

# Prologue

It was almost midnight, and somewhere far away, a man was having a conversation with another. "So you're saying my next job is in Greenville?" The man asked the other. "Yes, this one is crucial for the success of our operation. Your job is to get inside the TopGen building, most specifically the top floor's building office and retrieve the contents inside the main desk's cabinet. There should be a lock to it, so you'll have to unlock it fast." The other man spoke. "Alright, leave it to me." The first man responded with a quick nod. Meanwhile, about an hour after the conversation between the two men, Superintendent Thomas started packing his bags for the night. That's when he heard it. It was a slight tapping at the glass window surrounding most of the office room. When Superintendent Thomas turned to see what it was, the glass shattered into millions of pieces! Superintendent Thomas then saw a man walk in through the broken window. "How is this possible, we are 15 stories high!" Superintendent Thomas thought to himself as he pulled out a pocket gun. "The name's Brass, why don't you get out of the office so I can get what I came here for." The man that walked in said. "Do you know who I am?! I am Thomas, the superintendent of the entire state!" Superintendent Thomas shouted as he pulled the trigger.

But Brass dodged just in time, soon knocking Thomas to the ground. “He’s faster than Axton! Who is this guy?!” Superintendent Thomas thought to himself. “Oh, we know exactly who you are, Thomas White, no, Thomas Capertishia. We know who you really are, and we know what you’re planning to do.” Brass spoke, tying Superintendent Thomas to a chair. “Are you going to kill me?” Superintendent Thomas asked. “No, that’s not what the job calls for, I just need this logbook you have in your cabinet.” Brass responded as he then picked the lock on the cabinet with ease. “Wait, that’s not yours.” Thomas echoed. “Well, we don’t all get what we want, do we?” Brass responded as he then walked over to the window and jumped out. Thomas then freed himself and called Modrak, and his guards. In just 15 minutes, everyone was there at the scene. “What did he take?” Modrak asked Thomas. “My old logbook of all the members' data and information.” Thomas responded. Modrak then leaned closer and whispered, “The members of our old organization?” “Yes. I have no idea who he is though.” Thomas responded. “I might know who he is.” Thomas heard Chief Councillor Zayn say, as he walked up to them. “I have friends from all places, so I asked about the name Brass, and one of my buddies sent a report on Peter Daller, AKA, Brass. Zayn then leaned closer as well and added, “He was a hitman in your organization and was assigned to an old friend of yours, Varont.” Thomas then

remained silent. “It seems you're not surprised.” Zayn spoke. Thomas then chuckled, “I should have killed him while I had the chance. Now, the past is going to bite me in the butt.”

## Chapter 1

It was almost midnight, and Lucas was supposed to be home at 11. But that was the last thing on Lucas's mind. He and his friends knew what was coming, they just had to stop it before it started. Natalie was in trouble, and the only way to help her was getting to her before Axton did. Lucas and his friends, composed of all of the people that vowed to take down Mr Hill, and new friends along the way, started running towards the city park which was only half a mile away, where Superintendent Thomas's statue was located, the meeting spot Natalie and Axton would be at. Who knew that the real threat was not Mr Hill, but Superintendent Thomas. Luckily though, they did find Sarah who was actually a previous undercover spy that delayed Thomas's evil plans to blow up every school in South Carolina and gave Stacy, the key to everything, a kill code to stopping the massive bombing once and for all. But back to the topic at hand, Lucas and his friends were finally at the entrance to the city park, when they decided to make a plan on what to do. “Alright, we don't have

much time, but we need to make up a game plan.” Lucas whispered to his friends. “I agree.” Lucas heard someone say from behind one of the bushes. “Who’s there?!” Lucas shouted, even though he recognized the voice all too well. It was Joseph, the fake security guard from Camp Crise, and the one that shot Kaleb in the shoulder! He was also probably a hitman sent from Thomas that was out for blood. “It doesn’t matter who I am, just stay where you are or I’ll shoot, and this time I won’t miss.” Joseph shouted. Lucas turned to his friends and remained frozen. Even though Lucas was painfully aware that every second he and his friends remained still, was another second Natalie was getting closer to Axton who would most definitely do something terrible. Lucas looked at Kaleb, who was sweating like crazy. Lucas then recalled the conversation he had with Kaleb after the attack at Camp Crise...

