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INT. GAVIN'S HOUSE - DAY

GAVIN SOL, a young 19 year old Corgi, wearing brown pants, a brown zip up jacket, walks down the stairs from his room.

In his two story wooden home, every step squeaky, the rails wobbly, and some of the floor board has nails sticking out.

He hears the sound of his adopted parents rummaging in the kitchen.

The white, four and a half foot tall corgi walks into the kitchen.

INT. HOUSE KITCHEN - DAY

GAVIN
Good morning.

GRETTA, a 40 old anthropomorphic badger, turns on the skillet to her stove and searches the cabinets for seasonings.

Sitting in the chair is her husband MAURICE, 45 years old with white fur on the tip of his nuzzle and most of his neck fur.

Maurice grumbles when he glances at Gavin and Gretta rolls her eyes, her back faces Gavin.

GRETTA
I fail to see what's so good about it.

GAVIN
I mean... It's a nice day, good weather...

The room goes silent, Maurice bouncing his foot on the ground slightly impatient.

Sol rubs the back of his head and walks to the table, pulling the chair back to sit down.

Maurice looks at the corgi with distain, his other foot resting on the same chair.

Gavin slowly pushes the chair back into position, making the badge scoff in disgust.

GAVIN (CONT'D)
May I ask what's for breakfast Ms. Mayner?

She fills the skillet with sausages and lets them cook loudly.

GRETTA
Oh sure, of course you can ask that. Mind if I ask you something too Gavin, when are you going to be useful around here?

Gavin flattens his ears and looks down.

GAVIN
But... I thought I was.

GRETTA
Oh? You mean like the berries, fruits, and fish you got for us yesterday? You think that's what we adopted you for?

Gavin speaks lowly.

GAVIN
No maim.

GRETTA
How about you do something useful, like get a real profession!

MAURICE
You done making breakfast yet deer?

Gretta turns around to see the sausages getting dark and quickly grabs a spatula. She scrapes the food off and flips it over.

GAVIN
I am soon I promise. I put in an application to join the mail service.

MAURICE
That's not a real job, that's a lazy hobby. All you're doing is delivering mail.

Gretta looks over her shoulder at Gavin. While she does she positions the handle of her skillet to face him while he's distracted.

GAVIN
But the man at the office board said I'm likely to get picked an-

Gretta slams her fist on the skillet handle. The sausages fly directly towards Gavin.

Gavin sees the sausages flying at him in slow motion. While the food is in the air, Gavin grabs a plate from the table out of impulse and shields his face.

The sausages stick to the plate. Gretta points to him.

GRETTA
That! That right there is why we adopted you.

Maurice looks from his wife to Gavin. When he sees Gavin has his plate, he looks down at the table, his own plate missing.

MAURICE
My plate!

GAVIN
Oh, sorry here.

Gavin puts the plate of sausages down in front of Maurice.

GRETTA
With that speed, you should be doing more rewarding jobs. Not just wildness hunting.

MAURICE
Yeah, that's my job.

GRETTA
Why don't you use that speed and be a treasure hunter, or a racer, something where the big money is?

GAVIN
I just... wanted to do something simple.

GRETTA
Simple?! You think living in this crappy house, cleaning and cooking is simple?

Gavin keeps his head down, looking at the floor.

Maurice swallows hard.

MAURICE
Quit looking down all the time! Look at us and speak when spoken too. You're not a pup!

Gavin looks up slowly, seeing their disappointing or scolding faces.

GAVIN
I'll bring in some more money to help the house.

GRETTA
I don't care about this house.

She puts the spatula down and turns off the skillet.

GRETTA (CONT'D)
I moved from where I use to be into this dump of a place so I could save on my money.

She walks over to her husband slowly as he eats.

GRETTA (CONT'D)
We could have left this village but we decided to take an investment on you.

Gavin's tail falls between his legs.

GAVIN
And you adopted me with the money you made...

GRETTA
Good boy, and why did we do that?

GAVIN
So... I could help bring this family out of debt.

GRETTA
Exactly.

Gretta frowns as Sol looks away from her, his head slowly going back down to the ground.

Gretta walks around the table and grabs Gavin's muzzle, making him look up.

GRETTA (CONT'D)
Now don't disappoint, understand?

GAVIN
Y...yes maim.

Gretta lets go and smiles.

GRETTA
Now go quit that job and find another way to make some real money with your skills.

GAVIN
(quietly)
Yes maim...

GRETTA
Since you enjoy picking berries so much, you can go find more for yourself.

Gavin nods without saying a word. Before Gretta reaches the refrigerator, inches away from her reach, Gavin runs out the door, closing it behind him.

GRETTA (CONT'D)
I can't believe I spent my money on him.

MAURICE
I told you we should have gotten more equipment.

EXT. FOREST - DAY

Gavin runs into the forest outside of milestone village with incredible speed. He sides steps the trees in his way.

Gavin trips over a branch after running downhill.

He slides on his belly till he gets to the bottom. Gavin rubs his chest and sits up, hearing a small rumble sound.

The ground below him caves in and he falls into a tunnel.

INT. UNDERGROUND CAVERN - DAY

Gavin opens his eyes, groaning from the hard impact, and tries to stand up.

He winces when he puts weight on one of his ankles and leans against the wall.

GAVIN
Whoa...

The cavern is well lit by glowing moss on the walls. Several gaps in the wall lead to the outside but nothing big enough for him to crawl through.

Gavin looks up to see the tunnel too deep to climb.

At the other end of the cavern, he sees a glowing orb floating up and down on a small platform.

Gavin limps along the wall to the other platform slowly.

In the shadows of the cave, small gaps open up and creatures with glowing yellow eyes, bodies made of earth, start rising.

Gavin walks to the platform, standing in front of the orb.

GAVIN (CONT'D)
What is this thing?

Gavin reaches to touch it then hears the sound of footsteps.

The room fills up with earth elementals, magical creatures with bodies made of earth and stone, all walking towards Gavin.

GAVIN (CONT'D)
W-wait! I won't touch it, it's all yours!

Gavin holds up his hands away from the orb and backs away.

One of the creatures magically lifts up a block of earth and throws it at Gavin. The corgi barks and dives out of the way.

GAVIN (CONT'D)
I said I don't want this! I just want to get out of here!

The creatures give no verbal response.

