

THE UNKNOWN & THE
BASKETBALL
LEGEND





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There was once a place unlike any other. It had many pockets of varying terrains and atmospheres: a desert filled with dunes, a rain forest filled with flowers and sharp grass, a very cold place with a short mountain covered in snow, a very cloudy place with rocks hidden by the clouds, and a beach around a bay. There was a very abrupt change between each of these places, like walking through a wall. In the spring, fall, and winter it was very windy, dark, and cold. In the summer it could reach temperatures of 200 degrees and the plants would get sweaty and start growing fire and ice powers. Every week in the summer you could see beautiful lights from outer

space, punctuated by 3 moons that were all made up of rotting cheese. There were pine trees growing in the forests that grew metal spiky pine cones and big flexible trees that bent easily in the wind. One beautiful enchanted golden apple tree was hidden somewhere and its fruit would double the length of your life. One special blade of sharp grass could be used as a compass to find it. Living in this fantastical world was a mythical beast known as “The Unknown.” It had a large panda-like furry body, butterfly wings, a long ostrich neck and head with a horn that extended as a snake as a defense mechanism, 8 kraken arms, and a

scorpion tail. It had amazing vision, super speed, could turn invisible and change colors, and lived for eternity. To get around there were upside down boats powered by candy, completely natural cars on mushroom wheels that were powered by water, and hover surfboards that could go anywhere on the land or water. You could also teleport using special gloves and there were flying plants big enough for humans to ride.

The liquids on this planet were not what we are used to. The ocean was inexplicably warm and filled with friendly dolphins and narwhals. It sometimes flooded pencils and money! There were ice cream swamps with banana split boats and chocolate crocodiles. Rivers of slime flowed around and people could hide in the slime and sink into hidden slime communities.

JasperNova called this world home. He was in his early 30s and resembled a panda but he was really human. He had a headband of shame made of panda that he wore to remind him to be peaceful and good. He lived in a treehouse in the enchanted apple tree and wore a cloak and earth-vans shoes. His lightning powers brought peace and so he was in high demand. He invented magic electricity and wanted peace and a world where good deeds replaced money. Living alongside JasperNova was Neo, he could change into a girl as well and she would go by Neon. He had a human body covered in scales and werewolf fur and had paws. His tail could turn into a sword and had 8 eyes, two of which were on the back of his head, and a robotic dorsal fin. He lived in a volcano so his heat-resistant powers came in handy. His home had an invisible door and he could make the volcano erupt when he

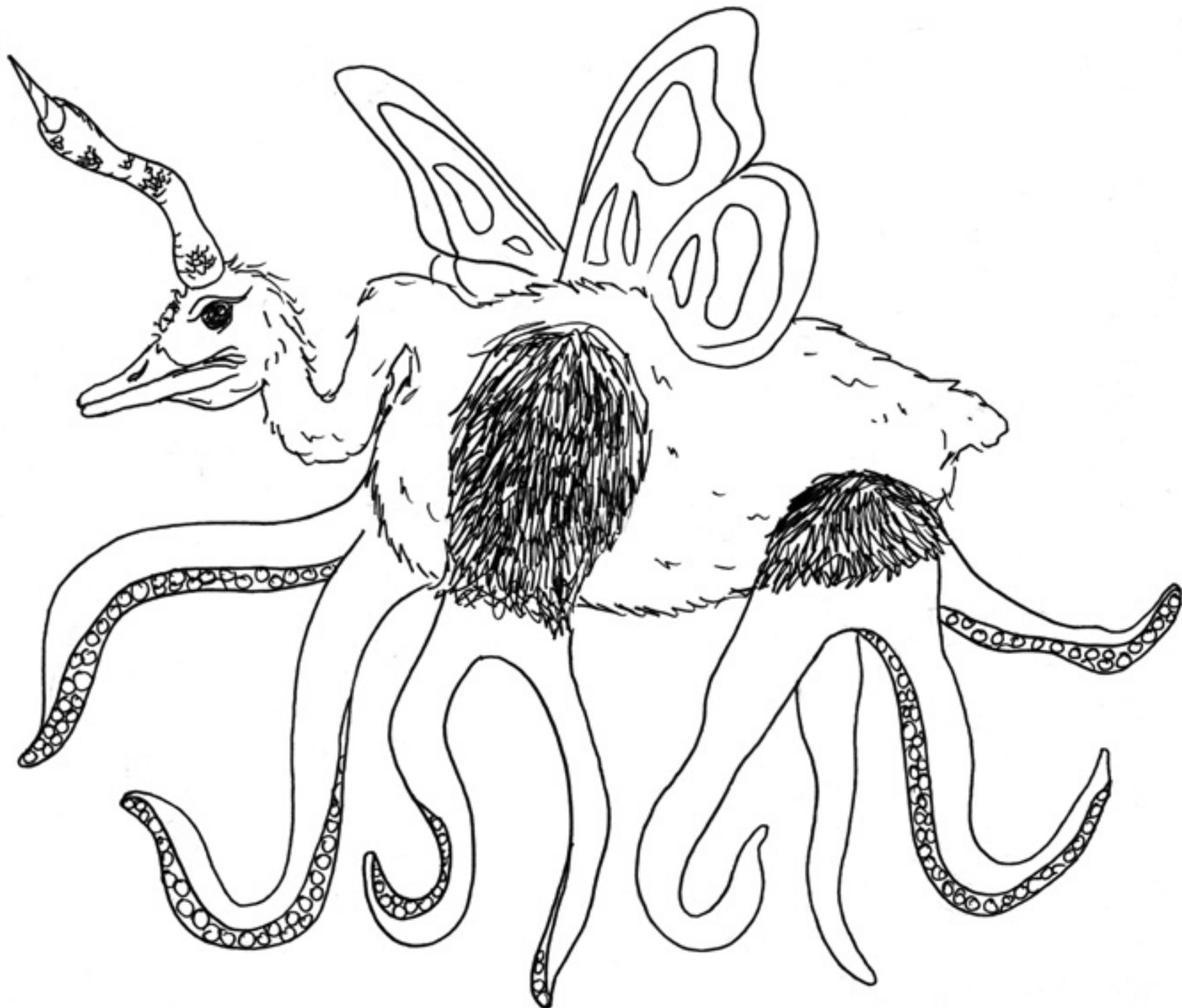
was in danger. He collected the spiky pine cones and found an enchanted apple so he had doubled his life. He met JasperNova when he was in need of help and shared the apple with him to save his life.

