

A Living Reminder

Lyra and Haze Xenoblade 2 AU

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Hello all! Mad Duck here with something that I've thought about for a while now. If you follow me on Twitter (or know me from Discord), then you know how much I love Haze. Not just because of how much of a sweet cinnamon roll she is, but also because of her plot relevance in Xenoblade 2 even long after her death. At the same time though, I can't help but feel bad for her because of what all she goes through thanks to Amalthus, which is why I ended up creating this AU where she becomes the Blade of an OC of mine named Lyra. Now is that the only reason why I created Lyra? Nope! I've taken the steps to make sure that I make Lyra interesting as a character, without her only existing just so Haze can have a happier ending than what canon gave her. So without further ado, let's dive into it!



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- Lyra and Haze's Backstory and Presence in XC2

As we all know, in canon, upon Lora's death, Haze ends up returning to her Core Crystal. Not long after that her Core is eventually found by Amalthus, where in canon he awakens her, gives her the new identity of Fan la Norne (which is taken up by another one of my OCs, but I'll get to that later.) and Amalthus takes half of her Core to become a Blade Eater, and obtain her ability to nullify Blades. One thing I've always liked to headcanon regarding this is Mikhail tried to hide

Haze's Core Crystal from the Indoline army that took him (alongside the rest of the Tornan refugees who survived the attack against Spessia) to Indol, but it was still found and confiscated from him. This still happens, only this time before the Indoline soldiers could take him into custody, Mikhail throws Haze's Core Crystal into the Cloud Sea (We never find out exactly how close Addam's Militia camp is to the Cloud Sea, but for the sake of handwaving it, let's just say the area of Spessia that Haze and Mikhail ended up at was a lot closer to the Cloud Sea compared to where Lora and Jin ended up). He knew this meant Haze would be a Blade who would be lost to time, but he'd rather have that as her fate than for her to become the Blade of someone like Amalthus.

Now you may be wondering how does Amalthus become a threat here if he doesn't awaken Haze? Well, that's where two other OCs of mine come into play. Ronin, and Blossom. To keep things short and sweet with them, Ronin was a mercenary who became friends with Lora not long after she ran away from home, and is a rather gruff and blunt guy, but still means well. Blossom, his Blade, by contrast, is rather sweet and sympathetic, but is prone to messing with Ronin now and again, and Ronin mentions how Blossom takes on attributes of his sister, who he lost sometime prior to meeting Lora. Blossom has a similar ability to Haze that allows her to nullify Blades, but Blossom's is a bit more dangerous because if she were to use too much of it, she could either make a Blade pass out, or even outright destroy their Core Crystal, therefore killing them. Something that Ronin not only kept secretive, but also regretted giving her since anyone could potentially make her a living weapon. Ronin and Blossom accompanied Lora, Jin, Haze, and Mikhail to Spessia, and just like Lora, Ronin was killed in the Indoline attack against Spessia, and tried to convince Blossom to destroy her Core so she wouldn't be awakened by

someone with a wicked heart, but Blossom couldn't bring herself to do it, and returned to her Core Crystal upon Ronin's death. Her Core is eventually found by Amalthus, where he awakens her, gives her the identity of Fan la Norne, and steals half of her Core Crystal (though thankfully he only knew about the aspect of Blossom's ability that allows her to restrict Blades. He never knew about that aspect of it that allowed her to make Blades pass out, or destroy Core Crystals). In this instance though, it's more gut wrenching considering Amalthus took away the only remnant someone had of their family away from them.

As for Haze, her Core Crystal ended up in the Cloud Sea, where not long after, it ended up on Genbu, and thanks to things like erosion and animals moving it around, Haze's Core Crystal ended up in a snowy tundra next to Tantal, where nearly 500 years later, it's discovered by a young girl with long brown hair, golden eyes, and typical Tantalese clothing. This little girl, of course, is Lyra at the age of four. Once she's separated from her parents, she wanders aimlessly in the cold, snowy drifts of Genbu before noticing a blue glow coming from the distance. Upon reaching the snow and ice the blue glow came from, she prys at it until it's finally freed, and she discovers that it's a Core Crystal. Having always been fascinated by the concept of Drivers and Blades (given how Blades are both a Driver's partner in combat, as well as a friend a person can have for life. As even from a young age Lyra always viewed Blades as people), Lyra really wanted to awaken the Blade, but was also scared to do so because she knows what happens to a person if they don't have the potential to awaken one. Not wanting the Blade to end up in the wrong hands, Lyra takes the Core Crystal with her, and even uses its blue glow to her advantage as she's able to reunite with her parents.