One of the creatures aims its spike arm at Gavin and fires it. Gavin rolls away as the spike gets lodged in a wall.

The creature bends down and gets more earth to replace the arm it lost.

GAVIN (CONT'D)
(Shout)
Somebody help!

A voice comes from inside orb.

ZEN
(V.O)
Well, well, a new companion has arrived at my quarters.

GAVIN
What?

Gavin looks at the orb as it glows when it speaks.

ZEN
(V.O)
You don't look much like a companion. Don't tell me you're a house dog?

GAVIN
What're you talking about? Help me!

The creatures get closer and Gavin stands against the wall, behind the floating orange object.

ZEN
(V.O)
Sorry my boy but services for me don't come cheap.

GAVIN
What do you want?

ZEN
(V.O)
I'll help but it'll cost you.

Several of the creatures aim, and fire at Gavin.

GAVIN
Fine!

Gavin grabs the orb to use as a shield.

When Gavin touches it, he feels magic leak from his body and transfer into the orb.

Gavin sees something that looks like liquid filling up the orb.

The orb glows bright orange and the size of the object grows quickly, bigger than the corgi.

The creatures attacks bounce off the surface of the orb and land on the ground.

The orb shrinks back to hand held.

ZEN
(V.O)
Such great power in you. This'll work out just fine.

Gavin watches as fire surround the orb and a person jumps out of the item from above.

ZEN, a one tail fox, with a mix of orange and yellow fur and with blue markings on his face and arms, gently lands on top of his orb, standing on it.

Gavin notices the fluff and feathers in his ears and gasps from his sudden appearance. His only attire is a blue shorts.

Zen points out the number of creatures.

ZEN (CONT'D)
One, two, three... So many against me, well that's odd. I don't remember having neighbors.

The creatures climb onto the platform and swing at Gavin.

Gavin shields his face. Zen magically stretches his tail out, coils Gavin's waist, and lifts the corgi from the ground.

ZEN (CONT'D)
Yeah, we'll be leaving now.

Zen floats his orb higher and increases its size again, making it bigger than the enemies.

GAVIN
How are you doing all this?

ZEN
Let's live to tell the tale first.

Zen moves the orb under him forward, flying on it like a hoverboard. The orb bashes into one enemy after another, splitting them into pieces.

Sol barks while being carried by the tail and holds onto it tightly as he's swung around.

The creatures hit by the massive orb slowly reassemble. They shoot spikes from their bodies but either Zen dodges or they bounce off his orb.

Zen makes his way to the exit but the creatures combine their magic and create a wall of earth to seal it off.

Zen stops in front of it.

ZEN (CONT'D)
Isn't that a shame...

The monsters slowly approach the two.

GAVIN
What're we gonna do now?

Zen presses his ear to the dirt and knocks on it.

ZEN
Doesn't seem to be that thick.

He looks up at the stalagmites on the ceiling, grinning.

ZEN (CONT'D)
Hold onto your tail dog man.

Zen rides his orb along the wall, going back to the pedestal, picking up momentum.

GAVIN
What're you doi- Whoa!

Gavin keeps his head down when the creatures fire at him again.

Zen surfs and swings his orb around, going straight for the sealed off exit again with intense speed.

ZEN
This is it!

Zen places his palms together, they glow and fire circles around his hands. He look up and throws several fireballs up to the ceiling.

In mid air, those fireball become fire birds with golden eyes and a silhouette of flames.

Those birds fly to large stalagmites and explode on impact.

The underground cavern rumbles and the stalagmites fall, crushing the creatures on the ground.

Gavin looks at the makeshift wall getting closer.

GAVIN
We're gonna crash!

Zen spins around on his orb, brings his legs close to his chest, and kicks the orb.

The orb flies into the wall and crushes it, revealing the gap Gavin fell through earlier.

Zen lands on the ground and runs to it, still carrying Gavin in his oversize tail.

The cavern begins collapsing.

Zen jumps, places the orb under his feet again, and uses it to carry them out of the hole.

Gavin looks down as a large piece of the forest collapses.

Zen lands a few feet away, jumping onto the ground and stretches.

He drops Gavin on the ground and returns his tail to a normal size.

ZEN
That was too much of a morning workout.

Gavin gets up, dusting himself off. He winces from his hurt ankle and leans against a tree.

GAVIN
Who are you?... What are you?... And what was all that?

Zen looks at Gavin, putting his hands behind his head.

ZEN
Do you want all of that answered in order or randomly?

Gavin rubs his face.

Zen smirks.

ZEN (CONT'D)
Names Zenion, or Zen for short... You're a lot smaller now that I'm out of my orb.

The orange orb floats around Gavin's head. Inside, the liquid magic slowly depletes, almost empty.

Gavin frowns.

GAVIN
I know, I'm a corgi. My names Gavin.

ZEN
Welp, now that formalities are out of the way, your life is spared, and I'm free, let's get down to business.

Zen rubs his hands together with a grin on his face.

GAVIN
What business?

ZEN
I'm gonna need your help finding and putting my family back together.

Gavin raises an eyebrow.

GAVIN
Wait, what?

ZEN
You heard me. I have a family to get back together and you're gonna help.

The liquid inside Zen's orb fades. Zen's body turns to sand and Gavin barks.

GAVIN
H-Hey! What's happening to you?

Zen looks at himself as his feet, then legs, then body disappears.

Zen looks at his orb and frowns.

ZEN
Just... Great...

Zen's entire body turns to sand and circles back into the orb.

Gavin watches as the orb floats, dimly lit.

GAVIN
Hey? Are you still there?

Zen gives no response.

Gavin takes the orb and knocks on it.

GAVIN (CONT'D)
Hello...?

Gavin looks around.

GAVIN (CONT'D)
Sorry... I can't help you with that...

Gavin puts it down and turns around, limping back to the village. Zen's orb floats back into the air and follows him from behind.

END OF ACT 1

ACT 2

INT. MEDICAL BUILDING - DAY

Gavin walks into the medical building, seeing different furs sitting on benches with healing mages attending to them.

Each mage of the building wears a green uniform with white stripes. The room's big with plenty of seating areas.

Gavin looks to the left, seeing through the windows of several doors where patients are treated with advance healing of the body.

A goatwoman with glasses, sits behind the counter top at the reception desk, flipping over a newspaper article.