## Chapter 2

“I’m just glad everyone is still alive.” Elsy spoke to Lucas and Kaleb. “True, but the next chance I meet that man again, I’m settling the score.” Kaleb grunted, with a face of pure hatred. Back to real time, Lucas gave an expression to Kaleb to stand down, or more damage would be done. It seemed that Kaleb understood as he looked down at his

feet. Seconds later, Lucas heard a car coming, just one, but it was coming fast! "Shoot." Lucas heard Joseph mutter from a bush. Lucas then saw Joseph start running in a certain direction of the park, probably where Natalie and Axton were. It was their chance! Someone stay here to check who's coming, I'm going to check on Natalie! Lucas shouted, as he ran in the direction of where Joseph was running. Meanwhile where Leo and the rest of the buddy club were at, they saw the car in view, it was a police car. When it arrived, Leo saw a police officer walk out. "I was sent by someone named Neptune who said you guys knew where Joseph was." The man spoke calmly. "Yes, we also believe Axton The Rouge is here as well." Leo spoke clearly. The police officer's eyes then went wide and immediately pulled out a Walkie-Talkie. "Ten four, we need more dispatch on the scene, I repeat Axton The Rouge is in the premise!" The police officer said. The police officer then turned to Leo and the buddy club. "You all get behind me. We are waiting until we get more reinforcements. No one moves." The police officer emphasized. Leo and the rest of his friends nodded, hoping Lucas would be okay on his own. Meanwhile, Lucas sneaked into the bushes where he saw Axton The Rouge and Security Officer Joseph standing before Natalie, who was cornered by Superintendent Thomas's statue. "Why? Why me?" Natalie asked Axton. Axton stood silent until he asked, "What do you think of your

family? Would you do anything for them?” Natalie remained quiet. “Answer his question!” Security Officer Joseph prompted, as he pointed a gun at her face! Axton then put his hand in front of Joseph, signaling him to stand down. “What? Of course I would! But why do you need to ask me this?! What did I do to deserve this?!” Natalie pleaded to Axton. “Natalie, have you ever been told what happened to your uncle?” Axton asked. Lucas then saw Natalie’s face turn as pale as a ghost. Lucas assumed the worst of what was to come. “It couldn’t be true, right?” Lucas thought to himself. “Was Natalie really related to Axton The Rouge, a wanted US criminal?!?!”

## Chapter 3

Natalie immediately shrieked, “You don’t know a thing about my uncle! You don’t deserve to even mention anyone who is innocent!!” Axton The Rouge then had a distant gaze in his eyes. Security Officer Joseph then got Axton The Rouge’s attention by pointing near the entrance of the park, which was now dimly lit by a police car’s red and blue lights. Natalie then pulled what seemed like a knife out of her pocket and lunged at Axton The Rouge, screaming until she was stopped dead in her tracks by Axton The Rouge’s next course of action. Axton pulled out a postcard, with a note written on the back. Axton then

tossed it on the ground and slowly walked with Security Officer Joseph out of sight into the woods. Natalie remained in the same spot even after Lucas ran out of the bush he was hiding in to help Natalie. But Natalie didn't move an inch, still staring at the postcard on the ground. Lucas heard the police start arriving at the scene with officers pouring in the park, guns drawn. Lucas put his hands up, telling the police officers that Axton The Rouge and Security Officer Joseph traveled into the woods. Most of the police unit ran into the woods, while the remaining tended to Lucas and Natalie. Lucas tried to spot Leo and the rest of his friends while he was escorted into a secure vehicle, but it seemed they were already relocated. Once Lucas got to the police station, he was separated from Natalie and put into a different room. "Can you tell us everything you know about Axton The Rouge?" One police officer asked Lucas. "Even if I told you everything I know, you would not believe me!" Lucas protested. Lucas heard the door open; followed by another police man walking in. It was him. It was the FBI man, the man Lucas first met when Mr Hill was arrested and the man who fought Axton at the Noxus dome. It was District Manager Aidan! District Manager Aidan sat down in a seat across from Lucas. He ushered to the other cops to leave the room, and so they did. "You know, I used to have a family. Wife, and a baby boy... They were murdered by Axton The Rouge. I keep telling myself that Axton The Rouge is the one responsible

