

## Chapter 1-

The day after Lucas and the Buddy club spoke to Sarah, Andrew had arrived. Andrew had told the Buddy club everything he knew about Superintendent Thomas's plan. "I was first told to sign a waiver by Chief Councilor Zayn stating to never disclose any information I was about to hear. Me, Griffin, and Lacy had known each other for more than 4 years and we had all known Zayn longer than that. We all trusted him. So I agreed without hesitation. That's when I was brought in to meet Superintendent Thomas. Thomas asked me questions and then spoke of his grand dream that he always wanted to accomplish. He told me that he needed three stones that were stolen from him long ago. That's all he told me. I had initially wanted to help without a second thought, but I quickly realized something wasn't right with it all. I had noticed Lacy and Griffin acting differently and Zayn also seemed to change. Eventually Griffin told me about the run in he had with you guys, so I decided to look into it. I then found Sarah and spoke to her personally about the whole ordeal. That's when I found out the whole truth. When Sarah explained the stones, I remembered a certain stone in the Noxus Hall Of History that fit her and Thomas's description. It was at that moment I knew that Thomas must be stopped. And

now here we all are. I believe that sneaking in the Noxus Hall Of History tomorrow night during the firework celebration ceremony will be easiest, especially with my access to the building.” Andrew explained. “Why don’t you think we should go now and take it?” Kaleb asked Andrew. “Normally the entire Noxus Headquarters campus is closed and only available to the general public for private planned tours. If we wanted to break in, the security of the whole facility is top notch, making it impossible to not be detected immediately. In the main halls, there are automatic robot cleaners that also house as security informants. If one is triggered the campus will go on lockdown, trapping everyone inside and tripping automated camera guns that will shoot intruders if not recognized as a valid guest.” Andrew spoke. “So if we did break in, it would be a complete disaster.” Leo repeated. “Yes. Even on those days, I am allowed clearance in all the buildings as I am on the council, but you all would be triggered and shot down. Luckily, tomorrow, the campus will be open to the general public, meaning the camera guns would not view you as a threat. Of course not everyone will be allowed in certain buildings, like the Noxus Hall Of History, but I can get all of us inside, and you will still not be restricted by the camera guns. It will be the perfect time to strike.” Andrew concluded. “It sounds like a full proof plan.” Elsy stated. Lucas agreed. It seemed that they had more information and planning for this than

any other mission they had tried before. If there was a certain scenario to steal any of the code, this situation would have the highest chance of success. “Who should go? I don’t think everyone should, as it could cause us to stand out like a sore thumb.” Leim pointed out. “I would recommend the quickest and stealthiest members of your group to go with me to the Noxus Hall Of History. It’s nothing personal.” Andrew proclaimed. “Then I don’t think I’m needed for this.” Neptune declared to the others. “I don’t agree.” A new voice spoke as they walked into the same room as Andrew and the Buddy Club. Everyone is needed and plays their own part. Including me.” It was Sarah who appeared and stated to Lucas and the others. “It’s time I try and get some of my close friends from the FBI into the mess. I couldn’t have gone this far without all of your support, and I hope to continue to rely on all of you in the future, but Thomas is a big figure with mountains of support and goons at his disposal. We can’t take him down with physical evidence the way we are now, no matter how direct it is. From the numerous sources I have gathered of the statement Axton is related to Thomas, and Joseph seems to not hold anything back against you, your safety is of concern. You are all in danger, and I can’t let that be. Currently I don’t plan on changing anything as this new plan seems to involve little to no risk for anyone, and if we can pull it off, Thomas is finished. But if something goes south, I plan on relying on some FBI colleagues to

help take your place, as this threat is real, and you can all die.” Sarah stated grimly. Lucas agreed with everything Sarah had just said, but he and his friends made a promise. Lucas made a promise with the Buddy Club to find Stacy, and take down the superintendent, no matter what happens. “Having said all that, Neptune, I believe you can still help. Perhaps having some of you in the crowd of bystanders during the firework ceremony festivities could help gain a larger scope on the whole campus.” Sarah added as she looked at Neptune who at first seemed hesitant. “That’s a good idea. I believe me, Elsy, and Neptune should spread out in the crowd and keep an eye on things out there.” Leim spoke up. “Then Lucas, Leo, Kaleb and I can go with Andrew inside the Noxus Hall Of History to take the stone.” James declared. “It sounds like a plan.” Leo remarked. Lucas had high hopes for this operation that he and the Buddy Club would take part in. “It's only been about 2 years since the beginning of 8th grade and our first year in high school just ended. We will stop Superintendent Thomas, and will find Stacy, bringing her name to justice!” Lucas shouted with confidence.

