the Keyblade War. So many people died there, all for some monster's lust for power."

The dark-haired blonde argued, "But that's stupid! It was just a war; lots of people die in them all the time. It won't change a thing if the keyblades are gone."

Touketsu agreed, "He's right, you know. We'll just be using something else to fight with." He looked up away in thought as he mused, "But I also think another reason behind the ban is because might be because that most people can't get to other worlds anymore. Everywhere you go, you just end up back here. Nowhere to trade, do business, or get your outside resources from unless you can make some kind of portal. It's like there's only one world here now."

Sakura said, "And it's like this for Halloween Town, too. The holidays still have their doors to each other and the "human world", but not to the other actual worlds." Zero nodded his head in confirmation to what she said.

Nemo raised a fist and accused, "That giant black monster must've used Kingdom Hearts to split the worlds. Everybody should be blaming him!" Leohart's apprentices stayed quiet about this; they must not reveal any important secrets about the Keyblade War.

Touketsu asked, "Maybe, but why?" What would the wicked god gain by separating the worlds? That was something he could not comprehend.

Glacies tried to change the topic, "I don't know about that. But anyway, what are you guys doing right now?"

The brunette boy answered, "Oh just hanging out. What about you? What're you guys doing?"

The bluenette answered, "We're Christmas shopping."

"Really? This early? You got a lot of time, you know."

"I know, but I thought it would be best to get that out of the way as soon as possible. Anyway, I'm going inside to get that perfume for my mom. I'll be quick!" Then Glacies went into the women's store by herself.

Touketsu looked to the lighter-haired blonde and asked, "So Zephyr, how's your training coming along? Anything new?"

Zephyr answered, "Yeah, Glacies and I got to learn how to fight on our keyblade gliders. And I also learned a new move, too."

Interested in the blonde's new technique, Touketsu goaded, "Well then, let's see it." Zephyr enflamed his keyblade before he rushed at an empty space unoccupied by any of his friends. He spun around rapidly as he did so.

Everybody watched as Touketsu and, even more so, Kumo were impressed with his Fire Surge attack. The latter commented, "Cool!"

After the fire disappeared from the keyblade, Zephyr said, "I also got another move I've been wanting to try for a while. I'm gonna demonstrate it now!" But before he could perform an Aero Raid, Zero suddenly started barking in alarm.

Nemo jumped, startled by the dog's noise, "Whoa!"

Everyone looked to the ghost dog as Sakura asked him, "Zero, what is it?"

Hitomi was the first to see the cause of the dog's excitement. "Look," she told, pointing in the direction.

They looked and saw a trio of people fleeing from some beautiful white creatures. Zephyr recognized one of them as he cried in alarm, "Juliet?!"

Sakura looked at the silverette as she figured, "And that must be LimeX, too. They're in trouble!"

Nemo said gung-ho, "Then let's go help them out. These things are messing with our town!" He summoned Demon Fury, readying himself to kick ass in combat.

As Touketsu summoned his, he said, "We may be off-duty, but we're not going to stand by and let crime get away."

The others' appeared and they got into battle stance as Zephyr said, "We'll help, too. We gotta save Chase's friends."

"Let's fight!" Kumo shouted. The teens charged at the monsters. Zero clamped his mouth around the running neko-boy's tail and yanked him to hold him back out of danger he was about to put himself in. Kumo fell down on his butt as he let out an "Oof!" Zephyr was grateful for the ghost dog protecting the child. Close combat was better left to those who were older.

Hitomi told the catboy, "We can help from afar. Let's do it." Kumo silently accepted this supportive role for now.

After getting within range, Touketsu cast his affliction spell, "Stop!" The monsters, except for the Djinn, became frozen in time and the people they were chasing got far away from them. While the rest of the fighters went to attack the genies, Nemo charged up his shotlock power as he eyed all the frozen creatures, aiming to attack them. Once he was ready, the blonde knight engulfed himself in a shadowy aura zipped at his foes, hitting each one in a blink of an eye. Zephyr dodged a Djinn's magic beam and cast Fire back at it, burning it on the chest. Sakura cast Thunder at another one to zap it.

The three darkbladers stopped and turned to see the others fighting for them. LimeX said, "We got the help we need; now let's get our revenge." The trio rushed at the monsters and attacked them, both the frozen ones and the moving ones.

Then the masked girl appeared and healed the monsters, "Esuna..." The time-frozen creatures were able to move again. The first thing they felt was the pain on their bodies where the darkbladers struck them. The weakest creatures were slain as they dispersed into tiny light particles.

Hitomi looked at the newcomer and saw a heart full of light. She murmured, "That girl. She's just like Light." The child had been watching the fight from afar, ready to assist with spells if need be.

Kumo looked to her and asked, "Huh? Is she another one?"

One of the Djinns told their opponents, "Lightbladers, please desist! This does not concern you."

Sakura, who it was fighting, rebuked, "Yes it does! You're attacking innocent people." She jumped up at the genie, striking it down and then ending the combo with Falling Slash.

A Long Dragon looked at Nemo first, who was engaging one of its kind, and then to Hitomi. It sensed the darkness in their hearts. It said to the masked girl, "My lady, there are more darkbladers here."

The purplette replied, "We shall deal with them...after this battle..."

Another dragon wrapped itself painfully tight around Zephyr and spewed hot water at his face. Kumo saved him by casting, "Aero!" A wind barrier engulfed the blonde and blew the dragon off him.

"Thanks, Kumo!" Zephyr called gratefully. A third dragon went to ensnare LimeX, but she protected herself with a Fire spell in the form of two fireballs circling her to burn it before it could even touch her. Nemo Shadow Dashed a Purity and then coated his keyblade in magical poison to hit another with his Poison Edge technique. As he did so, three Djinns came together and blasted him with (insert powerful attack). The blonde knight let out a loud scream of agony before he collapsed, too badly hurt to move. The whole rear of his body burned with excruciating pain. Clothes were damaged, skin marked with burns, and a large path of head hair lost with a burned scalp in place. Any movement he made would cause him pain.

Sakura swatted away a Long Dragon before she turned to see the dying boy. Alarmed by his condition, the girl cried, "Hang on, I got you!" She cast Curaga at him, fully healing him of the great damage he suffered. Flesh regenerated itself, sealing up wounds and bringing skin back to perfection. Hair strands reappeared and covered back the scalp. The clothes were left untouched for the spell cannot restore inorganic things. As Nemo was getting up, another dragon flew by and sprayed him at his back, making him cry out in pain. Then a third dragon came at him. But the angry knight clenched his teeth in a silent

growl and then swatted hard at its chin with an Aero Buster move, knocking its head up. Then he struck it down to the ground. From there, he repeatedly battered it like no tomorrow, trying to kill it with extreme prejudice.

