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To those who stayed

Thank you for staying in my life, even when it was hard



# History part one, Creation and the Grand Guardian.

When the earth was still being cooled, an entity arrived. This entity was vaguely humanoid in appearance, but if there was someone else they would be able to feel the potential they had. They looked around themselves and saw lights that were stranded, just like them. Sadly they were not able to go closer to the lights, because the earth still had lava everywhere. They could see the lights being separated into four different groups.

The group closest to them, held four lights. One red, just like the lava on the earth, one waving blue, rippling with each movement, one was a light pink, twisting and turning, but never still, and the last one had a few colours, bright green, brown, and a mixture between brown and yellow, with the yellow clearly being dominant. They stayed in the same formation, no matter where they moved to.

The next group also had four lights in a circular position. They were further away from the entity, but just as bright as the first group. Their colours were a white blue, a light blue, a really dark blue, almost reflectating, and bright purple. The light blue light was closer to the ground than the rest, and you could see the lava harden around it.

The third group held a variety of colours, but still only four lights. The first light he could see in the distance was dark blue, almost black with white sparkles in it. The second light was not much of a light, more a sphere of pure darkness, in sync with another light which didn't have any real colour. The last light in the group was pure white, but did have a separate layer of blue around it.

The final group only held three lights, one gold, one silver and one bronze. They floated higher than the other lights, and while they were a group they were also separated. Each floated above one of the groups of four, like they were the boss of that particular group.

The entity saw the lava harden slowly, because of the light blue light spreading their coldness. Whenever the second group moved

to another place to cool the lava, the first group moved closer and flattened the lava. When they moved on, the third group came, with the colourless light facing the flattened lava, only to leave when something green would rise a bit from beneath the lava. They kept going with the entity being ignored for most of the time.

After what felt like an infinite amount of time, it was only a year, the earth was filled with water and greenery. There was even a place where the cold thrived way stronger than the warmth. The lights made caves which held shiny rocks, and between each piece of flattened and filled lava was a strong stream providing liquids to the greenery.

The entity was then circled by the lights, in a specific pattern. In this day and time, you could say that they were like a clock. The golden, silver and bronze lights were close to them and were surrounded by the other lights. If you would place a clock on the outer circle of lights you would have the blue one on the twelve and going to the right the order was: red, white blue, brown with green, pink, light blue, dark reflecting blue, purple, darkness, colourless, dark with sparkle and finally white with the blue layer.

The entity became curious and touched the gold one. When they touched it, lines began to form. Each of the lines reach out to the lights of the first group, which strengthened their own shine. They sent them an image of what they wanted. They wanted to be able to live in the world they created, but they would be needed somewhere else. They told them that they knew they had the potential to create their own offspring and that they could absorb a bit of the lights in them. They would leave a spark in the entity so that when they thought it was time, they could create an offspring for each of the lights. The entity also learned their names and that any offspring would receive a bit of the power they hold. These lights also gave a name to the entity, which would be passed on to the generations.

This is the beginning of the story of the Guardians of the Earth, starting with the Grand Guardian.



# History part two, Birth and Missions

For a few thousand years, the Grand Guardian walked alone. While they had only a spark of the lights, they were able to use it to make adjustments to the world. They created an entire cave system, meant to tell the story of the creation of the world, but also train them to protect the planet the lights made.

When they noticed the first animals to be born, they thought about adding some of the lights' powers inside certain animals. But before he could make a choice, most of the amazing animals died. It hurt them to see it happening, but they found unhatched eggs of the animals, and decided to save those eggs so that one of their offspring could protect them and reintroduce them to the world. A few decinia later the same happened with another type of animal. These giant animals were all killed by meteorites, coming out of space. Once again the Grand Guardian searched for eggs, hoping to also save them from extinction. It worked, but when the next dominant species came, they decided it was time to use the gift of the lights.

They would first create three offspring looking like the species that was dominant right at that moment, the humans. The eldest of the children was called Ancient, like the golden light that granted his powers. He was able to harness all four basic elements with the possibility to learn how to combine them with the knowledge of those before him. Right now, it was only the Grand Guardian, but his descendants would have more people to ask for help. He had golden eyes, shining in the dark cave where he was born. The middle child would be named Mythical, after the first animals that died. She was able to use the powers of the second group in combination with the animals that bonded with her. She had silver eyes, shining with compassion for the animals that hatched around her. The youngest of the three was named Dino, which was the name of the giant animals that died not that long ago. He was able to tame those animals and could use the final four elements with a dinosaur taste.

