

# BOY vs BEAST

ICE BEAST



Mac Park

POP & FIZZ

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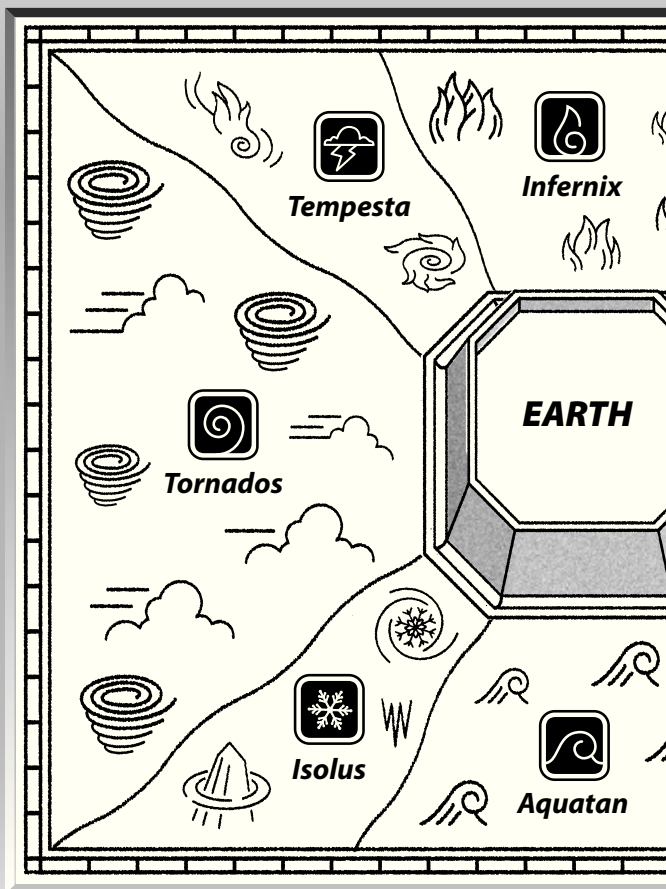
# ***Prologue***

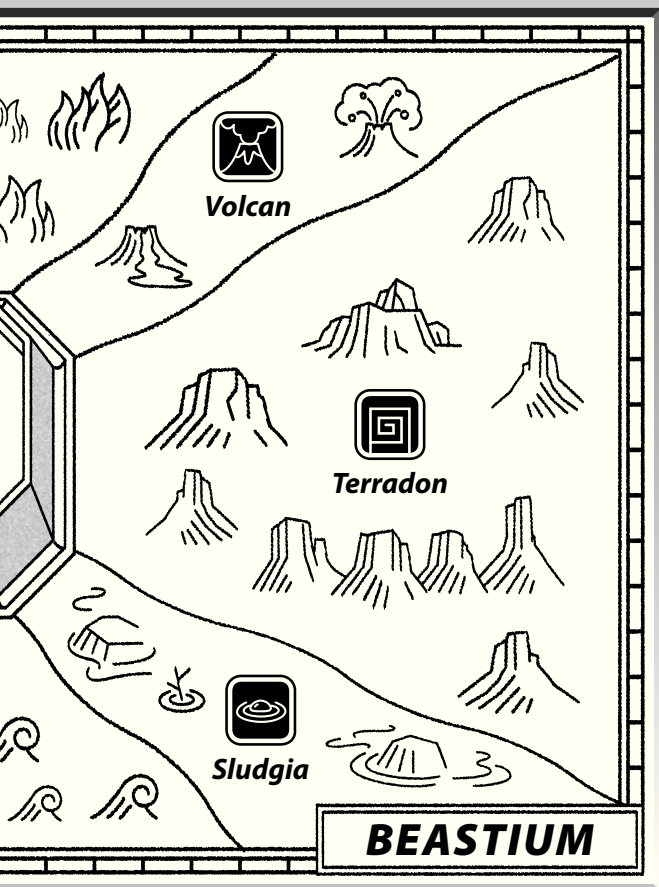


***L***ong ago *beast and man shared* one world. Then battles began between them.

After many battles the world was split in two. Beasts were given Beastium. Man was given Earth.