## Chapter 2-

Meanwhile, around a day before the Firework Celebration Ceremony, a bald man in a suit stood inside a 13 floor building, looking out his luxurious window that wrapped around the entire room. The man was waiting for a knock on his door, and was growing impatient. Knock, knock, knock. “Superintendent Thomas, your guest has arrived. May they come in?” A voice asked from behind a closed door. “Yes, yes. Let him in.” Superintendent Thomas responded as he walked over to his desk and sat down. Shortly after, Chief Counselor Zayn walked into the room and stood before Thomas. “You stated to me that you believe you know where the last stone is. Is that still the case?” Superintendent Thomas demanded to Chief Counselor Zayn. “Yes. I believe I know where it is. I have a report on a device that has its location.” Chief Counselor Zayn reported. “I’ll send Security Officer Joseph to go and find that device. Once he does, I want you to retrieve the stone from the location. I’ll also have Axton The Rouge accompany you from afar.” Superintendent Thomas concluded. “Is that all really necessary? I have an event at the Noxus Headquarters campus tomorrow, and I just think someone else should retrieve it.” Chief Counselor Zayn stated. “Are you suggesting my plan isn’t the best idea for taking the final stone? All the other stones before this one were retrieved by my meticulously oriented plans.

Are you saying that this plan is doomed to fail?" Thomas grunted as he faced Chief Counselor Zayn. "No sir." Chief Counselor Zayn cowered. "Good. I have never been wrong in my life, so telling me that my methods are not acceptable enough would cause insubordination. You know what happens if you are charged with that."

Superintendent Thomas smiled. "I do know sir." Chief Counselor Zayn grunted, as he held his tongue. "Well, then why are you still here? You may go now."

Superintendent Thomas finished as he turned his back to Chief Counselor Zayn and pointed towards the door of his office. After the whole ordeal, Chief Counselor Zayn walked back to the Noxus Headquarters campus. As Chief Counselor Zayn arrived at the entrance, he walked inside the Noxus Hall Of History. "I have built this all myself from nothing but dust and dirt. If Superintendent Thomas is going to ruin it all for disobeying his strange plan, then I might as well as do as I am told. I have gone too far to lose it all now." Chief Counselor Zayn growled to himself as he passed by several glass cases holding Noxus memorabilia and history. Around the same time, far away near the border of the city, in a small rustic building sandwiched between other bigger buildings, two similar individuals were having a conversation. One of the individuals was the man that attacked Superintendent Thomas and stole the logbook. The name he went by was Brass. The other was a scruffy man that looked to be in his

early 50s. He currently went by Varont. As the two were talking, two other individuals walked into the small building that smelled of mold and trash. The first one that walked in seemed to be younger than any other there and wore a button hoodie covering his face. The second person that walked in seemed to be in his 30s, and was the tallest there. “Good. You all arrived. I think it’s time I told you all why I wanted you to come, since you all have been to various places around the country. I have struck a deal with some mercenaries and all they want in return for their support in numbers, is a high level demand of armed weapons. Luckily I know a secret bunker that keeps hundreds of them from an old organization I belonged to. The bunker is located right under the Noxus Headquarters campus, roughly 150 feet underground. I want all of us to get inside and steal the weapons. It should be easy as that bunker has been untouched for a long time.” Varont spoke to the three others in the room. “Since I’ve come all this way I’ll do it.” The tall man stated. “When are we planning to take it?” The short young one asked. “Tomorrow night when the festivities are being held at the campus.” Varont responded. “How about you Brass?” Varont turned to the man with a leather jacket and sunglasses. This man was the one that stole the logbook. “I’ll pass on this. I have another job I’m doing tomorrow, and the job I did last time for you truly wasn’t worth the price.” Brass retorted as he walked out of the building. “If you have a better job with

more pay, you know how to reach me.” Brass finished as he disappeared from the others’ field of view. “Well then that settles it. Us three will do it.” Varont concluded. “Big changes are coming. They all just don’t know it yet.”