The Grand Guardian raised them until they were six years old. They then asked why they were alone, so the Grand Guardian began to create the four children of the first group, which would be the Primal Elements. They started with the blue light, which held the power of water. Ocean was born with shining blue eyes like the ocean itself. She would be able to control the water and even breathe under it. The second light that got an offspring was red, the light of fire. Burn was born, sharing a heat with everyone around him and shining red eyes. The brown and green light gave birth to Gaia. She had glowing brown eyes and was able to move the earth around without even thinking about it. The final light in the group was the pink light, Air. Soon a tiny pink eyed girl named Sky was born with the ability to make tornados whenever she was angry.

Two years passed before the Grand Guardian decided that the next group of lights deserved children, beginning with the reflecting blue light. Metal was born with the power to create any metal his light made on the earth. He was able to shape into whatever he wanted and soon began to make specialised crystals for each of his siblings. The next born was Mind, with the power to move things with her mind and able to read the minds of her siblings. The next one to be born was Snow, a young boy with crystal blue eyes and the power to freeze everything. The last one in the group was little Thunder. She had white blue eyes and electrocuted her siblings almost daily.

Once again the Grand Guardian waited a few years before they created another offspring. Weirdly enough, this offspring didn't produce one child but two. A boy called Shadow with black hair and black eyes with the shadows at his command and his sister Holy with white eyes and white hair, always shining light. The next offspring was a boy with black hair and the power to harness the planetarian sources. He could control the gravity all around him and even produce the light of the moon and the stars without trouble. His name was Planet. The final offspring was a girl named Chakra and was a boundless bundle of energy. She was able to show her aura to defend herself and blast her siblings with energy, either to take energy from them or give it to them.

When the youngest children were four years old, the Grand Guardian told all their children that they would have to leave and travel the world. If they stayed they would never learn about the world and how they should protect it. They also got the mission to

find one animal in the world that they connected with. When they found their animal, they should share their power with it and the animal's siblings. This way their own descendants could have an animal partner that could help them when needed.

After hearing the mission, the children divided themselves into three groups. Subconsciously the groups were the same as the lights the Grand Guardian saw when they arrived on the earth. Ancient took Ocean, Burn, Gaia and Sky with him to the west sea. Mythical grabbed a few of the unicorns and dragons together with Metal, Mind, Snow and Thunder. She left to go where they knew other humans were. Dino grabbed a few dino eggs and dragged them to the mountains with Shadow, Holy, Planet and Chakra.

# History part three, Animal companions

Because Ancient took his little siblings to the sea, they saw a lot of animals that they liked and never saw before. Ocean ran into the water as soon as she saw it and soon came up with a pod of white dolphins. The dolphins took a liking to her and began to play with her.

Meanwhile Ancient tried to get Sky out of a high tree. He failed. She was hunting down a small bird that was called a finch. They were tiny little birds that jumped away as soon as Sky was in reach. Without thinking, she let out a burst of pink air that was absorbed by the little birds. Their orange cheeks turned pink and their personality changed slightly in the fact that Sky could touch them, but anyone else scared them.

Burn and Gaia were playing in the sand when a tortoise and a small salamander walked up to them. Burn took a liking to the salamander, which liked his heat very much, and Gaia used her powers to lightly burrow the tortoise under the sand. Much slower than the finches turned, the salamander became red, the tortoise had grass grown on his shield and the dolphins became blue. Ancient looked around him and left them for a bit.

He wanted an animal partner too. He came by a sloth of bears with a lot of bear cubs. He fell in love with them instantly. He looked at the sow feeding them and slowly walked up to her. He bowed to the mighty bear and asked her if he could bond with one of her cubs, while giving the rest his power so they could provide friends for his children when he had them. The sow looked at him critically before accepting and giving him the weakest of all. When Ancient looked at him, he saw that the bear cub missed an ear and had trouble breathing. He hugged the cub closely to his chest and gifted him with the same power he had. The bear cub changed, became healthy and had a golden coat.

Mythical already had her animal companion, a silver unicorn. She hid the rest protected behind thunderstorms and a glacier. She did help her charges to find an animal to their liking. The first one she

helped was Snow. Snow asked if there was an animal that could survive the cold while still being able to live in a warmer climate if needed. This prompted the small group to go south instead of continuing to the humans. After a few weeks they arrived at an island that held bird-like animals swimming in the ocean. Snow instantly liked them and gave them a light blue coat. He also named the animals penguins.