Valer moved around away from a couple of pursuing Djinns until they were both lined up. That's when he electrified his keyblade and threw it spinning at them. The Thunder Raid destroyed them both and the keyblade flew back to its owner, who caught it perfectly by the handle. Zephyr found himself surrounded and cast, "Wind!" The Aerora spell blew widely around him and pushed back the foes. LimeX went to one of the blown Djinns and finished it off with a Shadow Dash.

The masked girl saw that her monsters were on the verge of losing. She raised her keyblade to cast a healing spell, but instead, she swung it to block an oncoming attack by Touketsu. The brunette knight flashed her a toothy smile and gave her a mock greeting, "Hey, how you doing?" The girl parried him off as he jumped back before coming at her again with another swing that she blocked. A Long Dragon threw a bunch of spiraling magic balls at the backs of Sakura and Juliet. The girls cried out in pain and nearly stumbled. They turned to glare at the creature and cast their Fire spells to bombard it back. Valer cast Darkga on a trio of Djinns ready to launch a beam at Zephyr and destroyed them. With only the Long Dragons left, Hitomi cast Stop on them. With the creatures rendered immobile, LimeX, Sakura, Nemo and Juliet went to finish them off.

Touketsu and the masked girl's keyblades kept clashing with each other's until the former took advantage of her opening and thrust hard at her, knocking her back a distance from him. Then the knight covered his keyblade in magical water and rushed at her with a spinning technique called Water Surge. The girl got hit and knocked down away. Kumo followed it up with his own spell, "Bind!" The masked girl was now unable to go anywhere from her spot. Touketsu came at her with a swing which she was quick to block. After a few clashes of their weapons, the girl managed to thrust at the knight's face, causing him to stumble back. Then she followed it up with a Thundaga Shot that zapped him. The impact caused an electric shockwave that spread out and zapped LimeX, Sakura, Nemo and Juliet as well.

The masked girl was about to summon more monsters to the field, but thankfully, that was stopped in time by Zephyr who rushed at her back with a Sliding Dash. Valer followed that up with a Fire spell burned at her side. Immediately, Nemo's Strike Raid came at her and collided hard with her, sending her several feet away as she fell face-flat on the ground. The attacks kept coming with LimeX sending a Thundera spell down at her from the air and then Sakura and Juliet coming down at her from the air simultaneously as they did a Falling Slash and a Land Crash respectively. After the two hopped back away, the masked girl just laid there still, too wounded to make a move anymore. Valer walked up to her with his keyblade aching to kill. He towered over her with a cold and seemingly emotionless look that hid his rage. He murmured, "This is the end of you." He was going to avenge his master and make her pay. He raised the tip of his keyblade over her back.

Just as the dark-haired man was about thrust down to doom her, Zero saw something and made loud, warning barks at him. A cluster of orange energy projectiles flew at the darkblader and bombarded him. He let out a pained screamed as he stumbled away from the masked girl. The others looked at this, stunned and alarmed. "Huh?!" "What?!" they all cried. Who could've done this? Then a beam of light shot down between the group and the girl. The shockwave sent Valer, Sakura and Juliet flying backwards. The knights were quit to catch him, so that he would not hit the ground. But the two girls fell and slid across the ground.

The light beam vanished and in its place was a man with dark green hair who was wearing white & gold robes with golden sash around waist that made him look like a Catholic cardinal. Around him were more white monsters in different forms resembling cherubs and seraphim. As he stood protectively in his battle stance against his foes, the man looked to the masked girl and asked her, "Are you alright, Lumine?"

The girl now known as Lumine looked up at him and replied weakly, "I'm hurt..."

The cardinal looked at her in pity and said, "I guess that's enough for now. Our job here is done. Let's just get back home and rest." He summoned a Corridor of Light behind her and knelt down to pick her up in his arms. He carried her bridal-style towards the Corridor as his angelic creatures watched the teens, preparing to attack and defend their master if need be. After the two lightbladers left, the Corridor of Light closed behind him as the creatures vanished in flashes of light.

With the threat gone, Zephyr went over to Juliet, who was getting back on her feet, and asked, "Juliet, are you, LimeX and that guy alright?"

The blonde girl haughtily answered, "Of course we are! That dumb light scum can't beat us! We only need you to make them lose faster." Beneath her proud appearance, she was grudgingly ashamed that she had to be helped by lightbladers again. As a darkblader, she needed to be stronger than that.

Zero sniffed LimeX, who backed away from the dog disgruntledly. He may not have the smelly breath that dogs had, but she would rather not have animals invade her personal space like this. Sakura went over to him and said, "Okay Zero, that's enough. Leave LimeX alone." The dog floated down to the demon and she petted him as he gave her a lick.

Touketsu said, "Boy, what a fight. What were those things?"

Hitomi simply answered, "Souldiers, creatures of the light that were once mortal souls."

Nemo looked at her in surprise, asking, "You know these things, too?"

"Yes," the little girl confirmed. "The Souldiers may be the same people as they once were in their lifetime, but their will is no longer their own as they are now being controlled by the light. And will only

serve it."

Touketsu asked, "So what were these people controlling the Souldiers up to?"

Hitomi shook her head, answering, "I don't know, but I think they might have seeped light into this world's heart to make it more aligned with the light."

Nemo became alarmed and yelled, "The hell?! Are they trying to wreck the balance? They can't do that!" This whole world would go to shit if things were not fixed soon. He proposed determinedly, "We need to go after them! As knights, we got to punish those who mess with Radiant Garden."

Valer heard the dark blonde's words and said, "Let me help, too." The knights turned their head to him. The darkblader continued, "Those fiends made a zombie out of my master; they turned his heart to pure light. I can't let them get away with this."

Zephyr said to him, "That's great! We'll need all the help we can get. Let's go to Chase and let him know what happened."

LimeX summoned a portal to the Land of Departure and told everyone, "Here, go tell him." Sakura, Kumo and Zero were the only ones who went inside.

Zephyr says, "I'll go get Glacies and then we'll-"

"Do what, Zephyr?" asked a familiar voice behind him. Everyone looked to Glacies and saw her carrying the Midnight Fantasy perfume in her hands. She made a pouty face, "I can't believe you guys left me alone like that."

The lighter-haired blonde apologized, "Sorry, we had to fight some Souldiers to save LimeX, Juliet and-" He pointed to the apprentice in black as he continued, "'that guy', whatever his name is."