## Chapter 3-

Around some time after, back in the heart of Greenville where the main police headquarters resided, District Manager Aidan had gotten a tip from one of his bosses. “Aidan, I’m only telling you this because I know you have history with Axton The Rouge. Normally this type of information isn’t allowed to be given to even the highest state authority. I’ve made an exception to you though. You were once *a higher rank*.” District Manager Aidan’s boss stated. “Thank you. I know I was once a higher rank, but I chose to move down after what happened with me and Axton. This is very helpful, CIA Officer Jifflin.” District Manager Aidan responded. “I’m happy to help. After all, in all technicality, you could be considered my boss.” CIA Officer Jifflin spoke, as he left the office. District Manager Aidan then went to his desk drawer and pulled out a portrait of a man, a woman and a very young child. “Scarlet. Christopher. I’ll stop him. I’m just- I’m just so sorry.” District Manager Aidan murmured to himself. He then got up from his office chair and walked into the main



room of the building. "Attention all police officers and District Officers. I have gotten confirmation of a potential attack on the Noxus Firework Ceremony Celebration held tomorrow night. It is confirmed that Axton The Rouge will be there. Although his motives are still a mystery, meaning we don't know if he will use violence tomorrow night, we will be ready for him and capture him tomorrow night. Tomorrow we will surround the entire campus and once we get confirmation on his whereabouts, we will swoop in and take him out. Preferably, he will be taken in alive, but if you feel threatened or feel in danger in any way, shoot him without hesitation. I am only allowing District Officer rank or higher to go with me inside the campus where he should be, as I don't think any rank below is safe in this scenario. He is extremely dangerous and has eluded the entire government for decades even if he was face to face with them. If you are below the rank of District Officer, I ask you to help civilians right outside the campus who are watching the fireworks, escape to safety." District Manager Aidan stated loudly. "I am assigning two other squad leaders to lead battalions of District Officers. The third battalion will be leaded by myself. If Rank 7 District Officer Orladio could step up please." District Manager Aidan added. A tall man then stepped up towards District Manager Aidan. "District Officer Orladio will lead one third of the District Officers. Please listen to his instructions. Also, if Rank 9 District Officer Jessica please step up as

well.” A lady then walked out of the crowd of police officers and stood near District Manager Aidan. “District Officer Jessica will also lead one third of the remaining District Officers. Please remain focused and respond to her commands. Lastly, I will lead the last of the District Officers. Please remember to remain focused and alert.” District Manager Aidan declared. All of the other officers in the large room then shouted in agreement. “I don’t want any other deaths tomorrow. After the events at the warehouse where we lost hundreds of good policemen to Axton The Rouge and Joseph Gonzales, and the Noxus Dome Incident that luckily had no fatalities but could have been dangerous to civilians inside the dome, we must prevent any other deaths. WE HAVE TO! Don’t forget Ethan Zaho, the boy who was murdered by the hands of Axton The Rouge! His family must have closure! It all ends tomorrow night!” District Manager Aidan screamed with everyone else joining in unison. It truly seemed that all the major forces were meeting at this one spot on the night of The Firework Ceremony Celebration, at the Noxus Headquarters Campus. The events of what will happen here are still to come, but are fastly approaching. The Noxus Annual Firework Ceremony Celebration would begin in 27 hours.

