

His assistant, Minidoka, waved his hands in the air arguing to Tien about his leaving.

Tien crammed his clothes and training uniforms into bags as he explained, "Minidoka! Stop it! You are not looking at the whole! The world can sacrifice one to save the rest! Do you not understand that! Minidoka, listen to me when I say this, I must do what I am going to do for Earth. And if you don't want that, then your ignorance has blinded you"

Minidoka's head was low, his pale, long face looked grim. As he looked up his dark bangs flipped to a side, his eyes looked into Tien's and he nodded with acceptance. Tien grinned and hugged his assistant.

"You have been a good friend to me Minidoka and that is why you must stay here to protect the Northern Keep. I'm promoting you now to Master Minidoka, congratulations" Tien patted him on the shoulder, but he could see that his assistant didn't like what the promotion had meant; Tien wasn't planning on coming back.

"I know what your doing is suicide, and doing this is to save the world, but I can't stop wondering what the world will be like without its protector. What if we are to need you once again? What will the world do? Tien, there is no one left! It's just you!" discussed Minidoka, looking very solemn.

"My friend, my fleet, our fleet at the Northern Keep will be the new protectors of the world if any new evil arises. Listen, I know it will be hard, it will be hard on everyone but--"

Just then the room shook with a mighty sway of energy. Dust knocked from the ceiling and furniture flew to the wall. Tien glared at where it came from, he sensed it came from the main courtyard; someone was trying to break in.

Tien heard the Keep's Fleet's commanders shouting out orders and the running of men. This wasn't good, he had to bring out the demon once again, the killer instinct, the pit in his stomach that said to destroy. Then he felt a great wave of pity for the people that were trying to break in. Tien had trained the Fleet and no Ghost Army would stand in their way.

"Master, we should go. I'll follow you to the secret exit then I'll go help fight,"panted Minidoka, this was the first time any intruders had tried to break in, he was a little exhilarated.

"No, I will fight, I have confidence in the Fleet and so should you"

With that Tien raced off, through the corridors and past training rooms. Then another great wave of energy sent once again another shockwave through the facility. He wondered what could do that... When Minidoka finally caught up Tien was at the entrance. When they got out into the courtyard there were about two-hundred Fleetsman shouting at the watchtowers, messengers were up there writing in great detail of what they saw on the other side. There were no more clouds and no more wind, it was quite pleasant, except for the extreme cold. The moon looked extravagant from this view, it covered half the night's sky and it illuminated the entire courtyard.

Then, a gargantuan shockwave blasted its way through the Wall and sent dust and splinters everywhere. It was a blow, but definitely not enough. Tien had to step in before the Wall's joints were to split, it was a pain fixing them.

"Enough!" Tien screamed on top of all the racket. Everyone went real quiet and they all could actually hear the enemy. Tien was at the entrance so the light from inside

glowed on him.

"Hear me out Fleet, the enemy is coming and all your training is going to pay off. Remember what I told you, focus and you shall be set free. Remember that and you will win!" They threw their fists in the air and yelled.

Tien walked across the courtyard, the Fleetsman all parted. Tien walked to the Wall, to the entrance through the Wall. He grasped the golden rods and screamed, "Get ready!" and pulled with all of his might. He bellowed a low scream as sparks of energy flew across his hands. The low, creaking noise from before sounded once again and it was the only noise that moment. The Wall opened and it was Tien with the Fleet behind him staring at the unknown enemy, they then saw it; a gun metal colored machine roughly the size of a small house with mechanical legs and arms, it had a dome where the operator was and in its chest was a circular crevasse with metallic linings and what seemed to be glass portions in-between it.

Everyone was in shock, no one knew what it was and what its powers were, though they all knew that it was the creator of those huge shockwaves. It was only a split-second after he opened the Wall when the glass portions in-between the circle illuminated with a very bright light. The light spiraled down the circle until it reached the epicenter, then, from what Tien could see, the light brightened almost ten times as bright. They were stunned by it, the entire Fleet was, they all dropped their bodies in safety. Tien continued to stand with his eyes squinted barely enough to see what was happening.