"Valer," the dark apprentice answered.

Glacies asked in shock, "Soldiers? Are we being invaded by another world?"

Hitomi cleared up the confusion, "No, not soldiers as in people. It's 'Souldiers' with the word 'soul' in it."

Zephyr said to the bluenette, "We'll explain on the way. Get on your glider; we're going over to Master Leohart now." The two friends turned their keyblades into gliders and flew over to their mentor's castle.

When LimeX turned and began to leave, Juliet asked, "Where are you going?"

The silverette answered with guilt, "I can't be in Ilem's presence right now. I don't deserve to after all I've done." Then she walked away from the others to some place to be alone, safely out of Ilem's glare if she ever came here.

Juliet cried, "LimeX, wait!" Ilem was her master's friend, right? She should be able to forgive LimeX.

But the silverette insisted, "No, I have to go. Don't try to stop me." Then she ran as fast as she could to get away from anyone who would try to drag her back.

As they watched her get further away, Touketsu asked, "What was that all about?"

The blonde girl looked down as she murmured to him, "Nothing." She did not want to bring up the incident with these strangers.

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Chase and Ilem were still discussing ideas on how to capture Light. The former said, "So now that we got our plans, we need to plan out our ambush."

"Ambush, huh?" Ilem replied. Then she suggested, "How about we wear disguises or something. Put on a trench coat, sunglasses, a mask and maybe even a hat. We could jump her like this without her knowing who did it."

Chase replied, "That could work. But even when we're disguised, we can't just up to her like we're following her. We'll have to behave like we're simple passerbys, or just stay still and wait for her to come. We also need a narrow space, so she can't dodge easily. A dense place is a good place for our trap to be effective."

Ilem was skeptical about the probability of the scenario being high as she asked, "And what if she never goes to a tight place, then what?"

The man hummed in thought, "Hmm, good point. Unless..." He was about to suggest a group strikes from all sides when suddenly a portal appeared. They looked to it, wondering if LimeX had returned.

But their visitors were Sakura, Kumo and Zero. The demon alerted the man, "Chase, you won't believe this!"

Chase asked, "What is it, Sakura?"

Sakura explained, "We found another girl just like Light and she was fighting us with these Souldier things. They're like the light version of the Heartless, I guess. We found them attacking LimeX and Juliet, and I think they might have tampered with Radiant Garden's heart, too."



So, there were indeed others who shared the same goals as Light. Chase said, "That's Zephyr and Glacies's home world, isn't it? We probably won't have to worry too much about it right now, since its heart is mostly light. But still, we'll have to fix it."

Just then, they all heard the gongs of the castle's bell sounding throughout the place. Zero, startled by the loud noise, yelped and then barked in terror. Ilem looked up to the ceiling as the noise had come from above. She asked, "Uh, who's ringing the bell?"

"No one," Chase answered simply. "Or at least there shouldn't be." Who intruded into this place while he was gone? The man was going to flush them out and confront them.

Kumo instinctively knew the meaning and purpose for the bell as he cried, "Something bad is happening!"

His mentor figured out what the apprentice was thinking, "I guess the bell must be our alarm." It seems like the castle's bell was magically automatic for whenever a crisis was happening. "It must be warning us that the universe is in danger. Everyone to my room now." They all went over to Chase's room, where they stood in front of the crystal ball sitting on the dresser. The man requested it, "Spirits of the Stars, please show us what's going on." The crystal ball began to display various animated images to the group. One was a group of people in white & gold Catholic-looking clothes along with some Souldiers and teens with blank eyes similar to Light's.

Sakura pointed to Lumine in the ball and said, "That's one we fought back there!" The teens, including Light and Lumine, were purifying darkness out of worlds & darkbladers and filling them back in with light. The purified people had blank eyes like the five teenagers. There was also another scene, which was priests and nuns being at places of the dead and turning their souls into Souldiers. The final image was a wave of light expanding and covering every world in its path, obliterating the whole universe.

"Whoa!" Kumo shouted at the explosion in the image. Zero let out a yip at that.

"Golly gee!" Sakura cried in shock.

Ilem's eyes went wide as she asked, "What?! Are they seriously trying to destroy the universe?"

"Perhaps," Chase guessed. He recognized the clothes their new enemies were wearing. "There's something familiar about these guys. I read about them in one of the encyclopedias here last month."

The woman asked, "Who are they, Chase?"

The man pondered his memories for bit, trying to identify the robed people. The answer immediately came to him, "It's the Church of Light."

"Church of Light?" Ilem repeated askingly.

The man explained, "They're a group dedicated to all things light and the only goddess they worship is Nuru." Nuru, being the great goddess of light, was the counterpart to Etutu. These two siblings not only differed in elements, but also their values and teachings as well.

The confused Sakura asked, "Why would a goddess of light try to destroy the universe?" Light was mainly good, right? The destruction of all life just seems uncharacteristic.

Chase deduced, "I don't think that's their plan. They must be trying to turn the universe into that of pure light. Nuru's not a big fan of the darkness and all it stands for. That's why they're doing this."

"Great!" Ilem groaned in dismay. "So now we're up against a whole bunch of people and a super goddess, too. What luck!" It would probably take a miracle of some kind to save the universe if they ever have to fight Nuru. "Got any plans to take them out, Chase?" Then she looked down to Kumo and continued, "Or how about you, cat boy? We could use that omnipotent kid knowledge right now."

"Er..." Kumo was at loss for words as how he could solve this. No hidden knowledge was coming to him at this moment.

Chase said, "We can figure this out later. For now, we need to get back to the others and tell them what's going on." He opened a portal to Radiant Garden and everyone went in through it.

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Juliet, Hitomi, Touketsu, Nemo and Valer were still where they were at since the others left. A portal appeared and out came Chase and the others. "We're back, guys," Sakura told the waiting people.

The silverette looked at the boys and said, "I see you have some new friends here. Who are they?"

The brunette knight answered for himself, "Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Touketsu." He referred to the blonde knight, "And this is my pal, Nemo."

The dark-haired man murmured to Chase his name, "Valer." He made no effort to sound friendly for he did not care much for strangers. Not that he was rude or anything.

"Nice to meet you all," Chase smiled at them. He looked around for the others as he asked, "So where's Zephyr, Glacies and LimeX?"

Hitomi answered, "Zephyr and Glacies went to get papa."

Juliet added with a frown, "LimeX was here earlier, but she left to get away from Ilem."

Ilem huffed, "Well I'm glad she knows when not to show her butt around."

