

Newcomer

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The Teen Titans find a mysterious visitor in the outskirts of Jump City. Will they discover who he is and what power he possesses?(after BIRTHMARK)

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1. Introduction

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Dr.Chang has begun to attack the city with a giant mechanical dragon. It rains on the city with a xenothium liquid that he had used to fuel his cannon a while ago. "No one will be able to stop me now that I have finished my mechanical monster!!!!" however, his fun ended quickly, as the Teen Titans had appeared to fight this beast.

"Don't you know, Dr. Chang?" said Robin, "The bigger they are..." "The harder you fall!" finished Cyborg as he fired his cannon at Dr. Chang. The dragon dodged the blast and tried to escape the titans. The Titans began to assault the monster, but its armor was too thick to even scratch it. The dragon escaped into the desert. All the while Dr. Chang laughed "You'll never be able to destroy my..." Just then, there was an explosion in the dragon's wing. Dr Chang was shocked to see that his dragon's armor was pierced by nothing but a black staff. He looked down to see a figure standing on a cliff looking up at him. Then, all of a sudden, he launched himself right into the air at him. Jumping on to the dragon, his fists started to glow red and, with little effort, vaporized both the dragon's wings. Dr Chang exclaimed in shock "LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO MY CREATION!!!!!!", and then fainted. Meanwhile, the Titans were in shock. They had seen the monster explode and crash in an instant. They started to hear screaming and bawling, which was coming from a cliff below them. The person who destroyed the monster was with a traumatized Dr Chang. Without even turning around to them he said, "It seems as though I have an audience..."

2. Shadowfire

The young man wore an outfit made up of a short black cape that only covered his back. He wore a mask that was connected to part of the cape around his neck. It had obviously seen its share of battles, as it was torn and looked somewhat old. He also had very long black gloves and, oddly enough, what appeared to be tameranian gauntlets. He had also worn a purple shirt and black pants with two belts and very detailed boots. He turned to the titans with the neck of Dr. Chang in his grasp and jumped to the cliff. "I believe this belongs to you." he said, as he threw Dr. Chang to the titans. Robin then said, trying to shake off his amazement, "Uh...thanks. I'm Robin and we're the Teen Titans." Suddenly, Starfire threw herself at the young man and said "Oh, thank you for defeating the evil doctor for us!!!! Please, what is your name, where are you from, how old are you, and will you be my friend?!" Trying his hardest to break out of her hug, he ignored what she said and replied in a shady, dull voice, "Princess, you have a rather strong grip now." Starfire looked at him in disbelief and asked "how did you know I was a princess?" The young man said "I have not introduced myself yet, my name is Shadowfire" and then he added "and the reason I know that you are a princess is because I too, am from Tamaran". Starfire exclaimed "I am elated to see another tameranian here on the Earth!!! Tell me, what are you doing here?" The young man responded "I was sent here by the Emperor Galfore. He asked of me to journey to Earth to check on you. He couldn't wait to hear from his bungorf again." This did seem to make starfire happy to hear from her guardian, and then Robin came over and asked, "Why don't you come to the tower with us, and we could give you somewhere to stay for awhile"? Shadowfire then said, "Thank you very much, but I will be okay..." before he could finish, Starfire grabbed him by the arm and said, "Please, you must have a nice place to stay"! After a few more tugs, Shadowfire agreed. Beast Boy the said to Raven, "You know Raven, he sounds as dull and mean as you. Hhahahahahahaha"! Just then, Shadowfire turned to Beast Boy and said, "Oh really? At least I am not obnoxious and rude..." " Beast Boy got really annoyed, but Raven actually giggled a bit. Robin then led the titans and Shadowfire to the tower.

3. Befriending

The titans introduced Shadowfire to the inside of their tower and gave him something to eat. Being a tameranean, he rather enjoyed the food that Starfire prepared. Robin said after Shadowfire was finished "If you're going to stay awhile, you should probably have a room of your own. Raven, why don't you show Shadowfire to Terra's old room?" Raven agreed, but across the room Beast Boy became angry and followed them. While walking down the hallway, Shadowfire noticed his cape had new, rather large holes in it. Most likely resulting from the battle with Dr. Chang earlier. "Blast," he muttered, "this is the only cape I have in my possession" Raven heard him and asked, "Would you like one of mine? I have more than just this one." Shadowfire looked at her and said, "Raven, you have already been kind enough to let me stay in your home. There is no need to give me anything more." "No, I insist. That cape of yours isn't going to last much longer." Shadowfire eventually gave in and received a new cape from Raven. "Blue is not really my color, but I am most grateful to you, thank you Raven". They headed towards Terra's room, only to find Beast Boy standing in the way. "Get out of the way, Beast Boy. Shadowfire's going to stay here." No way, dude! This is Terra's room! I don't want this guy staying in there!" While Raven and Beast Boy argued, Shadowfire interrupted and said, "If I may interject. Raven, let it go. I do not mind if he does not want me to stay in Terra's room." Raven and Beast Boy both looked at him. "Shadowfire, don't listen to him. You can stay he-" "Really, I do not mind. Beast Boy, tell me, this Terra, were you close to her?" Beast Boy nodded and said "yeah, so?" Shadowfire walked up to him and said, "I can sense heartache in you. If you do not want me to stay in her room, then I won't. It is somewhat sacred to you. I could just stay in you're ‘living room’, as you call it." Shadowfire walked away, leaving Raven and Beast Boy astonished. They're arguments were never settled that quickly. "Dude, I wish he appeared sooner, just think what he could do if Cyborg argues when I beat him at video games"! Raven didn't say anything, but she did give Beast Boy an agitated look. She asked him, "You didn't like him, did you?" Beast Boy answered, "No, not at first, but now....well he's cool."

