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To Move A Mountain

Ryan & Seque

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Our Story begins with Ryan Sycle, who was discovered to be one of the Deviant's. Upon his uncovering they tossed him over the wall, as they always do. It was here where he really learned what it was like for these people.

Ryan was against violence of any kind. Despite the Divine's interest in the blood sport, he himself was never into it. Now he finds himself in a life where he must not only pay attention, but fight as well.

Upon his first day he has an unfortunate encounter with Seque. Seque taking his refusal to fight as an insult and challenges him to a duel. The unknowing Ryan declines, and after confirming Seque thanks him for the generosity. A confused Ryan asks how he was being generous, and Seque laughs and leaves.

Ryan asking the next person he speaks to about finding food, is pointed to a food vendor a few minutes away. Upon inquiring with the food vendor, the vendor explains that you are provided rations once a day and would be happy to serve him a meal. The man scans him and his face contorts to disgust, "You don't have any rations available for a month, you must be a coward. I don't serve punks."

A perplexed Ryan shoots back, "No, we start with rations. I might be new but I know that."

The vendor now bewildered starts, "Lying won't change anything. No one new has been found in decades and the only exception was that poor girl," looking down for a moment in quiet reflection.

Ryan asserts that he is new, upsetting the vendor enough for him to remove Ryan, with the assistance of his two brothers.

A wandering and distraught Ryan is walking when he hears what sounds like a girl crying. Ryan not so eager to investigate bumps into a man as he tries to leave fearing what kind of trap it must be. As he gathers his wits he realizes it is the man he bumped into earlier. Recognizing him, Ryan explodes with anger accusing him of robbing him. Seque,

none too concerned with his anger, asks if he hears a girl crying. Ryan, who tries to blow it off, is interrupted again by Seque saying "You are going the wrong way."

A flustered Ryan tries to avoid saying he was avoiding it only to have Seque interrupt him with "You were scared of the girl crying?"

Ryan tries to explain to a disinterested Seque that it is obviously a trap of some kind, unwittingly walking along with him to make his case.

As they reach where they hear the cries coming from. Ryan finally states it is a poor idea to be out this late. Seque responds "yes, for you it is stupid to be out here."

They finally reach where the crying was coming from to see what appeared to be a child with a broken leg, who had finally passed out from the pain. They investigate further checking to see if the girl is still even alive. Seque concludes that she is dead, without so much as touching her.

"So what does happen to us when we die?" Ryan asks.

A confused Seque ponders "well I suppose we just cease to exist, what happens to anything when they die. I'm not big into spirituality"

Ryan a little confused by the answer explains "not like that. What do they do with our bodies"

"Who?" Seque asks.

"The Divine, what do they do?" Ryan follows up with "or do we just handle our own graves?"

Seque laughs "You sound like it's your first day here."

Ryan stares back blankly, remembering the last time he tried to explain this. Finally, Ryan braces to answer but Seque seeing the face he is making responds before a word nearly shouts with laughter "You are new?" Ryan simply looks away.

Just then a huge man looms up to them.

He eyes the child then eyes them. "What have you done," he screams in rage. Both respond confused but squeak out "No- "the man interrupts them to say, "I challenge you both to a duel."

Ryan starts to say no but remembers earlier.

Seque quickly volunteer's "It has to be a fair fight, you two first" and steps back. Both men look at him.

"Partners, me and my sister" the man says gesturing to his sister.

Ryan looks horrified but Seque looks around and announces, "Challenge accepted."

"My sister is my everything. I want your rations for a year when I win, you two shall perish." Ryan looks mortified but Seque nearly screams "ACCEPTED."

The two men step away, with Ryan starting on Seque "This is absolutely-." Seque with no patience interrupts "he fought in the middle of town earlier, he was beat, pretty easily, by a guy I have beat several times. It is fine I can handle him by myself."

Ryan hesitates before saying "I will not fight."

A clearly disgusted and agitated Seque snarls "I believe you are new here. You are too whiny, too weak, too much of a coward to be one of us. You have already lost rations for a month, decline this duel and you are out another month of rations. Or you can fight and get a full year of rations and actually get a real weapon" eyeing Ryan's worn sword. "The truth is I don't need you, so stand to the side being a coward while I get my rations and you can have your month back, but I am keeping your extra year. It is one on one even without you. Now bet or sit out it is up to you."

After a second Ryan remarks "If I fight I get all the rations you've lost me back."

Seque quickly counters "And when I win I get your winnings."