The next to look for her animal was Thunder, which was hard, because most animals do not like thunderstorms. Thunder was stubborn and only wanted an animal that could love thunder as much as she did. They searched for weeks, following storm clouds. Sometimes Thunder herself made it thunder, just hoping to attract an animal that would like her. Eventually Mythical began to pity her and called a small eagle towards her. She began to work her powers on the small bird and changed it into a bird that would eventually become a myth. She herself created thunder eagles, just for her sparkly charge. When Mythical returned with the bird, Thunder latched onto it and claimed it for herself.

With Thunder happy and content, the next in line was Metal. He knew exactly what he wanted and that was an armadillo. When asked he told them that their shield was as strong as metal should be. So they left for the desert where armadillos were said to live. He soon returned with a roll behind him, and a dark blue skinned one in his arms.

The last one of Mythical charges was Mind. She only knew that she wanted a wise animal. On the way to the humans, she spoke with a lot of animals but none felt correct to her. Eventually when they were really close to the humans, she found a badger clan. She spoke to the head and got permission to have them as her animals, with the smallest as her personal animal.

Dino guided his younger siblings towards the mountain. There he started with hatching one of the dino eggs. In the egg was a tiny triceratops, which was already bronze, being hatched by Dino. After the egg hatched, he told his siblings to stay within sight to look for an animal they liked. Shadow and Holy came back first. Holy was escorted by a snowy owl, while her twin was escorted by a bat. Soon they were imbued with the power of the twins, but appearance wise they didn't change.

The next to come back was Chakra, with a small red fox. She told her older brother that this fox was just as energised as she was, asking if it was allowed to have the small animal. Of course Dino said she could keep it. The final to come back was Planet with a small wolf pup. The pup was scared to go anywhere without Planet, and soon was able to defy gravity.

# History                    part                    four, Reproduction

Eventually all children had their animal companions and lived with the humans. They learned a lot from them that the Grand Guardian never thought about. One thing they learned was where babies came from. They learned you need a male and a female for it. So because they wanted to have a child themselves, each of them went to look for a partner. Most of them felt drawn to the opposite gender, except for Ancient.

He was drawn to a fair skinned man, which confused him a lot. So while he was drawn to the man, he searched for a female to reproduce with. He found one quickly but she died without bearing a child for him. He continued his search but each woman he tried to make pregnant, failed to give him a child.

Eventually he believed that he would not be able to have a child at all. He blamed it on being the oldest of the Guardians, meaning he would take his parents' place. So he returned to the man he felt drawn to, confused that the man was still alive even while the rest of his tribe was already dead. A few nights after returning to the man, Ancient was pregnant. This activated an ability that was hidden from all Guardians. Ancient was able to look at a person and see a line going to another human.

He called his nephews and nieces and asked them to bring their loves with them, so he could test it out. Some of his nephews and nieces already had a child while others didn't. His siblings had already died way before he became pregnant. His suspicion was confirmed. The one that would provide a child for you was the one you were meant to be with. The ones that didn't have a child, were the ones that had the same problem as Ancient had, they felt drawn to someone of the same gender, and that went against their teachings.

Soon after Ancient gave birth to twin sons, he passed away, with his nephews and nieces having the task to teach his sons how to use their powers and what their mission was. The second generation Guardians were confused for a long while, because their

uncle was the first one to have twins, so they didn't know who the next Golden Guardian would be.

At least, that was the problem until the younger twin had shining gold eyes when he used his powers, while his older brother didn't. From that moment on, it was decided that while the sibling wouldn't have the full power, they would still be counted as important. They would get the name Pillar, because they would support the Guardian when they were at their lowest point.



# Awakening

This is the story that was told to my siblings and me when we were younger. My mom keeps saying it is just a fantasy story but I so wish for it to be true. Oh yeah, I'm Jay and I'm twelve years old. I live with my mother and my two older siblings, Catharina and Billy. I'm almost finished with elementary school. I am excited to go to high school, maybe I will have friends there. Yeah, I have friends at my school now, but they also bully me when I say something weird, and I do not like it. They also bully me because they know I would love to have magic. One boy in my class keeps calling me a nerd because of the books I read. Most of them are about magic or the supernatural.