A border-wall was made. It closed the two worlds off. Border Guards were trained to defend the border-wall. The beasts tried to get through the border-wall many times.





***T***he ***Border Guards had to stop***

the beasts. Battles won by beasts made them stronger. Battles won by guards earned them new battle gear. And they got new upgrades. Then their battle gear could do more.

Five boys now defend the border-wall. They are in training to become Border Masters. Just like their dads.

Their dads were also Border Guards once. Then they became Border Captains and then Border Knights. They kept learning until they became Border Masters.

**N**ow they make up the **Bordaria**  
Master Command. The BMC.

The BMC helped the Border Guards during battle. They gave the Border Guards new battle gear.

The boys had to earn new battle gear. They needed to learn from their battles. And from their mistakes.

Kai Masters is a Border Guard. His work is top secret. The BMC watch Kai closely. Kai must not fail.

# The Beastium Border-Lands



The beasts of Beastium lived in four lands. Over time, the edges of the lands mixed. That was how the border-lands were made.

The edges of fire and rock mixed. That made a volcano land. The edges of rock and water mixed. There was a mud border-land. The edges of water and wind mixed. There was an ice border-land.

The edges of wind and fire mixed.  
That made a storm border-land.

It was not just the edges of the worlds that mixed. The beasts from each of the worlds mixed too. Then a new kind of beast was made... The border-land beast.

Kai Masters must think about his old battles. He must learn from them. If he does not, then he will fail.

Kai must not lose.





# CHAPTER 1



It was a hot summer day. Kai Masters was playing T-ball. He was at the oval. And he was really hot. Kai's hair was wet under his cap.

The game was almost over. Kai was off to the beach after the game.

*I can't wait to go for a swim,* thought Kai. *Only one ball to go.* It was Kai's turn to bat. He held the bat up. He was ready to hit the ball. Then he felt something cold on his arms.



It was snow! And it was falling from the sky.

Soon there was snow everywhere. All the kids began playing in it. Everyone was throwing snow balls. Everyone but Kai.

Kai Masters was a Border Guard. It was his job to keep Earth safe. Safe from beasts that tried to break through the border-wall. And it was Kai's job to know when things weren't right.

*Snow in the middle of summer?* thought Kai.

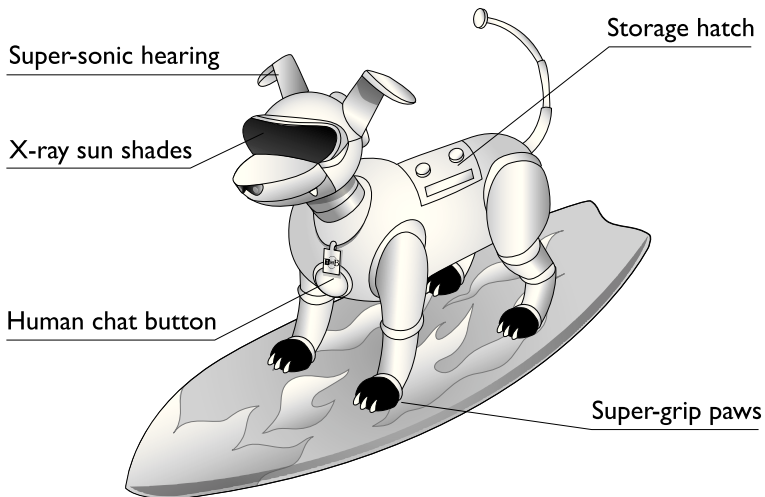
He took out his pocket compass. Kai looked at where the snow was coming from. *The compass shows it's from the south,* thought Kai. *A beast from the water land might be doing this.*

Just then Kai's orbix beeped. Every Border Guard had an orb. It could be used for lots of things.

The BMC used the orb to talk with Kai. And sometimes so did BC3. But only when he was not with Kai. BC had sent Kai a message.



