AitD: Your blood is in him

Since the weekends, Hicks and Claudia went back from their trip. Her parents were surprised that Hicks was sleeping with them again. In addition, Aunt Sonia disappeared like her uncle and left no trace. That's why Annetta's parents hired a housemaid to be there in case of an emergency. It's been 10 days since Hicks went back to live with his parents and Hicks has also been having problems at school. Because he has a fascination with the Drakai and that always causes him problems. When the teachers took the students to the library to read stories about Gelten, Hicks always picked up a book about the Drakai. The teachers wanted to let him, but the Drakai is a fairy tale, a legend that doesn't exist and that's why the teachers told Hicks not to read anything about the Drakai in class. Today Boris also went to the library with my students, among them was Hicks and he and his friends have a book about the Drakai. For Hicks's luck, Boris didn't check on them until Jared sees an opportunity to harm Hicks and Jared rats Hicks out to Boris.

“Hicks: Listen to what it says.” «Triss/Connor: And what?» «Hicks: This section is about the Void Realm Statdewgin.» "Ellie: The Void Realm that was destroyed." «Hicks: It wasn't destroyed, the Drakai united with Statdewgin and that's why Statdewgin disappeared.» «Moritaka: Does that mean that the Drakai and Statdewgin are one and the same Void Realm?» “Hicks: Yes, that’s it.” "Jared: Mr. Boris, you see, Hicks has a book about the Drakai." “Hicks: Jared, what’s that?!” «Calida: Yes, Jared, that was a cool muff.»

Boris saw Hicks with the Drakai book, it was difficult for him but he has to send Hicks out of the library and send him to Oscar.

"Boris: Although it's hard for me, Hicks please go to Oscar." "Hicks: But Mr. Boris, there were no other books on the subject of heroes and legends." “Boris: Hicks just goes to Oscar.” “Hicks: But…” “Boris: No buts are fine.”

So Hicks walked dejectedly to Oscar's classroom and Jared smiled gleefully. Only until the dragon was corrected by Calida, who didn't like Jared Hicks's trouble. After a few minutes, Hicks was already in the school entrance hall and wanted to go to the second floor of the school. Oscar's classroom was on the second floor and that's where Oscar must be. Hicks doesn't have to run up with the trebe because Oscar was on his way to Rus and they both meet.

"Oscar: Hicks, why aren't you in class with Boris?"

Hicks knew if he didn't answer he would definitely get in more trouble than usual and answered worriedly.

"Hicks: I was sent to you." «Oscar: You were caught with a book about the Drakai in class again.» “Hicks: Yes.” «Oscar: You know, if a master comes and sees you with a book on The Drakai, you won't find a master who will teach you level 2.» “Hicks: Yes, I know.” «Oscar: Hicks, just tell me, what fascinates you about the Drakai?» «Hicks: My fascination comes from a connection I have with the Drakai and I don't know where it comes from.» «Oscar: Now I see the problem and luckily I also have a solution to the problem.» "Hicks: And what does she look like?" “Oscar: Just come with me to Ru’s classroom.”

On the way to Ru's classroom, Hicks asks himself how Rus is supposed to help him with his problem. Hicks followed Oscar until they arrived in front of the classroom and Oscar knocked on the door. Rus doesn't answer the first knock, Oscar tried several times, and Rus doesn't answer your knock several times either. Oscar looked at the door and decided to just go into the classroom. Hicks followed his teacher, when they were both inside they saw that Rus wasn't there.

«Oscar: That's strange, Rus told me that he was waiting for me in his classroom.» “Hicks: Mr. Oscar.” “Oscar: Yes, Hicks.” "Hicks: Mr. Rus is in the school's greenhouse." «Oscar: I could have thanked him for being there.»

Hicks could see through his eagle vision that Rus was in the greenhouse. Although there was a wall between the classroom and the greenhouse, Hicks was able to see through walls using his Eagle vision.

«Oscar: I'll go to Rus quickly and you Hicks will wait here for Rus.» “Hicks: I will.”

Oscar went to the greenhouse because the greenhouse is connected to the classroom and has two doors. One door leads to the playground and the second leads to Russ's classroom. Oscar went into the greenhouse, he leaves Hicks alone. Back in the classroom and Hicks looked around the classroom. When Oscar saw Rus about to plant a few flowers, he approached his colleague.

«Oscar: You can't give up your hobby as a gardener.» "Rus: Oscar, you scared me." «Oscar: Sorry, I came with Hicks.» "Rus: Did he read a book he shouldn't?" «Oscar: Yes he did and you are the only one who knows about the spirit fighters.» «Rus: Yes, why do you ask?» «Oscar: So…»

While the two teachers are talking, Hicks discovered something with the help of Eagle vision. There was a large chest in a closet, which only made Hicks's curiosity even greater. Hicks opens the closet, there was actually a large chest in the closet and it wasn't locked. Hicks was about to open the chest to see what was inside when the teachers came into the classroom.