Ryan waves it off and breathes "Whatever."

Seque looks incredulously at him "Say accepted."

Ryan looking puzzled questions "Accepted?" More to ask than to accept.

Immediately, A loud roar erupts from the man, as a voice seemingly coming from the air says "3... 2... 1..." all while blasting the trio and the body to an entirely new scene.

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Seque immediately launches at the man. With a snarl the huge man pulls a stick from his back it extends slowly as Seque flies forward. Seque angles his body into a kick, but the man is moving far too slow to get into position to do anything other than take the hit. With the pole in front of him there is no way he can strike or counter. Suddenly the man hits a switch and the pole drops a blade from the tip turning it into an axe. The kick would have simply gone around the pole but with it now being an axe, Seque is on target to hit it. Impossibly, Seque spins after the last moment and roundhouse kicks the axe, forcing the blade's point to be perpendicular to either fighter burying it deeply into the ground. As Ryan straightens up the mountain of a man digs in and exerts quite a bit of force to pull the axe free.

Ryan is awestruck, and the surprise is even evident in the huge man as he straightens up after retrieving the axe. Seque is not a big guy, but the force of the kick gives Ryan goosebumps, after all he had almost fought Seque. After the brief pause watching the man free his axe, and loosening himself up, Seque springs at the man. The big man immediately goes to a strong defensive position this time, expecting another heavy hick kick. Instead, Seque quickly shifts his leg from high to low, and drags his foot at the bottom of the axe's base. This move shifts the giant's balance, making the mountain stumble a little to his left. Seque, quickly raises his leg on the huge man's now exposed left side. Seque raises his foot until it nearly directly above his own head and brings it crashing down on the mountain's exposed shoulder, bringing it nearly all the way to the ground and violently bringing down the hulking man with him.

Despite the power that all his moves are being delivered with, the bigger man gathers himself unphased, almost as if it the heavy hits are not registering. This is confirmed as the man lunges forward grabbing Seque, without any trace of fatigue. The move was quick, especially for his size allowing him to catch Seque off guard, lifting him with one hand and picking up speed simultaneously. While running forward, with Seque in hand, he slams him about a foot in front of Ryan. Picking him up again he slams him into the floor, as if he was a toy, and with Seque stunned on the ground he delivers a powerful stomp to follow it up. Seque's head rolls backwards unintentionally as the leg is pulled

away from his body, his eye locking onto Ryan and he weakly calls out, "Okay, actually I do need your help just do anything."

The man slowly but swiftly walks back to retrieve the axe he had dropped.

No rations for 13 months flashes into Ryan's head, I might as well try he thinks. Looking back to the scene of the fight the man has already returned to Seque with his axe lifting it before swinging it down on Seque.

Seque rolls to the side dodging but bringing his arms up to brace for contact anyway, covering his face.

After a moment not feeling the contact Seque nervously looks from around his arms. Above him a sword holds the axe inches from where his arms were covering his face. He looks up and Ryan and the mountain are holding eye contact above their weapons.

Though impressed and shocked, Seque quickly sweeps the man's legs as he springs back up into the air. He lands just to the right of Ryan, slightly shuffling his feet, to loosen himself up. Ryan and the man both back off though still holding eye contact with one another. He looks from Ryan to Seque and once again he bellows. This one much louder than his first roar.

Seque looks at Ryan and for a moment and Ryan understands exactly what Seque is thinking. Seque starts in on the right but flips over Ryan. Landing and launching a roundhouse kick starting from the left. The man throws Seque but can't prevent the blow from landing as he throws him off to the mountain's right. The movement shifts him away from Ryan, who swings his sword in a full arc to slash throw the mountain's now exposed left shoulder.

The weapon is barely starting to make contact as he spins away bringing the pole from the other side to slam into Ryan's body knocking him away. The move is so limber for a man his size it catches Ryan off guard. As Ryan is spun away the man connects with a devastating left hook to his exposed ribs. Ryan falters, unable to see Seque spin back into action.

Standing on his left foot, Seque launches devastating kick after devastating kick, too quick for the eye to follow. For every blow that lands the man counters the next one but as the blows progress the man seems to be adjusting. The man stops blocking for a few kicks. Simply absorbing the blows while synchronously pulling his pole out and he begins to spin it defensively. It seems like he is not aiming his blows, but they begin to connect and deflect Seque's kicks causing Seque to blitz to fade in ferocity.