Juliet was appalled at the woman's scorn. She chided, "How can you say that? LimeX is your friend!"

The woman ranted, "Well our friendship is over! I never asked her to turn people into Heartless and then sacrifice their Nobodies off to some asshole. She knew I'd never stand for this!" One of the things Ilem disliked was sacrificing the lives of many for one, especially when it was her. She would rather stay dead than for there to be much suffering for her sake.

The blonde girl yelled, "LimeX did all this because she cares about you!"

But the woman was still unappreciative. "Well that care can go somewhere else, because that was selfish of her!"

"Well not entirely," Chase started.

"Huh?!" Ilem looked to him.

Chase defended his sister, "It wasn't just for herself and you that LimeX did the things she did. She was also doing this for me, too."

Ilem was in disbelief for her lover as she asked, "You're not saying you're okay with all this, are you?"

The man answered, "I'm not and no one is. But LimeX wanted us to be together again; she knew our love well. Some people would do anything to make to see their loved ones happy again, even if it means hurting others. It's wrong, but that's how they are and LimeX is no different."

Hitomi interjected to the woman, "If it makes you happy, we killed the people's Heartless so that after their Nobodies die, they would come back as themselves." The people who were turned into Heartless without producing Nobodies would never come back for sure. But the child kept silent about that so as not to keep the woman angry.

Ilem's brown eyes softened in relief. "Really?" she asked. She, Chase and Juliet deduced that this was how LimeX came back to life.

"Yes," the little girl confirmed.

Ilem smiled; she was glad to know that no one had died. "Well, that's great to know. Looks like I gotta apologize to LimeX. Where is she?"

Juliet pointed to a direction and answered, "She went that way."

Chase said, "Ilem and I will go find her." He told his apprentice, "Kumo, we're going to need your help."

The catboy asked, "What is it, Master Chase?"

The man told him, "Use your nose to find her. You remember what she smells like?"

"Sure do!" Kumo beamed confidently. Then he sniffed for LimeX's scent and followed the trail she left behind. The couple followed after him.

The others watched them go and Touketsu, recalling his own question from earlier, said, "Huh, so that's what this was about."

It did not take long for the three to find the female silverette, who was at the bottom of the walled and curved stairway. She had been listening to the conversation from afar, so that she would learn about their enemies and how to help her allies. Ilem apologized to her, "Hey LimeX, sorry for getting all mad with you. I didn't know the Nobodies would turn back into people."

Still in guilt, LimeX replied, "There's no need for that. I did intend to do all this without knowing they'd be revived. I shouldn't be forgiven for this, whether they're dead or not."

Chase pleaded to his sister, "LimeX, please come back." He reasoned, "I know not many people would forgive the things you've done, but you can make up for all this by helping us save the universe. This will be a bigger deed than what Shade had you do. So please, join us!"

His sister questioned, "But will the people I've hurt know what I did?"

"Well..." The brother was at loss for words on what to say. Saying "yes" was not logical, since they may not return to any of the worlds LimeX caused trouble in. So, the victims would definitely be unaware of her heroism if that was the case. But saying "no" would discourage the girl from trying and make her believe that nothing she did would matter.

Ilem told the girl, "Look, don't worry about those guys. They may not welcome you with open arms, but the other folks in the new worlds would definitely cheer your name if they saw you kicking bad guy butt." She continued with a smile, "And I would too, because you're my friend. So, screw the haters and focus on doing good from now on. Chase and I are going to need your help."

LimeX felt better now and responded, "Alright, I'm in. Let's do this." She was happy that she and Ilem were friends again.

Chase was grateful to the woman for getting his sister on board. "Great! Let's get back to the others and wait for Zephyr and Glacies." They went back up the stairway and rejoined the group.

Touketsu saw them and asked, "Hey Chase, is it? Did you get the drama all cleared up?"

"We sure did," the man answered. Then he asked, "So, did Zephyr and Glacies get back yet?"

Touketsu answered, "Nah, they're still getting their master. We're all just waiting on them."

"I see." Everybody waited for the pair of apprentices and their teacher to return.

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Master Leohart finished up the last of his paperwork and put them away in his filing cabinet. Finally, all of his heavy work of writing was done. Now the keyblade master can go back to training his apprentices as normal. Just as he was going to the door to get out and summon a servant to make him some black tea, a knock was heard on the door. This was followed by Zephyr asking, "Master Leohart, are you there? Can we talk?"

What timing; Leohart was just about to give his apprentices a new lesson after they returned and he had his drink. But that would have to wait for now. He answered, "Of course, come on in."

The boy opened the door and went inside with Glacies. He said, "Master Leohart, we need your help."

"What is it?" the man asked.

Zephyr asked, "You know Light? The girl we just talked about?"

"I certainly do. What happened?"

"My friends and I fought another girl like her. I think her name was Lumine?" The last sentence came out as a question for safe measure, for the name was something he overheard and might not be accurate.

"She was trying to destroy the darkness inside LimeX's and Juliet's hearts. And she summoned all these creatures called Souldiers. They're like ghosts made of light and they only serve the light."

Leohart thought about the information he heard and put a finger to his temple. "Souldiers... I do believe I've heard of them before. This light they serve can only belong to Nuru."

Glacies asked, "Nuru? Who's that?"

The man answered, "The great goddess of light. Light and that other girl could very well be working for her. It looks like you might have to deal with a powerful foe this time. You two are still learning, so I can't let you go alone. I'm coming with you."

Zephyr smiled gladly; with a powerful keyblade master like him, stopping Light and Lumine would be easier. "Awesome! We should get back to the others now. Chase will be there waiting for us." They went out the castle and turned their keyblades into gliders to ride and fly back to the group.

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Light, the mysterious girl, left the Realm of Light and appeared in a forest. She walked around, checking out her surroundings. She came by a house that looked as if smaller people would live there. After checking through the windows and sensing no dark hearts among the dwarf family, she continued walking and kept going deeper into the forest, into an area with more shadows. The hooded girl summoned her keyblade and stuck it into the ground, coursing light into the very earth of the world. The light gradually seeped deeper and deeper, seeking to soak itself into the world's heart and purify its darkness. Soon, the light reached its destination. The heart felt the intrusion and began to fight back against the purification being done to it. Whether it will succeed or not, only time would tell.

Light went all the way through the forest and out into a flowery field, much brighter than the cottage's woods. She saw a castle in the distance and went on towards it. There, she used the trees to get to the top of the castle's walls. She watched over the guards stationed at the gate and the knights practicing to keep their skills in shape. They all had light hearts, which means that no purification was need. The young woman snuck inside the castle and checked the inhabitants inside. After spying on the servants, she found the royal family having lunch at the dining room and their hearts were just as good as everyone else's. Looks like this world was going to be okay. Light summoned a Corridor of Light and exited the world.