“Oscar: Hicks!” «Hicks: I'm sorry, my curiosity was too great, I didn't mean to...» «Rus: It's not that bad.» “Hicks: Is that true?” “Oscar: Yes, that was a test for you.” “Hicks: And I passed the test.” “Oscar: Yes you did, if it doesn’t bother you I’ll go again.”

So Oscar walked out of the classroom, leaving Hicks with Rus. On the way back to his classroom, Oscar runs into Athena, who asks him about Hicks.

"Athena: Oscar read Hicks another book during class that he wasn't supposed to read?" “Oscar: Yes.” «Athena: And does he have what you think he does?» «Oscar: Yes, Hicks has a courageous spirit, the soul of an adventurer and the heart of a protector.» «Athena: And where is Hicks?» “Oscar: He’s with Rus.”

Meanwhile with Rus and Hicks, Rus showed what was in the chest.

“Hicks: There was only this one necklace in the chest.” "Rus: Actually the chest was full of the chains." "Hicks: What happened to the rest?" «Rus: I gave them away to children and teachers from all 8 schools of combating the 7 dark forces.» «Hicks: And this is the last chain you still have.» "Russian: Yes." «Hicks: And what does the chain do?» “Rus: You don’t know?” “Hicks: Unfortunately, I don’t know.”

Rus puts the chain around Hicks's neck and says to him.

«Rus: As a spirit fighter, I like to hear it.» «Hicks: You are also a spirit fighter like me.» «Rus: Yes and to go back to your question, this necklace will help you to unite with Spirit more easily.» «Hicks: It really makes it easier for me to find spirit and unite with them.» «Rus: Yes, the chain only breaks from 32 Spirits.» «Hicks: And your chain is…» «Rus: Yes, it's already broken and I have my 32 Spirits.» «Hicks: Where did you find the stones for the chains?»

Rus answers the question by saying that he found the stones on the bank of a pond. The Blue Bear said that the pond was somewhere in the Mysteridrag Forest and he no longer knew where it was. Hicks really wanted Rus to tell him more about the Spirit and follows the teachings into the greenhouse. There in the greenhouse the two found a student who was looking for Rus and found him.

"Leib: Mr. Rus, I'm looking for you." «Rus: Body what do you need?»

Leib is a polar bear transient who is a year older than Hicks and there is also a second version of him in the Shinjuku Academy. Since the polar bear asked for Rus, he asked for berries.

“Leib: Do you still have any berries?” “Russ: Wait.”

Rus summons vines from strawberry plants, he picks some ripe berries and gives them to him. Only Leib wanted more berries instead of one variety and asked if there were still some ripe berries on the bushes.

“Leib: Only strawberries, aren’t there any more?” “Hicks: What aren’t these berries enough?” «Leib: I need more than one variety, are there still ripe berries on the bushes, Mr. Rus?» “Rus: Unfortunately I don’t have any ripe berries anymore.” "Hicks: In the Mysteridrag Forest there is a place where there are still berries." “Leib: Where.” "Hicks: I can show you, but after class." “Rus: You can go now too.” «Hicks: Mr. Rus how, without missing class?»

Rus gives Hicks and Leib a card and both explain what the card does.

«Rus: With these cards you can show that you are in class and no one will punish you for missing class.» “Hicks: Thank you, Mr. Rus.” «Leib: Thank you and now show me where the place with the berries is.» "Hicks: Ok, follow me." «Rus: Good luck children and come back safely.»

So the two went to the Abandoned Forest Gate where Hicks and his friends had already gone through. Both stood in front of the Abandoned Forest Gate and both saw the weapons they had with them. At Hicks, Leib only saw his Dragorai blade, at Leib Hicks only saw a walking stick and asks him if he still has a weapon.

"Hicks: Don't you have a weapon?" “Leib: Whatever, I have mine with me.” “Hicks: All I see is a walking stick.” “Leib: It’s not just a walking stick!”

Leib pressed a button on the cane and he pulled a blade out of the cane. Hicks was surprised that the cane only has one part for a blade. Leib saw Hicks's surprise, he put the blade back into the cane and said.

“Leib: I don’t want to spend too much time looking for the berries, let’s move on now.” «Hicks: Yes, but stay close to me.»