Two years after Lyra found the Core Crystal, her parents managed to secure better paying jobs in Torigoth, and were finally going to leave Genbu and its isolated society behind them. This should've been a great thing, but unfortunately, Lyra ended up losing her mother due to a gang of bandits that were at large at the time in Mor Ardain (As they couldn't afford a Titan ship that would go directly to Torigoth, so they had to go to Mor Ardain first). Lyra even nearly lost her own life as well, but her father protected her at the cost of him becoming gravely wounded. Holding his daughter dearly and using every last bit of strength he had, Lyra's father carried her to a different ship heading for Leftheria, and then carried her all the way to Fonsett Village, knowing that Lyra would be able to grow up there happily, even if both him and her mom wouldn't be there to see it. Lyra is quickly taken in by Corinne, and she forms close bonds with most of the people in Fonsett, and especially becomes close with Rex, who she forms a strong sibling-like relationship with.

At the age of 13, and in the seven years since being brought to Fonsett, Lyra essentially became the children's "big sister." Always looking out for others, and putting bullies in their place. She had also been training with a staff (with her and Rex more often than not sparring), as she decided she was going to be a mercenary when she's older, due to wanting to look out for others the same way her parents did. It's also around this time that Lyra reveals to Rex the Core Crystal she's kept with her ever since she was four. Remarking how she's always wanted to awaken the Blade, but didn't know if she could. Rex, of course, encourages her to do so, believing it would be awesome if she had a Blade. Corinne was concerned for Lyra at first, as she knows what happens to a person if they try to awaken a Blade and they don't have the potential, but still

assures Lyra that it's her choice, and she wouldn't be mad at her. Lyra, with Rex and Corinne watching her, awakens the Core, and...

She succeeds! The Blade's weapon, a fancy looking Crosier, appears and Lyra quickly grabs it. Remarking on how she didn't think their weapon would look like that, but quickly forgets about it once the Blade appears before her. Taking the form of a woman with dark-chocolate brown hair (which is also the same shade of brown as Lyra's), a golden circlet on her head, a red and white priestess like dress with green accents and a piece of gold band-like clothing, and a diamond-shaped Core Crystal that glowed a deep blue. Her eyes open, revealing themselves to be the same shade of gold as Lyra's, and the Blade states her name.

Haze.

Lyra's reaction to awakening Haze at first can be summed up as the image below.



And there was one reason for this. Haze looked nearly identical to Lyra. Having identical hair colors, eye colors, nearly being the same height (as Lyra is a few inches shorter, but does become the same height as Haze upon turning 18), and even identical looking faces. Corinne takes note of it as well, saying the two almost look like twins. Rex thinks it's awesome. Seeing Lyra become a Driver and having a Blade who looks exactly like her. Essentially getting two big sisters. Lyra, being genuinely excited at the fact that she's now a Driver, and the fact that she essentially had a sister now, welcomed Haze with open arms, which of course Haze gladly accepts, pleased to be of service to her lady.

In the five years since, Lyra and Haze have formed a strong bond equivalent to that of sisters, and as a result, Haze ended up forming a strong sibling-like bond with Rex, just like her Driver. Rex even thinks Lyra's combat prowess got better upon her resonating with Haze, which Lyra chuckles at, saying that it's both her and Haze working together as a team to get as strong as they

are, which Haze happily agrees to. Not long after Rex left Fonsett to become a salvager (which happens when he turns 11 instead of 10), and before leaving Fonsett to start working as a merc, Lyra decided it was time for a bit of a change and with some help from Corrine, she cuts her hair to shoulder length. She wanted to do this to be a bit more practical in combat, and she didn't want to deal with the pain of tying her hair in a ponytail. After this, she and Haze both set out to begin work as Mercenaries.

Sometime later, Lyra and Haze end up running into Rex at Argentum, and the three catch up on what they've been up to. Rex informs them about the big job he just got from Chairman Bana, but upon describing the people who hired him, Lyra can't help but be a little suspicious on what it's really about. Rex assures his sisters he'll be fine, but Haze makes him promise both her and Lyra that he'll stay safe, which he promises to do so. Shortly after, Lyra accidentally bumps into Jin, and Jin is immediately taken aback for some reason. His eyes almost tear up upon looking at Lyra, and after seeing Haze walk to her, makes a break for the Monoceros. Lyra wonders why she felt a sense of familiarity when looking at Jin, but when Haze asks her Driver if something's the matter, Lyra brushes it off as just being her imagination. Meanwhile, we cut to Jin looking at Lora's body in ice on the Monoceros, and suddenly Lyra appears where Lora is. Jin then ends up asking "How was she able to come back?"

Just when Lyra and Haze are about to leave Argentum, they notice the giant boat-like watercraft (the Monoceros) following the Maelstrom. Azurda notices the two and, after catching them up about his suspicions of who's on the Monoceros, urges that they don't have time to waste and must follow after it before something happens to Rex. The two agree, and by the time they

arrive, the battle has already broken out. Lyra and Haze jump off Azurda's back to lend some assistance to Rex by using Haze's nullification ability, which buys them enough time to get everyone together and escape. As in canon, Azurda is shot with multiple spears from the canon of the Monoceres, and Jin tells Malos that it's enough for now, and thus concludes Chapter 1.