for what happened to me back then, and whatever is happening now, but deep down I know it's not him. It's someone else." District Manager Aidan started to cry. "You know how I figured that out?! I saw his eyes! He was like me! Ordered to do someone else's dirty work and take the consequences whatever they may be; guilt, shame, sorrow, hollowness! I see in Axton's eyes the sorrowness, and I want to know why it's there! But I just can't get to him! I don't know what to do!" District Manager Aidan sobbed. Lucas finally spoke. "I don't know all the details, but, if you were face to face with Axton The Rouge unconscious, would you shoot him and kill him, or would let him live and bring him in for questioning?" District Manager Aidan looked up at Lucas. Lucas then said, "What I know about Axton is he killed many innocent good people. I also know he had a family. I heard Natalie is related to him. That's why he used me as ransom to get Natalie to come. But when I saw him look at Natalie, he looked like he received a lost piece of himself again. He then left her with the safety of the police. I think what you should do is try and get the piece of yourself that you lost; however that method is such as killing Axton, finding the truth of everything, or maybe forgiving him." District Manager Aidan remained silent. He then muttered, "You left me this boy. I don't know how, but I do know why. 6." Lucas repeated in his mind. "6." Was it a person? "Lucas, your friends are waiting outside. You can go." District



Manager Aidan said, as he walked out of the interrogation room.

## Chapter 4

After the incident with Natalie and Axton The Rouge, all of the town's eyes were focused on the death of Ethan, one of the Buddy Club members. It was made public, further increasing the severity of capturing Security Officer Joseph. Lucas was sent home, but was met with a letter at his doorstep. It was from Sarah. It told him how to get into contact with her. But to Lucas, that was the last thing on his mind. He had no idea of what was happening with Natalie. That was until he got a call from Leo. "Lucas, I heard Natalie is being sent somewhere, I, I think it's an FBI building. We have to do something!" "I think I have an idea. I got Sarah's contact information. We should tell her the situation." Lucas responded. Leo then said, "I'll be right over with everybody who wants to help." They then hung up. It felt like ages until Leo, Kaleb, James, Elsy, Neptune, Jake, Sofia, Leim, and Allysa arrived at Lucas's house. "We heard what happened. Everyone else doesn't want anything to do with our quest anymore. They think it's too risky and dangerous." Jake stated. "I can't blame them. Everything has gone too far. I'm sorry guys, but I want to go to college. I can't keep helping you with this kind of

stuff. I have to leave the buddy club for my sake.” Allysa stated. Everyone nodded and just like that, Allysa left Lucas’s house. Jake and Sofia then stepped up to the plate. “We are leaving too. It’s nothing against you guys or the task at hand, but if a murderer is killing our friends for us investigating, we can’t be a part of it. So bye.” Jake and Sofia then left too. It was now only Lucas, Leo, Kaleb, James, Elsy, Neptune, and Leim left. “So what now?” Kaleb asked. “I say we give Sarah a call and tell her the situation.” Leim suggested. “Alright then. It’s settled. I’ll call her.” Lucas stated. Lucas then dialed the number and heard three beeps. He then heard, “Is this Lucas?” It was Sarah’s voice. “Yes. It is. I am accompanied by Leo, Kaleb, James, Elsy, Neptune, and Leim.” Lucas said confidently. “We have a lot of questions we want to ask you Sarah.” Leo added. “I know. First things first, if you are worried about Natalie, I have an old friend from the FBI who will closely monitor her and help her if needed. She’s in good hands. I heard from my sources the FBI is investigating the heck out of her.” Sarah stated. “Other than that, if you all are still up to the task of stopping Thomas and finding Stacy, we have a new lead on the second code stone. It’s up to you though.” Lucas faced his friends, who all nodded to proceed. “We are up to the task.” Lucas responded clearly. “Good. From my sources we have deciphered that the second code stone will be somehow transferred to Fountain Inn High School of all