With that sentence, Hicks went through the Abandoned Forest Gate and into the Mysteridrag Forest. Leib also does the same and suddenly felt the aura that Calida, Kasovan and Volos had already felt. The polar bear Transient is not unsettled by the strange aura of the forest and follows Hicks. While Hicks has an easy time walking through the forest, Leib doesn't have as easy a time walking through the forest. Since Hicks knew his way around the Mysteridrag Forest, he also took paths that were not easy for Leib to traverse. Once the two of them had to go through thorn bushes, Leib suggested taking a detour, only he saw Hicks climbing a tree and jumping from branch to branch and Leib had to do that too. The second obstacle was a cliff that was approximately 5 meters high. Hicks saw a way out of that too, Leib certainly didn't like that route, but at least it's a good way out.

"Leib: Hicks, I think we have to take a detour." «Hicks: No, I see a round path.» “Leib: Where please?!”

Leib couldn't believe what Hicks did, he saw Hicks jump off the cliff and Hicks lands in a pile of leaves. When Leib saw this, he was worried that Hicks had done something wrong. Until Leib saw Hicks jump out of the pile of leaves and had no injuries whatsoever.

“Hicks: Body, come, jump too.” “Leib: Absolutely not, I’m not tired of life.” “Hicks: Wait, I’ll come and get you.”

Hicks teleported to Body, took him by the hand and teleported to Body near the pile of leaves. Leib, on the other hand, couldn't believe that Hicks didn't immediately teleport him to the place where the berries were.

"Leib: You were able to teleport us to that location the whole time!" “Hicks: I couldn’t do that.” “Leib: And why not.” «Hicks: I'm still new to teleporting and can only teleport with someone at a short distance.» “Leib: Does that mean you can teleport anywhere you want.” “Hicks: Yes.” "Leib: You can only teleport with someone at a short distance." “Hicks: Yes.” «Leib: If you are more experienced, you can teleport yourself and someone wherever you want.» “Hicks: Yes.” «Leib: What did you see the first time you teleported with someone?» "Hicks: I felt sick, dizzy, tired and had a headache." "Leib: If that's the case, where do we go from here, Hicks." “Hicks: So through there.”

Hicks shows a cave passage that is big enough for something big to live there. Leib wanted to say something about it, but Hicks just walked to the cave passage and went in.

Animal sounds

Leib quickly went to the cave passage, went in and saw Hicks waiting for him. The cave passage is built so that you can walk through it. A small corridor leads to an open room, on the left wall there was a small elevation where there was another corridor. On the right side there was a large corridor that splits into two corridors and both corridors come together again. Both took the right path and came out of the cave passage again. Outside they both see a river in front of them and behind the river berry bushes with ripe fruits.

“Leib: Is that the place where you mean?” “Hicks: Yes.” "Leib: How do we get to the other side of the river?" "Hicks: Over one of the two natural bridges."

Hicks shows Leib two bridges that were created naturally. The one on the right looked a little shaky and the one on the left looked stable and secure.

"Leib: We'll take this bridge." “Hicks: As you wish.”

Leib points to the safe bridge and they both cross the river over the bridge. When he arrives at his destination, Leib begins to collect some berries. Hicks looks at the surroundings and has the feeling that they are being watched. Suddenly a humanoid creature appeared and it didn't look friendly. Hicks doesn't look away from the creature and calls out Leib.

«Hics: Can we slowly get out of here?» “Leib: Yes we can, I have everything.” "Hicks: Well, I could still use some help." "Leib: What..."

Leib also saw the creature and immediately knew what the thing was.

"Leib: That's a joke." “Hicks: Please what a tease?” «Leib: This monster cannot exist, Nekkers occur in the Drakai and should not exist.» «Hicks: A monster that shouldn't exist, it stands in front and is alone, we can drive the thing away.»

The nekker smiles evilly and screams. The monster's scream attracts even more of its kind and there are now 16 of them. The Nekkers ran towards Hicks and Leib to overpower them and then kill them. Hicks was able to kill 2 Nekkers, Leib also killed 2 Nekkers, but the monsters were fast and outnumbered.

“Hicks: Body come.” “Leib: Where to go?” “Hicks: In the tree.”

The two climbed a large and strong maple tree and are initially safe from the nekkers. But now the two of them are stuck in the tree and the nekkers wait until Leib and Hicks come down. Leib didn't see a way, but Hicks saw one and he has a plan.

"Leib: It looks like we're stuck here in the tree." “Hicks: Do you see a way out?” "Leib: No, if we try to get to the bridge, the Nekkers will catch up with us." "Hicks: But I see a way out." "Leib: And what does he look like?" «Hicks: I'll try to lure the Nekkers onto the Shaky Bridge, as the bridge is held firmly by 8 vines.» “Leib: Are you tired of life!?” «Hicks: No, I'm not, but when I get to the Shaky Bridge, I'll cut the vines off the bridge with my Dragorai blade, the Nekkers will get a river trip from me and won't come back any time soon.» "Leib: And what, you won't be fast enough." «Hicks: Not that, but I see a solution.»