GAVIN
Excuse me.

The goatwoman looks up from her paper, sees no one, and goes back to reading it.

Gavin rings the bell on the desk.

The woman looks up again, seeing a hand waving.

She puts down the paper and looks over the countertop, seeing Gavin.

GOATWOMAN
Oh hello, I didn't see you. How can I help you?

GAVIN
Is there anyone I can see about getting my ankle healed.

GOATWOMAN
Of course, I can contact our next available healer for you. How will..

The goatwoman sees the orb floating above Gavin's head, keeping out of his view.

GOATWOMAN (CONT'D)
I'm sorry sir, please reframe from using your own magic in here. Standard policy.

GAVIN
But... I'm not using any, I hardly have any magic.

GOATWOMAN
Then what's that sir?

She points. Gavin looks up, sees the orb and barks.

GAVIN
What're you doing here? How'd you follow me?

Zen gives no response.

GAVIN (CONT'D)
Quit playing quiet, I know you're in there.

Gavin grumbles, the woman raises an eyebrow.

GOATWOMAN
Are you okay sir?

Gavin looks back at her, smiling nervously.

GAVIN
Y-yes sorry about that. Hold on...

Gavin jumps, grabs the orb and shoves it into his pocket.

GOATWOMAN
Um... Well... Services for minor healing costs ten genins.

GAVIN
I... I didn't know you had to pay..

GOATWOMAN
Yes sir. Unless you've been a member of the healing services, all acts cost a small fee to keep our business running.

She hands him a pamphlet.

GOATWOMAN (CONT'D)
Once you pay, we'll get you ready.

Gavin flattens his ears.

GAVIN
On second thought... I'll be okay, thanks anyway.

Gavin turns around and limps out the room.

GOATWOMAN
Have a good day.

EXT. MILESTONE VILLAGE - DAY

Gavin leans against the wall and sighs.

The orb inside his pocket yanks upward. Gavin barks and falls over on his back.

The orb flies over his head again, faintly glowing.

GAVIN
Will you leave me alone! Look I'm sorry but I can't help you with that.

The orb again gives no response.

Gavin growls and gets back up.

GAVIN (CONT'D)
I think I know someone who can...

Gavin walks away from the building with the orb following.

EXT. SMALL OFFICE BUILDING - DAY

Gavin knocks on a green door to a small building. He stands with the orb floating above his head.

The door unlocks and a stoat with glasses, white fur, green button up shirt,and brown pants looks at Gavin.

Mr. WIZE, a 34 year old anthropomorphic stoat, smiles widely.

MR. WIZE
Gavin, it's good to see ya!

GAVIN
(Smiling)
Hello Mr. Wize.

Mr. Wize looks up, seeing the orb above the corgi's head and points.

MR. WIZE
Ah, got a new friend there have ya?

GAVIN
(frowning)
It's a long story.

MR. WIZE
Come in, come in, I'm just about to teach a course, feel free to join. Oh, alright.

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

Mr. Wize leads Gavin into his classroom.

Six different young furs, a mix of male and female canines and felines in their preteen years, sit around in chairs in an oval shape.

The room contains windows on one side, a chalkboard at the end of the room behind a desk and chair, and map on the other end of the wall.

MR. WIZE
Alright good morning all. We have a surprise visitor today. I'd like you to meet one of my former students, Gavin.

The class claps for his arrival, Gavin waves back shyly.

The class looks above his head, seeing an orange orb faintly glowing.

STUDENT
What's that thing?

MR. WIZE
Well, glad you asked. Let's jump right into it. Gavin, over here please.

Mr. Wize pushes some chairs away to make room for him and Gavin.

Gavin comes over.

MR. WIZE (CONT'D)
May I?

He reaches for the orb but doesn't touch it.

GAVIN
Please do.

Mr. Wize takes it and shows it to the class.

MR. WIZE
What we have here is a familiar. Can anyone guess what that is?

A student raises her hand and Mr. Wize points at her.

STUDENT
It's a spirit thing that lives in an inanimate object.

MR. WIZE
Brilliant. Familiars are essentially companions to their wielder. They're very rare.

Mr. Wize passes it around. The students examine it.

MR. WIZE (CONT'D)
(To Gavin)
Where did you find that?

GAVIN
In an underground cavern... but it won't leave me alone... I was hoping you could help.

Mr. Wize nods as he listens to Gavin.

MR. WIZE
Why would you want to do that?

GAVIN
It says it needs my help to find something. I don't want to help with that.

MR. WIZE
Students, may I see the sphere?

One of them passes it back to Mr. Wize, who takes it.

MR. WIZE (CONT'D)
Typically the way to summon the familiar is for its owner to infuse a little of his own magic into it. Gavin, care to do the honors?

GAVIN
I... Okay...

Gavin takes the orb back into his hands. He focuses and pushes his inner magic into his hands, making them faintly glow white.

The orb glows and absorbs it.

The students watch, noticing the inside of the orb fill up like water in an orange container.

Gavin gets it half full and stops.

The orb yanks out of his hand and appears in the middle of the room.

The students scoot back in their chairs when fire circles the orb and Zen appears on top of it again.

ZEN
About time. My home isn't a toy.
Wash your fingers.

The students talk among themselves, pointing to Zen.

Zen folds his arms and jumps on the ground.

ZEN (CONT'D)
Yeah... I'm right here.

GAVIN
Zen.

Zen turns around, Mr. Wize smiling widely and curiously.

ZEN
What am I? On stage?

MR. WIZE
Fascinating.

He walks around Zen, observing the feathers in his ears, strange coloration, pink eyes, and markings on his arm.

MR. WIZE (CONT'D)
I've never seen a familiar like
you before. And with such an
interesting attitude.

Mr. Wize picks up Zen's arm to see the markings.

MR. WIZE (CONT'D)
What do these mean?

ZEN
Personal space and good hygiene.

Zen takes his arm back and walks over to Gavin.

ZEN (CONT'D)
Now where did we leave off?

GAVIN
Zen, this is Mr. Wize. He was my former teacher, I think he can help you with your problem.

ZEN
That so?

MR. WIZE
Yes. Now class pay attention. A familiar services his or her companion but passing along the object it resides in, transfers ownership instantly.

ZEN
Say what now?