## Chapter 4-

The next morning, Lucas had gotten mentally ready for the plan he would carry out with Andrew and the rest of the Buddy Club. Even though there seemed to be no way of failure, Lucas couldn't help but feel anxious. "What if Security Officer Joseph somehow is there and kills one of us?" Those were the kinds of thoughts running through Lucas's head since the day before. "After what happened to me and Ethan, I don't know if I'm mentally prepared, even if nothing will actually happen." Lucas thought to himself. The only thing Lucas could think to do was bury those thoughts and think of the task at hand. Going into the Noxus Hall Of History, and stealing the stone without being seen. Eventually, around 4:50 PM, Lucas got a call from Leo stating that they were to meet at a gas station just three minutes away from the Noxus Headquarters Campus. Lucas then started walking to his destination, noticing the line of cars going in the same direction as him, most likely going to watch and attend the Noxus Firework Ceremony Celebration. Lucas had heard of it before when he was younger. If he remembered correctly, when he was 3 years old, he and his father went to the celebration. "Those were the days. Back then when dad was still around..." Lucas thought to himself. Finally, Lucas had arrived at the meetup spot at the gas station. Lucas saw Leo, James, and Kaleb. "Elsy, Neptune, and Leim have

already blended in with the crowd over in that field. That's where the festivities will take place." James stated as he pointed to a field across the street where hundreds of families were standing and sitting around near a line of food and game stands. "They will call us and keep updating once the Firework Ceremony Celebration officially kicks off." Kaleb added. "Where is Andrew? Is he not here yet?" Lucas asked the others. "Andrew is currently signing off for the night with Chief Counselor Zayn so it's not known he's here at the festival." Leo stated. "He'll join us in about 45 minutes. It's 5:18 PM right now, and the festivities officially start at 6:30 PM. They go up until 11:45 PM. We are planning on entering the campus grounds at 7:00 PM, while everyone is most likely going to be out here on the field enjoying the fun." Leo added. "Alright. That sounds good." Lucas agreed. "I can't keep waiting! I want to start things up now!" Kaleb complained. "I get the feeling. But we have to do this right. This could decide the end of Superintendent Thomas's evil school bombing plan." James proclaimed. "Yeah, yeah." Kaleb mumbled. Lucas agreed with both of them. All they could do now was wait, all while knowing that the last stone they needed to stop Superintendent Thomas was a door away. Finally, Lucas noticed a car pulling into the gas station parking lot. The car then stopped as Andrew got out of the driver's seat. "Finally! That took forever!" Kaleb shouted as Andrew walked up to them. "My apologies. It

took longer than I first expected. It seems that the Firework Celebration Ceremony is about to begin.” Andrew spoke as he pointed towards the big field that now housed an open area where the fireworks would be shot off. Lucas tried to see if Griffin, Lacy, or even Chief Counselor Zayn was among the people in the crowd, but he was too far away from the field to find out. “Let’s go and take the stone now! Since the Firework Celebration Ceremony has already started, it only makes sense!” Kaleb declared boldly. “Not yet. We need to wait just a bit longer to ensure that no one would see us enter the Noxus Hall Of History building. Having even a stranger see us could put the entire plan into jeopardy.” Andrew replied coldly. “Just a bit longer.”

## Chapter 5-

Meanwhile, in the center of the great crowd of people at the giant field, Leim, Elsy, and Neptune aimlessly walked around to try and spot any familiar faces. “If you see anyone worth mentioning, don’t hesitate to text Lucas and the others. It’s best to have as much information about everything at all times to help ensure that we have the upper hand during the operation.” Leim announced to Elsy and Neptune before they all three split up and walked around the field, glancing at every individual they came

across. Eventually, Leim noticed multiple random people acting suspicious, as if they were doing the same thing he and the others were. Keeping watch and looking for certain faces. “What is going on here? Could they be sent from Superintendent Thomas? No. They seem much more sophisticated and precise on their goal than what Thomas’s lackeys would be doing.” Leim thought to himself. Shortly after Leim noticed this change, Mamo and Nortan walked over to the open area where the fireworks would be launched. It seemed that the festivities were about to officially begin. Right around the same time, just two miles away from the Noxus Headquarters campus, District Manager Aidan began discussing a plan with the fellow District Officers that were surrounding him. “We have just sent some undercover cops into the crowd to collect information. We suspect Axton The Rouge will not show his face until much later into the night. That is why we will begin to mobilize our troops into the main campus grounds at 7:30. We have not alerted anyone from the Noxus Council as I made the call that it should not be necessary, and may impede the overall plan. Although that does mean we will have to make forced entry into all the buildings, I will take any repercussions that could bring to us.” District Manager Aidan informed the officers. “Also, once the inside team composed of me and District Officer Jessica leading our separate groups, gets into the main area of the campus, District Officer Orladio’s squad will