places. I heard it is being exchanged by an organization to be given to the Noxus Idealists, who we suspect is working directly under Superintendent Thomas, as seen with Griffin getting the first stone at the Carnival. The transaction is to be secret and is occurring with Lacy, who is one of The Three in the Noxus Idealists, along with Griffin, and Andrew.” Sarah finished. “Do we know who’s giving Lacy the stone? It would be beneficial to know and understand all of our enemies.” James proclaimed. “That’s true James. Unfortunately we don’t have any leads yet, but if we keep our focus on Lacy, we will get to the stone one way or another.” Sarah stated. “When is the meeting scheduled to take place?” Kaleb asked. “Friday, May 17 at 5:00 PM right after the Fury Cup tournament.” Sarah declared. Lucas looked at the date and realized the transaction was to take place in 3 months. “We have time to prepare. And you will notify us if any new information is given?” Lucas clarified. “Of course. I thank you all, really. Oh, there is one thing I want to mention. Although we have concluded by the source of the information we gathered what I am about to tell you is only a rumor currently, the organization meeting with Lacy may have direct ties to Stacy and could possibly know her location.” Sarah spoke. Lucas looked at Leo who now had an expressionless face. “Thank you Sarah. We will keep in contact.” Lucas concluded as he hung up the phone. Lucas faced the Buddy Club. It was almost time for them to get another

shot at ending Superintendent Thomas's twisted plan once and for all...

## Chapter 5

It had been 3 months since Lucas and the Buddy Club were told the new information about the second stone. Now at the present, only 2 days remained until the Fury Cup tournament and the secret exchange between Lacy and the mysterious organization for the second stone. Lucas and the Buddy Club gained as much information during the past 3 months as they could about the Fury Cup tournament, but especially Lacy, a key figure in the Noxus Idealists, and one of the only members that knew of Superintendent Thomas's true nature. Lucas the whole time though had a question burrowed deep in the back of his mind about Andrew. Was Andrew in on the plan? Did he know the truth, and if he did, was he and Lucas ever really friends, or was it Thomas pulling the strings for information? Lucas wished he knew, but for now, he had to wait for the answer. After all, Lucas was currently in class signing up for the tournament events. Just two days before, the events were released to the school and Lucas and the Buddy Club decided who would do what. The events listed were, a relay race, a wrestling match, and finally a spelling bee contest. Lucas decided to sign up for

the spelling bee contest with Leim, Elsy, and Leo. It was also decided that Kaleb would participate in the wrestling match, and James and Neptune would do the relay race. After Lucas signed up in his home room class, he went about his normal day, awaiting tomorrow morning where the official roster for each class would be announced for the entire school. Lucas and the Buddy Club also got word that the entire organization that funded and sponsored the Fury Cup tournament, the Noxus Idealists, would be in attendance. In the roster it stated that Papyn, minister of foreign languages, Nortan, minister of music and culture, Tracy, minister of science, Mamo, minister of math, Griffin, minister of history, Lacy, minister of english, and Andrew, minister of technology, would all be attending the tournament, with the only exception being the leader Chief Counselor Zayn himself. Whether the next bit of news was good or bad could not be determined yet. Griffin and Andrew were set to only arrive at the Fury Cup tournament during the trophy ceremony at the end of the event. That meant that Lucas and the Buddy Club had to not only deal with one of The Three, Lacy, but also Papyn, Nortan, Tracy, and Mamo! According to the information gathered by Sarah about the Noxus Idealists, only Chief Counselor Zayn, Griffin, and Lacy were reported to have direct ties to Superintendent Thomas's evil plan. Papyn, Nortan, Tracy, and Mamo were also confirmed to not know the direct plan of Superintendent Thomas, with Andrew being

inconclusive about where his loyalty would lie. Whatever the case was, the entire Buddy Club had to be ready for what was in store. “Alright class, I hope to see you all participating in the Fury Cup Tournament in two days. Make sure you check the full released roster tomorrow as well.” Lucas’s 4th period teacher instructed the class. After the day ended, Lucas went home and began to mentally prepare for what would occur in just two short days...

