

# New Game Plus

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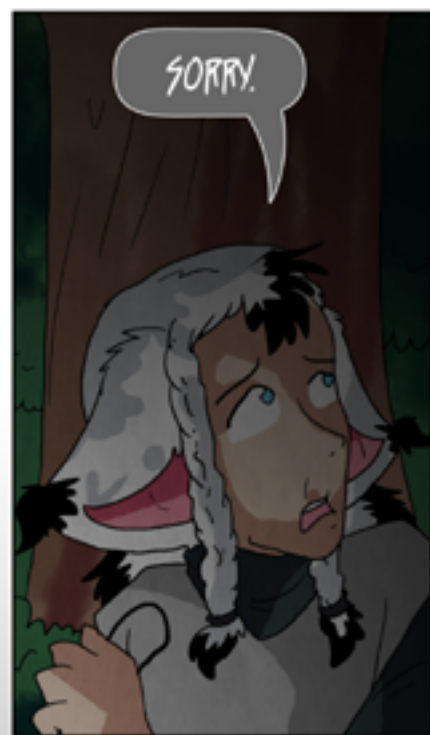


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YOU KNOW, I KNEW SOMEBODY ELSE WHO SPENT  
THEIR LIFE FIGHTING DARK POWERS.



RIGHT UP UNTIL THEY WERE KILLED BY A TRICKSTER.



WH-WHAT A WASTE...



THEIR DEATH? OR THEIR LIFE?



WHAT.....?





THERE SEEMED NO REASON TO KILL THOSE DARK POWERS BEFORE. THEY WERE IRRITATING BURRS, BUT SO WEAK.



THEY WERE BELOW ME, PITIFUL. BUT TO THINK THEY COULD HAVE KILLED ARTHUR... AH, BUT IF ARTHUR TRULY IS ALIVE.....



....WHY DID HE LEAVE?



THAT BLACK SCALER, HE... MUST HAVE KNOWN, MUST HAVE BEEN HIDING SOMETHING....



DARK POWERS MUST HAVE KIDNAPPED ARTHUR, COERCED HIM, OR...



IT WAS A MISTAKE TO EVER GO EASY ON A DARK POWER. WELL. THAT'S EASILY RECTIFIED.













...ALASTAIR MUST HAVE REALLY CRACKED IT.

YEAH, SEEMS THAT WAY.



ZACK AND MAYBE CLAW WILL CATCH UP.  
WE JUST NEED TO FIND A PLACE TO SET DOWN  
AND KEEP WATCH FOR THEM.



MAYBE WE CAN GET SOMETHING  
TO EAT. FIND A CAFE?



...WE'VE GOT NO MONEY,  
THOUGH.



UGH, YEAH.... AS MUCH AS I HATE  
HIS TRICKS, I DO MISS GRAIN AND HIS  
DINING-AND-DASHING SKILLS.



...GRAIN... YOU MEAN ZACK? IS THAT HIS-  
SURPRISE!



MY EARS ARE BURNING! YOU TALKING ABOUT ME?  
PLEASE DON'T. HEY CLAW! FOUND 'EM ALREADY! TOLD YOU  
IT'D BE EASY. YA IDIOT.



YEAH, YEAH.



















HE'S NOT A MURDERER. IT WAS AN ACCIDENT AND THAT'S ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT IT.



WELL LOOK, OBVIOUSLY IT'S NOT LIKE I TRUST THE GUY WHO TOOK MY ARM, BUT IF I'M TAKING YOU TO A SAFE PLACE I NEED TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE... Y'KNOW.



...HE SAID YOU KILLED YOUR MOTHER.



**GRAIN!**

ALASTAIR S- SAID THAT? BUT HE-



DARKLING-

IT WASN'T MY FAULT...



...WHAT HAPPENED?



GRAIN, BACK OFF, OR ELSE-



Y'VEH ZACK, PAL, Y' REALLY SHOULDN'- ... WAIT WHY'RE Y' CALLIN' HIM 'GRAIN'?





Y-YEAH... HIS NAME IS ZACK, AFTER HIS FRIEND WHO WAS KILLED AS A TRICKSTER. SO PLEASE-



I'M SORRY. I KNOW IT'S- I JUST NEED TO KNOW. I DON'T WANT ANY MORE DEATHS.



PLEASE- I CAN'T- I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT.



THAT'S IT! I TOLD YOU TO BACK OFF! ZACK. YOU NAMED AFTER YOUR FRIEND? OR YOUR MENTOR WHO TRAINED YOU AS A TRICKSTER?



