

It started like any other day. I was in the middle of math and was bored out of my mind, me and my friend Samantha were playing the “what’s in my pocket” game when I found the letter. I held up my hand as a sign of pausing the game and opened it, I asked my teacher to go the bathroom. Once I got there, I took off my glasses and read the letter.

*Dear Rara Krasa,*

*You have been accepted into Taika School of magical creatures, you have a full scholarship due to the fact that we have become aware that you did not grow up hearing the tales of our (and soon to be your) people. You will attend tutoring for the first portion of the year so you can catch up with the rest of the children in your year.*

*Please do realize that you will need to bring your own supplies, as they will not be provided. We have attached a list of supplies that will be crucial to your time at Taika. School will start on the fifteenth of August next year at 8327941 Draconis street. Remember, Creaturae non-Deficient.*

*Sincerely,*

*Princi Palem*

I stepped back, shocked. They couldn't have meant me, could they? No, I'm completely normal, there is no way that they meant me there was probably a mix-up and this will all blow over, right? But, what if I'm not normal what if I'm... no, you are completely ant utterly normal, you can't be magical, your parent are accountants! That's probably the most boring thing on the planet. There has to be an explanation, but in the meantime, how am I going to get all my school supplies in two days?

Over the course of the next week, I bought all of my school supplies and took the eighteen-hour car ride to the school. By the time I got there, everyone had already divided into groups. There was one girl who was standing all by herself. When I got to her she was the first to speak. "Hi! I'm Malum, and you are?" " I'm Rara," I said as I sat down next to her. "You seemed lonely," I said, "and I don't really have any friends." She looked at me, "Maybe, you know, we could be friends?" I laughed and said, " That's why I sat here." We sat in silence for a while until the principal came out and gave his speech, I wasn't paying any attention but I looked up when I felt Malum Stiffen up next to me.

The principal was talking about how some kid had come from this line of powerful creatures and they would be the child of a prophecy where they would save all beings by killing this family of creature killers, and guess what? The kid was in this year. After his speech, Malum and I claimed a room together and talked for a while. After about thirty minutes, I passed out.

I woke up the next morning and headed down to the cafeteria for breakfast. When I got there Malum had saved me seat by her. We were eating together in silence when they handed out schedules. First I had tutoring, and then I had self-defense class, After that I would go to Math, fourth period I had history of creatures, fifth is potion lab, finally, learning to speak creature for beginners. I jolted out of my trance when Malum started to leave, I looked up at her and asked where she was going, and she answered with a swift “None of your business” and was on her way.

Well, classes were pretty boring most of the year, but towards the end of the year we had a field trip. I was so exited! Malum seemed more exited, when we heard the news; she fell off of her chair and squealed her head off!

When the day finally came, we boarded the bus and were on our way to the beach! The whole time

Malum was practically bouncing in her seat, it drew some strange looks, but she didn't seem to mind so I didn't either.

When we got off the bus, my thoughts were cut short from the sound of screeching and a sudden pain in my side. I turned around to see Malum sanding there, blood dripping from her now clawed fingers. Out of what seemed like instinct, I launched myself at her, my back growing wings and scales while my eyes changed color and my pupils turned to slits. When I reached her, she came running toward me, but this time I was ready. I jumped to the side and turned around, she caught me by surprise when she landed a hit to my stomach that sent me flying backwards. I landed on my feet and almost immediately started running at Malum, I was halfway there when she started running away from me and towards the water. Overcome with rage, I kept running at her, eventually my wings decided to start flapping. Now that I was airborne, I covered way more ground than I did before when I finally reached her, she was up to her waist in the water. I was hovering above her, my wings beating steadily, she yelled up to me, "Hey Rara, guess what?" when I didn't answer, she continued talking, "well, you, you're that kid everybody's talking about! You're

the one that comes from the line of important creatures, and the proof is on your back. That's right," she continued, getting faster as each second rolled by, " and me? Well, I'm the one person you need to stay away from. I'll keep hunting you down for as long as I live, but if you'll excuse me, I have a getaway to compete" After that she was gone, and no one knew where she went. No one would know for a long time. No one would know until she was ready to come back.