Ryan with a hand on his rib turns back to the fight just in time to see the man launching into Seque, attempting to grab him again as he did earlier. Seque is ready this time. He dodges with a spin, while sticking a leg out to trip the man. It catches and the man tumbles. As he falls he rolls himself into a ball. Rolling away from where Seque had just turned and jumped attempting to land a kick where the man should have fallen. The man explodes from the ball, swiping with such force that it forces his own body to spin. The flat of his the rod, which had contracted the blade as the mountain rolled, catching Seque squarely in the chest and knocking Seque clear from his feet. The mountain turns and lifts the rod above his head, dropping the axe portion from it again as angles it directly above Seque.

Ryan was already running to the side of the mountain, he locks the axe with his sword. He pulls the axe as he runs to the opposite side of the enormous man. Spinning the mountain around and giving Seque a chance to launch back into action to attack what is now the mountains back side.

The giant allows his axe to be carried to the side but unlatches it at the other side to continue the arc the axe was on. With his axe arcing 360 degrees back towards Seque, it forces Seque to roll backwards. Dodge and parry completed, from Seque and Ryan respectively, they launch at the giant in unison. Ryan launching into the exposed back, sees the pole separate into two. A second blade erupts from the other side giving the giant two smaller axes as he parries and swings at the two. He spins like a ballerina as he deflects and swings at the two on separate sides of him. The spins allow him to pay attention to both of them, with his attacks and movements headed toward Ryan and away from Seque.

Seque launches more aggressively and rapidly at the man. Striking on either side of the huge man almost simultaneously. With the mountain spinning away from him, his blows are easier to dodge. The ferocity is unmistakable, Seque is ready to win.

The mountain suddenly switches direction and lunges toward a ready Seque, he is greeted by Seque delivering a powerful double leg kick from a backflip. This knocks the huge man and his weight off balance. Unprepared for the quick change, Ryan lunges toward the man who had suddenly stopped coming his way, however with Seque knocking the man back that way the mountain falls into Ryan catching him off guard.

The man's fall is slightly broken by Ryan as the man's weight slams Ryan into a wall, Ryan hadn't noticed he was moments away from running into. Seque's sudden ferocity was because of the wall the man has just incidentally pinned Ryan to. The man not missing a beat throws an awkward off balanced axe throw at Seque. Which is easy enough for Seque to parry or even catch, instead Seque roundhouse kicks it launching it back at the man. As Ryan sees the axe, Seque understands his mistake. The axe is flying back to where the mountain is rolling from, Ryan and Seque instead are lined up. The axe plods into Ryan. Seque's face can barely register before the giant swings his other axe into Seque, knocking him to the ground.

Ryan looks down. Confused, he tries to understand what's happening. There is an axe lodged into him, but it feels more like a deep cut than an actual fatal wound. He thinks about all he has heard about the Deviant's. It is true they don't die easily and can walk away from what are fatal wounds to regular humans. This is insane though, he thinks.

He begins pulling the axe out of him, even this is incredible. Adrenaline fills him as the gravity of this "curse" sets in. The pain is not as extreme as it should be to him, it feels more strange than harmful. With a strange confidence feeding him, he ignores the exhaustion and with a ghostly smile drags the axe from his chest. While he certainly is drained and can't fight much anymore he is not completely down, yet.

This magnificence is giving him something. Absent-mindedly, he aims the axe at the mountain, almost as off its own accord, the axe follows the moving target of the mountain, who is heading towards Seque, all while Ryan is still mostly looking at his chest.

Seque, rising and readying to dodge the giant heading towards him, notices Ryan moving. It would be a lie to say he isn't impressed. While the blow wouldn't kill Ryan, it should have rendered him unconscious, at the least, but the idiot is just over there grinning pulling it out. It can't feel good, Seque thinks, trying to figure out if I can use this to my advantage if there even is one. He's just an idiot staring at his chest that he pulled an axe out of his chest, but the absentminded Ryan has the axe aimed just in front of Seque, locked on to the massive man.

The mountain lands a blow knocking Seque a few feet backwards. Seque lays on the ground for longer than he should. The mountain is not convinced, he cautiously lingers outside of Seque's reach, for a moment.

After the mountain doesn't step in. Seque gets up slower than has at any other time. Pounding fist after fist into the ground as he does so. He lets out a roar of his own. In doing so, his eyes lock with the mountain, before the sound ends he is already on the Mountains right and left side. Two kicks land on either side in what seems like the same instant. The mountain attempts to lunge forward but has barely bent before two blows from behind land in either rib cage. The mountain straightens up reflexively, and suddenly a kick to the back. The mountain turns to face it.