GAVIN
Mr. Wize is gonna help you find your family.

Zen folds his arms, looking at the man.

ZEN
Mmm, no.

The students gasp and Mr. Wize fixes his glasses, surprised.

GAVIN
What do you mean no?

ZEN
Mean no. Don't know him. Besides, you still owe me for saving your life.

GAVIN
I can't help you do that. I don't know how.

MR. WIZE
This is interesting...

He puts a finger to his mouth to quiet his students as he slowly gets in a chair to observe the conversation.

Zen folds his arms.

ZEN
You'll have to find a way then, because I'm not leaving your side until you do.

GAVIN
You can't decide that. I brought you here to get you help and Mr. Wize can do that.

ZEN
I felt that guy touching my orb and tried to fill it up with magic. Don't like the way it feels.

Gavin rubs his face, frowning.

GAVIN
You can't just make me do what you want. You're a familiar, aren't you suppose to do what I ask?

MR. WIZE
That's how all familiars work.

ZEN
To bad for you, I'm no ordinary whatever a familiar is.

Gavin sighs, walks over to the orb, jumps and takes it.

ZEN (CONT'D)
What're you doing?

Gavin walks over to Mr. Wize.

GAVIN
Sorry but I can't help. Mr. Wize, please take this.

Mr. Wize hesitates for a moment before extending his hand to take it.

Zen raises his hand and the orb flies out of Gavin's grip into Zen's.

ZEN
And here I thought dogs were loyal or something like that.

Zen increases the size of his orb and jumps on top of it.

GAVIN
What're you doing?

ZEN
You won't help me? I'll do it myself then.

Zen flies to the window and crashes through it.

The students scream and cover their faces as Zen flies into the village.

MR. WIZE
Students? Are you alright?

He checks on them then turns his attention to Gavin.

MR. WIZE (CONT'D)
What was that about?

GAVIN
I-I don't know.

MR. WIZE
We have to get him back. He's an out of control familiar. Those types of creatures are dangerous.

Gavin flattens his ears and looks up at the broken window.

MR. WIZE (CONT'D)
(To students)
Class is dismissed for the day. I'm sorry things got out of hand. Return home to your parents.

The students leave. Mr. Wize follows them with Gavin limping over.

EXT. OUTSIDE THE BUILDING - DAY

Mr. Wize looks around for Zen, Gavin comes outside.

Mr. Wize notices Gavin limping.

MR. WIZE
What's wrong?

GAVIN
I sprained my ankle.

MR. WIZE
Here, sit down.

Gavin sits down on the steps in front of the door.

Mr. Wize places his hands around Gavin's ankle. His arms glow up to his hands. An eggshell color surrounds Gavin's ankle, the sound of the cast is a chime, ringing.

He stops and stands back up.

MR. WIZE (CONT'D)
How do you feel?

Gavin puts pressure on his foot and feels fine. He jumps back up, smiling.

GAVIN
I didn't know you could heal.

MR. WIZE
Maybe next time you'll stick around for training.

Gavin blushes.

Both of them hear a scream coming from around the corner.

MR. WIZE (CONT'D)
Come on.

END OF ACT 2

ACT 3

INT. MILESTONE VILLAGE - DAY

Zen runs around on on the streets of the village, eyeing the different one story shops and two story homes of it's citizens.

ZEN
Let's see... If I was gonna hunt people down, where would I go first?

As Zen looks around he stops in front of a store. The sign in front says general goods with a symbol of clothes, items, and weapons.

Zen walks inside, the bell ringing on entry.

INT. GENERAL GOODS STORE - DAY

Inside this small shop, clothing ranging from general wares to armor and robes hung on the ceiling.

Above the clothes are weapons mounted on hooks and miscellaneous items on shelves.

A BEAR, black fur with bags over his eyes and a brown beard, stands behind a counter, looking over the scrawny customer coming in.

BEAR
Lemme know if you see whattcha like my friend.

Zen walks over to the counter.

ZEN
How's it going?

BEAR
Business is going well thanks, can't complain. What can I do you for?

Zen smirks and leans forward on the counter.

ZEN
Well, I'm new to town and I'm a bit loss. Mind telling me where I am? Lost my map in the wilderness.

BEAR
This is milestone village my friend. To isolated for my tasted being it a bit far into nature but I do a lot of trading so it keeps my shop up.

Zen laughs.

ZEN
Praise be to that. Do you have a map by any chance?

BEAR
Hold tight.

The bear goes in back to search the room, bringing out a map a few seconds later.

He lays it on the desk and opens it up, pointing to their location.

BEAR (CONT'D)
Here you are, Milestone village. Where you from?

ZEN
Oh I float around from place to place. I'm hoping to get outta town soon, though I'm also looking for a companion.

BEAR
Companion huh? You try the mission building?

ZEN
What's that?

BEAR
It's a building where people get assignments or assigned to jobs. Also acts as a lodging place. Try there. If you got the coins, you'll find who you're looking for.

ZEN
Much oblige.

Zen reaches to take the map but the bear puts a paw over it.

BEAR
Not so fast. This map's worth at least 3 Genins. The info was free.

Zen rubs his chin.

ZEN
Gotta give something to get something huh? My kinda guy.

The bear smirks but doesn't take his paw off the map.

BEAR
You gonna buy some clothes too? Running around with shorts on is liable to get the guards to arrest you.

Zen takes his orb out of his pocket and puts it on the table.

ZEN
Give me the nap, a new set of clothes... something blue and black, and the change.

The bears eyes widen at the glowing object. He grins to himself.

BEAR
Hold on one second.

He leaves again, searching through the closet in the back quickly.

Zen whistles beautifully like a bird as he waits.

The bear comes back with black pants and a blue v-neck shirt with yellow linings along the collar, and size.

The bear smiles and takes the orb, then hands Zen a bag of coins.

BEAR (CONT'D)
Pleasure doing business with ya.

Zen grins and nods.

The bear turns back around to put the orb in a secure place.

Zen raises his finger up, the orb flies out of the bears hand and smacks him hard against the jaw.

The bear grunts hard and falls flat on his back, out cold.

Zen returns the flying orb to his pocket.

ZEN
Pleasure's all mine.

EXT. FOREST - DAY

Under the rubble of the collapsed open field, a stone creature climb to the surface.