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The group had been waiting for a little while for the others to get back. Soon, Zero saw the three keyblade gliders in the air and barked to let everyone know about them. Sakura asked, "What is it now, Zero?" She looked up towards the sky in the direction he faced and saw their friends returning with their teacher. She smiled and said, "Hey, they're back!"

The others looked up and saw the trio slowing down as they begun to descend. After the three landed, their gliders disappeared. Zephyr asked the group, "Hey! We didn't make you guys wait too long, did we?"

Chase smiled and shook his head, "Nope, not at all. In fact, now that we're all here, I can brief you all everything about our new mission."

A loud grumbling was heard from Kumo's stomach. The little boy said, "Master Chase, I'm hungry!"

Sakura was feeling just as famished. "Me too, we haven't eaten all day."

Leohart's apprentices shared the same sentiment, too. Zephyr stated, "I know we got an important job right now, but some food would be nice right about now."

Glacies said, "Yeah, I don't want to fight with an empty stomach." Hitomi thought about some candy and some mac & cheese with bacon to eat.

LimeX did not want to look weak in front of everyone, but food was important for energy and survival. Her eyes shifted away off of her brother as she begrudgingly admitted, "Doing Shade's job kept me from eating as well." Not even Juliet was safe from hunger.

Ilem narrowed her eyes at the man as she frowned, "Really Chase, you didn't get anybody fed at all?" She was disappointed in his negligence, especially towards the children.

Chase apologized, "No; I couldn't think about food when we had LimeX to stop." Now his stomach was growling like his apprentice's. "But now that it's over with, I suppose we should get some lunch."

Leohart offered, "I have servants who can cook our meals for us."

Nemo grinned in delight, "Sweet! Our lunch is free!" He and Touketsu usually buy their lunch at restaurants. The only times they had free lunch was when the other knights were paying for theirs or when there was an afternoon meeting.

Chase decided, "Okay, let's go over to your place and eat." He summoned a portal to Leohart's home and everybody went through it. From there, the ponytailed man led them to the dining room.

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They all sat at the long rectangular table with a white linen cover and ate the fish chowder and crackers the servants cooked for them. Glacies put a spoonful of the soup into her mouth and found it delicious beyond her imagination. She praised, "Wow, this is delicious! Who made this?"

Leohart answered, "Matilda; she's the best chef among the servants." He was proud of having a maid like that around.

Glacies commented with a smile, "I think she might be a better cook than mom." Her mother's cooking was good, but Matilda's fish chowder would definitely beat hers.

Sakura addressed the two male friends, "So you guys are knights, right? What's it like for you?"

Touketsu answered, "We do like patrols and fight & catch any bad guys we see."

Nemo grinned as he said with enthusiasm, "We give them the ol' beatdown like this!" He yelled out battle cries as he swung his arm around the air like he was wielding his own keyblade.

Chase whipped his head out of the way as soon as the arm came at his temple. "Hey, watch it!" he complained.

"Cool!" Sakura commented. Then she continued, "We don't have knights where I live, but a lot of us there are monsters and some of us can fight and protect ourselves."

Touketsu said, "Really now? I guess that's why you don't need knights." Now knowing that the demon came from a monster world, he asked, "So which world do you live in?"

The girl answered, "Halloween Town, it's fun and spooky and all kinds of creepy!" She playfully teased, "Some of you guys might get your pants scared off if you go there."

Nemo thumbed himself as he boasted, "Hah! I ain't scared of no spooks. I can face any of whatever crazy things your world has and not wuss out."

Ilem decided to test him out by shouting, "Boo!"

"Ah!" the startled knight screamed. Zephyr, Glacies, Kumo, Sakura and Zero all laughed at him; Chase, Ilem, and Touketsu just smirked; Hitomi let out a quiet giggle; and Leohart had an amused glint in his eyes. Valer was the only one who did not react to this. Nemo looked to his right where he heard the startling cry from as he said, "The hell?!"

"Language!" Leohart scolded him; reminding him that there were children present.

"Uh, sorry," Nemo apologized, feeling embarrassed.

Kumo looked up to the black-haired man sitting next to him and asked, "So who are you?"

"Valer," the ravenette answered without taking his eyes off the soup he was eating.

The little boy asked, "Are you a keyblade master?"



"No," Valer answered. Not yet at least until he earned that title from his master.

Touketsu asked the demon, "So, if it's called Halloween Town. Do you guys like celebrate it every day?" He did not think so, but it was just a question out of curiosity.

Sakura answered, "No, we don't. But it would be awesome if we did." That way, everyone would get free candy and all.

The brunette knight replied, "I figured as much."

Zephyr added to the conversation, "There's also other holiday worlds, too and they're all linked through the trees' doors. There's Valentine's Day, Saint Patrick's Day, Easter and Christmas."

Ilem commented, "Sounds pretty awesome!"

Kumo asked, "Do they have an All Souls' Day world, too?"

Zephyr answered, "No, they don't."

Nemo asked, "What's All Souls' Day?"

Ilem answered, "It's a holiday Chase's world celebrates." She looked to her boyfriend and told him, "Tell him about it."

The silverette began to explain, "Okay, All Souls' Day is-" He told Nemo and everyone else unfamiliar with the holiday everything about it.

In an adjacent room were LimeX and Juliet, who both decided to separate themselves from everyone else and eat alone together. The blonde girl looked at the group in confusion, wondering how could the lightbladers and the darkbladers get along so easily with each other, despite their opposite elements. It was never like this back at London. Weren't they supposed to be enemies or at least, see each other with suspicion? It just feels wrong. She said to her teacher about Ilem and Nemo, "Can you believe those guys? They're acting buddy-buddy with the lighters. It just makes me sick." She did not know about Hitomi and Valer though, since they were mostly being quiet to engage in conversation. Perhaps, they were just uninterested.

LimeX replied, "Hey, not all worlds think darkness is evil. Some are fine with it, even light worlds like Radiant Garden here apparently." That was a fact she believed she already told her apprentice before. Now Radiant Garden was kind of peculiar regarding the relationships here between the lightbladers and darkbladers, since this world has a strong light. Usually, worlds with a strong for one element would have the keybladers of the dominant element oppressing the ones of the opposite element. This may not be the case with Radiant Garden, given how everyone in the dining room was fine with each other.