block the entire entrance and perimeter of the Headquarters' grounds. Any remaining police officers will then help citizens remain safe." District Manager Aidan concluded. Meanwhile, about 20 minutes after District Manager Aidan spoke to his subordinates, Lucas, Leo, James, Kaleb, and Andrew began to move towards the back entrance of the Noxus Headquarters campus. "Try to be as quiet and fast as you can." Andrew whispered to Lucas and his friends as they all quietly sprinted towards the Noxus Dome back exit that could lead into the main campus grounds. While Lucas and the others were sprinting, they also hid behind a guard rail wall that hid their presence from anyone. Eventually, they all reached the exit door that was locked from the outside. "After the incident with Axton The Rouge, where he burned the inside stage and completely decimated the glass dome ceiling, the Noxus Dome has been closed for repair. Hopefully my access card can still get us inside." Andrew whispered to them as he pulled out an ID card from his pocket. Andrew then pushed the ID card into a slot, making a red light turn green. "Great! It worked." Andrew sighed as they all then snuck inside the Noxus Dome. Inside the building, it was very dark, as the once complete glass dome ceiling that let in the city lights and shining stars, was now a giant heavy duty tarp that enclosed everything inside the hollow building. "The power has been cut off to this building, so just in case something

dicey happens, this is the place to hide. No cameras or security is provided here right now. It is also pitch black in here, so it would be hard to find someone.” Andrew spoke. “You got that right. We can barely find each other!” Kaleb groaned. Lucas pulled out his phone for extra light and to check the time. It was 7:09. “The festival is in full gear now.” Leo murmured to Lucas and the others. Lucas then swore he saw something moving about 20 feet away from him. It was so dark he wasn’t sure if it was true. “Did any of you see something move just now?” Lucas whispered very quietly to his friends who were right next to him. No one answered Lucas. And he knew why. In just mere seconds after Lucas had said that, bright lights began to turn on 30 feet across from Lucas and his friends. The lights were hooked on the damaged Noxus stage, and right above it, on the metal wired beams towering above the stage, a bigger spotlight turned on to reveal a silhouette of a tall man in a giant trench coat holding what seemed to be a bouquet of roses. The man seemed to have a hat on his head and didn’t move an inch. There was no mistaking this man’s identity. The man standing before Lucas and the Buddy Club was none other than a wanted US criminal charged in over 27 states with more than 200 counts of murder. Axton The Rouge.





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## Chapter 6-

Meanwhile, just before Lucas and the Buddy Club had spotted Axton The Rouge inside of the broken down Noxus Dome, Elsy had noticed three police cars driving towards the big field she and all the civilians were at. Just seconds after they appeared in view, five more approached. The thing that made Elsy even more confused was that none of their sirens were on and they were all going at a relatively low speed. "What is about to happen?" Elsy muttered to herself. Elsy then immediately pulled out her phone and texted everyone the bizarre news. "Should I regroup with Leim and Neptune?" Elsy thought to herself. Back inside the Noxus Dome, Lucas and the others instinctively dived to the ground so they couldn't be seen as easy and if any weapons were to be fired from Axton The Rouge on the stage. Lucas wanted more than anything to talk to his friends and figure out a game plan, but he and the others did all they could to not make a sound. Lucas started to army crawl on the dark, cold floor so he could be in a different location than where he was when the stage lights first turned on. "He definitely knew we were here just now! How did the stage lights turn