Unlike the others, this one's body glows through the cracks in it's rock surface.

It puts the glowing rock in it's chest and grows in size from the magic flowing through it's body.

After it reaches three times it's height, the creature slams its glowing arms into the ground, disembodying them.

The pieces of it's body sunk into the earth for a moment, then two smaller copies of the original creature emerge.

The original creature molds the earth to create two more hands, and brings up two stone statues, one of Zen and one of Gavin.

As the copies wonder the forest after looking at the two new targets, the original continues making more clones.

EXT. MILESTONE VILLAGE - DAY

Gavin and Mr. Wize look around and get to the center of the village.

GAVIN
Where should we look first?

MR. WIZE
I don't know... I've never experienced a rouge familiar before. He could be anywhere.

GAVIN
Well what would a rouge do in something like this?

MR. WIZE
Gavin, you're five times faster than anyone in this village. You're the best chance we have at finding him.

GAVIN
But what do I do when I find him?

MR. WIZE
Call for the guards and stay on him. He might be able to fly but you can keep up with him. I need to go get something.

GAVIN
Alright, if you're sure about this.

MR. WIZE
I have faith in you, now hurry.

Mr. Wize runs off.

Gavin bounces from one foot to the other, breathing in and out.

GAVIN
Alright... Let's do this.

Gavin gets into a running pose and looks up, seeing a clear path down the road to search.

Gavin breathes in and out and runs high speed down the road.

As he runs, the people around him move much slowly, but still react to Gavin circling past them.

Gavin runs through some alleys, pokes his head in and out of public buildings, and makes sharp turns around corner.

He runs down another alleyway but trips. He flies into the side of a building and smacks against it, then slides to the ground groaning and rubs his nose.

GAVIN (CONT'D)
Oww!

He whines and sits up, rubbing his nose more. A loud thump sounds off from inside the building, making Gavin flick his ears up.

He looks at the building, gets up, and circles around it.

Gavin finds the store entrance and the sign saying it's a general goods store.

Gavin walks in.

INT. GENERAL GOODS STORE - DAY

Gavin walks in to find Zen whispering to an unconscious bear.

Zen wears his black pants and blue shirt, holding a copy of the map in one hand.

GAVIN
Zen!

Zen doesn't flinch and wiggles his fingers close to the bear's ear.

A stream of blue magic comes out of the bear's ear and follows Zen's fingers.

Zen snaps his fingers and the magic disappears.

ZEN
There we go, all clear.

Gavin quickly closes the door behind him.

GAVIN
What did you do to him?

ZEN
Relax. I knocked him out and made sure he doesn't remember that I did.

Gavin looks at him confused.

GAVIN
You messed with his mind?!

ZEN
No, I... edited his dreams. Comes with the territory.

He points to himself, grinning.

GAVIN
You really are a rogue familiar.

ZEN
Boy you guys really hate free will dontcha?

Gavin frowns and opens the door behind him.

Zen immediately runs for the door since there were no windows to escape from.

GAVIN
Guards! I need help! Quick!

Gavin turns his head to look at Zen racing toward him. Gavin closes the door quickly but Zen spins, grows the size of his tail, and knocks Gavin to the side.

Gavin hits the wall and slides to the floor.

ZEN
You're a stubborn little Corgi. I'm not threatened, but impressed.

Zen opens the door and jumps on his orb again, flying out.

Gavin gets up and runs to the door.

EXT. MILESTONE VILLAGE - DAY

Zen flies into the air just as guards get to the shop.

Some of them go in to check on the owner.

The guards watch them both disappear, unable to follow.

Gavin sees Zen fly away and race after him.

Gavin runs into a dead end in an alley way, losing sight of Zen.

GAVIN
No, no, no...

Gavin runs back into the streets.

From a distance, Gavin sees Zen sneak into his second floor room at his adopted parents house through the weekend.

GAVIN (CONT'D)
No, no, no!

Gavin runs to his home.

INT. GAVIN'S HOME, FIRST FLOOR - DAY

Gavin runs into his house but immediately knocks into Gretta and her husband Maurice.

All three of them fall to the floor, Maurice ontop of Gretta.

GRETTA
Get off of me!

Gretta pushes over her husband and sits up. When she sees Gavin did this, her face turns red, irritable.

GRETTA (CONT'D)
Gavin! I thought I told you to
stop running so fast in the house!

Gavin sits up and rubs his head.

GAVIN
I'm sorry.

Gretta gets up immediately before Maurice does and grabs the Corgi's ear.

Gavin yelps.

GRETTA
If I ever have that happen again
I'll glue your tail to the corner
and make you sit for a day.
Understood?!

GAVIN
Yes maim, sorry maim, won't happen
again!

Maurice groans and dusts his shirt off.

MAURICE
Should I get the switch or something?

GRETTA
Get yourself to work. I'll handle this.

Maurice tilts his head.

MAURICE
Yeah.

Maurice walks out the door and Gretta lets go of Gavin's ear.

Gavin rubs his ear, wincing. Gretta folds her arms.

INT. GAVIN'S ROOM - DAY

Zen closes the window behinds him and looks around the small room.

As he floats to the center, the only thing in the room is a small bed, a dresser, and a mirror.

Zen knocks on the wood, hearing how hallow it is.

Zen snickers and grabs the sheets off the blanket and throws them across the room.

He flies over to the dresser, opens them up, and scatters the clothes across the room.

ZEN
Selling me out to some old man after I saved you? This'll teach you.

Zen gets to the bottom of the clothes and sees a long yellow envelop.

Curious, he picks it up, feeling a bit of weight from the inside and opens it.

He pulls out a picture, one of Gavin as a pup with two adult golden retrievers in lab coats.

Gavin smiles from the picture.

A loud thump goes off downstairs and Zen yelps, looking at the door.

GRETTA
(O.S.)
Gavin! I thought I told you to stop running so fast in the house!

Zen floats to the door and quietly opens it.

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

Zen moves to the edge of the staircase and glances downstairs.

Maurice leaves the home and Gavin rubs his ear after having it tugged.

GRETTA
Have you quit that stupid mail job yet?

GAVIN
N-not yet but I'm going too, I just forgot something.

GRETTA
You're a terrible liar child. What have you been doing since you left earlier?

GAVIN
I was just... Um...