My siblings are sixteen and are already working in a supermarket. I'm kinda jealous of them, they have money to spend, while I don't. They are also always together. They are twins, you know. They are also in a relationship already, Billy with a nice girl called Mandy and Catherina with a handsome guy called Kai. They met them at a summer camp, where I will also be going this summer for the first time. Mandy even has a little brother around the same age as me, so I won't be stuck to my siblings the whole time. While I love them, we do fight quite a lot. Most of the fights we have are kinda childish, mainly in the fact that my mom works a lot and they have authority over me at that point. I hate it, but still love them.

Today is the last day of school and I won't see most of them for a long time. I will only see Bas again, because he will be at the summer camp too. He is one of the only ones that doesn't bully me. But we do have a bit of rivalry between us. There is this girl in our class that has an on and off relationship with Bas, but I also kinda like her. She is kinda like a tomboy and is really brave. I could have had a relationship with her earlier in the year, but before I could think about it, I declined. I don't even know why I did that. Weirdly enough Bas didn't like it that I declined her, maybe he wanted us both to have a relationship with her, but how would that work? A relationship can only exist between two people, not more, right? Well, that was what my mom told me when I had a relationship with two girls in kindergarten.

Well, anyway, this was the last day of school, yesterday we had to perform a musical for our parents. It was fun, but I don't like being in the centre of attention, too much pressure. Today we would clean up anything in our desks, before we could go home and enjoy our summer vacation. Some classmates shared their phone numbers between them, but I don't want to do that. When I leave I want to leave this school behind. I won't ever return. Tomorrow summer camp will start, so we have to leave early in the morning. The summer camp is in a town called Wood Forest and that is a four hour drive. Mom is only driving us there, so I will be a whole week without her, for the first time in my life. Maybe you would be curious where my dad is? Well he lives in Dark Village, but because of his loose hands, we cut off any communication when I was seven, so I don't like to talk about him. Especially after we got a call that our dog, Alastor, died because he left the door open and he wanted to play with the ducks. So it is just me, my mom, and my two older siblings, who will have the authority over me the whole week. Bas will travel with us so he will also be under the guidance of my siblings. When I say siblings, I mostly mean Catharina, as Billy doesn't care what we do as long as we stay away from him.

We arrived around noon at the campsite. The campsite had multiple little houses for about seven people in each cabin. It also had a big building where the camp leaders slept and where we would eat. Bas and I shared our cabin with five other boys. There was Michael, Mandy's little brother, a boy named Koen, with brown hair and a headset on, Matt, a blond boy, Mikey, a small boy with black hair and Joris, a hyperactive boy who would not stop talking. Billy shared a cabin with Martijn, Erwin, Yannick, Kai, Quinten and Patrick. Catherina shared with Cathy, Stephanie, Mandy, Maud and Ingrid. You were supposed to be making friends with the ones you shared a cabin with, so the camp leaders tried to group them at around the same ages. Some of the cabins had a whole variety of ages, but never a mix of genders.

We did a lot of fun activities like swimming, living Stratego, arts, and there would be a camp fire on Thursday. But on the third night since we arrived I saw fifteen lights growing closer. They were pretty so I laid down to watch them. Billy saw what I was doing and walked up to me.

"What are you doing, little brother?" He asked.

“Watching those lights.” I said, while pointing to the lights.

“They look like they are coming closer.” Billy said with the fear in his voice. “What are you doing to it?” he became angry.

“I’m not doing anything.” I mirrored his anger. Why does he always suspect me from doing something? I’m just twelve. How could I force lights to come down to earth?

“Yeah, right. And why should I believe you?” Luckily for Billy, Catharina came at that moment, because I would have made a scene.

“What are you two doing? It’s almost midnight, you two should be in bed.” She hissed at us.

“Well, so should you.” I told her. At this point, the lights were really close, like just a few metres above us. Catharina looked up and gasped.

“Why are those lights so close? Jay, what did you do?” she asked, turning to me.

“Really, like I told Billy, I haven’t done anything. I was just watching them.”

No one could react, because at that exact moment the lights reached the ground. They didn’t impact or anything. They just floated near us, and when we began to move away from them they changed shape. Each sphere of light turned into a human, but they stayed being a light. The golden light human looked at me while the rest looked around. When Billy and Catharina stepped in front of me, the red light human and the army coloured light human turned to us. The rest of the light humans went to the cabins. It felt like we were chained to our position when one of them opened their mouth to speak and we tried to run.

“Hi, you must be the Guardians of Gold, Earth and Fire, I presume?” the golden light said. My eyes grew wide. It was like these light humans were the same lights as in the story my mom told us. But before I could say something, Billy already answered.