Juliet said, "Whatever, I don't plan on being friends with the lighters. But I will work with them to protect the darkness."

The silverette said, "That's fine with me; I'm not interested in befriending anyone either. Chase and Ilem are the only ones I'm okay with."

The blonde asked, "Not even me?"

LimeX responded, "You're alright; it's not like I'm excluding you or anything. I just like to keep my friend list to a minimum."

Juliet understood her, "Okay, I get you." They continued to eat their fish chowder as everyone else in the dining room kept on eating and chatting.

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Thage, have just infused light into the heart of the world she was currently in, was now looking for dark-hearted people to purify. It was a busy town with people going on their way and going about their business. She eventually saw a woman flirting with a big, muscular man who was flattered by her. Thage sensed darkness in that woman's heart. Like any dark-hearted person, the woman snuck her hand into the distracted man's pocket and pulled out his wallet. The grinning man's eyes were closed as he bragged about how great he was. The woman walked past him before she got far enough to run quietly with the wallet in hand. Pretty soon, the man re-opened his eyes and realized something was wrong as he checked his pocket. He looked towards the fleeing woman and yelled, "Hey! Get back here, you little thief!" He ran hard after her.

Thage went after them to keep her eyes on her target, the thief. The woman bumped into one of the two constables without looking, knocking the air out of them as they were startled. The other constable asked her in a friendly manner, "Hey, slow down now. What's the rush?"

They heard the man letting out an angry scream, "Yaarrrrgghh!" They looked to see him charging right at them, most notably the woman.

The thief feigned helplessness as she begged the constables, "You got to help me! That brute is trying to have his way with me."

The man caught up to her and grabbed her roughly by the wrist, pulling her towards him. He yelled, "Got ya, you bitch!"

The scared thief let out a distressed cry, "Eek! Help!"

The constables summoned their keyblades and the shorter one yelled at the man, "Hey, leave her alone!"

The angry man looked offended at being assumed he was the culprit in this situation. "What?! Are you nuts?! This lady tried to rob me!"

"Rob?" the thief asked like she was being falsely accused. "I would never steal from anyone. He was trying to mug me!" She made puppy eyes at the constables as she continued, "Look at me; how could a little, petite woman like me go up against a big, strong guy like that?"

The man bitterly answered, "By being all smooth and sweet-talki-"

He was quickly interrupted by the woman begging the constables, "Please, you must believe me. I'm innocent! I just wanted to go to the pharmacy and buy some medicine for my sick baby sister."

The constables fell for her lies as the shorter constable assured her, "Don't worry miss, we'll save you from that ape."

The thief happily hugged him, beaming gratefully, "Oh thank you!"

The man looked at them in shock, disbelieving that the law was on the culprit's side. "Oh the hell! That's it! Looks like I'm going to have to take this into my own hand." He summoned his keyblade.

The taller constable yelled, "Hey, you leave her alone!" The woman let go of the shorter one and fled as the man and constables fought each other, clashing and beating with their keyblades. She glanced behind at the combating men as she flashed a wicked smirk at the robbed man and snickered quietly. She was going to get away with his cash and no one would stop her.

The thief went into the alleys and Thage followed her there. The thief got to a nice hiding spot and opened up the wallet to look at the amount of munny stored. She said, "Hmm... let's see. 50... 100... 250..." Thage approached her with her keyblade ready to purify with. The thief kept on counting until she noticed the silver-blond's presence. "Hm? Who are you?" Thage sent purifying light into the heart as the woman let out a scream. After it was done, the silver-blond watched the now-purified thief get up and walk back where she came, heading for the combatting men. The thief reached him and ended the fight by confessing, "I confess, he's not a robber... I'm the thief." The three men looked at her as she continued with the wallet held out, "This wallet belongs to this gentleman... He owns this... Please constables, send me to prison, not him."

The muscular man eagerly snatched his wallet out of her hands as he beamed, "Yes, it's back! Oh baby, I missed you." He kissed his wallet like no tomorrow.

The constables took the woman to the horse-drawn jail carriage and rode to the prison house to take her there. The short man asked his companion, "Hey, doesn't that woman seem more honest to you somehow?"

The taller one answered, "She sure does. I wonder why she quickly reformed like that instead of running far away with that wallet."

"Who knows?" shrugged the short one. Thage went to look for more victims to purify.

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Lunch was now over as everyone had eaten their fill. Chase told everybody, "Alright everyone, we're going to discuss our mission at the Land of Departure."

Nemo asked, "Land of what now? Where's that at?"

Chase summoned a portal to that world, which displayed a council room, and answered, "Right there." Everyone went through the portal and came into the council room. It was a big room with a descending elevation of curved rows of tables and seats, making it nearly resembling an auditorium.

Touketsu observed the room and commented, "That's a lot of seats here. You got a bunch of guys working for you?"

Chase answered, "Actually, it's just Ilem, Kumo and I who live here. Zephyr, Glacies, Hitomi, Master Leohart, Juliet and my sister also work with us. And that's it." He put the topic to the side for now and continued, "Anyway, grab a seat if you want, because I'm going to tell you everything you need to know about mission."

Nemo figured, "I guess we'll be in for a long talk." He and some of the others went to take their seats. Ilem, Valer and LimeX were the only ones standing. The first of the three stood next to Chase. Zero just floated next to Sakura.

The male silverette began, "Alright, the girls and monsters you saw and fought belong to the Church of Light. They're a religious organization that worships Nuru and all her light. Apparently, they're using the girls to emit light into the hearts of the worlds they go to and even that of people's, too. You all saw one of them attempt this with LimeX and Juliet."

Valer silently added, '*And my keyblade master.*' He wondered if he would be able to bring the man back to normal. If it was impossible, he could always avenge him.

Chase continued, "From what I understand, it seems like they're eliminating the darkness to make the universe a lot better place." He paused briefly to give this debriefing a dramatic turn, "But...doing so

brings a dangerous disorder. The Realm in Between has an equal balance of light and darkness. You would think tilting it towards the light would create another Realm of Light. And maybe it will, but the spirits of the stars showed me that this would cause a big fat apocalypse."

Zephyr, Glacies, Juliet and the knights were all alarmed. The other listeners sans Valer dreaded the possible calamity too, but the fear was lessened since they were already aware of the consequences. Nemo cried, "So they're going to kill us all!"

Chase replied, "Yes, but I don't think they know it. The Church of Light is always trying to do good. They think what they're doing now is right, but they're misguided."

Touketsu asked, "So is this Nuru aware of what's going to happen if she allows them to do this?" He figured if the Church members were good guys unknowingly doing something bad, then their leader might be evil.

