



STORIES FROM NOW

ro & eye

“Ro and Eye; Rewind Our Whereabouts” (Stories from NOW)

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“Almost too quiet out here in the forerest.” said eye.

“Well that’s because your deaf to the rest of it, maybe I should let you remember that your just my right eye, again.” said Ro.

“you say again, but I don’t even remember the last time you brought anything up about it.” eye said.

“you should at least remember when you were born and what of, right?”

“right”

“well now you remember what we’re doing here and why you can’t hear?”

“right... I can hear you” said eye.

“that’s right!”. exclaimed Ro with a quirky smile.

eye and Ro were walking towards the consoules, which looked like a sort of monitor. It was big, atleast to eye. Ro was about the size of it. When they got close enough it flashed a white light and a voice started to speak. A wispy electric voice hummed. Ro raised her chin upward, still gazing straight at the thing. eye looked at her and saw a strange expression forming on Ros face. Front teeth pushing down onto her bottom lip as the muscles of her face formed an awkward grin. It was

weird how she kind of laughed for a moment while holding this face. eye saw her chest heaving with a big breathe too. But it didn't know what that meant, so it read her thoughts. "about that?" asked eye. "whats it like?" "eye look and tell me what you see" said Ro. "um I don't know, it's the forerest" eye retracted his answer "but, it's a memory of the forerest.", the image in Ros mind was a collective memory of right before eye was born, like a slideshow being played for eye to see, directed from a psychic link that joined the two together before they were separated physically. "You should remember where you came from and why, so tell me" As Ro instructed. eye looked at her and the memories flowed.

There was a sudden explosion, a sudden flash of blinding white light, suddenly everyone was gone from the temple room. A piece of stone from the wall started to vibrate, then more surrounding it did the same. The structure of the room was waving around as the air in the room shifted. A big wind came through from nowhere exactly, ushering in a force that caused a flash of lightning. The sound of a bang was sent from this force and heard through time. Ro heard this acoustic anomaly and from out of her mind eye dropped, like a sneeze, she spat the whole

thing. It was like eye spiraled right out of her brain. She would wear an eye patch for awhile after that, mostly for the look. nearing her recovery she started to like how it made her look. She was on a mission to find out what this meant for her because it was so sudden to be attacked like that. It was a suffering ordeal to have to grow a new eye and now this thing was here, a part of her own mind, began life. This could only be something from her memory coming forward after all this time. She wondered what was there, and who could possibly know she existed. She only existed in one others memory, maybe. There's no way that the Magistrate would send her a message. Unless it was for a reason, perhaps something important. "after all these years...they want to see me now.." Ro said under her breathe.

It was a long time ago, if she had to put it. She was so enthralled with books at the time that she didn't care too much about the others. She loved to write down everything and the library she built was apart of the chronology. The Magi grew from there and used it as a sort of headquarters for operation. A basis for a lot of things that they shared.

“I remember setting up the psychic link with eye but I can’t remember much else from ‘that’, if I can trace back the steps it took to perform it...”Ro trailed off back into her thoughts.

Eye stood there with her, and waited for something to do. “so we have to go somewhere, I don’t know much more than whats here. I’m scared”
“it won’t be that long of a travel, we are coming back.”

“oh we are?”

“yes, we are.”

eye looked around for a bit and took a liking to some light flickering through the window. Imagining being able to grab it from the air and holding onto it like if it was a real object. Eye would open their palms and dance their fingers into the light. When the light was grabbed, it would stay in their hand, swooshing to small movements, until tossed back into the air, where it would come to rest after a moment. Eye was having fun with this but couldn’t feel any texture or determine how much it weighed. It didn’t know much about that stuff until the thought came into mind. All it knew then was that it was for sure coming back here with Ro later. Ro made sure to make the impression deeper by gathering up a couple of her things into a pile, stacking things ontop of one another. The bigger stuff on the bottom and the small stuff placed

wherever it would fit. It was like she was forming a miniature city with her stuff. There was a tunnel that came out of a mountain, railroad tracks directed a train through a lightly wooded forest, it was dusk. The lights on the train turned on after it got so dark, the carts of the train glowed a warm glow, lighting the passing environment too. Light would come through the windows to expose the surroundings as the train trucked along the tracks. The rails would exit the forest soon, leading the train towards a tree lined horizon, the rail letting off just as it met. The library was in sight just beyond, formed by an amalgamation of things. It resembled that of an older architecture made of stone and wood. It was covered in plants and vines and surrounded by an extensive garden of little things. Growing and maintaining the structure of the library. Tall glass windows filled the vertical gaps between stone. Each pane was dyed an array of colors following the tracings of images and scripture, that were outlined in some sort of metal. eye's face was smashed against the window of the train cart as the vehicle was pulled into the library. The train cart slowed down upon entering an underground passage that was just beneath the library. When it came to a stop, eye hopped out of the carts seat and swam through the air to see what this place was about. Ro said to go to the top floor, the one above this one,

because this place was like a basement and the only thing here was the train rail. eye saw some stairs that went up into the library and decided to go over to it. Following up and on the top stair revealed the whole inside of the library. It was bigger on the inside than eye thought. There were bookcases lining the walls and a circular desk close to where the stairs were. Above the desk was a sign that read "consortium".

