

Okay, so Rilak is a ridgeback dragon, which were made by the alchemists to fight against the other races.

When they hatch, they are supposed to fight to the death (instinctual) leaving only the strongest or smartest alive to be used in their efforts. However, there are outliers that don't fight and try to save their siblings. Rilak and his sister Niika'rah are like that. Nikki is way too scared and shy to actually fend for herself so Rilak and her grow close (as close as brother and sister can.) Eventually Rilak's other siblings turn on him and his sister following their instinct and Rilak kills them. Nikki gets frightened and runs away. After that it will be a story about Rilak trying to find his place in the world and save other ridgebacks from the same fate as him. He'll soon learn about the alchemists and their plan, where he came from, and what other races are doing. Initially he throws in with the alchemists because their ideals seem to makes sense and he serves in their military to great effect. Story twists happen and he eventually ends up bitter, broken, and wanting to be alone.

Rilak and his siblings' eggs are out in a tropical forest. When the eggs hatch Rilak is attacked by his sister Bi'Xeana and his brothers Jekkar and Tere'Kahn are fighting each other as well. Niika'rah was the first to hatch so she hides when she sees the others fight. After a scuffle between them Rilak convinces them to stop fighting and help each other survive. The "truce" is very uneasy with Tere'Kahn actively plotting against his siblings – Rilak and Niika'rah in particular – and Bi'Xeana stay's very guarded against everyone. Jekkar is generally silent. The siblings survive together for some time before Tere'Kahn breaks the truce and kicks off the struggle to survive by trying to kill Niika'rah. Rilak is then (due to them all fighting) forced to kill them. Niika'rah is terrified of Rilak because of this and she runs away.

Rilak moves away from where he and his siblings used to live and survives off poisonous tree frogs which gives him the coloration that he has as a drake and later as an adult. This is likely around the time that Rilak first meets a human. No real idea how that is going to play out. I could go the well-traveled route and say that the first one's he meets are some sort of dragon catchers or that they are like, travelers or farmers. I don't think I'll go with the dragon catcher bit because I don't think that'll work well for the story seeing as how Rilak would then likely have a large mistrust towards hominid races and I plan on having him cautiously optimistic instead. Probably won't go the farmer or traveler route either because that would likely mean that I need him to somehow engage with them at some point either by following them and spying on them or stealing livestock or even having to worry about a hunting party being called to find and kill him. The hunting party might be a possibility now that I think about it because it gives me a chance show that he gains experience in fighting early on in his life rather than just making him a war god that just knows everything about how to survive in that kind of situation. At one point, I entertained the idea that the first person he meets is Nixxe but I really have no idea how that'd work out, at least not now because of how old he'd likely have to be to actually be in some sort of relationship. If I do go this route it will likely be after he has survived for a few years on his own against predators with him finding small hints that there is someone else in the forest somewhere. I may just leave his early years to learning how to survive on his own and probably against predators with no interaction with humanoids aside from maybe finding tracks or remains of a hunt or something.

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Commented [LE2]: Unsure if it is a tropic. Jungle?

Commented [LE3]: Do dragons have a mild kind of telepathy with their own species? Just ridgebacks? Do they know their parents at all?

Commented [LE4]: He may be just a toss character. Unsure.

Commented [LE5]: Likely 1 – 2 years.

Commented [LE6]: Does he gain the same sort of toxic mucus on his skin or in his breath because of this as well?

Commented [LE7]: Or one of the other races.

Commented [LE8]: This will almost definitely lead to him aging into a drake