In Chapter 2, Lyra and Haze end up with Nia and Dromarch in getting separated from Rex, Pyra, and Azurda. Lyra and Haze reunite with Rex and Pyra first, which leads into Lyra chopping Rex on the head for worrying her to death, and Haze slapping him for the same thing, especially given what Azurda told her and Haze, but both of them end up hugging him afterwards, being glad he's okay. Haze ends up asking about the Core on Rex's chest, and if Pyra was his Blade, only for Rex to respond that he'll tell them about it later and that they need to find Nia. After fighting the Brog, the six set up camp for the night, and Rex informs Lyra, Haze, and Azurda about how he became Pyra's Driver and how he got the Core in his chest (only to be met with another bonk from Lyra and another slap from Haze after finding out he got stabbed in the heart by Jin), and his goals of reaching Elysium. Lyra, finding her brother's ambitions admirable, decides to join him in his quest for Elysium. Rex wonders if that would get in the way of her and Haze's work as mercenaries, but Haze states that one of the perks of mercenary work is you aren't tied to one specific job, and pretty much have free rein to do what you see fit. Rex gladly accepts, glad to see his sisters have his back. During the talk Pyra has with Azurda, Pyra mentions that Lyra's looks, personality, and the bond she shares with Haze remind her so much of Haze's previous driver, to which Azurda agrees, wondering if it's more than just a coincidence.

The scene where the party watches the Driver Recruitment plays out a bit differently then it does in canon. Given that he saw Lyra awaken Haze five years beforehand, Rex already knew to some extent about what happens when someone unqualified tries to resonate with a Blade. But still didn't expect that someone could lose so much blood for not having the aptitude (With Lyra whispering to him that now he knows why she was hesitant on resonating with Haze for a good while, though Haze doesn't take offense to this, as she knows her Driver didn't mean it in a bad way).

The gang then ends up running to Captain Padraig and the other soldiers from the Ardainian Army, who inform them that Nia and Dromarch are wanted criminals for being members of Torna, then deciding to take Rex in as well due to him not being registered with Indol, and therefore being an "illegal" Driver. They notice Lyra and Haze, and due to traveling alongside Rex and Nia, decide to take them in as well, despite Lyra and Haze trying to diffuse the situation. They end up succeeding in wiping the floor with Padraig, only for Brighid to show up and assist the Ardainian Soldiers. The fight ensues, and Brighid proves to be a little too much for the party to handle. Upon Nia and Dromarch being captured in Ether Nets, Rex asks Lyra and Haze if they could use Haze's nullification ability, but Haze shoots that down because of how open it would leave her, and increase the chances of her and Lyra being caught in Ether Nets. Suddenly a bomb hits a waterpipe above Brighid, and seeing a chance, Lyra and Haze both use Haze's nullification ability to weaken Brighid just long enough for Rex and Pyra to use Burning sword and allow the five of them to escape. They then run into Tora, who guides them into his house to hide from the Ardainian soldiers.

Tora then shows the gang around his house and then calls Rex “Rex-Rex,” and Lyra “Ly-Ly,” Already seeing both of them as great Drivers. Both Rex and Lyra agree that they don’t know if they’ve earned the respect, but decide to roll with it, and Haze can’t help but giggle, finding it sweet. The moment Rex mentions wanting to save Nia, Tora mentions that they’d have to ask around Torigoth for that kind of info, which all of them agree to do, but they end up eating first.

After some shenanigans (such as eating Pyra’s cooking, asking around Torigoth for info on Nia and Dromarch, etc), the gang begins to form their plan for rescuing Nia and Dromarch. As they do, Tora reveals Poppi to everyone, and how he still needs the parts to finish, and after doing some tasks to obtain the Bion Connectors and Perfect Range Sensor, Tora finishes Poppi and awakens her, only for her to do her cutesy “How may I be of service master?” Shtick, with Tora scrambling to do damage control. Lyra just ends up looking at Tora with a menacing glare, while Haze raises an eyebrow at Tora’s antics. Pyra asks about Poppi’s other settings, and glances towards Tora’s dresser of maid dresses. Lyra notices as well, and Haze holds her back to prevent her from beating Tora to no end.

The infiltration goes the same (with Lyra and Haze trying to hold back their laughter from Rex’s mishap with Pyra), Haze ends up detecting Dromarch in his cell on the Titan warship, which Poppi also is able to detect, which confuses Rex and Tora, as they understood how Haze was able to do it, given her ability to manipulate Ether, but Poppi wasn’t built with anything similar. Lyra theorizes that it could have something to do with Poppi’s status as an Artificial Blade that allows to feel other Blades in a similar manner to Haze’s Ether Manipulation. After freeing both Nia and Dromarch, the gang runs into Dughall, who continuously tries hiding behind Dolmes to

"succeed" in fighting the party, only for it to go south once both Lyra and Haze strategize to use Haze's Blade Nullification, which everyone agrees to, and after successfully giving themselves enough distance, the party successfully pulls off their plan, and Dughall is defeated.