4. Bonding

Later during the day, the titans were discussing about whether or not Shadowfire should join them. Robin had been suggesting that having another member would be great, but some of the titans were a little uneasy about it. Cyborg, for instance, had mentioned, "Ya know, the dudes cool and all, but what happens if he pulls a fast one like Terra did". Robin, however stated, "Look I know what happened last time wasn't great, but maybe it'll be different, we just have to make sure-", but before he could finish, Raven interrupted and said, "He should stay" in an excited voice. The other titans looked at her in astonishment, and then Robin decided to continue the discussion. Little did they know, Shadowfire was listening to them on the other side of the board room. Once the titans left the board room, Raven went out looking for Shadowfire. When she found him, she saw he was meditating outside the tower. Shadowfire then noticed Raven without looking and said, "How are you, Raven, finished with the meeting"? Raven said, "Yes, you wouldn't mind if I were to join you in meditation, would you"? Shadowfire then looked up at her and said, "Yes of course, you are most welcome to join me". Right before they started, Shadowfire said, "Raven, I do appreciate you giving me this cape, but you would not mind if I were to change it"? Raven opened her eyes in an interested look, wondering what he meant and said, "Its okay with me". "Thank you", Shadowfire said, and at that instant, his shadow started to stretch. He then took off his cape, leaving his mask on of course, and dipped the cape into his own shadow. Raven was amazed and astonished at what was happening, and then she saw him take the cape out. It looked almost the same, except it was black, there was no hood, and there was no pendant. While Shadowfire was putting the cape back on, Raven still had a shocked look as she said, stuttering, "T-that was...incredible". Shadowfire then looked back at her and said, "Yes, it is quite an interesting trick, perhaps I may be able to teach it to you if I become a titan". Raven then paused for a moment, then said, "Ummmm, Shadowfire, could I see what you look like, I'm just curious". Shadowfire then paused as well, and said, "Very well, but may I also see your face as well. Raven nodded, and Shadowfire started to take off his mask. Once he took it off, Raven then become even more amazed at the sight of his face. She noticed that he had a gem on his forehead just like she does and he had gray skin like her as well. The only difference was his long, red hair, which Raven assumed was a part of his Tamaranean side. Shadowfire then got Raven's attention again by saying, "Now will you show me what look like please"? Raven snapped out of her dazed condition and uttered, "Oh, yes....of course"! So she took off her hood, revealing that she too had a gem on her forehead and gray skin like Shadowfire, but she had short, purple hair. After Shadowfire was finished looking at her face, he said, "Well, it would appear that my time here will be very interesting". The next day, Robin and Cyborg had set up the training course for Shadowfire, who was prepping for it. Robin then started the machine, and the training began. The first part involved a bunch of metallic walls that jutted from the ground. Shadowfire was able to avoid all of them with his great speed and jumping rate. The next part would decide how strong he was, as a group of robots that looked almost like Brother Blood's mock-ups of Cyborg came up, and went straight for him. However, in an instant, Shadowfire smashed right through three of the robots, and then jumped up and fired seven of his shadowbolts at the remaining robots, and the others were stunned as they blew up in an instant. After their senses kicked back in, they started to applaud at Shadowfire's incredible performance. Even Beast boy and Cyborg admitted his score was amazing.

5. Battle

After the training, Robin finally spoke and said, "Wow Shadowfire, I haven't seen a more impressive score from a newcomer since Terra!" Shadowfire heard this while Raven was congratulating him, and asked, "Terra, who is Terra?" All the Titans looked at each other, and then Beast Boy decided to answer. He told Shadowfire all about Terra, even going back to when they first encountered Slade. He finally told him of Terra's great sacrifice, which had prevented the city from turning into a molten wasteland. After Beast Boy finished, Shadowfire said, "I now understand why you did not want me in that room that is special to you", then he added, "And what of this 'Slade', where is he now?" Robin looked to Raven with concern, knowing exactly what Slade was up to, and he then decided to say, "Well, he.." but before he could finish, the alarm in the Titans Tower sounded, and Robin shouted to the other Titans, "Titans, lets go!" He also asked Shadowfire for his assistance, seeing as though he wanted to help out the Titans a lot.