N-NO!

WHA-?! BREAK...

BREAK, DON'T-!



SO... Y' ARE A TRICKST'R, HUH?









GOTTA GET OFF THE STREET-!



HEY! HI! YOU GOT A BACK DOOR I CAN USE? MY CRAZY EX-GIRLFRIEND IS FOLLOWING ME AND I GOTTA LOSE HER.



MARCUS?

HUH?



ART?!



WHAT HAPPENED?!

YOU'VE GOTTA HELP ME!  
SHE'S CRAZY!

...YOUR EX-GIRLFRIEND?

HAHA NO.













REALLY THOUGH, WHY ARE YOU WITH A CERAPH CLANNER?  
ZACK WAS RUNNING FOR HIS LIFE...

SHE SORT OF INVITED  
HERSELF, THOUGH...

BREAK, WHY DID YOU HAVE TO TELL HER  
HE'S A TRICKSTER?!

SORRY. I REALLY WANTED HIM TO SHUT UP...  
I THOUGHT SHE'D AT LEAST REMEMBER HER  
PROMISE NOT TO ATTACK ANYONE.

HEY, YER TALKIN' ABOU' ME LIKE I AIN' EVEN HERE....

....YOU BROKE YOUR PROMISE.

EVEN AFTER ZACK LOST HIS ARM  
HELPING YOU FIGHT ALASTAIR...


WAIT, HE REALLY DID LOSE  
HIS ARM? I THOUGHT THAT  
MIGHT BE ILLUSION, FELS!  
...POOR ZACK.

WAIT YOU GUYS FOUGHT ALASTAIR?!





SO HE'S A FRIEND A YERS?  
REAL PIECE A WORK, HE IS.



IS... IS HE  
OKAY...?




YOU'RE ACTUALLY WORRIED FOR HIM?  
WELL I-... I DON'T KNOW.



Y' KIDDIN'? THA' GUY'S MENT'L. HE WANT'D T' KILL  
DARK SO BAD HE WENT F'R ZACK AN' EV'N KILL'D ME.  
...I GOT BETT'R.




WHAT?! OH, HE DID THAT-?! HE.... S.. SORRY.



HE'S NEVER BEEN PLEASANT...  
WELL, TO US AT LEAST. BUT  
SINCE HE THINKS YOU WERE  
KILLED, HE'S LOST IT.



MAYBE IF HE SEES YOU'RE ALIVE, HE'LL BACK  
OFF AND CALM DOWN.



WELL... MAYBE NOT  
IF I'M WITH YOU...  
I MEAN... THAT'S A BIT  
OF A BETRAYAL.





GOD... Y' REALLY ARE FRIENDS, AIN'TCHA?



UH, YEAH I GUESS. I MEAN... IF THAT'S OKAY, AFTER EVERYTHING...



OF COURSE! ....BUT...

NOOOOO WAY!



LIGH' POW'RS AN' DARK POW'RS ARE MEANT T' BE AT EACH OTH'RS THROATS, IN TH' NAME OF TH' GODDESSES! WH' HAPPEN'D?!



WELL... I... I DON'T WANT TO BE A DARK POWER ANYMORE.



WHA?! Y' DEDICATED YER LIFE T' TH' MOON GODDESS! Y' CAN'T JUS' CHANGE YER MIND LIKE THA'!



... CAN Y'?



...



I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY WAY TO BREAK THE LINK, BUT I STILL HAVE FREE WILL.



AND I DON'T WANT TO HURT ANYBODY...



ARTHUR.



I DIDN'T GET TO ASK YOU BEFORE... WHY DID YOU FOLLOW US?  
...WHY DID YOU HELP ME?



UH.... I'M NOT SURE, BUT...



WELL. I MEAN. THE LAST NIGHT ON THE SPIRE, WHEN YOU STAYED YOUR HAND. I THOUGHT...