The fight against Morag plays out in a mostly identical manner, though instead of ending with Rex destroying Torigoth's water tower, Lyra strategizes that they make use of an escape plan by using Dromarch's abilities as a Water Blade, Haze's Blade Nullification, and Rex and Pyra's Burning Sword, which works in their favor, as the gang manages to successfully escape.

In Chapter 3, the gang ends up in Uraya after a failed attempt at reaching the World Tree. Which, given how dark the Titan is, makes it rather ominous. Lyra and Haze, both sharing a fear of ghosts, get spooked by Pyra and end up screaming while hugging each other tightly before being calmed down by her and Rex. The gang meets Vandham after traversing through the Titan, and upon arriving in Garfont, Lyra is immediately in awe. She's heard about the Garfont Mercenaries in passing, but never thought she'd get to see what they're like. Haze wonders if they would be able to learn anything new from them that could, in turn, help them on their journey, and wanting to explore around Garfont HQ, takes Lyra by the hand as the two look around the village. During this time, Lyra converses with Vandham and informs her about working as a mercenary, and when Vandham asks her why she decided to become one, she tells him that it's because she wants to look out for others the same way her parents did before they died. Always helping people in need with smiles on their faces. Showing people that when things look grim, there will always be someone who'll be there to help you. Lyra, of course, isn't completely blind to thinking that way will always work, as she's had her fair share of jobs from people who were

rather lousy, but she still finds a sense of accomplishment with helping people. Something Vandham compliments her for.

After fighting Akhos (who the party was somewhat on even footing with given that Haze was around), and noticing Rex and Pyra's situation regarding their shared life-force, Vandham notices something about Lyra and Haze as Haze tends to her Driver's injuries, which leads to this exchange.

Vandham: "You know Lyra, if I didn't already know Haze was your Blade, I would've mistaken you two for being twins."

Lyra (chuckling): "You're not the first person to say that. I know it's not uncommon for Blades to take aspects from the Drivers who first awakened them, but Haze already appeared how she does when I first resonated with her five years ago."

Haze: "Well, whatever the case, I'm happy I look at least a little like you, my lady." (She says as she hugs Lyra's arm).

Lyra (laughing): "We're even the same dress size!"

Haze: "Right!?"

Upon hearing that, Pyra ends up getting a sense of deja-vu, given how Haze said something a long time ago with her previous Driver. While she is a little curious on how exactly Lyra

resonated with Haze, she's very happy that Haze had a Driver who shared a similar bond with her that she had with Lora.

After trekking through Uraya (and meeting Zeke, who Lyra states to never have met during mercenary work. Haze even gushes over how cute Turturs looks when Pyra picks him up), the gang arrives in Fonsa Myma, where upon noticing the increased tensions between Uraya and Mor Ardain, Lyra gets a bit frustrated, given how she's heard about it to no-end during her mercenary work. Haze comforts her Driver with an understanding look, and Lyra lets it go, remembering that it's just something they unfortunately have to live with. After meeting Iona, and watching the play depicting Addam's story during the Aegis War, the gang meets Minoth, and he and Pyra have a private conversation. Minoth mentions Haze, seeing her bonded with a new Driver that, upon his first glance, reminded him of Lora. Pyra tells him she thought the same thing, and wonders if it's more than a coincidence. Not long after, Iona gets taken by Malos and Akhos, Pyra initially goes alone to fight them, only for everyone else to show up. Upon being overpowered, Haze attempts to use her Nullification ability again, but Akhos and Obrona barely give them any time to react. Upon Vandham's death Mythra awakens, Malos and Akhos are defeated (and subsequently the deaths of Sever and Obrona once their cores are destroyed by Siren), and Rex sobs at Vandham's death, with Lyra and Haze comforting him as he hugs his sisters tightly.

At the start of chapter 4, we get to Vandham's funeral, during which Lyra explains to Tora the tradition of mercenaries being buried where they fall. Once the gang returns to Fonsa Myma, Lyra and Haze check up on Rex, knowing that he's still a bit shaken up from Vandham's death.

Rex asks Lyra how she can deal with loss so easily, given that she lost her parents just like him, and he remembers being distraught over his parents' deaths for a while after coming to Fonsett. Lyra informs him that it's never easy, and losing someone you care about is always heartbreaking, but she knows deep down, Vandham still would want Rex to keep moving forward, and "fight his own war." Haze says that the world will always be filled with strife, but the way she sees it, people can do one of two things with that strife. Either become so consumed by it that they can't move forward, or choose to accept that it will always be a part of them, but they can still keep their heads held high. She adds that she knows that from experience given who her Driver is, causing Lyra to laugh. Lyra adds that she's a little envious of Rex for being Pyra and Mythra's Driver, and subsequently the Driver of the Aegis, compared to her who's just your average Driver. Haze even jokes that Rex has quite the title to live up to, much to Rex's embarrassment.