The male silverette answered, "I don't know. Sure, she wants mortals to be good. But malevolent light does exist; so that probably means that she isn't above doing bad things to get her way." He hopes the goddess was not using her worshipers for any nefarious schemes or anything like that.

Glacies asked, "So if Nuru is the bad guy, how do we stop her?" Kingdom Hearts was out of question since there will not be a Keyblade War to summon it this time. If Nuru was anything like Etutu, then they were in for a very difficult fight.

Chase answered, "I don't know. Ilem and I haven't gotten to that yet. So for now, we'll just have to deal with the Church's girls and their Souldiers. Oh, and the priests, too. They're turning dead people's souls into Souldiers." He had almost forgotten about the priests. "Anyway, Ilem and I have come up with ideas to stop the girls." He shared with them the accepted plans & tactics they came up with.

The unsure Nemo scratched the back of his head, saying, "Gee, I don't know. Sneaking around just isn't my style, man."

LimeX reminded her brother, "And Juliet is bad at stealth, remember? She could step on a twig and catch their attention. I'm sorry, but you're going to need a Plan B for her." Her own apprentice shot her a scowl for revealing her weakness in front of all these people. Then the sister suggested, "Maybe you can lure the girls over to her?" If Juliet could stay in one place, that means she would not have to make any mistakes or accidents that would jeopardize the ambush on the light-possessed girls.

Chase commented, "Sounds like a good idea." He had forgotten to take one of Juliet's traits into consideration back when he was strategizing. Good thing, his sister brought it up now. "Anyway, the two girls we saw aren't going to be the only ones we're after. There're others like them too, and they all have seem to have those soulless blank stares. They might even try to conceal their identities, so be on the lookout for what they wear." He recalled the masks & hoods they wore along with that one guy wearing

a scarf back when he saw the images in the crystal ball.

Zephyr listed the possible clothing items he could think of, "Masks and hoods, got it."

Chase continued, "Now these people could be anywhere in the Realm, so we're all going to split up and search in each and every world for them."

Juliet looked at him like he was insane. She asked, "Split up?! You want us to split up and catch them?! They have Souldiers, you moron! The Church could summon them and easily outnumber us. How do we, I mean you lighties, fight against all of them if our ambush plans bomb?"

The male silverette paused for a bit in thought before answering, "We aren't the only ones who can stop them, you know? Every world has their protectors: knights, constables, soldiers, anyone who fights to defend their homelands." Touketsu and Nemo knew this all too well as they were knights themselves. "We'll warn the worlds' leaders of the culprits so that their guards & soldiers will stop them before they try anything."

Ilem commented, "Well that's more convenient than us ambushing them. Guess we can throw that in the trash." With the worlds' law enforcements handling the task of capturing the Church's teens, she and everyone else will only need to focus on resetting the purified worlds' balance.

But her lover disagreed, "Hold on, Ilem. There's still a chance the guards might not get to them. So just in case, we may still need to search and subdue them if there are signs that they're in the same world as us."

LimeX rolled her eyes with a frown and thought, *'I thought we would have it easy and then here you come, shooting it down like you do your enemies.'*

Chase said, "So while we're spreading word, we'll also need to reverse the damage they do to worlds and the hearts of the people living there."

Touketsu questioned, "That plan sounds good and all, Chase. But how will we know where and when the Church will strike next? There're way too many worlds out there, especially now that they're split and scattered, and they could be anywhere at any time."

Valer raised a brow quizzically at the knight. *'Split and scattered?'* he wondered. What did he mean by that? There must have been a lot of changes during his time in the Realm of Darkness. It sounded like the planet had been separated into many.

Chase agreed, "Good point; it could take us like days or weeks trying to find them." Perhaps even months if this cat-and-mouse game drags out so long. They need to figure out a fast way to beat the

Church's lackeys to where they were going.

Luckily, Sakura came up with an idea, "How about we send a spy to watch the Church? That way we'll know where they're going and be prepared ahead of time."

Ilem smiled, "I like that idea; we should do it." Then she looked at everyone and asked, "So, who's going to be our snitch?" Her head turned left to right and vice versa as she looked among them for an eager volunteer.

Juliet was eager to take up the offer, "I will!"

LimeX looked to her doubtfully and thought, *'You are the last person who should be doing this.'*

Even Chase declined her, "Don't bother; the Church of Light only takes in lightbladers. Their most adept members will quickly sense your element and kick you out. We need a lightblader for the job and it has to be someone no member of the church has seen yet. And because the girls have already seen and fought most of us, we're going to have to leave it up to Master Leohart to take on the job." He looked to the white-robed man and asked, "Think you can handle it, sir?"

As the rest turned their heads to him, Leohart replied, "I shall do my best." Chase smiled at him, glad that the older man accepted the task.

LimeX, however, was doubtful about having the man be their spy. Before she could bring up the reason for that, she needed to lead her brother on to the point. First, she suggested, "You know Chase, if we're going to do this split-and-hunt thing, we're going to need to be in groups of two. And all of them should have a master and an apprentice. But we're going to need to know our ranks first before we sort us out."

"Great idea, sis," Chase agreed. Having a professional work alongside an amateur would balance out the teams as opposed to having 2 apprentices work together, which would be risky for their sake. "We also need to have a lightblader and darkblader in each group as well. Lightbladers to extract the light and darkbladers to put in the darkness if there are some to be found."

Zephyr deduced, "So that means the masters and apprentices must be the opposite elements of each other to get the job done."

"Exactly!" the male silverette answered. "The masters I know so far are Ilem, LimeX, Leohart and me. And our apprentices are Kumo, Zephyr, Glacies, Hitomi and Juliet. I'm going to need to know what the rest of you are if your name didn't get brought up."

Ilem looks at her lover like he was insane and questioned, "Wait a minute, Chase! Why are you bringing kids into this? What if they get hurt?"

Chase understood her worry as he answered, "You know? I had that concern back when we were going to the Realm of Darkness. I even told them not to come, but surprise, surprise. They've handled themselves fine. I only make them act as supports, so that us older ones take up all the fighting." He intended for the children to take that same role in the mission. The only reason they are still alive to this day was because of their preincarnation's knowledge and memories. The man wished he could keep the kids out of this and let them stay home and play, but their ancient knowledge may prove useful to this mission. He turned his attention back to the crowd and asked the uncalled few, "Anyway, are you guys a master or an apprentice?"

Sakura was the first to answer, "Well, I'm still training myself, so that makes me an apprentice." Even though she had no master to learn from. But hey, self-taught meant that you were your own teacher.