## Chapter 6-

It was finally the day of the Fury Cup Tournament. The school day had just begun but the entire day was structured around the Fury Cup Tournament, starting with the teams for each event organizing a plan for their respective part. Lucas had met with his teammates that he had been paired up for the final event, the spelling bee. The team consisted of Lucas, Elsy, a girl named Katy, and a boy named CJ. After Lucas and his newly formed team discussed a strategy on how to beat the opposing side, the whole school was called to the auditorium for a special announcement. Once Lucas got inside the auditorium he sat down and looked at the stage which housed seven seats. Each seat had a name on it. The first was the principal’s, then Papyn, Nortan, Tracy, Mamo, Lacy, and on the end was the name **Superintendent Thomas**.

Lucas's heart dropped to the floor as he realized HE was here. Each seat was filled by the respected person sitting in it except Thomas's. Lucas quickly pulled out his phone and texted Sarah. "This was not supposed to happen!" Lucas worried to himself. He then messaged Sarah stating the dilemma and texting her the picture of the empty seat. Lucas felt like the room was still for an eternity before the principal walked to the pedestal and spoke into the microphone. "Hello all students and staff. It brings me joy to see all of these determined faces in one place ready to take the trophy home! Before we begin the activities we have a very special guest that will have a speech for all you aspiring straight A students! Please welcome Superintendent Thomas White of the South Carolina Education System School Board! All of the attendance in the auditorium then clapped and cheered as a bald man in a suit walked into the center of the stage. "Hello children. It's not every day I get to see so many faces that I can relate to." Lucas then saw Thomas gaze in the direction of Leo. "I am not afraid to call all of you my children, as I only want the best of you. That's why when I heard the news of the terrible incident with one of the students that went here, I had to do something. I wish I don't have to donate money to this cause, as it is terrible to exist in the first place, but I will be donating 100,000 dollars to the student Ethan's family and his death." Thomas spoke while bowing his head. "THAT BASTARD!" Lucas growled under his

breath. He knew exactly what he was doing. “Anyway, now that this has been taken care of, let the challenge begin! I wonder who will reign victorious?” Thomas ended with a slight smile looking right at Lucas in the auditorium. Lucas felt the eyes connect to his, and Lucas stared right back with no hesitation. After that, Lucas and his peers were taken to the stands outside to watch the relay race. Unfortunately James and Neptune seemed to bomb it and were some of the first out. “We can’t let Thomas’s mind games be the end of us!” Lucas kept telling himself. But even to him, the speech was getting to him. It was something about the aura on that stage he felt. Would Lucas have ever felt this dark feeling if he never met Leo and learned the truth? It didn’t matter because if he didn’t meet Leo that day, he would most likely be blown up on Thomas’s day of reckoning. After the relay race, Lucas and the others went to the gym to watch the wrestling match. Lucas tried his hardest to have fun and it seemed that it was working. Kaleb had already won the first matchup and was transitioning to the second of the three. To Lucas it seemed that Thomas’s speech made Kaleb more confident in his abilities. “I need to be like him.” Lucas thought to himself. “Alright everyone! We have the last two contestants of the wrestling match! Kaleb, and Jax! Let the match begin!” An announcer shouted. In a split moment Jax, who seemed to be the opponent, swung at Kaleb and pushed him to the ground. “Ohoooh!” The



crowd beamed. "Cmon Kaleb! You're strong!" Lucas shouted out loud. Lucas then saw Jax say something to Kaleb that seemed to make him falter. Since the arena was so far away, Lucas couldn't make out the words. In an instant though, it was over. Jax won without ever even being touched by his opponent. "No..." Lucas mumbled. It seemed that the Buddy Club's willpower had suddenly disappeared completely when Thomas spoke to them. Something had to change. Unfortunately Lucas didn't have much time to think things over because the final challenge, the spelling bee contest, was about to begin. Lucas then made his way to the auditorium once more to prepare with his team. "We can't be beat down like this. Things have to change..." Lucas repeated in his mind to help get the mental strength to continue pushing forward.