One of the few people here who didn't like JasperNova was Raven, who was friends with him long ago. Raven was a small quiet 12 year old girl but could shape-shift, if she shifted into a boy he went by James. She was actually the Unknown and could split and hold two forms at once. No one knew she was the Unknown except her parents who left her when she was young to hang out with JasperNova. She told everyone she still lived in the castle on the biggest cloud but she actually lived in a shack nearby. Her dream was to be a basketball star!

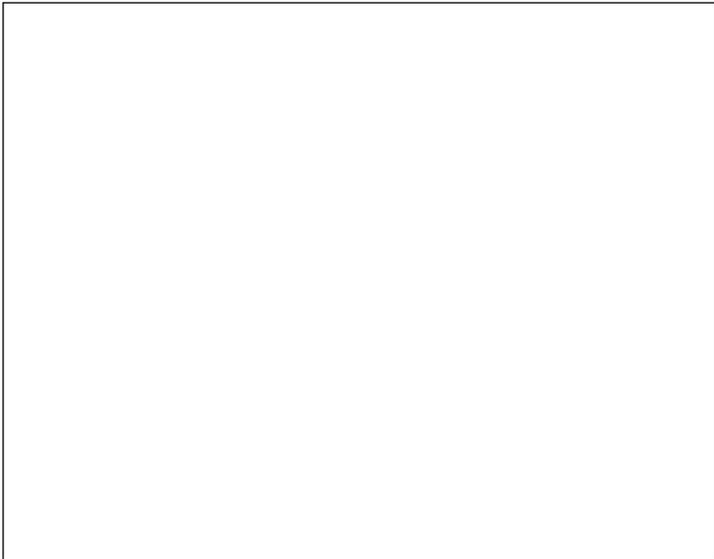
Raven didn't really have friends but Ronald X, or ViBaldy as he preferred,

always checked in on her. He was bald and his age was unknown. He had a robot chest, secret wings made of fire, and could shoot hot sauce from his head and chest. He had a big red beard where he hid a key to his secret sky base that he entered through a bakery to fool people into thinking he was a baker. His mother was Russian so he spoke with a Russian accent. His father was a famous basketball player who died in a plane crash and he blamed JasperNova for the crash.

One day JasperNova and Neo were out for a walk in the forest, collecting spiky pine-cones and talking about life. Little did they know, they were about to come upon Raven and ViBaldi as they were both feeling very upset about their parents. All four of them emerged into a clearing at the same time and looked into each other's eyes...



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