The alarm had sounded, and for good measure too. Overload was once again on the loose, and everything was short circuiting around him. The Titans arrived in the nick of time, and Cyborg gave Overload notice that they were here with his sonic cannon. When Overload looked over with rage, Cyborg yelled, "Yo Sparky, maybe ya oughta short your self out instead of everything else!" Overload must have understood that, because once Cyborg was finished talking, he came right for them. The titans jumped out of the way, while Shadowfire snapped, "I believe you have acquired his attention!" With that, Robin shouted, "Titans, go!" And they went off. While Raven attempted to hold him down with the azarath spell, Robin used his freeze - disks to put Overload on ice. Starfire and Cyborg then fired their attacks right at the giant ice sculpture of Overload into a hundred shards. Just when everything seemed fine, the ice shards exploded with thunder bolts, and they reformed back into Overload.

The titans were shocked to see Overload back in one piece, but Shadowfire was curious. He asked Raven, "Please, do all of your villains come back this easily?" Raven looked back at him and said, "The problem is they just don't know when to stay down". Overload then let out a horrid scream and fired electric streams at the Titans. Each one got hit except shadowfire, but the titans quickly shook off their daze. Shadowfire then said, "Please, allow me to handle this cretin", and with that, he went right after Overload. Overload tried to catch him, but Shadowfire was too fast for him. With both hands, Shadowfire blasted the electric menace with a barrage of shadowbolts. Once Overload started to look weary, Shadowfire shouted at the titans, "Now, you must finish him off!" As soon as they realized what had happened, Robin, Cyborg, Raven, Starfire, and Beast Boy went full force at Overload, and it seemed that the battle had been won. However, just as the titans congratulated each other, Overload ran right for the titans, crashing right into the building next to them. Shadowfire was standing on the edge of the broken street, but before he could jump out of the way, the rubble had already fallen on him...

6. End

Although it had seemed that he was crushed, Shadowfire had actually phased through the ground right before the rubble landed on him. Unfortunately, he landed in a dark and dreary tunnel that looked like it had been abandoned for sometime. "What an eerie and yet strange place this is", said Shadowfire as he was walking down the tunnel. He had then come to the first door that he could actually enter. As Shadowfire entered the room his first thought was... "A grand battle has happened here". He looked around every corner of the area, coming to a set of six mirrors, only five of them looked really damaged. "What meaning could these cracked mirrors have"? Shadowfire wondered to himself, but just then, from out of the shadows, came his answer. A menacing figure launched right at him in a dark suit with a black and orange mask. The figure had then started to speak, "I believe I can answer that question", as he started to rise. From the descriptions the Titans told him, he had a good feeling about who that was: Slade.

Shadowfire lunged back, readying himself for battle. "So you are the one called 'Slade', what do you want", he asked. Slade looked at him with interest, then saying, "Well, it has nothing to do with you, if that's what you're thinking. It actually has something to do with the other pale child with the Titans". Shadowfire then asked, "What do you mean by-" just then it came to him, and he rushed right for Slade, shadow bolts in hand, bashing him into some machinery. Jumping down to where Slade had landed, Shadowfire yelled, "What do you want with Raven"? Slade then came up, with the same mysterious mark on his forehead that he had before. Shadowfire was shocked, as he knew he had seen that mark before, but he couldn't remember where he had seen it. Slade then broke the silence and said, "If I were you, I'd worry about my own troubles", and with that, he launched a huge fireball right at Shadowfire. The fireball had sent Shadowfire right into the chair Slade used to sit in. As Slade came up to where he sent his foe, Shadowfire then launched himself right at Slade, knocking him back to the ground. However, it didn't seem to affect Slade, as he stood right up like nothing happened.

Shadowfire then yelled, "Whatever you plan on doing with 'him', you can just forget it! Now tell me what you plan on doing with Raven"? Slade chuckled, and then said as he was walking toward Shadowfire, "By the time you figure it out, it will be too late for you. However, it doesn't have to be that way, if you join me". Shadowfire then smirked and said, "I will not allow myself to be one of your so called 'apprentices', so it is time I make sure of that"! But before both of them could go all out at each other, both of them heard the Titans coming down. Slade then looked back at Shadowfire and said, "Well, you got lucky, but I guarantee on our next visit, I will teach you the same meaning of pain as I have told Raven". With that, he vanished into the ground in a blaze of fire, just as the Titans arrived. When he saw them come down, Shadowfire yelled to them, "Everyone, Slade has returned"! Everyone looked at each other, and then Beast Boy responded, "Dude, we already know that", as Shadowfire's expression went from enraged, to confused.

Back at the Tower, Raven had started to help Shadowfire with his wounds, but it was very stressful for him. "Is there anyway I can feel no discomfort for this", Shadowfire asked as Raven was aiding him. She did in fact know a way, as she used her magic to heal his wounds until they disappeared. Shadowfire looked up to Raven and said, "Thank you", and Raven nodded back. While Shadowfire was enjoying the life of a titan, Slade and his "boss" were making changes. Shadowfire's appearance had made sure of that. Shadowfire looked at Raven

with worry and said, "Slade's planning something. I know it. I swear that I will not let them hurt you..." Raven blushed and said, "I know you won't..."