Minoth gives the party his dagger and informs them of his status as a Flesh Eater. Haze, being able to manipulate Ether, gets the idea to manipulate the Ether around Minoth to help him with his health. Which works, but she notes that given how thin the Ether concentration in Fonsa Myma is, it's not a perfect job. Minoth accepts it anyway, glad to see Haze is still very much the same as she was with her previous Driver. Haze asks that she had a Driver before Lyra, which Pyra says yes to, and even notes that Lyra reminds her a lot of Haze's previous Driver, something that catches both the sisters off guard. Pyra promises to tell them about her another time, but does mention that her name was Lora. Haze notices that Lyra is thinking about something, and when she asks her what's wrong, Lyra mentions how the name Lora sounds familiar in a way, but she can't put her finger on why.

Back in Argentum, the incident Rex has with Mythra (unfortunately) still happens as in canon, though this time Lyra and Haze, both being love freaks, tease Rex about it by complementing their little brother's courage, much to Rex's chagrin.

After going off the beaten path to get Roc's Core Crystal back, the gang arrives in Mor Ardain, and after exploring Alba Cavanich a bit, stays the night at the inn, where the girls decide to take a soak in the hot spring (should note that Haze has her hair tied up while soaking in the hot spring). Once Mythra joins, Lyra and Haze attempt to tease her about the incident with Rex in Argentum, only to be met with a death glare and the two end up backing away from her. The two of them don't notice Nia's Core Crystal because they were chatting amongst themselves. After the bath some explosions are heard in Alba Cavanich, where the gang sees Lila, and after she retreats back to the abandoned factory, Morag meets with everyone again. After a little bout (that stems from them mistaking Poppi for Lila) Morag agrees to work with the party to find the true culprits behind the attack against Alba Cavanich.

After the expedition to the Abandoned Factory (Tora reuniting with his father (something Lyra couldn't help but smile at, even in spite of Tora's antics from before), dealing with Bana, which was a breeze thanks to Haze and Poppi awakening her QT mode), the gang encounters Patroka and Mikhail. Upon laying eyes on Lyra, Mikhail begins to see what Jin was talking about, and realizes that he wasn't bullshitting. What made him even more shocked was that Haze, a Blade whose Core Crystal he threw into the Cloud Sea 500 years ago, was standing right in front of him. While Mikhail wants to get answers, he puts it aside for now and attempts to inform Patroka

about Haze's nullification ability, but Patroka, thinking Mikhail's about to flirt with her again, punches him in the face before he can even explain it. Which comes back to bite them in the ass when the party ambushes the two, and then Lyra passes Haze's Crosier back to her for her to use her nullification ability, which gives Mythra enough time to destroy Perdido and Cressidus's Cores. Upon noticing Patroka's power, and noting how Patroka and Mikhail were weakened in a similar way to Malos and Akhos, Haze tries to use her nullification ability again, only for another Blade to beat her to the punch. Lyra, confused given that Haze was the only Blade she knew with an ability to nullify Blades, looks back along with Haze to see a woman with long orange hair, an elegant looking blue dress, a staff in the shape of a flower emitting Ether from the stems, and a Core Crystal in the shape of a semi-circle in her chest (with the lower half looking like a scar where the other half should be). Mikhail, realizing who that Blade was, takes Patroka and makes a run for it. After the two members of Torna escape, Morag and Brighid look back to see the newcomer, who they address as Fan la Norne, Goddess of the Pratorieum. Mythra, confused, looks at Fan, who gives a small smile. The chapter ends a bit differently with Jin looking at Lora, and then being reminded of when he ran into Lyra. He now firmly believes that, somehow, Lora was reborn as her.

The flashback at the start of Chapter 5 plays out the same way as it does in canon, only Fan shows up alongside Brighid, but Brighid addresses her as Blossom. When Blossom's asked where her Driver is, Ronin responds saying he's right here, stating he had to collect his payment from a client who was long overdue in paying him. Blossom teases her Driver, saying he shouldn't be so intense of the time, to which Ronin scoffs at, but secretly admits that Blossom's right.

Back in the present, Fan la Norne explains her reasons for meeting with the party, and was asked to bring Rex to Indol to meet with Amalthus. Haze points out Fan's Ether manipulation and states she has a similar ability as well, which Fan smiles about, saying it could make both her and Haze equals. Although Lyra gets the feeling that Fan's could be a bit more dangerous. On the ship that Fan was sent on, Mythra tries to get some answers, and even refers to Fan by her original name of Blossom, but when Fan tries to respond, she seems hesitant. Acting as if she remembered something, but it keeps fleeting from her the moment she does. She states that she's Fan la Norne, Blade to Praetor Amalthus, but says it in a way that sounds unsure. Mythra gives up, but notices how Blossom reacted upon hearing her old name.