GRETTA
Yeah, that's what I thought. You were just wasting time as always. What? Crying again because ya miss your old family.

Gavin flattens his ears and his eyes slightly water.

GRETTA (CONT'D)
They are dead. Get over it. You're under my roof now. I own you. Get your things and find a better job and don't come back until you do.

GAVIN
Yes maim...

Gretta scoffs and walks past him.

Zen retreats back into the room. Gavin rubs his face and races upstairs.

Gretta opens the door, and looks up at the stairs suspiciously.

END OF ACT 3

ACT 4

INT. GAVIN'S ROOM - DAY

Gavin walks into his room after wiping his face.

Zen sits on his only dresser, looking at the picture.

ZEN
Ya know, I sensed a lot of your magic was mostly in this spot. Such a... demanding parent she is.

Gavin sees Zen and the picture, bearing his teeth.

GAVIN
You! Put that back and leave me alone!

Gavin runs to the dresser to grab the picture, Zen jumps and lands back on his orb.

Gavin crashes into the dresses and knocks it over, along with himself.

ZEN
A dog with a badger for a mom? So you're adopted then?

Gavin looks up at Zen, growling. Zen gives Gavin back his picture, Gavin takes it back.

GAVIN
Yeah...

Zen manipulates his orb and stretches it out horizontally. He lays on his orb on his side.

ZEN
And I'm also guessing those were another family?

Gavin says nothing and walks to his bed, sitting down as he stares at the picture.

GAVIN
Just leave me alone!

EXT. HALLWAY - DAY

Gretta quietly walks to Gavin's door, hearing two voices, and presses her ear to his door.

INT. GAVIN'S ROOM - DAY

ZEN
Told you, I'm not going anywhere without you.

GAVIN
But why me?! You can ask anyone in the village to help you.

ZEN
From where I'm floating, you need the most help.

Gavin scoffs and looks down.

GAVIN
You don't know anything about me.

ZEN
Look I get it. You don't wanna help me because you have your own family issues to work out.

GAVIN
No, It's just... They hate me but... I don't want to lose another family.

Zen raises an eyebrow. Gavin sniffs and wipes his nose.

GAVIN (CONT'D)
My parents abandoned me when I was a pup...I've been an orphan ever since.

Gavin looks at his picture and holds it up.

GAVIN (CONT'D)
Then I found a family that adopted me, and I thought I'd be happy... But they died.

ZEN
So you ended up here?

GAVIN
This family only wants me around because I could make them money... I just want to do something simple, not dangerous.

Gavin sighs and goes around the room, picking up his sheets.

GAVIN (CONT'D)
My other family wanted me to be a hero. To help people like them. They thought my speed could be put to good use.

ZEN
So, why settle for a mail job?

GAVIN
So I could start building my recommendations and travel... without being tied down to another family.

Gavin looks around his room then frowns.

GAVIN (CONT'D)
You messed up my room and spied on me?

ZEN
You just noticed? I thought we had a moment going on here.

Gavin throws his stuff down and sighs.

ZEN (CONT'D)
I'm still confused. You won't help me because you're worried about your job?

GAVIN
I can't help you because I'm in debt to my family now. They won't just let me up and leave...

Zen groans and rubs his face, then taps his chin.

ZEN
Fine, how about this? I help you get the money your 'family' wants, then you help me fine mine.

GAVIN
That's not gonna happ-

ZEN
I'll even help you build your rep up. And if we happen to find info about the whereabouts of my family as we go. I'll seek them without you.

Gavin folds his arms, taping his foot.

ZEN (CONT'D)
That's the best deal you're gonna get. I will haunt you until you do.

Zen holds out his hand.

ZEN (CONT'D)
Deal?

Gavin huffs and groans a little. After a beat he reaches his hand to accept but Zen pulls his hand back.

ZEN (CONT'D)
No ditching this time, got it?

Zen puts his hand back down. Gavin shakes it.

GAVIN
Alright, deal... Mr. Wize was right about you, you're a strange familiar.

EXT. HALLWAY - DAY

Gretta grins after hearing that last sentence.

GRETTA
(Quietly)
Rotten little pup's been holding out on me... I'll fix that.

Gretta kicks the door open.

INT. GAVIN'S ROOM - DAY

Gavin barks and Zen jumps, falling off his orb onto the floor.

GRETTA
I don't remember allowing guests in my house.

Gavin stands in front of Zen to face Gretta.

GAVIN
Ms. Mayner I can expl-

GRETTA
Oh you don't have to explain anything my dear boy.

She smiles a little and looks at Zen as he gets up from the floor.

GRETTA (CONT'D)
So you're a familiar are you?

ZEN
As far as everyone keeps calling me.

Gretta looks up at his orb. The inside shows the magic liquid keeping Zen summoned is almost up.

GRETTA
And that must be the vessel you reside in?

Zen raises an eyebrow.

ZEN
You know, I don't think we've formally met Miss.

GRETTA
Oh sure. I'll be your companion for now.

ZEN
My compan-

Zen once again dissolves into sand and returns to his orb.

Gretta reaches up and snatches it, holding it in her firm grip as the orb faintly glows.

GAVIN
Wait, what are you doing?

GRETTA
He's a rare familiar correct? I'll see how much he sells at the market.

Gretta turns around to leave. Gavin stands in front of the door.

GAVIN
But, you can't just sell him.

GRETTA
And why not? Familiars are servers to whoever wields them. They don't have free will.

GAVIN
But he's different. He-

GRETTA
I heard about your little plan. It's much faster to sell him for a huge profit than all that other mess you two were talking about.

Gavin looks at her, stunned and surprised.

GRETTA (CONT'D)
Now move out of the way, now.

Gavin whimpers quietly and slowly backs away but stops. He tries to stand still, shaking a little.

Gretta glares at Gavin, speaking through her teeth.

GRETTA (CONT'D)
Did you not hear what I said? Get, out of my way or do you want to be punished... Or abandoned again?

Gavin holds down his head and back away to the wall.

GRETTA (CONT'D)
Finally did something useful for a change. This should just about cover the expenses I paid for you. So now you can look for a decent job to support this family.

Gretta walks off, leaving Gavin alone.

Gavin looks over at Gretta and Zen's orb in her hand.

He slides to the ground and curls up with his head in his arms.