## Chapter 7-

Once Lucas got to the table, he met with Elsy, and the other members of his team Katy and CJ. "Let's do our best." Elsy stated. She looked at Lucas with a face only he would know what it meant. "I was planning on that." CJ smirked and began waving to the audience. "I've seen you before." Katy murmured in her seat next to Lucas. "You have?" Lucas paused, not taking his eyes off the crowd in front of them. The Noxus council and Thomas were in the

stands watching them. “You’re the kid that stopped the crazy vice principal. And the boy who is friends with Kaleb, who had a run in with the criminal Joseph. From what I remember you’re also friends with the girl who is related to an evil killer. Didn’t you also meet Axton befo-” “I don’t care if you did your research on me, let’s just win.” Lucas cut Katy off. “Mhmmm...” Katy murmured with a half smile. Lucas then saw their first opponent team. It couldn’t have been worse. It was Leo, Leim, and two others he didn’t recognize. “One of us will lose.” Lucas said. “Alright, let’s begin! The first question is how to spell the word “Insufferable.” The announcer shouted. Lucas then saw Katy buzz immediately. “Insufferable. I-n-s-u-f-f-e-r-a-b-l-e. Insufferable.” “Correct!” The announcer screamed. In just 5 minutes after every question was called, Katy answered it immediately. She got every point right! “Wow.” Lucas was stunned at her ability to think and react so fast. Not even Leim had a chance to buzz in. “Well, I think that’s a win for this team! You will go on to the final round against our very own council leaders Mamo, Tracy, Nortan, and Lacy!” The announcer stated. Lucas then saw a big woman with an orange shirt and a noticeable big earring that looked like an N, sitting down in the seat Mamo. She was the minister of math. Then another lady came in with a strange colorful dress. That lady then sat in the seat titled Tracy. She was the minister of science. Right behind Tracy was a man with a crazy mohawk that sat in the seat

titled Nortan. He was the minister of culture and arts. Lastly a tall lady with unusual bright blue eyes walked in and sat in the seat titled Lacy. She was the minister of English. She was also one of the few that knew and felt Thomas's evil presence. And yet she sat and smiled with one of the biggest real genuine smiles Lucas had ever seen. "Let's begin, and let the best one win." Lacy shouted for all to hear. For some reason, when he heard this, Lucas got even more motivated than ever before. Just like the last round, when the first question was asked, Katy answered it immediately and got it right. But when the second question began, Lucas saw Lacy's expression change from kindness to a twisted face of pleasure. Lacy buzzed first. "Correct!" The announcer stated. Lacy got the second question right. There were three more chances. They only needed to get two more right. Katy seemed taken aback by Lacy's quick reflexes, but to Lucas she seemed still confident in her skills. The third question then began and Lacy looked normal again. "Correct!" The announcer shouted. "Katy's team gets another point." Lucas had a feeling that Lacy was toying with them. It almost felt like Lucas was near Thomas. The amount of false kindness and hidden malice behind her smile was extreme. When the fourth question began, Lacy answered it with lightning fast speed, again with a twisted evil face. It was up to the last question. Lucas already knew though that Lacy let them win the rounds they did, and when he

looked at Katy, she knew too. In an instant after the fifth question was given, Lacy answered it and won. The final competition ended in defeat for Lucas, and all his friends.

## Chapter 8-

“That’s a wrap! Lacy takes the win for the Fury Cup Spelling Bee competition! Lacy do you have anything to say to the audience?” The announcer asked Lacy who now got up from the table. “Yes, thank you everyone that participated and cheered people on. Even though I won, I will be giving 10,000 dollars to the school board for improvement on YOUR school! I will be taking my leave now as there is something important for me to take care of. Chief Councilor Zayn will be giving a speech shortly so be prepared. Thank you all!” Lacy shouted to everyone in the auditorium. Lacy then walked off the stage in the back hallway, disappearing from view. “Other contestants please walk off the stage towards the back hallway please.” The announcer spoke to Elsy, CJ, Katy, and Lucas. CJ immediately huffed and puffed off the stage, followed by Katy who looked dissatisfied with the whole ordeal. Elsy and Lucas then walked off last. That’s when they were stopped by Lacy in the back hallway. “Hello children. You both fought hard in this challenge but I want you to know the facts. I don’t want you to be tricked and

