Phantasm Chronicles Pitch

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Synopsis:

A young boy has always seen things out of the corner of his eye. One day this led him to discovering a fight between two Spirits. Liam, seeing one is in danger, rushes in to help them. This results in Liam receiving a fatal blow. The spirit they saved, Junior, opts to do something that could very well change the history of the world and makes a grand sacrifice to save the boy.

He gives the boy his real name. A Phantasm's true name holds power, both over them and for those who know it.

Logline:

Liam has been turned into something between a human and a spirit. Junior, Prince of a God, recruits the boy to help him attend to his duties.

Liam now is equipped with a tool called the Phantasm Chronicles. Which allows him to befriend and summon Phantasms to help him on his missions.

As the story progresses and Liam grows older, the threats and stakes continue to rise. Growing from an episodic light hearted adventure story, into a dramatic battle for fate of the realms.

Character Introduction Monologue:

"Hey, my name's Liam – and I almost died. That is to say, when I was a kid I almost drowned. Ever since then I've started to see things out of the corner of my eye. Every time I did it would make me think twice about if I actually did die, at least for a moment."

"It happened when I was five. Which was about ten years ago now."

"I would always try to catch a better glimpse of the things I could see. But whenever I tried to look, I couldn't see more. After a while I started to just sit with them. When I didn't look they didn't go away. I got used to doing this after a while. To the point that it was second nature to do so. Eventually, though – it suddenly felt like, this time if I looked, I would see something. I'm not exactly sure why I feel that way. Or why exactly after I felt it, that I no longer ever tried to look at them again. It wasn't like I was scared of what I would see. Just that once I did… I would know what it was — and there would be no going back."

Main Characters:

Liam:

Ethos: Quote directed at final Antagonist Watcher during penultimate battle: “I want you to be my **FRIEND**!!!”

Bio: Main Character.

Character Arcs: Boy-To-Man. Man-To-Struggler. Struggler-To-Hero.

Junior:

True Name: Deos

Bio: Prince of a God. Will be ascending the ranks. Has the idea to foster the growth of various individuals so that when the time comes, he will have his own team to step out onto the larger stage with.

Design: Turned into a chibi version of himself after giving his name away. Has a large red scarf.

Winter: Frost/Ice

Design: Frost hair. Green eyes. Ponytail.

Bio: Calm, intelligent, driven. Main character Love Interest.

Secondary Main Characters:

B-Rank:*

First major antagonist.

Brains:*

Bio: Brains/Guide/Inventor. Highest marks of her year of graduates from the Academy.

Criminal Phantasm:*

Is falsely framed for a crime they didn’t commit. They join together with Liam to catch the real criminal and end up a part of the main cast.

Mechanics:

Chronicle:

Once Liam helps / befriends a Phantasm. They give them their name.

Which is recorded in the Chronicle.

Which was an ancient tome that gets modernized into a phone. The inputting of the names being a contacts list.

Chronicle Phone can be used to message and call Phantasm's as well.

Using this Liam can:

Learn and then use one of the Phantasm’s abilities.

Summon a controllable Shade of the Phantasm.

Or entirely summon the Phantasm to his location.

Each of these actions takes Spirit Energy to perform.

Shade:

A phantasm can take on the form of a shade. A cute marketable, extra small version of themselves. This form is at a fraction of their true power. These Shades can be called on using the Chronicle.

Liam must call someone on the Contact list, with them accepting the summoning, and then Spirit Energy must be spent equal to their power, for them to be summoned.

If the Phantasm passes on as they give their name, this puts a Phantom copy into the Chronicle.

Technicals:

Phantasm Rankings:

All Phantasm can be ranked based on power.

Ten Rankings from F–to–Z. With pluses and minus as well. Taking the total ranks up to 30.

Z: God Tier (Do all Z-Ranks have title of king? Like Dark King does? So, like- Soul King? Beast King? Others)?

S-SSS: Insane Tier

F-A: Insignificant-to-Elite

Notes:

MC nearly dies and gains the powers of a ghost, otherwise known as a Phantasm.

They "died" trying to do the right thing. This mixed with aptitude at being a Phantasm, the MC is granted a power and a roll as a *insert cool name here* a protector and keeper of the balance.

Humans can't die in Spirit Realm. Phantasm can't die in human realm.

Supporting Cast:

Spring: Air

Design: Green hair. Yellow eyes. Twintail.

Summer: Ground

Design: Yellow hair. Red eyes. Two front braids and down the back hair. (Three hair).

Autumn: Heat/Fire

Design: Red hair. Blue eyes. Straight hair. (Zero hair groups).

Queen Nature:

Four Seasons Combined:

Bio: A being that got split into the four seasons / Elements.

Reiji:*

Bio: Older brother of Junior. Also has a red scarf, but two tails.

Watcher:

Bio: Final antagonist. While in school he dealt with the dealings of one of the Z-Rank Deities (Dark King). Which ended up with his four closest friends dying. Aizen from that point on vowed to destroy the current power structure. Including beings beyond it. To take his spot as the sole overseer of existence.

Dark King:

Bio: Kind of evil. But mostly obsessed with the being beyond Z-Rank and dealing with the coming storm. (Bone druid esc).

Zole:

Bio: The only person to ever be known to reach the Z-Rank without inheriting it. This however seemed too much for the Phantasm and he lost his mind before being defeated. A situation which cost Queen Nature her existence. This event brought a new Z-Rank into existence and then two left.

Outline:

Volume 1:

Arc 1: F- To E- Phantasms faced and solved.

Chapter 1: [Bullet Points]

Liam finds the tail of the fight between Junior and B-Rank.

Liam leaps in to help.

Liam tries to rush Junior away.

Liam is basically killed by B-Rank.

Junior manages to separate them again.

Junior offers up his real name, under the condition of never saying it to anyone else.

Deos.

From the power of the name Liam becomes a Phantasm.

Liam notes feeling different.

Junior states that all he needs is the briefest of seconds to counter B-Rank.

Liam only has to distract him for a fraction of a moment.

Liam accepts the mission and faces off against B-Rank.

B-Rank is about to rekill Liam, but after seeing the unwavering look in his eyes the monster hesitates for a moment.

Junior (Foreshadowingly) takes on his true form in a big ball of light and then blasts B-Rank.

The beam tears through the forest.

Junior (Small again) falls back, remarking that B-Rank truly is something else. To be injured and still survive that attack.

Liam is worried about this, but Junior reassures him that both of the two fighters must be completely wiped at this point.

Junior then proceeds to pass out.

Liam, still worried takes Junior home to try and help the strange creature.

While home, Liam discovers that he has strange abilities.

Liam accidently has his arm phase through something he was leaning on.

But instead of hitting the floor, he hovers right over it.

This he finds kind of cool, but still trippy.

However, when he comes to discover he can't seem to be seen or heard the boy begins to panic.

In that moment Junior wakes back up and reassures Liam things will be fine.

That being seen again will just be a matter of learning how to use his new found abilities.

Junior introduces himself as Junior.

Junior explains some stuff about things.

Junior explains he needs time to recuperate.

However he still has a job to do here.

This is when Junior tries to recruit Liam to handle some small Phantasm related tasks for him.

That it is the good for everyone. And even a little bit of help can go a long way.

Plus field missions will allow him to quickly get a handle on his powers.

Outline Notes:

Story outlined up through Volume 6. With General Outline of the remaining arcs. Resolution fully Outlined.