END OF ACT 4

ACT 5

EXT. ARMORY STORE - DAY

Maurice comes out of the store, holding a band new bow and quiver with steel arrow heads.

He walks to the edge of the village, about to enter the forest.

GRETTA
Maurice!

Maurice stops and looks over to his wife.

MAURICE
What're you doing here?

GRETTA
Change of plans.

Gretta shows Maurice the dimly lit glowing orb.

Maurice marvels at it, takes it, and examines the item.

GRETTA (CONT'D)
That pup was holding out on us.

MAURICE
He had something this rare and didn't tell us?

GRETTA
Forget that pup. This is gonna make us rich.

As the two talk, the stone creatures follow the sound and peek out from the trees.

They see the orange orb glowing in Maurice's hand and the creatures walk up to them.

MAURICE
Yeah, I find find a good market to sell this thing.

The orb glows and starts yanking at Maurice's arms. Trying to escape.

Maurice holds on to it tightly, straining a little.

MAURICE (CONT'D)
Feisty little creature.

GRETTA
Doesn't matter. Let's go. When we collect our money we'll dump that mutt in another orphanage or something.

The elemental creatures lift up their hands.

The earth under both badger's feet turn into sand, sinking them slowly.

Gretta screams and Maurice let's go of Zen's orb, trying to pry himself free.

GRETTA (CONT'D)
What's going on! Help! Let me go!
No!

MAURICE
Help!

Zen's orb flies back to Gavin as Maurice and Gretta sink completely into the earth.

The elemental creatures look up, about to follow Zen before guards start appearing around the corner.

The elemental stone creatures break apart, becoming regular, non-glowing rocks.

INT. GAVIN'S ROOM - DAY

Gavin sits in the corner of his bed, staring at the picture of his old family.

He hears tapping on his window but doesn't acknowledge it, thinking it's a bird.

The tapping gets more intense, Gavin covers his ears.

Zen flies his orb into the window and breaks through, flying around in a circle.

Gavin barks and looks up, panting.

GAVIN
Z... Zen? Is that you?

Zen flies his orb into Gavin's hand, his light flicking on and off.

GAVIN (CONT'D)
What's wrong? Oh, wait, right.

Gavin focuses and puts more of his energy into the orb once again, filling the inside with magic liquid halway through.

Gavin sweats a little and pants a little harder before letting go.

Zen reappears from his orb, landing on the ground.

ZEN
Okay, step one, get use to being forced back into my orb.

Gavin runs to him and hugs him from behind.

GAVIN
I can't believe you came back! I'm so sorry for letting you go. I swear I didn't mean it, I just-

ZEN
Yeah, you're more of a cowardly dog than I thought you'd be. Onto pressing matters.

Zen breaks the hug and turns to face Gavin.

ZEN (CONT'D)
So good news, you don't have to worry about your family anymore.

Gavin smiles for a moment but it goes away.

GAVIN
Why? And... what's the bad news?

ZEN
Bad news, and the reason why, is because... Remember those stone creatures from earlier?

Gavin nods.

ZEN (CONT'D)
Turns out I think they're out to get me... And got your parents instead.

GAVIN
What?!

ZEN
Was in an orb, couldn't do much.

GAVIN
W-we gotta go help them!

Zen raises an eyebrow.

ZEN
Yeah... Why would we do that?

Gavin frowns and stares at Zen in disbelief.

GAVIN
We can't just let them die or worse?

ZEN
How's dying not the worse thing?

Gavin rubs his face.

GAVIN
You're missing the point! Yes they were mean to me but... I couldn't forgive myself if something happens to them.

Zen sighs and folds his arms.

ZEN
You're a complicated boy scout.

Both of them hear screaming from outside and look out the window.

EXT. MILESTONE VILLAGE - DAY

More elemental creatures come out of the forest and into the village.

Guards attack the creatures and the creatures fight back, searching for their targets.

Those who can't fight, run away.

INT. GAVIN'S ROOM - DAY

ZEN
Party's getting crazy outside.

GAVIN
Not funny! We have to help those people.

ZEN
We can't go around saving everyone at once.

GAVIN
Well we have to do something. I mean, where did all of them even come...

Both of them look at each other with sudden realization.

ZEN
Alright, guess we're doing this.

Gavin opens the door, looking back at Zen.

GAVIN
You coming?

ZEN
I'll fly, you run, I'll keep up.

Gavin runs out the door.

Zen jumps on his orb.

EXT. MILESTONE VILLAGE - DAY

Zen flies on his orb, sees Gavin running into the forest, and follows him.

EXT. FOREST - DAY

Gavin runs around different trees and finds several stone soldiers marching towards milestone village.

The creatures see Gavin, and immediately march towards him, launching their arms as spears.

Gavin ducks behind a tree.

Zen looks down and grows the size of his orb like before.

Zen uses his orb to fall on top of one, crushing it completely. He levitates it up, and does the same to another.

ZEN
That was easy.

Gavin looks over at Zen and smiles, then sees more of them surrounding both of them.

GAVIN
There's too many of them.

ZEN
Then let's find the big guy in charge.

Zen flies up as rock spears fire at him.

Gavin runs past them, his speed faster than their reflexes to attack him.

EXT. COLLASPED CAVERN - DAY

Standing on a makeshift hill created by the leader of the stone army is the larger elemental creature, continuing to creature clones.

Gavin stands behind a tree and Zen lands behind him.

Gavin sees Gretta and Maurice gagged and in stone blocks up to their heads, unable to move.

GAVIN
I see them, but how do we get them out of here.

Zen sees the larger one, and the glowing rock in it's center.

ZEN
I remember seeing that thing before. I think if we take it, he'll collapse.

Both of them duck behind the tree as stone soldiers pass them, marching to the village.

GAVIN
I can race up there and snatch it.

Zen shrink his orb down to hand size and gives it to Gavin.

ZEN
Aim, and throw, I'll take care of the rest.

Zen disappears into sand and flies into his orb.

Gavin looks around the tree again.

He jumps out and gets into a runners pose.

GAVIN
Over here!

The creatures turn their attention to Gavin.

Gavin launches himself from the ground, running straight at the big guy.

The giant creature raises it's hand, turning the stone ground into sand to trap the Corgi.

Gavin aims, and throws Zen at him just before falling into it.