on? Wasn't there no power?! Who turned them on?!" All these thoughts rushed through Lucas's head. While laying on the floor silently, Lucas noticed that a door had opened around another 20 feet across from him. Lucas saw the door open, followed by a slight trace of outside light pouring into the almost complete dark dome arena. Lucas didn't see anyone enter or leave the door, which meant Kaleb, James, Leo, or Andrew must have gotten to the door and escaped. Lucas didn't know who, or if more than one escaped, but he was glad someone did, as he now didn't have to worry about more things, meaning he had more space to worry about his own wellbeing. "How am I going to get out of this situation?!" Lucas panicked to himself. It felt like hours that Lucas layed on the pitch black silent floor, noticing that Axton The Rouge seemed to have stayed put where he was atop the lit up stage, almost like he was waiting for something. Eventually, although Lucas didn't know how much later, Lucas heard the back door of the Noxus Dome, the way he and the others had come in, swung open with tremendous force. It sounded as though the door had been blasted off the walls that it was built on. What he saw next surprised him even more. Lucas saw five armed police officers storm into the building, with one woman leading the others! "Wrap around the stage! Try to neutralize him if possible!!" The lady in the front shouted. "Of course District Officer Jessica!!" The five officers behind her shouted. Lucas then

saw the police officers place giant spotlights on the ground. Once the spotlights were turned on, Lucas's first reaction was to look over at Axton The Rouge on the stage who in a sheer instant changed from having no weapons on him, to pulling out a giant automatic rifle from his trench coat! Axton The Rouge immediately shot at the five officers head's, killing them all instantly. As for the lady who Lucas presumed to be District Officer Jessica, she was shot in the leg two times, and seemed to be shot in the arm once! After a cry of pain, Lucas saw District Officer Jessica leap out of the building exit and disappear from view. Lucas then looked to see that Andrew, Kaleb, and James were gone, but Leo was about 8 feet from Lucas. Lucas and Leo then slowly got up from the ground, as they knew Axton The Rouge was looking right at them. They had nowhere to run to. Nowhere to hide. The closest safety point was the door that the others escaped to, which was at least 15 feet away from both of them. They were at the mercy of Axton The Rouge. Lucas was at the mercy of this man once again. Would he survive to tell the tale? "Why do you still actively try to stop Thomas?" Lucas and Leo were confused. Axton The Rouge asked them this question with a dissatisfied face of confusion. "Why still do this when you know you can't win, and you will most likely all die in the process. Is stopping him really more important than your own lives?" Axton The Rouge continued. "I- I don-" Lucas didn't know how to respond.

Lucas was so shocked by this outcome, that he didn't think to see how Leo reacted to it. Lucas then was jolted back to the realization of what was happening to him. "I repeat! Five officers down! I'm wounded and have fallen back! I believe he may have hostages now!" Lucas heard District Officer Jessica shout into what Lucas presumably thought was a walkie talkie for other police officers. Just then, Lucas heard loud footsteps approaching towards the exit door that had been blasted off the door hinges. It was then that the man of the hour appeared. District Manager Aidan was on the scene at last!

## Chapter 7-

Lucas froze with anticipation at what would happen next. As District Manager Aidan ran inside, Lucas met eye contact with him. "How would he explain his situation to District Manager Aidan this time?" Lucas thought to himself. After District Manager Aidan got into the middle of the building, putting himself in between Axton The Rouge, and Leo and Lucas, he pulled out a gun. "After this elaborate setup I see you created for yourself, I think you now understand you are not leaving this campus alive." District Manager Aidan grunted, as he pointed his pistol at Axton The Rouge's head. "You may be right about that." Axton The Rouge responded. Axton The Rouge then

proceeded to meet eye contact with District Manager Aidan. "If you had the choice Aidan, what would you do to me right now?" Axton The Rouge asked, while not unlocking his distant gaze to District Manager Aidan's eyes. District Manager Aidan didn't respond. Lucas saw District Manager Aidan's face. What he saw was decades of resentment and revenge. "You will be stopped tonight." District Manager Aidan said. "I guess you gave me my answer." In an instant, bullets began shooting all throughout the hollow building! The sound echoing off the walls making the thousands of shot rounds sound like millions! "We have to get out of here! This is the perfect chance while Axton The Rouge is distracted!" Leo shouted to Lucas. Lucas knew what they both had to do. Both of them began running towards the door where their other friends seemed to escape to. Lucas knew both of the men behind him were extremely strong, and knew that their fight was on equal footing, but Lucas fretted that District Manager Aidan was not at peak performance during this fight because of his past experience with Axton The Rouge. Nonetheless, Lucas knew he and Leo were just a hindrance to protect in that building, so they both ran to the door to escape the fight that had just begun. Finally, the two of them got to the door and opened it, revealing an outdoor, fenced courtyard with a small fountain in the center. There were only two other doors in the courtyard, one leading into the Noxus Hall Of History, and the other

