

GATEWAYS

Prologue: Kidnapping.

Tokyo, Japan

- POV – Yamamoto Yuki
 - In flight
 - Reflects a bit on Relationship with Anteros.
 - Centurions appearing in Tokyo.
 - Centurions looking for something.
 - Centurions taking Something from HQ
 - Capture Anteros
 - Tracked.

Yamamoto Yuki leaned her seat back. She had a lot of time to think on this flight. She missed Anteros, and hoped he was alright. If he was hurt by those..... she forced herself to think of more positive things.

She looked out the window at the clouds, lost in thought. For as long as she could remember, she had been in love with Anteros. She now realized that she wasn't exaggerating. All of her memories were of them together. She had never questioned it before, odd. The two of them had been partners, she would write songs, and he would play them. It was quite the shock to her when she realized the lyrics she was writing into her songs were coming true. She had the ability to see future events, but never the ones she wanted to see.

When the golden armored men arrived in Tokyo, just as her song "Gold-streak" had prophesized, Anteros insisted that they go to this dusty old mansion, just outside of the city. It looked like the building had been moved from Europe somewhere. Inside they had been told by Anteros' apparent cousin, Heracles, to search out others.

Yuki closed her eyes for a minute, but her sleep was interrupted by Haruka complaining to Ayumi, both Yuki's teammates. "*Are you sure we need this guy?*" Haruka had asked. "*I mean with Yuki's ability to see the future, and Mary's ability to track almost anything, we should be fine!*"

"*Yuki's ability is unreliable, and Mary has never needed to track something this far before.*" Ayumi defended. "*I've known this man online and Herac suggested we use him.*" She continued.

Yuki smiled as these two talked. Nagata Haruka had been a horse trainer in Chiba when they found her, and Maeda Ayumi had been the youngest computer system's engineer hired at Mythos-Media.

Mary-chan looked at her from the next seat over, and reassured her. "*Don't worry Yuki, we'll find him.*" Mary Wells had been a police woman from England that had the strange need to vacation in Tokyo, when they were sent to find her.

Yuki thought back to the day they had finally gathered all six of them at Herac's house. Mary The police-officer, Ayumi the computer genius, Haruka the horse-trainer, Michelle the French poet, Anteros and herself. Herac explained to them all that they were different than most.

Born to live forever, he had said. He had told us that we would lose our memories every 100 years or so. But that we used to work together to guard gateways into this world from other dimensions. Of course Yuki didn't believe a word of it then, and still had her doubts. But some of the things she had seen since could be explained as "otherworldly".

Yuki smiled at Mary feebly. She still missed Anteros. Her mind wandered back to the night they had lost him. The Centurions, as they had called them because of their golden armor, had been tearing apart Tokyo trying to find something. On that night Yuki and her team had been chasing 2 of them down a commercial street after everything had closed. A couple of buildings had been flattened by the carelessness of the golden soldiers.

Yuki, Ayumi, Haruka, Mary and Michelle had run them down, and were about to engage them in battle. The girls had taken out their weapons, which had been swords made of energy. That's when the 3rd one showed up and knocked a bloody building down on them. Yuki was the only one left conscious.

When she had crawled out of the rubble, the 3 soldier had their weapons, swords that could shoot energy, pointed at her. If Anteros hadn't knocked 2 of their weapons out of their hands with his rose-shaped arrows, she would not be here now.

Unfortunately the third shot had hit him instead, and he had fallen into the grasp of the centurions. They quickly collected him and climbed aboard a small flying craft of some sort. That was when Yuki passed out from exertion.

While passed out she had the most vivid dream about a mountain and a flag with a red leaf on it. Next to the flag was a lake with a giant snake-like monster in it. The word "Ogopogo" rang through her head.

Yuki's attention came back to reality hearing Ayumi pointing out to Haruka their lack of English, something they would need at their destination. Apparently Michelle couldn't speak much, and neither could Ayumi, which meant they would require Mary to do all the translating.

Luckily this guy in Canada they were supposed to meet could speak many languages, including Japanese. Yuki wondered about him. She desperately hoped he could help her get her Anteros back. Yuki noticed Ayumi look over at Mary, who asked "Nervous?" in English.

Yuki was surprised to hear Ayumi answer, "Yes."

From that point Yuki lost interest in trying to understand what Mary was saying. It hurt her head, and she just wanted to sleep.