Eye went over to check it out and came to find that the consortium itself was like a machine that had these buttons and dials, a control board that allowed eye to go around the library. Pressing a button would activate one of the consortium's functions while one of the dials indicated different areas of the library. It was already set to go to a place called 2nd floor, viewer. Eye thought that by pressing some buttons, it would work the way it needed to, so after looking it over once more they pressed a few buttons and in a blink moved to the other side of the library. their surroundings moved around them besides them having to move, like in the train cart. Eye would sit there in the cart, waiting for the vehicle to move them to their destination, whereas this was the opposite. The library shook and eye was pulled into position as a magnet gets pulled back together with its other half, the opposite half. Eye felt tingly for a moment and a bit confused. Ro's voice came through and spoke "Long

time no see” Eye saw that behind the desk were a bunch of chairs that formed a circle. A seating area that had a couple people already sitting over at. A small voice began to speak “were still waiting on the others but given how quickly we seem to come together I won’t worry about the timing...” “they looked at eye who looked like Ro, however eye felt like eye. Ro moved around more gracefully as eye just mimic’d her. It was all they could do for now. Ro’s image was superimposed into the scene through this act.

“long time huh Ro” the Small guy said

“this is important?” she asked

“yes it is, its been so long does it still have to be for a reason”

“well if its important, then what?”

“ofcourse Ro, as the others of the Magistrate arrive to join the rest of us, its important.”

the Small guy added. “he is awake now” “so its only right to go see him and let him know whats been going on. We should all go.”

Ro says “The decision to sleep was the reason why I went into isolation too, I still wanted to do my research while they slept.” It’s been years since the Magistrate had come together like this. The message behind her eye, was his awakening, the reunion of everyone. Among the

company were Ro's eye, a Small guy in green robes whom spoke to her, and some man dressed in Dark swirly clothing. Another arrived in later than Ro, they had an earthy aroma about them. "Key is that you?" "yo ro" said Key. Key looked horrible. They were dressed in tattered clothes covered in some sort of mixture of mud and dirt. Her hands were soggy with dirt in their finger nails too. This was the only person that kept steady contact with Ro, since her isolation. She reached towards Ro to give her a hug and Ro's eye recoiled a bit before being pulled into Keys embrace. The swampy earthy fumes held Ro's eye tighter than Keys own arms could. "oh so it isn't really you Ro" Key sighed and gave the gesture that she crumbled eye into her palms and formed a ball. Eye somehow manipulated into the form as Key went to sit down on a chair. She opened her fingers and eye was a small little thing in her hands. "so today we go to meet with him, he's finally awake huh. Hopefully not in a mood, he didn't want us to wake him up for anything, that could only mean he wasn't that worried about how things would turn out later." Key said. The Small guy added "You and Ro obviously didn't change much, you're both as strange as ever. I for one haven't seen much difference recently than I did a century or millenium ago." Ro's eye just sat up in Keys hands as they talked about preparations for the reunion

with the awakened one. It was quiet for a bit unless an odd thing came to mind and that would be said aloud to the group. They had lived for almost ever it seemed. Together building the library and working on different aspects that made up the whole of their existence. With the awakening of that one, it would surely usher in something new for them all. "After a long rest, one would want to eat a lot, they must be hungry after all that time." said the Dark man.

"oh yes I know I would be." said Key

"i've been getting hungrier while waiting so I hope we eat soon." Dark man told to Small guy. "what is on your mind. when will he be here?"

"I think, soon, he should know how to get back over here. I mean we were able to get Ro out of the mountains. His tomb is right under neath the library" responded the Small guy.

"what's on your mind?"

"oh yes, well um I'd like an ample serving of potato soup. Beef, carrots, potatoes, some herbs and spices that go well with potatoes, especially."

"oh that sounds lovely!" said Dark "oh that is already on my tongue, yum"

Dark almost bit their tongue in excitement. Then from behind the circle, a presence was felt, out came a figure from indiscriminate shadows. A tall man stood behind Dark and everyone looked at him. Ro's eye, Key,

Small, and Dark looked up at this tall man whom they hadn't seen in so long. They could tell it was him but he didn't look like how they remembered. His face was a bit different than back then. Somehow he changed or maybe their memories are different. It was hard for Ro to tell but she knew. Ro's eye fell into Key's lap and onto the floor at the same time growing to be the same size as him, Ro's image became realistic and her arm formed from the smallest amount of light that was floating in the air, reached out with her hands and grabbed his shoulder. "hey its you, Tohei" she said to him "its me, too".

Tohei's eyes sharpened on her and said "but it's not really you is it?" "I see something is here in your form but its not totally you?" her arm faded from his shoulder. Key jumped from her chair and onto Ros eye, doing some weird maneuver she twisted eye into a ball again and held it down with her weight. "yeah look at this!"

"Key, what the heck." yelled Ro.

"Dark, Tohei lets grab some food, we have a lot to talk about." Small said as he also rose from his seat. "its been awhile and Dark wonders if you're hungry" Darks eyes went from Tohei to Small and got up as well.

"y- yeah. Im hungry too you must be too." Dark turned around to look at Tohei again from a different view. "Hi Tohei, it's alright that you look

weird.” Tohei didn’t really know what Dark was talking about but knew that this is why he was here, “Friends, lets eat. Let me know what has been happening these days.”

