Episode One: Tale of the Crow

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1 Int. Creation academy - morning

Students busy themselves walking in long robes around the area.

The chimes play for the next set of bells as the students' walkabout.

A boy with sparkly hair, ELEC SANS (12), walks with a bag over his shoulder.

Another student with fiery red hair, HAN RITTER (12), collides into Elec.

Elec falls to the ground, and Hans looks at him angrily.

Hans

Watch where you're going.

He picks up his tome and walks in the other direction.

A student with silver hair, SHYO CAMILO (11), extends his hand to Elec, taking it.

shyo

Don't worry about Hans, and he is always like that. A hot head with a bad temper.

elec

Thanks.

SHYO

Your new, right?

ELEC

Yeah, but I'm looking for?

Elec pulls out his schedule and shows it to Shyo.

SHYO

Follow me. You a 1st year like me, and you with Instructor Kowii.

Elec follows Shyo.

2 int. classroom - a few minutes later

A man in a robe walks out at a thundered pace, INSTRUCTOR KOWII, (30'S). He holds a tome under his hand and stands in the front.

Shyo and Elec walk to the two seats to the left of Hans.

Two other students, MANA NECRUM, (12), in all white and a boy next to her CALEB COLE, (11).

Kowii watches Elec out of the corner of his eye.

kowii

So we have a new student? And you are?

Elec stands.

ELEC

Elec Sans and I just started today.

Kowii

Please have a seat.

Elec sits back down.

KOWII (CONT'D)

As first-year students, you will be learning your own natural element.

Elec looks around at the other students.

KOWII (CONT'D)

Some of you may know your own element because a tome or spellbook selects or is handed to you. You will know this as soon as you get one.

Elec raises his hand.

ELEC

But Instructor Kowii, I don't know what my element is.

KOWII

You will know in time.

HANS

Maybe you'll get lucky and get a tome from the endless pit of stitch

Mana and Caleb laugh, but Kowii stares at them.

KOWII (CONT'D)

Everyone will get there's in time.

Kowii pulls out his tome, and it pulsates with a water

pouring out into a mirror-like form.

The water mirror shows flashes of their world in the scenery.

KOWII

Our word of Magus is a magical one that extends outside our borders. We live in a world where our essence of magic comes from tomes, as you may know, and it brings out our full power.

Shyo raises his hand.

SHYO

But is Instructor magic good and bad?

KOWII

Yes, but it comes with a price, for some use it for good and others for bad.

HANS

That's why they all lost.

KOWII

That is true to the extent, but it all started with The Crow.

Mana and Caleb look at Kowii in understanding.

Hans rolls his eyes.

Shyo sits reserved, and Elec looks wide-eyed at Kowii.

The mirror pulsates and turns back time.

KOWII (CONT'D)

Long ago. . .

FLASHBACK.

3 EXT. Magus world

An older man in long robes and a long white beard runs up a hill.

An army approaches him, and thunder clashes.

A general points his sword at the man as it screams with ghosts at the older man.

The older man transforms a staff from his spellbook. The older man holds his staff up high to repel the general's army.

The army moved on him, and the general used his "Relinquish Blade" on the old man.

Upon impact, the sword shattered into a thousand pieces.

The older man looks at the shards on the ground and moves his staff at the general's stomach. He opens his mouth silently.

The general falls back dead.

The older man gets up and taps his staff to send the army to the ground. He looks around himself, seeing bodies lying on the ground.

END OF FLASHBACK.

FLASHBACK.

The older man lays on his bed, and another man, TANTO MILNIK, in purple robes, sits with him. He lays on his bed, breathing his last breath, and Tanto takes the book under the older man's arm and walks away.

END OF FLASHBACK.

FLASHBACK.

An old Tanto walks with three apprentices, each holding a tome of their own. They walk into a library, and Tanto hands them an item.

END OF FLASHBACK.

FLASHBACK.

The three apprentices hold each of their tomes in a circle, and the one on the far left with a ghost-like creature on tome touches around his hand.

His face becomes evil as he reads in a circle with the other apprentices.

END OF FLASHBACK.

FLASHBACK.

The apprentice holds a book touching his hand, spreads black

to his eyes as people run.

The tome sends out dark light to the people to the ground pulling them in.

The people fall to the ground. The ground sucks up their life force.

The apprentice laughs and casts his hand over the book. His face contorts as it darkens.

The people move up off the ground, looking like zombies. They walk forward with dull looks.

KOWII

That apprentice looped their life force in a resurrection state, making him more powerful and feeding the Cadaver tome, and making him invisible. He soon stole Leech to become more powerful than the other two apprentices.

The two other apprentices standoff using their tomes against the other apprentices.

The combined magic creates a vortex.

A dark shift summons underneath the other apprentice. He falls in holding his tome.

The other three use their tomes to strengthen the vortex.

One apprentice's book lights up, creating a dragon of monstrous size.

The dragon roars as it flies.

The other apprentice holds him in the vortex and creates bands attached to his hands and neck.

The bands light up.

A second layer of the vortex forms into a giant egg shape.

The dragon roars down and engulfs the egg.

His body glows with the egg pulsating in its stomach.

The two apprentices step back.

The dragonflies into the sky disappearing then shining in the sky like a sun near the western mountains.