Touketsu answered for both himself and Nemo, "Nemo and I graduated knight school, so we're masters."

Valer simply said, "My master hasn't deemed me worthy yet." Everybody took that to say that he is an apprentice.

That's when LimeX pointed out, "And there we have a problem."

Everyone looked to her, wondering what she meant, as Chase asked, "How so?"

His sister explained, "If Leohart is our spy, then the apprentices will outnumber the masters. I counted us, Chase. There's six masters and seven apprentices. That means one team will have two apprentices. If you're not okay with that, then you better pick someone else as your spy." The brother felt she made a good point about that.

Glacies offered, "I'll do it!"

"Huh?!" "Hm?" Everyone turned their attention to her.

Zephyr questioned her decision, "But Glace, the Church has already seen you. They'll know you're a spy."

His friend corrected him, "Only one member of the Church saw me and that was Light. I'll just wear some kind of face veil whenever she's around."

Chase liked her idea and said, "Then we'll get you one. Now, if you're going to be our spy, then you'll need a new identity to elude Light even more. But before I help you with that, I think it's time we send



some of us to go out into the worlds now and stop the Church." He looked to his lover and his sister, "Ilem, LimeX, I want you two to help me get Glacies ready."

"Alright," LimeX replied to him. Then she told her apprentice, "Juliet, fetch us a face veil."

Juliet obliged, "You got it." She smirked at the thought of using her portal powers to get away scot-free after stealing such an item from wherever she could find it. She summoned a portal to another world to begin her search for one. Whatever vital information she missed; someone could brief her up on it later.

Chase said to the three male masters, "Master Leohart, Touketsu and Nemo, since you three are masters, I'll let you guys choose your teammates. Remember, one of them must be the opposite element of yours." Having sensed the elements of the apprentices by now, he told them, "Zephyr, Sakura and Kumo are all light. And Hitomi and Valer are dark. So pick wisely."

"Understood," Leohart responded. He picked the two apprentices he was most familiar with, "Zephyr, Hitomi, to me."

The blonde apprentice replied, "Yes, master." He and Hitomi went over to him.

Nemo looked to Sakura and asked, "Hey Sakura, want to come with?"

"Sure!" the demon happily took up.

"Great," the blonde knight replied before he went over to her.

Touketsu looked at the remaining apprentices, "It looks like you guys are with me."

Chase took off his Cure band and went over to his apprentice to give it him. He told him, "Here Kumo, take this. It's a Cure band to heal yourself and others whenever you need to." The catboy looked at the metallic wristband with curiosity and wonder. The master told him, "Now don't forget: whenever a fight happens, you need to stay out of it and just help from afar, okay?"

But Kumo whined, "Oh, but I want to fight!" He was so sure he could whoop butt with his keyblade. He just wished his master gave him a chance.

"Absolutely not!" the man insisted. "Now do as I say or you're sitting this one out." The boy groaned angrily and pouted in response. Then Chase suggested to the ponytailed man, "Master Leohart, I suggest you have Hitomi act as a supportive, too."

Leohart politely replied, "I know, but thanks for the advice."

Zephyr assured, "We can keep her safe, don't you worry, Chase."

Chase said to everyone, "Alright, now that we all know what to do. Let's get to it. Meet me back here in four hours."

"Got it!" everyone replied. Valer summoned a Corridor of Darkness to Radiant Garden to find and save his master. Now that Chase had shared with him this knowledge on bringing a person's heart back to normal, his teacher will be okay again. The darkblader went into it without any means of precaution for he had built immunity to the corruptive darkness overtime in the Realm of Darkness. Kumo, who was still wearing black coat, followed after him. Touketsu had to activate his keyblade armor so that he can go safely go in through. The rest of the keybladers deployed to explore the worlds exited the castle to the front yard, so that they ride out of her. Zephyr and Leohart summoned their keyblade gliders and activated their armors. Hitomi rode on the back of her father's and they all rode up to the sky with the girl creating a portal to the Lanes Between. Her black coat offered the same protection from the elements that thrived there. Nemo summoned his glider and armor as well before riding up to the sky. Sakura and Zero followed up by flight with the former having transformed into her ethereal bat form, which was made of magic energy.

Now the only ones left in the castle were Glacies and the former temple guards. Chase said to her, "Alright Glacies, let's get you ready for your spy job. First, we're going to need a new name for you. What do you want it to be?"

The bluenette pondered her thoughts on what to call herself before quickly deciding, "I think I'll go with Gloria."

The man commented, "That's good! It's a name native to this world."

"This world?" asked Glacies, wondering what he meant.

"The Illustris Theocracy," Chase answered. "That's where the Church of Light lives." Then he went on to the next step of preparation, "The Illustris Theocracy is a world of light like Radiant Garden, but it leans more so than it. It is also Nuru's second home; everyone there worships her and follows her teachings." The Church was not the only one who reveres her. The man instructed her on everything about the culture and laws of the Illustris Theocracy, including everything the Church of Light does. One example included, "Because the people strictly follow Nuru's ways, everyone there is going to be very friendly. Though if you're a darkblader, they might try to make you abandon the dark and embrace the light. But don't worry, they won't violently punish you if you refuse; just banishment or denial of certain services is the most they'll do. Though with Nuru's purifying agents running about, they might as well turn a darkblader's heart into pure light." Once he was finished passing his knowledge onto her, he went on, "So now, all we have left to do is to come up with a backstory for you. Hmm..." He rubbed his chin in thought as he tried to come up with a believable past for Glacies's alter ego. Even the girl thought about what she could say for her make-believe backstory.

Ilem and LimeX got into the groupthink as well until the former suggested, "How about we make her a homeless orphan? Think about it; the Church of Light acts like a real church, right? So they're going to want to help someone who's down on their luck." She took advantage of Chase's facts regarding the Church of Light's duties when it comes to helping the unfortunate. Such a charity could be manipulated like this.

The man commented, "That sounds like a good idea, Ilem." He turned to Glacies and LimeX for their opinions, "What do you think?"

The bluenette replied, "Sure, I can play the part."

LimeX responded, "That's alright with me."

Chase said, "Then it's settled! Glacies will be an orphan that the Church will pick up and take into her care."

LimeX handed the blunette the speak mirror from her pocket. She told, "Here, you're going to need this. It's a speak mirror; use it to tell us anything we need to hear about the Church."

"Okay," Glacies simply replied.

The sister said, "So now that we're making Glacies a hobo. I better tell Juliet what else she needs to get." She made a portal and went to wherever her apprentice was.