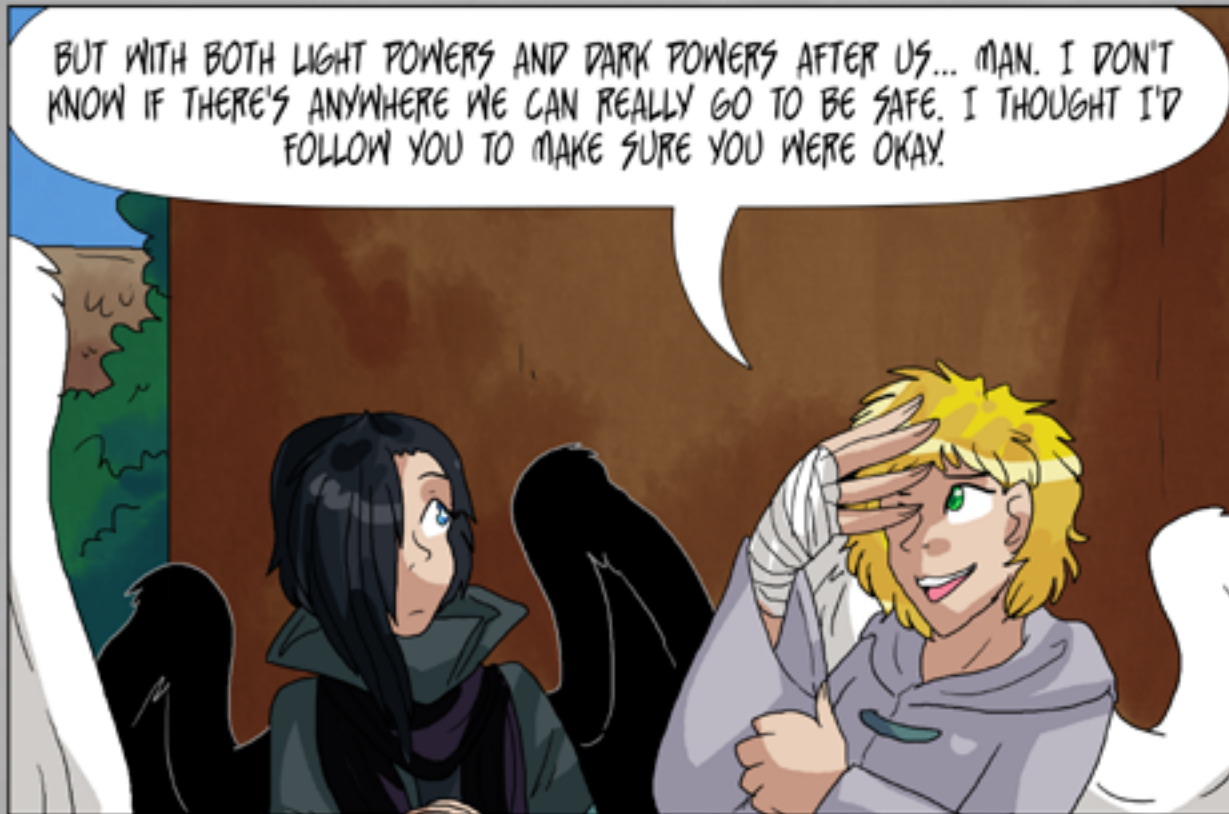


MAYBE THERE'S ANOTHER WAY. MAYBE I DON'T REALLY WANT TO FIGHT EITHER.





BUT WITH BOTH LIGHT POWERS AND DARK POWERS AFTER US... MAN. I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S ANYWHERE WE CAN REALLY GO TO BE SAFE. I THOUGHT I'D FOLLOW YOU TO MAKE SURE YOU WERE OKAY.



ZACK SAID HIS HOMETOWN WOULD BE SAFE...



SO IF CERAPH CLAW ISN'T GOING TO KILL HIM, WE CAN RESUME HEADING THAT WAY. IS HE IN THAT BAKERY?



HE RAN OFF, SORRY!

OH.



WELL... HE TOLD ME TO HEAD SOUTH TO THE KLARI DESERT. SO I GUESS WE KEEP ON THAT TRACK, I BET WE'LL RUN INTO HIM AGAIN.



WAIT-!







...I WANNA TAG ALONG F'R A BIT LONG'R.



...EXCUSE ME?! **YOU** WANT TO COME WITH **US**?!

I- I DON'T THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA...



MARCUS, OR ZACK, OR WHATEVER HIS NAME IS... HE'S MY GOOD FRIEND. HE SAVED MY LIFE. YOU ARE **NOT** GOING TO HURT HIM.

