

## Part 1: Awakening

"It was a blur. I don't know how I got here, or where I am. It's dark here. This isn't Earth... where am I?"

That's all I could think of.

I'm Sage. Your average high school teenage geek. My life is mostly pretty ordinary. Well, not anymore. Not after yesterday. Now.. my life might be changed forever.

I fell yesterday. I fell into a pit. Not even sure why or how, I just remember falling. It must've been a pretty deep pit because now I've got a bruise on my head, I can't remember much, and I'm in what seems to be a different dimension. I can't even see where I fell from.. there's no passage or anything someone could fall through if I look up. I might have travelled into another dimension or something.

That sounds so dumb... I can't have possibly done that. There's absolutely no way any human could ever travel through dimension.. According to science that's not possible.... Right?

Anyways..

This place is really dark, everything is gray. Even the trees and plants are gray... The only distinctly colored thing here is a bright white pathway. I can't see what it leads to. I'm not sure if I want to follow it's path... I'd rather find help near this place's "entrance" thingy than be dumb and somehow get lost here. I would pull out my phone and call the cops or something but I guess there's no cell because a weird static shows up whenever I try to do something cellular...?

Weird.

Hopefully I don't die here.

I plan on looking around a bit until I can find something... wish me luck.

(A/N: Thank you for reading Part 1! I know the writing is weirdly organized and very short, my apologies. Hope you stay and read a bit more! :] -V)

## Part 2: Willow

I slept well last night.

I conked out within a snap of the finger, which is concerning since I slept on the cold hard ground. I normally take hours to fall asleep.. and that's in a comfy bed! I guess you could say anxiety and stress keep me up on a daily basis. This new... "place" must be really messing with me. When I finally woke up, things were a bit blurry at first. Once my eyes adjusted to the darkness.. I had a bit of a surprise.

There was a girl standing over me. The girl was tall and skinny. Seemed like she was at least 15. She had long, straight, dark hair and very pale skin. Her bangs covered most of her eyes, but you could see two white oval-like figures so I guess those are her eyes. Despite her "eye-less" look, you could see her emotion. At the moment she seemed very monotone. The girl had an oversized sweater on, it was so long it went just above her knees. Just above the chest area, the sweater had a "</3" design on it.

I sat up and stared at her, studying her. "Morning." She mumbled, in a monotone voice. I thought my myself a bit. Is that a human? Dear god finally! I must've made a face or something because she immediately asked if I was confused. I nodded, still trying to adjust, and she explained.

"The name's Willow. You're.. human...?" She asked, seeming very confused. I once again nodded, which surprised her a bunch. Am.. am I not supposed to be human or

something?? Almost as if she read my mind, Willow responded. "Humans normally never fall down here.... It's been so long." Her eyes trailed off a bit, seeming deep in thought.

After a short moment of silence... I asked the question that's been eating up my mind. Well.. one of the many. "...So uh.. where the heck am I?" I asked, I was in mild panic at the moment. "...Well.. this place... it might be confusing to you but you traveled through dimensions." Willow responded, seeming a bit nervous in telling me. "This one... it's known as the VOID."

"You travelled through dimensions." That. One. Phrase. Scared me to my core. I immediately started to bombard her with questions; "Where exactly am I?? How do I leave? Am I gonna die? AM I GONNA DIE?? I-". Willow cut me off. "First of all, you're at what's considered entrance of this dimension. All who somehow manage to get to the VOID, wake up here. The entrance is better known as the VOID's Grace. I'll explain why later."

"Second, you will not be leaving. Third, you might die." Willow's answers gave me a freaking panic attack. I MIGHT DIE. I CANT LEAVE. WHAT. I CAN'T DIE NOW!!! I HAVE MY WHOLE LIFE AHEAD OF ME- I STILL NEED TO GRADUATE AND-

Willow yet again cut off my train of thought. "Come, I'll explain on the way." She gestured to follow, and started walking towards the white path. I quickly stood up and ran after her, with a hint of hesitation. I was about to ask her things again but she put a hand up to stop me. She started to explain all the "monsters" that could kill me. Awesome.

"You're going to need to calm down if you want to live." Willow explained. "This place is very dangerous. I'll tell you about the dangers in a moment but first I need to reassure you that as long as you do NOT leave VOID's Grace, nothing can hurt you. This is why it's called "VOID's Grace. This area is peaceful. Got it?" I quickly nodded.

"Good." She said, seeming very serious. "We have three main dangers in the VOID. First are the Syks. They're basically floating eyes. Normally travel in groups of three. Not sure why, considering most beings have two eyes. Syks trust absolutely nothing and no one outside of their species. If they spot you, they will immediately shoot lasers at you. The only way to really stop it would be to tame one.. which would make other Syks trust you a bit knowing you've befriended a fellow Syk. But that's an extremely hard task."

"Second, we have the Phantoms. They are ghost-like figures that normally wear a gray cloak. They have no legs, just black smoke beneath them. Yes they can fly. Phantoms always carry a scythe with them, with the tip dipped in black withering acid. One touch of that stuff and you'll dissolve in the snap of a finger."

"Well that's reassuring.." I commented, in a very sarcastic yet nervous tone. Willow snapped at me. "Hush. I'm not done." I rolled my eyes and let her continue.

"Lastly, we have Hands of Death. They can randomly appear from the ground. They'll grab at your legs and drag you down into where they came from. Apparently it feels like getting sucked into a black hole..."

By the time she was done explaining, my face was pale from shock of how calmly Willow was when explaining, and terror of all the things that could murder me.

"One last thing!" She mentioned teasingly. "These monsters all love to feed on human flesh! In fact it's their favorite food! They'd do anything to-"

I gave her a punch on the shoulder "SHUT UP." She smirked and chuckled.

"Hey.. if it helps just remember all those creatures don't come to VOID's Grace. They like to search for stronger creatures farther out." Willow reassured me a bit, it did help a bit.

After a bit of walking, we reached a house. It seemed wholesome, your average brick house with plain walls. Nothing special, but I liked it. Willow let out a small sigh and spoke; "You'll be staying here for a bit... hopefully forever." I walked into the house and took a seat in the living room. "You can go make yourself at home in a bedroom if you'd like!" She offered. I took her offer, but before I could fully leave Willow spoke.

"Wait... I just, I just wanted to apologize. I know I seem so rude like I don't care about you, but I really do. I've just.. I've had to tell the same thing to another human. She sadly.. didn't listen and tried to escape. She was killed the next day... Anyways my point is. Please listen to me. I want you to be safe... I don't want to lose another person..."

I reassured her and went upstairs. I laid on the bed.. just staring at the ceiling.

I don't think I want to stay here. Willow's nice and all.. but I can't just settle in a place like this. It's clearly very dangerous here and I'd get miserable easily... I'm not staying in this "VOID" dimension. I prefer Earth. I'll ask Willow later.. if I asked now she'd probably lecture me again. I understand her concern but I'm strong... right?

I relaxed myself and turned to my side on the bed. After a while... I drifted off to sleep.

(A/N: Thank you so much for reading! Apologies for taking so long to write this part, but I hope the wait was worth it. I definitely put much more work into this part than I did in Part 1. Being honest here, Willow is definitely my favorite character in this book. I hope you enjoyed Part 2! :] -V)