The orb flies straight and true. Fire engulfs the item and a silhouette of a bird with pink eyes forms, screeching in power.

Gavin nearly sinks into the ground, up to his head in quick sand.

Zen dives straight into the stone in the center of the creatures chest and knocks it out of place.

The creature slowly falls apart, breaking and collapsing in on itself.

Gretta and Maurice watches the creature. Maurice notices the glowing rock from the beast's center fall next to him.

When the creature turns to dust, their stone prison breaks.

The army of clones stop moving.

Gavin crawls out from the sand and shakes himself.

GAVIN (CONT'D)
We did it!

Zen reappears outside his orb and stands on the ground.

ZEN
That we did.

Maurice stands in front of the glowing stone.

GRETTA
You... both saved us?

Gavin walks to Zen.

ZEN
His idea more than mine, but yes.

Gretta smiles at Gavin.

GRETTA
I can't believe you did this for us. Thank you Gavin.

Gavin smiles widely, wagging his tail.

MAURICE
Guess you got some fire in you after all. How nice.

GRETTA
We were wrong about you Gavin, I was wrong. Come here.

Gretta holds out her arms for a hug.

Gavin walks over to her, almost getting teary eyed.

Zen watches them suspiciously after Maurice slowly grins.

Gavin hugs Gretta and Gretta returns it.

Gretta looks up at Zen, turning her smile into a glare.

ZEN
Gavin!

Gretta grabs Gavin by the back of the throat and pins his arm behind his back. Gavin barks in pain.

GRETTA
Make a move and the dog looses an arm.

Zen bears his teeth, standing in place. The moment he leans forward, Maurice readies his bow and arrow, aiming at Zen.

ZEN
Talk about heartless. We saved your lives and this is our thanks?

GRETTA
Ha! This was your fault to begin with! You think we didn't see those two statues next to that beast. It was after you two and we got caught up in it.

GAVIN
I'm sorry. We didn't mean t-

Gretta pulls his arm tightly.

GRETTA
Shut up!

She turns her attention back to Zen.

GRETTA (CONT'D)
Now be a good little creature and get back into your orb.

Zen glares at her and looks at Gavin.

ZEN
Fine... You win.

Gavin looks at Zen surprised.

MAURICE
Hey Gretta.

Maurice picks up the glowing stone and shows it to her.

MAURICE (CONT'D)
A little extra pocket change the side too.

Gretta smirks.

The rock starts glowing and Maurice's hand turns to stone.

Maurice freaks out and drops the item, before his hands become completely stiff.

GRETTA
Maurice!

MAURICE
No... No!

Maurice backs away, yelling and hyperventilating. The magic makes his feet turn to stone and work its way up to his body.

MAURICE (CONT'D)
NOO!

Gretta let's go of Gavin and runs to her husband. Her eyes swell with tears.

GRETTA
Maurice!

Gretta touches Maurice's face moments before it turns to stone. The effects of the magic transfer over to her instantly, since she interferes with his transformation.

Gretta screams and Gavin stares at her in horror.

Gretta falls to the ground as her arms turn to stone. She looks over at Gavin and crawls to him for help.

Zen stretches his tail and grabs Gavin, pulling him away.

Gretta turns to stone completely.

Beat.

Zen looks at the glowing stone and lets go of Gavin.

GAVIN
Be careful!

Zen stands over it and grabs a rock.

ZEN
This thing is dangerous.

GAVIN
Wait! Stop! What if it can turn them back to normal.

ZEN
Are you serious! After everything they did, everything they put you through. Why do you still care about them!

GAVIN
Because... They... They don't deserve this.

Zen growls and groans loudly, throwing the rock away.

ZEN
You're infuriating, stubborn, and confusing.

Zen breathes in and out deeply, rubbing his face.

ZEN (CONT'D)
You know what... Fine, do what you want.

Gavin at Gretta and Maurice, flattening his ears.

INT. MR. WIZE OFFICE - DAY

Zen and Gavin sit in chairs, waiting for Mr. Wize to return.

Gavin sits up straight, head down, twiddling his thumbs.

Zen slouches slightly with his hands behind his head and his eyes close, bouncing his foot.

Mr. Wize walks in.

MR. WIZE
Sorry to keep you both waiting.

Mr. Wize goes around and sits at his desk.

GAVIN
How are they?

MR. WIZE
We'll be working on seeing if can reverse them back to normal, but it may take some time.

Gavin sighs in relief.

MR. WIZE (CONT'D)
Now then, onto other news. Mr. Zen.

Zen says nothing and flicks his ears to listen, his eyes still closed.

MR. WIZE (CONT'D)
Because you helped save the town from this uprising, your... miscounduct has been overlooked.

ZEN
Oh, joy.

MR. WIZE
Gavin, since your current parents are incapacitated, the foster care home in the village over is willing to accept you until another family adopts you.

GAVIN
Oh... That's... Well...

Gavin looks over at Zen, who does nothing. Gavin looks back down, curls his hand up and looks back at Mr. Wize.

GAVIN (CONT'D)
I can't accept.

Mr. Wize raises an eyebrow.

MR. WIZE
I'm sorry.

GAVIN
I made a promise to Zen. I'm going to help him find his family.

Zen gives a smile.

MR. WIZE
That's a surprise... Are you sure Gavin? This isn't something I'd advise.

ZEN
He'll be coming with me to find my family, I'll decide to adopt him by then if he turns out right.

GAVIN
Hey! What's that suppose to me?

ZEN
You're still a puppy in my book. Not as cowardice, but still a puppy.

Gavin pouts, Mr. Wize rubs his glasses with a cloth.

MR. WIZE
You do realize, Gavin, that this will not be an easy task.

Gavin nods.

GAVIN
I know... But I'm going to keep my promise this time.

Mr. Wize sighs but nods.

EXT. MILESTONE VILLAGE - DAY

Zen and Gavin walk down the street together, Zen's hands behind his head.

ZEN
Sol.

GAVIN
What?

ZEN
I don't like Gavin. Sol sounds better, so I'll be calling you that.

GAVIN
What's that suppose to mean? You can't just decide that.

ZEN
It stands for speed of light. You like running don't you? Besides, hero's need heroic names.

Gavin shakes his head with a smile.

GAVIN
Fine.

ZEN
Good, now partner... Let's go eat.

THE END