After a couple of seconds with the ridiculously bright light, a ray sprang outward from the crevasse, it was one line ray with a spiral ray twisted around it, the helix-type beam shot forward about two feet, it sat there only a couple seconds but for what seemed to be hours. The light was just too fascinating, it was like nothing he's ever seen. What happened next was extraordinary.

The helix ray shot so fast straight even Tien couldn't see it, it hit the peak of the mountain dead on, it was fortunate it hit the very tip of the peak. It devoured right through it melting the snow on impact, the ray continued to go on until they all heard a crashing sound, which was probably another mountain. Tien then ingested how close the beam was to him, it only shot five feet away from his head! The light faded and he looked back at the machine and saw what were about thirty people dressed in black surrounding the machine all with automatic guns.

Tien figured out that it was a particle beam cannon and that it would probably have to recharge... That would be his window to attack.

Tien closed his eyes and searched for his power, he found it almost effortlessly and summoned the mighty power. It instantly appeared all over his body, in an energy shield around him, a red ball with him inside. He jumped through the air with his energy shield and shaped his hand into a triangle; with the particle cannon in it. In the courtyard the Fleet had risen and already their swords were out. They all knew Tien's attack and stayed away from the target. The Kikiho is a deadly technique and if used properly can take the users life away, it would destroy anything in its way.

Tien's eyes flared upward as he yelled a long scream as energy blasted into the machine, light emitted everywhere making the night sky into day, Tien's heavy clothes waved with the energy and when he was done with his attack he knew it was successful.

The whirling wind had come back and so had the grey clouds, the radiant moon

had vanished. Even though there was no more light everyone could still see the triangle shaped crater he had made, there was no one left, he could sense no more power levels. But, just to make sure, one of the Fleetsmen with his sword at arm went to go check the crater. Everyone knew what he would say so it was no surprise when he said no survivors. It was getting cold out, there was no more threat. Tien evaporated his energy shield and floated down to the courtyard...

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Tien raced through the facility's dark and small corridors with his assistant trying to keep up. He had an enraged look on his face, he ground his teeth and still had his hands balled into fists.

"Minidoka get my bags, we are to see General Serenitatis. This nonsense has gone far enough, the war will be started soon. No more petty ambushes! The Ghost Army will fall!"

Minidoka watched Tien sprint off to the secret exit far ahead, he gathered his bags and put one good luck charm on top of his clothes; it was a double-edged sword with a yin-yang placed in the background: the symbol of the Fleet and the Northern Keep. It was to remind him of who were going to miss him when he perishes in his fight against the Plethora of Destruction.

Tien was waiting against secret exit door, it was a small hole camouflaged against one of the stone hallways. That hole led to a hidden room, sometimes where Tien meditated, there was a door in that room which emptied into a maze of unpaved and dangerous caverns. The caverns then spiraled down hundreds of feet. This continued on and on again until there is a tiny opening on the side of the mountain.

The exit was made as a secret escape route for any overpowering force that might have killed all of the Fleet. But it proved to be a nice little way out of the Keep and not to be frost bitten in the deadly weather on top of the mountain.

Tien stood there near the entrance to the exit and wondered what his plans were when he met up with the General. He thought that he was no general, he said to himself how am I going to face and conquer the other half of the world? But these thoughts were irrelevant. He needed to meet up with Serenitatis.

"Master Minidoka, I bid you farewell and I hope you will prosper as a Master. You give the Fleet my gratitude. Good-bye Minidoka" Those were to be the last words between the two. Minidoka patted his fist onto his chest and nodded.

Tien, with his huge wolf skins on, crawled through the exit and down through his meditation dorm and out through the door. He needed to be quick about this, he didn't have that much time left. He looked ahead, it was dark and wet, plus it was small with sharp stigmatizes everywhere. He sighed, it was going to be a long journey...