The following morning the gang arrives at Leftheria, whereupon Rex and Lyra mentioning that they grew up in Fonsett, Pyra convinces everyone to make a detour to the village. Upon arriving in Fonsett, seeing Auntie Corrine again, and settling down for the night, Haze notices Lyra lost in thought again, and upon snapping her out of her thought, Lyra asks Haze if she noticed the way that guy named "Mik" looked at both of them. Haze recalls the look on his face, thinking it looked like one of both shock and recognition. Lyra comments on how it gave her a similar feeling to when she bumped into Jin back at Argentum, as when she saw Mik, she felt a sense of familiarity, despite the fact she's never even met the two before. Haze wonders if it may have something to do with her previous Driver, as Pyra did point out how Lyra reminded her a lot of Lora. Lyra, agreeing that it could, decides that she would ask Pyra about it the first chance she gets. The only reason she doesn't ask her right away is because they know they'll be heading to Indol tomorrow, and she doesn't think now would be a good time to ask.

Back at the Moneceros, Mikhail and Patroka return to inform Jin of what happened at Bulge Harbor, and inform Jin that the Blade they saw was Blossom. Mikhail tells Jin about his encounter with Lyra and Haze, firmly believing what Jin said about Lyra now. Jin then heads to Temperantia to buy Torna some time, though he also does it in the hopes that he'll run into Lyra and Haze again

Before the party leaves for Leftheria, the encounter Zeke and Pandoria again, and Zeke demonstrates his power that earned the title of the strongest Driver from Tantal, and after hearing this, Lyra is bewildered that the dunce standing in front of them is not only royalty, but is also from the same Titan she was born on before ending up in Fonsett. Rex and Haze both say they didn't know Lyra was Tantalise, with Lyra sheepishly responding that she never said it because they never asked. After fighting Zeke (And him falling into the Cloud Sea), the party makes their way to Indol. The following morning Rex notices Fan staring at the mural, and Fan informs Rex that she knows she should've been around when the mural was first painted, but also feels like that info is fabricated. When Mythra called her "Blossom," she had brief glimpses of memories she had no context towards. Rex tells her that she could ask Mythra about it, which Fan is thankful for. When Rex states that talking to Amalthus felt like talking to Malos, Lyra picks up on it. After Rex explains his reasons, she starts to wonder if Amalthus is truly who he makes himself out to be, but Haze reminds her not to jump to conclusions. At the same time, Haze does say that when they were with Amalthus, she couldn't help but feel her skin crawl.

Jin then uses the Titan weapon as a distraction, which prompts the party to head to Temperantia to stop him. Not only do Morag and Zeke tag along, but Fan decides to do so as well, thinking that her power combined with Haze's could help them bring a stop to the Titan. Lyra, Haze, and Fan proceed to stop the Titan weapon, with Lyra and Haze using wind to protect Fan from the oncoming missiles. Haze and Fan use their nullification abilities at the same time to bring the Titan to a complete standstill, and the party then encounters Jin, revealing himself to be a Flesh Eater. Not only is he disgusted with the way Fan speaks Amalthus's name, but also is disgusted with how Fan's oblivious to even her own identity, much to Fan's shock. Thanks to a combination of Haze and Fan's abilities, the party is able to weaken Jin, but he powers through and stabs Fan in the chest, telling her that she's no slave and should be free. Upon doing this, Fan, after having her memories come back in full context, drops her staff and cries tears of joy with a grateful smile.

"I... I re-remember... Everything... T-Thank you... Jin. I'm coming... Ronin."

Jin recoils back after hearing this, and Mythra is shocked to see Blossom suddenly regain her memories upon Jin stabbing her. Blossom falls backwards, with a smile on her face as the light on her Core Crystal dies out. When Rex asks Jin why he did this, he delves into his hatred for how Blades are oppressed and tries to finish the party off, but starts to grow visibly weaker. Before he's saved by Akhos, Jin uses a small fraction of his power to both zip to Lyra, and separate her from everyone using ice. Jin pins Lyra to the ground, demanding to know why she looks so much like Lora. He states the resemblances are too much to be a coincidence, and needs to know why Lora came back to haunt him like this, even asking "Have you come back to haunt me for my choices Lora!?" Lyra, terrified out of her wits and struggling to get out of Jin's hold

against her, accidentally reaches a hand to Jin's face in a similar way to how Lora did when she died, and it proves to be a good distraction as Haze manages to break through the ice thanks to Brighid's help and immediately rushes to her Driver's side after backing Jin off. Haze asks Lyra if she's alright, to which Lyra responds that she's okay. Lyra mentions to Jin that she doesn't have any idea what he's on about, but before she can say anything else, Jin doesn't buy it, especially since the Blade that she's bonded with shared the exact same Driver he had in the past. Lyra and Haze become immediately shocked upon hearing this, finding it impossible to believe that. Jin then runs out of stamina, but before the party can finish him off, Akhos retreats with Jin, and just as Uraya and Mor Ardain are about to go to war, Indol arrives to intervene.

In the opening to chapter 6, during Jin and Malos' talk, Jin reflects on what he did to Lyra. Not only did it feel like Lora was right in front of him again, but she even reached to touch his face in a similar way that Lora did when she died (albeit it was from her struggling to get free from his hold on her rather than her doing it intentionally).