When Leib and he were at the Berry Forest section, Hicks spotted a hawk and pointed at it. Leib was confused as to how a falcon could be a solution to her Nekker problem. The polar bear Transient watched as Hicks held on to the tree with his left hand and stretched out his right arm. This confused Leib even more until he realized that Hicks wanted the hawk to land on his arm. Leib's confirmation was received, the hawk came towards Hicks to land on his arm. Leib tries to convince Hicks to take his arm away or he will be injured by the hawk's claws.

«Leib: Hicks, I know you have an idea, but you should take your arm away. Really the falcon's claws can hurt you. Hicks, it would be good to take your arm away and…”

Hicks didn't listen and the hawk lands on his arm. To Leib's surprise, the hawk's claws did no harm to Hicks. The falcon looked like a cross between a tree falcon, a kestrel and a peregrine falcon and the bird can talk.

“Hicks: Hey Spirit.” «Falcon: You knew that I was a spirit.» «Hicks: Yes, but can you connect with me?» “Falcon: Why should I do that?” «Hicks: A friend and I were chased by these monsters down in front of the tree and I could lure them away.» «Falcon: I see, all right, I'll connect with you.» “Hicks: Thank you very much.” “Falke: I’d be happy to do that for a spirit fighter.”

Leib saw the falcon turn into Bender in bright colors and fly into Hicks.

«Leib: Hicks Can you explain to me what I saw.» «Hicks: Later, first we have to be safe.» “Leib: What should I do?” "Hicks: Just run to the stable bridge while I lure the nekkers away." “Leib: OK, but be careful.”

With Leib's words, Hicks jumped down from the tree and landed a few meters away from the Nekkers. The monsters saw me coming down from the tree, but didn't expect him to jump off the tree. Hicks and the Nekkers start fighting until Hicks runs to the Shaky Bridge and the monsters follow him. Leib also came down from the tree, when he was down he didn't hesitate and ran to the stable bridge. Only he was followed by 2 Nekkers, Hicks saw this and warned Leib.

“Hicks: BE CAREFUL BEHIND YOURSELF!”

Leib presses a button on his cane and it turns into a whip. The handle of the whip was too long, probably because of the bell. The polar bear hits the Nekker with his whip several times and kills the monsters. When the monsters were dead, Leib continued running to the Stable Bridge and ran across the bridge to the other side of the river. Hicks was also on the Shaky Bridge and has already separated 4 tendrils from the bridge. The Nekkers were also on the bridge and one tried to jump on Hicks. Only Hicks slashed at the attacking monster with his Dragorai blade and sent it into the river. So 7 out of 16 monsters had already been killed and the rest were still after Hicks. Hicks made it to the other side of the bridge and through separated the remaining 4 vines and the Nekkers watched as they were driven away by the river. One of the monsters jumped from the bridge floating away from the river onto the bank. The last nekker didn't want to be picked up and tried to attack Hicks by having the monster jump on him. Hicks countered the attack with a blow from his weapon, decapitating the monster. Now that they were both safe, Hicks asked what Leib planned to do with the berries.

"Hicks: Body for what do you need so many different types of berries?" "Leib: Oh, I just want to invent a new spell." «Hicks: And that's why you asked Mr. Rus for more types of berries, since Mr. Rus only gave you strawberries.» «Leib: Yes, I knew that Mr. Rus had berries, but I didn't think that he only had strawberries.» “Hicks: Come on, let’s go back.” "Leib: Yes, let's go back, the teachers will definitely be looking for us."

As the two walk through the Abandoned Forest Gate, someone was waiting for them.

"Oscar: Do you both have a good explanation as to why you're not in class?" “Hicks/Leib: Mr. Oscar.”

Oscar waited for Hicks and Leib, both of them knew that they were going to get into really big trouble. In addition, Oscar is not happy that the two of them are not in class. Before either of them could say anything, Russ came and defused the situation.

"Rus: Oscar please don't be angry with them." “Oscar: Why shouldn’t I?!” "Rus: I gave them both a one card." “Oscar: One who has permission not to be in class.” “Rus: Yes, and I gave it to you.” "Oscar: Hicks, Leib shows me the cards."

Hicks and Leib show Oscar the cards Rus gave them and his expression changes.

“Oscar: Alright, you two won’t get in trouble.” “Hicks: Thank you, Mr. Oscar.” “Leib: Thank you very much for not giving us a punishment.” “Oscar: But.” “Hicks/Leib: Yes!” “Oscar: Please let me know next time.” “Hicks/Leib: We will.” “Oscar: Let’s go back to school.” «Hicks/Leib: We'll hurry up.»

Hicks and Leib quickly walked back to school and on the way Hicks told Leib something about his Spirit Fighter powers.