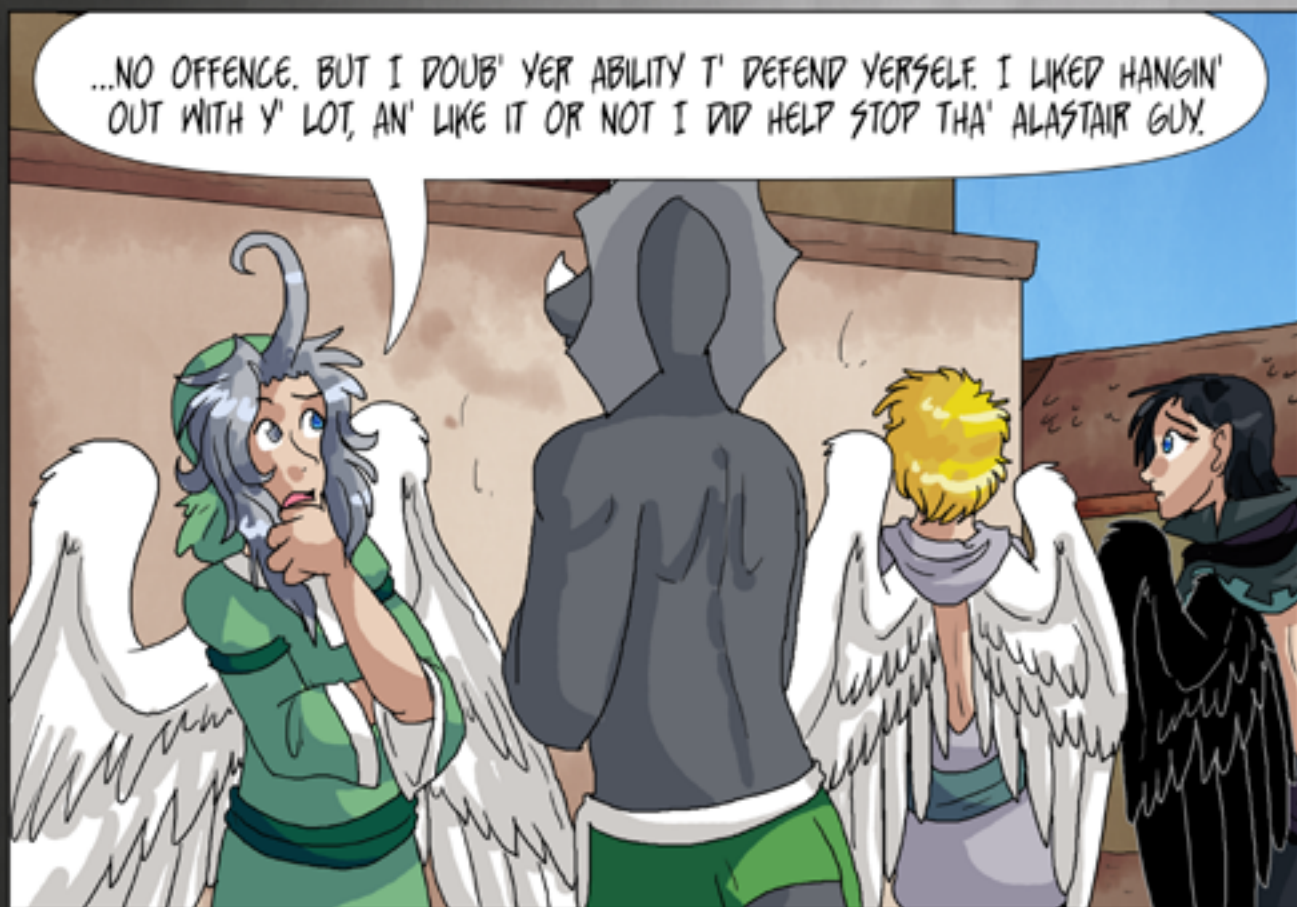


I PROMISE I WON'T, I JUS'-

YOU PROMISED LAST TIME.



WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO COME, ANYWAY?



...NO OFFENCE. BUT I DOUB' YER ABILITY T' DEFEND YERSELF. I LIKED HANGIN' OUT WITH Y' LOT, AN' LIKE IT OR NOT I DID HELP STOP THA' ALASTAIR GUY.





I DON'T THINK WE CAN TRUST HER.

...IT WOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM IF YOU HADN'T TOLD HER ABOUT ZACK.



UP TO YOU, DARK. I GUESS IT'D BE A LEAP OF FAITH TO TRUST HER, BUT, WELL... WE'VE GOT STRONGER MAGIC THAN SHE DOES. IF SHE ATTACKS ZACK... POW.



NO-!



I DON'T WANT *ANYBODY* TO GET HURT!



TH-THERE'S BEEN ENOUGH OF THAT ALREADY...



...I COULD JUST SAY "NO", BUT... I'LL GIVE YOU ONE MORE CHANCE.



LET'S KEEP MOVING.