Back at Indol, everyone meets up the following morning, but when Zeke questions where Lyra is, Haze responds that Lyra was still shaken up from what happened yesterday and refused to come out of her room. She also says that Lyra needs to talk to Mythra about why that happened and why Jin called her Lora. Mythra, feeling bad enough already, decides to go check on her, with Haze coming along as well, wanting to be by her lady's side. She knocks on the door, and upon seeing Mythra, Lyra drags both her and Haze into her room. She knows that there isn't too much time before the emergency summit, but wants Mythra to tell both her and Haze about Lora and why Jin sees so much of Lora in her. Mythra reveals what she can in the quick time they

have. Revealing to Lyra how she met Lora and Jin, Lora being the same Driver of Haze, and how Lora was a Tornan Driver who fought alongside her and Addam during the Aegis War 500 years ago. When asking what that has to do with her, Mythra concludes it's because of how much Lyra looks and acts like Lora. Lyra is bewildered, saying that she can't be that similar to someone from 500 years ago, but Mythra's not buying it, saying that the similarities between the two are too much to be coincidental. Lyra being bonded with Haze doesn't really help matters either. Haze, still finding it hard to believe that she and Jin shared a Driver, gets a bit distraught over this. Wondering if she could end up in a similar position. Lyra calms her down by assuring her that she knows that would never happen, knowing that if it did, wouldn't it have happened a long time ago when Jin went down the same path? She then gives Haze a reassuring hug, which Haze gladly accepts from her sister. The sight causes Mythra to smile, Lyra asks Mythra if whether or not she knew how Lora died, and Jin became a Flesh Eater, but Mythra says she doesn't know the exact details. After that the party heads to the Summit, but after arriving, and Zeke and Mythra head inside, Lyra ponders on the details of Lora being a Driver knighted by the Kingdom of Torna. She then looks at Haze, and begins to wonder if she's truly been a good Driver to her the same way Lora was. She tries to brush it off, knowing that her and Haze wouldn't have the bond they did if she wasn't, but her doubts keep creeping up on her.

After the Summit Fan (Blossom) is given her state funeral, during which Lyra overhears the conversation that Mythra and Nia have regarding Fan's Core Crystal. She then asks Haze if something felt... Off about Amalthus. Haze responds with saying that she noticed before that Amalthus looks relatively young for being well over 500 years old, even for an Indoline. Something that everyone else noticed, which Lyra not only agrees to, but she also remembers

when Rex pointed out that talking with Amalthus felt like talking with Malos. Even if Lyra hadn't conversed much with Malos, she fully believes it given the battle they had with him and Akhos in Uraya. She begins to get even more suspicious of Amalthus than she already was. Haze even starts to agree, saying that if it's true, she couldn't imagine being the Blade of someone hideous.

Afterwards, Amalthus sends Rex and the party as special invoices to Tantal to receive the Omega Fetter and climb the World Tree. Once Zeke informs the party about Tantalese being descended from Tornans, Haze gets excited, saying that Lyra could have Tornan blood within her, though that's the least of her worries, as she's not looking forward to the cold. After some shenanigans (Mostly involving Bana, but also Nia reviving Niall), the party arrives in Tantal, where Lyra immediately complains about the cold. She states that in the twelve years she's been gone, the cold was definitely something she didn't miss. Haze begins to see what her Driver was talking about, and the two begin to huddle like penguins for warmth. Brighid offers the two warmth, and they gladly accept it. The party finally arrives in Tantal, and they meet Eulogimenos, who captures Pyra in a metal frame, with the intention to destroy her. Lyra and Haze attempt to explain that if they destroy Pyra, then Rex will die, but are silenced by the Tantalese soldiers.

The party is then placed in the cell, which acts as a giant Ether net, as it cuts off any and all Ether flow. Haze notes how she noticed it the moment they were placed within the cell. Even her nullification ability is useless. Morag and Tora initiate their plan, and use Poppi's Ether Furnace, combined with one of Morag's swords, to blast through the door. After reuniting with Zeke and Pandoria, and making their way to the Ether Accelerator, and Lyra and Haze use wind to

disburse the soldiers, which buys Zeke enough time to jam his sword in the Ether Accelerator, and Poppi, using her QT mode, pushes the Accelerator up, which causes it to miss Pyra completely.

Eulogimenos then begins to explain the position Tantal held for five hundred years since the Aegis War, but before he does so, Lyra explains to him that they had another reason for saving Pyra, and gestures to Rex and the core in his chest. After asking about it, Haze explains that Rex has had that since becoming the Aegis' Driver, and their life force is shared. Meaning that if one of them dies, then the other does. After Eulogeminos explains Tantal's history, and Pyra informing the party of Addam's "trial," Genbu starts to descend into the Cloud Sea at a rapid speeds, and begins their journey to the Great Pillar Passage to fix the Omega Fetter before it's too late.

