

(Important Note: In the past, I said Marfuega was Aken's galaxy in which she makes planets, and Sollune was Guardiox's galaxy, but that is not the case anymore. Sollune and Marfuega are not the names of their galaxies, they're the names of their homes, and where the deceased are (they're afterlives, basically)).

Orbix was sick of Terrafall.

He hated looking down upon the thousands of holographic hands just a few miles below him. He hated hearing those haunting noises from portals thousands of feet apart from him. He dreaded each and every death that he had, his deaths had left him feeling numb and emotionless, and it had made him want to slip into the void of hands a little more every time he died, just to see what they had in store for him. But he knew that was a bad idea, those hands were a portal that would lead him straight to Marfuega, home of Aken and all of those who had died that she disliked. He wanted nothing to do with her.

And so, he didn't search for a perfect world this time because he knew it was pointless. With every world he wound up in, it always ended with tragedy, regardless if it looked perfect on the outside. He was just looking for a home. A place where he could simply live in and not have to worry about death. He didn't care if it was a chaotic world, all he wanted was to live. Every other world he's been in had been torture. In some worlds he would immediately die, while some seemed promising at first, but soon ended in a torturous death. He'd been through all of the deaths that you could think of. Drowning, sizzling in an acid pool, decapitation, you name it. After a few more deaths, he finally found the world.

He found himself lying down in a forest, looking up at a bright, oddly calming sun. He heard birds singing melodies to each other as a small butterfly fluttered past his head. Had he actually found a tame world?

He got up and looked around, though, there wasn't really much to look at. It was just a normal, green forest. That wasn't until someone behind him shouted a "hello" to him.

Orbix turned around and saw a strange creature (but it wasn't as strange as other creatures he's seen before in other worlds). The creature's body resembled that of a brown stegosaurus, except if a stegosaurus had no front legs and instead had arms. It looked as though he had grass clung to his head, hands, and his back. He let out a grass-like hand and unraveled his tan, claw-like fingers for Orbix to shake. He said that his name was Moss. He was particularly curious about what Orbix was doing in this supposedly vacant forest. Orbix was hesitant to shake his hand, but did so and introduced himself. Moss got the idea that Orbix may have not had a home, so he told him to follow him to his group. He mentioned that his group needed more "members." Whatever that meant was beyond Orbix, but he followed along anyway.

As they walked along, Moss talked to Orbix about all sorts of things. Moss was quite the talkative and excitable fellow, Orbix guessed.

After about an hour or so, they finally made it to their destination. They were in front of a mountain side, with greenery all around it. Moss lifted up his hand that started to smoke gray-red fumes, and quietly said some unintelligible words. Once he did that, the mountain started making a large opening. Inside the opening were stone stairs spiraling down into the rock below, with torches clinging to the wall that brightened the path downwards. They both went down the stairs, and after a little bit of time found themselves in circular, dungeon-like room. The room's walls and floors were all made of stone bricks, and the roof was a large dome that had a bright light at the top. Just below the light had a large, old and worn down statue of someone Orbix hated, Aken. Aken's eyes were made of large rubies that shined bright in the light's glow. Around the statue were four pillars that shot up to the roof. The room had three hallways, one behind the statue, and two to the left and right of the statue. In front of the statue was a gray creature. The creature's light gray body resembled that of a raptor, and had a dark gray mane going down from his face to the end of his neck. On top of his head he had little black horns, and his back had the same colored spines going along down to the start of his dark gray, lion-like tail. Moss explained to him that he wanted Orbix to be able to stay here. The creature, whose name was Ray, said that would be fine, on one condition. He said that Orbix would have to pass "The Trial" after a week, whatever that meant, before he would be able to stay, as "all newcomers have to go through it." Afterwards, without any explanation on what they were talking about, Moss and Ray gave Orbix a tour of the place.

The hallways were filled with twists and turns, and littered with rooms everywhere, some of which were completely empty and collecting cobwebs. They eventually got to a room with an average wooden door. They said that this would be Orbix's room for the week, and will be his room permanently if he passes The Trial. Orbix asked what The Trial exactly was, and Ray explained that you would have to successfully summon a ring of fumes in an area called Lookout Mountain. He also said that the books on his bed in his room will help Orbix learn how to summon the fumes. Once he said that, they let Orbix go in his room and get comfortable.

The room wasn't anything special. It had a small bed in the top center of the room, with a painting of a gray feather above it. The room was surrounded with bookcases, and it's walls had a worn, green wallpaper. Orbix read the books that Ray told him were on his bed and started studying them. He couldn't help but notice that the books said that the trick he was trying to perform would take up to a month to learn, but that didn't stop him from trying to do it in a week. This was the best world he's went to yet, and he wasn't going to mess this up.

And he didn't. After five days, he learned to summon a ring of fumes. How he did it in such a short time he was unsure, but he did it. After a week, he did The Trial. Moss, Ray, Orbix, and the rest of the members of the group all went to the Lookout Mountain. They all wore a gray hood with a red outline and a red Aken symbol on the cape. Ray explained to the group that their leader wasn't able to attend, as he's been out and about for a while, but they would continue The Trial anyway. In front of them was a large lake with a stone circle at the center. The circle had Aken's symbol engraved in the rock. It also had four pillars of stone around the circle coming from the water. Ahead of the stone circle was the large Lookout Mountain. It had a large eye engraved into it, with a waterfall pouring from the eye. Orbix was supposed to summon the ring of fumes within the stone circle, and he did so within a minute. Once he did so, the pillars around him sprouted flames, and the earth rumbled. The eye before him turned a red color, and just in front of him, a hood materialized into shape. It was the same hood the rest of the group were wearing. He put it on and turned to the group, awaiting a response. They all seemed amazed for a moment, then quickly their expressions turned sour. Ray said a simple "congrats" and started walking back to their hideout along with the rest of the group. The only one who stayed and waited for Orbix and whose expression stayed amazed was Moss. He congratulated and complimented Orbix numerous times, and was overall very excited about the situation. Orbix asked why everyone else seemed angry at him, and Moss said "Oh, they're just envious at your amazing ability! They only mastered that after a month or two, but you did it in a week! How cool!" Orbix was not at all flattered that he was envied, but smiled anyway. It was nice to have a friend.

After he did The Trial, everyone, except Moss, seemed to despise him. They all ignored him and excluded him from things they did together unless he asked to join. Ray was particularly hateful towards Orbix, and it scared him. Ray once sliced at Orbix with his razor-like fingers during an argument, and only Moss was there to stop it. Ray reminded Orbix of all of the monsters he's seen in all of the worlds he's been in, and thus Orbix began to be scared of him more.

Not everything was all bad though, he had Moss. Moss always seemed to cheer him up, and he would invite Orbix to do many activities with him. He had a very kind heart, and Orbix always appreciated his company.

Orbix began to praise Guardiox in secret, instead of Aken. He hopes that one day he could meet Guardiox and live in Sollune, where she resides. And honestly, he has a theory on how to do just that. He just has to stay here in this world for a few more years to put his theory into action.

...aaand that's it! :D There's a couple of details I left out in this, but this is already getting real long lol. Thank you for reading!! This took me a while to write, so I really appreciate it! :D

(TL;DR: After getting sick of Terrafall, Orbix finds a world to stay in. He joins a group that worships Aken. He passes a test in a short time, leaving the members of the group envious of him. Only Moss is nice to him. Orbix is scared of Ray. Orbix praises Guardiox in secret, and wants to go to Sollune.)