leading into the Noxus Data Center. Leo pointed to the building with a door labeled, Noxus Hall Of History. "That's the one." Leo stated. Lucas and Leo then walked slowly over to the door, keeping an eye on their surroundings, which seemed tranquil and peaceful. The only noise they heard was the sound of the fountain's water hitting the base ground. In the distance, they heard laughs and cheers, sometimes accompanied by far away firework booms. Eventually, Lucas and Leo got to the door and knocked on it, as they had no ID card to get inside. "Cmon!" Leo muttered. "I'll call them." Lucas suggested. The time read 7:36 PM. Immediately, the call went to voicemail. Just then, the door opened to reveal James standing there. "We were wondering what happened to you two! Thank goodness you're all ok!" James sighed. "What happened with Axton The Rouge?" James asked, as he grew tense once more. "He's still in the Noxus Dome building. He is fighting District Manager Aidan as we speak!" Lucas commented. "Did you guys get the stone?" Leo asked quickly. "We went in and followed Andrew to the location, but the glass case was locked by a key. The glass is bulletproof, so we need to find it. Andrew knows where the key is, so he's actively fetching it now." James informed Leo and Lucas. "Come in, I'll show you where the stone is." James stated, as he and the others walked into the Noxus Hall Of History Building, closing the door behind them. Once Lucas, Leo, and James got

inside, they saw fancy chandeliers hanging every six feet from the ceiling. The floor was topped with a luxurious red carpet that had extensive cushioning. The sides of the grand hall were filled with statues and glass cases containing Noxus memorabilia from the entire organization's history. Eventually, Lucas saw Kaleb standing at one of the glass cases. "It must be in there." Lucas thought to himself. The last stone to complete Superintendent Thomas's evil plan!

## Chapter 8-

Once Lucas, Leo, and James walked over to Kaleb, they all debriefed each other so everyone was in the current loop. As they were standing around, a door from the side walls opened. "Good. Andrew is finally back." Kaleb stated. Kaleb couldn't have been more wrong. Chief Counselor Zayn appeared from the door, holding what seemed to be a pistol. "Well, well, well. It seems that the stone I'm looking for was here all this time after all. I'm guessing it is in that case behind all of you." Chief Counselor Zayn chuckled. "Shoot! This is really bad!!" Lucas cried. Lucas saw that Chief Counselor Zayn was holding a key too. "Put all of your hands up or I will shoot your brains out. Now!" Chief Counselor Zayn demanded. They all had no choice. Chief Counselor Zayn then walked



to the glass case and unlocked it, taking out a small miniature head bust of Superintendent Thomas. The concrete bust's tie was made of the third and final stone. Chief Counselor Zayn had acquired it. "Ahh. Finally this job is done." Chief Counselor Zayn muttered to himself. Just then, the door that Chief Counselor Zayn walked through was opened by Andrew! And to make matters more surprising, District Manager Aidan was right behind him! District Manager Aidan ran over to where Lucas, Leo, Kaleb, James, and Chief Counselor Zayn were at, while shouting, "Axton The Rouge escaped my field of view! I suspect he is still here which means you all are in danger! This is no place for any of you!" District Manager Aidan then walked up to Chief Counselor Zayn and was about to say more when Andrew shouted, "District Manager Aidan no!! Get away!" District Manager Aidan turned to look at Andrew, but it was too late. Chief Counselor Zayn pulled out a long machete and stabbed District Manager Aidan right where his heart would be!!! "Noooo!!!!" Everyone screamed. "Everyone get away from me or more blood will be spilled!!" Chief Counselor Zayn screamed. "How- ugnn, how could you? Why?" District Manager Aidan moaned as he fell to the ground, trying to stay conscious. "I did this because I am working with Axton The Rouge. Me and him both have the same goal. To benefit another man. Superintendent Thomas is both our boss." Chief Counselor Zayn smirked. "Superintendent Thomas was