think of something as possible, that in reality will never be possible. You will fail this challenge and there is nothing you can do to change that. Some things you will never be good enough at to win.” Lacy hushed raspily to Lucas and Elsy. She then walked away, out of the auditorium before Lucas and Elsy could even change their facial expression. Lucas and Elsy both knew what “challenge” she was talking about. Elsy then looked at her phone and said, “It’s 4:57 PM Lucas!” Lucas and Elsy then walked over to the auditorium exit, but were stopped by teachers. “Chief Councilor Zayn wants people to hear his message. Please sit back down.” The teachers said as they blocked the door. “But we need to go out now!” Lucas protested. “Nice try. Please sit down before you get in trouble.” The teacher scoffed. Lucas and Elsy then found Leo and the others and asked what to do. “We are out of time. I’ll take one for the team and make it look like I wet my pants.” Kaleb stated as he splashed water on himself and ran to the exit door. “It’s already 4:59, and the exchange is supposed to be in the cafeteria which is on the other side of the school!” Leim groaned. Just then, the lights dimmed in the auditorium and Chief Councilor Zayn walked onto the stage. “I made it apparent to not be late like normal for this message. It’s 5:00 PM sharp. Let me begin my message with a story.” Chief Councilor Zayn spoke. “Oh no.” Lucas gasped. Just 7 minutes later, the message from Chief Councilor Zayn ended and everyone left the auditorium.

Lucas, Elsy, James, Neptune, and Leim immediately looked for Kaleb in the cafeteria. "It's too late! They were already gone when I arrived. Not a trace of anyone being there." They heard Kaleb say when he walked up to them. That whole day had been a complete disaster for the Buddy Club. After they went home, the Buddy Club called Sarah on the report. "I see. Thomas coming in person was very surprising in of itself. You all must not worry though. There is still one more stone. Even if it is taken by Thomas, the chance of stopping him is not 0%. A very long time ago I had met Stacy when she was still young. During the interaction I gave her a special stone necklace as a gift. That stone is a last resort. The stone is a special killcode switch that can only work if placed within 9 feet of the host's computer to erase the code completely. I had created the device before I hid the stones. Hiding those stones is my greatest regret in life. I thought if I had kept them all, if I was found, it would be pointless. Using the killcode should be our last resort as that would mean we would have to use all our energy to find Stacy and infiltrate Thomas's building; specifically the 13th floor, 9 feet away from his computer during the code's activation. It will be easier to just get the third stone first." Sarah explained. "Do we have any leads on where it is? And what if Thomas finds it tomorrow? Will the schools be done for?!" James wailed. "I have reason to believe the code can only be activated on a certain date. I think that date is in more

than 2 years. As for the third stone, I know exactly where it is. I got confirmation just hours ago. I am quite certain Thomas has a lead on where it is, but does not know its location yet. We have the lead over him.” Sarah declared. “Then where is it?” Neptune asked. “It is in the Hall of History located on the grounds of the Noxus Headquarters, specifically the building next to the Noxus Dome. It is in a display case.” Sarah spoke. “Then let's go! Right now!” Lucas shouted. “Wait. There is one more thing I need to tell you all. I got a call from someone who is willing to help us get the stone. It is actually the same man that gave me the tip on where the stone actually was. His name is Andrew. He is one of The Three, and he told me he wants to help us stop Thomas and Chief Councilor Zayn.” Sarah stated. Lucas immediately felt a sigh of relief. “So he was a good person.” “He told us we should take it in 2 days right after the Noxus firework ceremony when everyone will be focused on the aftermath of the fireworks. He is meeting us tomorrow morning.” Sarah finished. “This is our chance to stop that evil man.” Kaleb grunted. “Yes. It has pained me everyday for more than 10 years that I only delayed his twisted plan and not stopped it completely.” Sarah sighed. “Well we will change that. This year.” Lucas declared. Lucas and the Buddy Club had a devastating destruction during the Fury Cup tournament but now they were fired up even more than before to stop Thomas. What no one knew at true time was that the

events that would take place in 2 days at the Noxus Hall of History would be so drastic that it would change the course of the entire world forever...

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