

Prologue

Unknown to the people of Chicago, a very special sanctuary exists in the center of their great city. Unseen and unapproachable, this sanctuary is home to two very ancient beings.

The older is Theo, a god-being who existed before the Big Bang. On Earth Theo chooses to appear as a large, exotic, black cat similar to the Egyptian god Bast. Joining Theo is M, an ancient Egyptian appearing as a young man. M was born before the first pyramid appeared.

Over countless eons Theo has been forced to flee and hide from searching fire creatures. The creatures are demigods born out of the star dust elements following the Big Bang. The fire creatures have pursued Theo to gain his knowledge that predates our universe. Once acquired, the creatures believe they will evolve into gods and rule the universe.

For millenniums Theo and M have searched the world for potential allies to join them in fighting the fire creatures. So far only M's mind has proven capable of accepting the physical and mental restructuring necessary to become an ally of Theo.

At the beginning of the twenty-first century their search was rewarded. They found not just one potential ally, but two. Once discovered, teenagers Glenda and Traveler were brought to the Chicago sanctuary where they learned about Theo, his cosmic pursuers, and their threat to our universe. Once offered, both accepted the challenges to become allies of Theo.

For Traveler and Glenda their Chicago sanctuary became a shared home, but is so much more. The sanctuary is where

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their individual training and development as future allies takes place.

Sentient books work with them to gradually increase their mental and physical capabilities. These books demand total focus and effort. As hard-pressed students they complain, they compete, they struggle, they persevere, they learn, and they develop.