BC was Kai's robotic dog.  
The BMC gave him to Kai as a prize.  
BC helped Kai in battle.



And he was good fun at the beach.

Kai wrote back to BC.

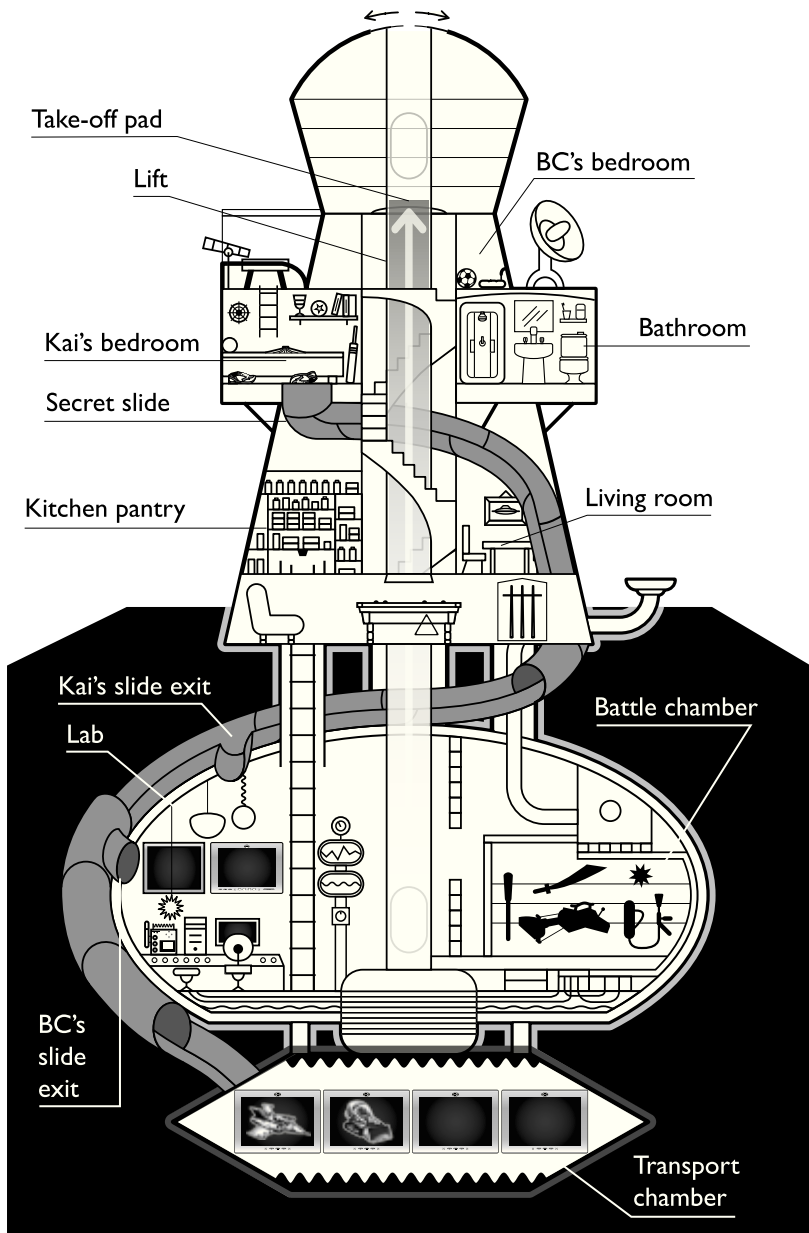
***Snow at the oval. Not good.***

***No beach today*** 😞

Kai opened the orb. He put some snow inside it. He shut the orb and set it to chill.

*I need to get this to the lab,*  
thought Kai.

The lab was a secret room in Kai's home. Kai lived in an old lighthouse. It had all the same rooms as other homes. But it also had Border Guard rooms.



Kai used these to learn about  
beasts. And to get ready for battle.

Kai put the orb in his pocket.  
Then he jumped on his bike.

He rode up the hill fast. Up the  
hill to the lighthouse.