behind it all. He was always the one you were looking for since the beginning. You were just too stupid to realize. You will die as a failure of a father, husband, and as a police officer. How many more regrets can one man have when he dies?!” Chief Counselor Zayn screamed manically. “It. It. It can’t be true.” District Manager Aidan muttered. “It is. So die now and be cleaned up by Axton The Rouge.” Chief Counselor Zayn demanded loudly. Axton The Rouge then appeared from the hallway. “I’ll guess I will have to kill you all too. You can’t know and tell people what transpired here. Not that they would believe you anyway since you were right all along.” Chief Counselor Zayn chuckled to himself as he pointed his gun at Lucas. “Nooo! Chief Counselor Zayn please! They are all children! Don’t hurt them!” Andrew pleaded with all his might. “I don’t care! I’ve never cared and I won’t start caring now! You should have remained loyal Andrew! You were supposed to be my successor! But you threw it all away to help these oafs!” Chief Counselor Zayn shouted. Lucas then saw Chief Counselor Zayn pull out the stone and a device reader of some sort. Chief Counselor Zayn then twisted the stone to open up a capsule that had a USB port. Chief Counselor Zayn then plugged the stone into the device and put it back in his pocket. “I’ll kill you all now!” Chief Counselor Zayn screamed as he was about to pull the trigger of the gun pointed at Lucas. He was going to die here. Boom!!! A gunshot rang out into the entire

Noxus Hall Of History. But the gunshot did not come from Chief Counselor Zayn, or District Manager Aidan, who was still on the floor barely clinging to life. The man who shot a bullet just then was Axton The Rouge!

## Chapter 9-

Lucas felt as though he was stuck in third person, only allowed to view the terrible situation they were all in. It felt as though he could only stand there and wait to see how the night would end. Once the gunshot rang out, Lucas noticed that Axton The Rouge shot the bullet. But where the bullet landed made everyone freeze in shock. Axton The Rouge had shot Chief Counselor Zayn in the chest! “Ahghn!! Hghm!!! Why?!” Chief Counselor Zayn screamed in pain. Axton The Rouge’s facial expression couldn’t be read by anyone. “What is he doing? Why is he doing it?” Lucas thought to himself. “Activate security protocols! Shoot everyone here security system!! Kill them all!!!” Chief Counselor Zayn shouted, as the camera guns on the walls began to make noises! Run!!” Andrew screamed to all of them. Bullets then began shooting out of all the cameras on the walls!!! Lucas knew he and his friends were done for. Not only was the stone most likely already digitally transferred to Superintendent Thomas by now, but they might not even be able to escape with their lives! Just

then, Axton The Rouge ran over to Lucas, Andrew, and the others and began to shield them from the bullets!!! Axton The Rouge was saving all their lives! “Get out now!” Axton The Rouge demanded. Lucas and the others didn’t hesitate for a second. Axton The Rouge continued to be hit by waves of bullets all over his body, until he looked back to see Lucas, and everyone else had made it to the back exit. That’s when Lucas saw Axton The Rouge pull out a giant bomb from his pocket!!! “Keep running! Don’t stop!!” Andrew shouted to all of them. Lucas felt as though he ran the fastest he ever had in his entire life. As Lucas and the others were right about at the back gate where they came in, behind them in an instant, a giant boom that sounded louder than 1000 fireworks combined rang out! Lucas was pushed to the grass by the amount of wind pressure and dust that came his way!! When he turned around to see what happened, the entire campus seemed to be left as a big crater! It was all gone! Everything. In an instant. All of it... Meanwhile, just around the same time, right under the crater that was created 150 feet underground, three individuals were walking in a dark cave pulling a giant crate full of weapons and explosives. “It sounds like the commotion up there is finally coming to a close...” one of them stated. “Yeah. It’s safe to say that the Noxus Idealists organization is finished...” Another said. “Big changes are coming soon. Now, it is our turn. It will only be our turn from now on until the end of time...”

the man with a scruffy beard stated. The man that currently went by Varont...



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