The mountain's response is incredibly quick, he sees Seque who somehow got from behind him and back to the front of him, channeling his force into what will be a crushing kick. Seque is quick, but the Mountain is quicker. The shock of the responses speed is written all over Seque's but he shouts "now" anyway. The mountain turns, confused as his eyes lock on to what should have been the down Ryan, and a blur of the mountains own axe hurtling towards him.

The mountain smiles, he is impressed but he is too quick for this he turns to catch it briefly forgetting the kick he was ready to counter. Seque launches the kick into his side,

forcing the huge hands away from the axe. It thuds into the mountains right shoulder. Within the same instant it lands, a kick from Seque lodges it deeper. The mountain spins catching Seque and hurls him into the wall next to Ryan, in a single motion. He staggers clearly hurt.

All fighters exhausted and injured, when Seque rises it is clear he is going to win. All three climb to their feet, with Ryan swaying dangerously. The mountain had barely staggered but even that was significant. All three walk towards each other, Ryan and the mountain both haggard. A few feet from each other, in the middle of the room and Ryan slumps into the ground. The mountain yanks the axe, with a bit of effort, from his shoulder, clearly feeling it.

“Strong” the mountain retorts looking at the two, “I could use help against you two.”

What a weird comment, Ryan thinks, but he is woozy and goes from slumping to sitting.

Seque more grimaces than anything. “Yeah you too, it’s been fun, but it is time to end this.”

The mountain nods.

He digs in with the retrieved axe brandished, the other axe harmlessly on the other side between him and Seque.

Seque takes a step-forward before easing back into a loose stance, he shuffles his feet getting ready. He stands still before launching forward, as he takes off he is yanked down from behind. Falling forward his feet lodge into the thing that pulled him down, he grabs it with his hands and sends a powerful kick into it, pushing the two away from each other. He was aware of the axe that slammed down into where they had been. A confused Seque looks at what he just kicked just to see a dazed Ryan.

No time to question what just happened as the man is going berserk with his axe towards Seque after crushing Ryan. Rolling left to avoid one of the blows, Seque launches off the ground and lands an awkward kick. The hulking mass not ready for the move, loses

the axe. A backhanded slap knocks Seque back down. With so much force from the blow, Seque roles over twice before catching his balance on his legs. He yells "What was that?" to Ryan before Seque even lands.

Seque can barely hear Ryan as he gasps out "throwing knives."

The now irate Seque yells out "No one is using throwing knives you idiot. You are disoriented just stay down." Ryan just lowers his body and relaxes unable to participate further.

Seque gets hit again falling and stumbling, the massive man is regaining his edge. Seque lands two kicks once again rendering the axe from the hands of the giant. The giant follows the axe and Seque lands two more kicks. The giant turns, and this hit from Seque staggers him forcing the mountain to spin. Two punches to the rib make the Giant groan in pain. The mountain turns to face Seque and again a kick from Segue lands squarely in the giants face, making him rear back in agony. Another kick to the stomach exposes the face again. Prepared, the giant blocks but is met with a not so intense punch as opposed to a fierce kick.

Peering around the block at Seque, he sees the kick going directly into his knee, instantly, the huge man buckles. Seque sends a flying knee into the giant's head, and the mountain falls. Seque seizing upon the opportunity and not relenting for even a moment, seems to charge himself for another attack, completely vulnerable but it matters little with the giant stirring out of reach.

As he readies to drop the kick, the giant looks up but his eyes are ghostly it is like he is looking past him. As his kick starts to fall he is suddenly caught by something yanking him hard, using his force to force him to spin an extra two times. Within the spins, he sees Ryan, who is still lying on the ground. The only other person here besides the giant who he has spun to see getting up, and now back to Ryan. He tries to look at the side he is being spun from instead his eyes go back to the mountain who has risen and is cocking his enormous fist back. On the second spin Seque slams his foot down and the force that had been spinning him tumbles away. Seque looks to understand what was pulling him and

smiles slightly when he sees the little girl that started it all tumbling away. Perplexed but focused he pulls his mind back to the battle his body finishes squaring back up with enormous man just as his equally large fist connects with a BOOM!!! Seque fly's clear across the room hitting the wall. His eye flutter open just slightly, catching the mountain helping the girl up. He can't help but let out a chuckle before his eyes shut, of their own accord.

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