END OF FLASHBACK - BACK TO THE PRESENT.

BACK TO THE SCENE.

KOWII (CONT'D)

That is the end of the tail for now, but there will be more for the history of Magus next time.

The students look to one another and nod.

KOWII (CONT'D)

Look to your classmates because they will be your friends and battle partners. The objective is to learn from this class everything you can.

Hans, Shyo, and Elec smile at one another.

4 INT. Creation Academy - Afternoon

Kowii enters the classroom and stands in front of the class, looking at his students.

kowii

The important part of the story is what class?

Shyo raises his hand.

shyo

That by working together we can accomplish anything.

KOWII

Yes, but what else?

Hans

(blurts out)

The path we choose is the most important.

KOWII

That's right, Hans.

Elec looks at them both.

KOWII

Now the important part was the war that came next.

Kowii's tome glows once more, and water pours out and flies to the ceiling.

The students watch it up on the ceiling.

The water glows, showing horses and carnage with thousands of flags.

FLASHBACK.

5 EXT. MOuntain sanctuary - afternoon

SUPREME MAGUS SALBOT KRAKEN, in blue robes, kneels before the magus before him. He rises and is gifted a tome.

The land glows from the appointment. Kingdoms' officials scream at each other over the new wielder.

A woman with a sword sheathed sits on a horse with an army riding to the mountain in the south.

Salbot walks the sanctuary and sees the oncoming army in the distance.

Four other sorcerers stand next to him as the army approaches.

An army of sorcerers rides on beasts and horses to the army with BATON KARI at the front.

Salbot raises his tome, and a bright light emits.

Baton is shackled below Salbot.

She looks at him angrily.

Another army in the distance on looks with a man in shining gold armor watches from the scene.

END OF FLASHBACK - BACK TO THE PRESENT.

Back to the scene.

KOWII

As you notice, the war was important as it balanced out the plight of magic and non-magic.

Kowii looks up at the clock and waves for them to leave.

The students get up to leave.

Elec, Shyo, and Hans walk together, talking.

Han walks past them as they head in the other direction.

Hans sees a girl with brown hair holding a tome reading named CLOY FINNER.

HANS (v.o.)

A second-year who thinks she's too good for anyone.

He walks over to Cloy.

HANS

Hey, you Cloy! Didn't you beat a first-year student a few days ago?

She looks up from reading and studies him.

cloy

Yes?

HANS

Try me on since your so good second year.

Cloy brushes him off.

CLOY

I don't miss with newbies.

HANS

I said, try me on.

She tries to move, but he won't let her.

He pulls out his tome and waves his hand in front of her with fire emitting from his hands.

Cloy watches him as the fire radiates around him.

CLOY

You're too new.

HANS

My father is Ohara Ritter, and his tome is mine. I have the power. I will

be the next Acme Magus.

He sends fire her way, and she uses her tome in front of her absorbing the fire. It fades and pulsates, creating a water spider legs like barrier around her. Cloy fires the whip-like at him fighting.

Hans and Cloy go at it.

Elec and Shyo see Salbot walk down to a different hallway. They follow him.

Salbot stops and turns around to them.

Salbot

What can I do for you, Elec and Shyo?

ELEC

Instructor Kowii was talking about naturals. I was trying to figure mine out. I'm not sure.

SALBOT

Sometimes elements have a way of coming about than what we think.

SHYO

Sir, I don't understand.

SALBOT

Our tomes come to us in time.

ELEC

I wish I would know what was mine.

SALBOT

You are more special than you realize, and sometimes it's finding your own potential at the right time.

Elec looks confused.

Shyo begins to open his mouth, but Salbot walks away.

SHYO

Did you get that?

ELEC

I'm trying, but even that seems like a mystery to me.

SHYO

What do you think Hans and Cloy are doing?

ELEC

Probably the same as we left them.

Cloy sends water everywhere, dousting out the fireballs from Hans.

Cloy and Hans heat the hallway as their tomes light up.

Elec and Shyo stand to the side, watching them.

Students come out and watch their fight.

Instructor Kowii watches them before walking off.

Cloy waves her hand, deflecting the fire from Hans.

Hans gets angry, sending more fireballs her way.

The water seals the fire around them.

CLOY

Do you know why fire and water never get along?

HANS

Fire will win.

CTiOY

Not if you don't know how to control your element.

Hans staggers and raises his left hand to send a monstrous fireball her way.

Her eyes light up blue, and she smirks. She steps on the water, and it engulfs him.

Hans tries to breathe, and Cloy stops before walking away.

He pants, looking up at her, angry.

HANS

The fight ain't over.

Cloy stops and turns around.

CLOY

For now, it is.

Cloy walks away with other students.

Elec and Shyo walk down another path.

SHYO

Salbot always talks in riddles.

ELEC

That's why it's hard to figure it out.

Hans stands wet and turns around, seeing Shyo and Elec.

HANS (V.o.)

She only got a little bit above me, but I'll get her next time.

Elec and Shyo laugh, seeing water drip from Hans.

HANS

What?

They break into laughter.

Hans looks down at himself, using his tome to now warm himself dry.

Shyo, Hans turns around, but Elec looks at Salbot. He walks by him.

ELEC (v.o.)

My own element?