During the party's trip to the Genbu Crown, Morag brings up how she can't help but feel as if there's something going on with Tantal that would cause them to try to reject Indol's orders. Lyra, knowing that this might not be much, discusses how it might have something to do with Amalthus. She talks about how not only does it seem fishy that Tantal seemed to want to cut ties with the Praetorium, but also noted how Rex pointed out that talking with Amalthus felt like Malos was standing in front of him. Haze recalls what Jin said about Indol having control over Core Crystals, suggesting that it could have something to do with Indol's influence. Lyra puts her point across by stating that she feels like Amalthus is hiding something deeper behind that welcoming facade he had when they met him. Rex brings up how Jin mentioned that "If they saw the last state of humanity," they would understand his viewpoint. Rex mentions how he thought

that Jin meant an evolution of humanity, but now he thinks it could've been the literal previous state of humanity. Haze asks him if he means how humanity was 500 years ago during the Aegis War, which Rex nods to.

Upon reaching the Genbu Crown, Mythra fixes the Omega Fetter, which causes Genbu to rise above the Cloud Sea again, and allows Pandoria to regain control of Genbu. After taking the Omega Fetter, the party runs into Akhos, Patroka, and Mikhail (though Patroka is less than stoked to see that they still have a way to weaken them with Haze). Upon stating that they've come for the Omega Fetter, the three members of Torna reveal themselves to be Flesh Eaters, and engage in battle with the party, with Mikhail stating he had some business to take care of with Lyra and Haze as well.

The party ends up wiping the floor with Akhos, Patroka, and Mikhail (With Patroka trying to go for Haze due to how meddlesome her ability is, only for Haze to toss her Crosier to Lyra to back Patroka away). Just as Zeke is about to finish off the three, Jin arrives and nearly stabs Zeke, though thankfully it's just a minor scratch. Jin demands the party give him both the Omega Fetter, and Pyra and Mythra. Rex denies his demand, saying he won't let him take them. Jin then reveals his true appearance as a Flesh Eater, which causes the party to be in a state of shock. Lyra, still having PTSD from what Jin did to her at Temperantia, is a little shaken up about fighting Jin again. Haze gives her Driver a reassuring look, telling her she won't let that happen again. Brigid chimes in and tells Lyra now's not the time to get shaky, and Lyra hesitantly stands in her battle stance as the party prepares to fight Jin.

It goes about just as you'd expect.

Jin uses his light speed to wipe the floor with the party, (though he's notably a lot gentler with Lyra and Haze), and then proceeds to attack Rex. The party tries to help Rex, but are subsequently ambushed with Artificial Blades. Morag breaks free and tries to assist Rex only for Mikhail to ambush her. Haze tells Lyra that they could use her Ether Manipulation to weaken Jin, but as soon as they break themselves free from the Artificial Blades, Haze is captured in an Ether Net and Mikhail pins Lyra to the ground with his foot while still keeping his hold on Morag. Stating that he still needed answers from Lora (yes he calls Lyra "Lora."). Haze calls out to her Driver desperately, but knows that as long as she's in the Ether Net. Jin then tells Rex that, while he's at it, he can also give him Lyra and Haze. Pyra, noticing how desperate the situation is, demands that Jin leave everyone out of this, including Lyra and Haze. If not, she would annihilate herself using Siren's targeting ray. Upon agreeing, and much to the distraught of everyone, Pyra chooses to go with Torna, with Jin berating Rex for not noticing Pyra and Mythra's struggles. Rex then screams Pyra's name as he falls to the ground.

At the start of chapter 7, everyone waits on Rex, with Dromarch mentioning how severe Rex's injuries were, but Lyra gets the feeling that's not the only reason why he's taking so long to come out of his room. Once Rex does, he states how he plans on leaving to go back to Argentum, stating that there's no way he can beat Torna thanks to Jin. Nia, pissed at Rex for giving up, punches him while reminding him about how Pyra willingly went with them for their sake, not hers. Rex tries to retribute by stating that Pyra gets hurt the more he fights alongside her, only to be met with two slaps on the face from Lyra and Haze. Lyra angrily berates Rex for just giving

up then and there. Finding it sad that he would willingly let the girl he loves potentially get in even more harm, as who knows what Torna will end up doing to her once they reach Elysium. Haze even gets teary eyed from it, knowing that Rex isn't one to give up easily. She asks what happened to her brother who would be determined to make everyone around him smile no matter what? Or even asking about Rule 3 of the Salvager's Code and how he's breaking it, even if Pyra and Mythra aren't around to see it. Rex tries to deflect what his sisters say by saying that Pyra and Mythra would be better off without him, but then he gets a third slap from Brighid, who tells him about Pyra thought things would be better off if she was dead, and how she was planning to sacrifice herself to defeat Torna. Reminding Rex on how he told Pyra he would take her to Elysium, and asks him if he would eat his words just like that. After Rex tries to diffuse the situation, Poppi comes in and looks like she's about to punch Rex, but just taps him on the head. Poppi states she can't stand seeing Rex like this, and how much of an inspiration he is to both her and Tora, essentially calling Rex the glue that holds everyone together. After this little scuffle, Pandora informs Zeke about something, and Zeke tells Rex about his father wanting to see him.

- Lyra as a character
- Technical aspects of the two.