Kristy

(The girl with the golden heart)

Chapter One

It is not unusual for people to change with the drop of a hat. In fact, it is quite normal here, on planet Kaplex. The leaves on the trees colors, shapes, and sizes at will. They are also capable transforming into beautiful flowers of any species. The grass, which covers the land on this planet, is pretty much the same as it is on earth, only thicker and softer. The ocean was the sky filled with all types creatures from this planet would be amazed at the site. Watching the birds of the air flying straight up into the ocean to catch a fish.

. The fishermen used special boat that was completely cover in fiberglass that would float slowly up towards the ocean sky and then propel itself upside down and shoot power boosters to keep the boat from falling to the Kaplex.

The buildings on Kaplex are magnificent, and full of beauty. When you enter into one of these buildings, whether it is a restaurant, a business, or store, the set up is different from what you would normally see on earth. For instance, inside the restaurants all the tables and chairs seams to be floating in mid air but are stationary. There are no wires or plugs or electrical outlets to be

seen, but some how they are able to produce lights. They have vehicles, which hoover above the ground and transporters that take you from one part of the country to another part.

Just like it is on earth, the planet is made of many different races; there is the Kapeetonas a breed that is medium to dark tone, and short in statue. They consist mostly of hunters and farms and don't marry outside their own. When it comes to their mating rituals, their women can only conceived two times during the year. They menstruated once in the fall and again at the end

of spring. The men are the same way; the two of them have to connect at the right time, which is usually during the third moon.

You wouldn't see a lot of children running around the Kapeetonas, because breeding is so difficult. Some have learned to schedule there mating time right before the third quarter of the third moon. The most any family has is at least four children.

Another race is called the Dravidion, a race similar to those living in southern India. These races are very powerful, and are very good at leadership. If you happen to be working, more than likely your boss will be of Dravidion descent. Most other races intend to try and stay away from these people, because they consider themselves superior to other races.

Chinoid is made up of most yellow to mustard skin people. These people consisted of scientists, teachers, and lawyers, as well as other occupation. Not much is known about this race, other than the fact, they can be very sneaky. Along with the Dravidion and the Cardaryans, a lot of Chinoid men serve in the military forces.

A third race is called the Cardaryan; this race consists mostly of cream to white color skin. These people come between the Kapeetonas and the Dravidion, they are pretty nice in nature and are just as good as any Dravidion, if not better. They don't consider themselves any better than

any other race and are quite a humble type of breed. This is one type of race that will marry outside their kind.

Kristy is a young, Cardaryan, girl around the age of five, she is pretty much like any other person, who lives on the planet Kaplex. Now when it comes to the people living on this planet, their gravity is so low, it is quite understandable, why they have the ability of flight. A lot of them have the ability to shape–shift and mind control. Kristy, however was different, she was a rare case, not many were born with what she has. One in every 250,000 people of any race is born with a golden heart. Kristy had such a special gift that she is considered at risk. Her parents know that if any authority every finds out, she has a golden heart, she will be taken away from them. Kristy has the ability to heal people just by the touch of her hand. Her heart is more for the terminally ill or people who are close to

dying. A Kaplexian, which is what the races are known as, just like the people on earth are called earthlings or humans, value something this great. Any member in the medical field would have snatched her up, right after birth, because it is easily detected. All Cardaryan babies are born with transparent skin, this way the doctors delivering the baby can pick up any birth defects immediately. If a child is born with a special ability, like a golden heart, he or she is automatic handed over to the government. Most of these children don't live past the age of five, and the medical field and government care nothing about the well being of these precious children. Their only concern is saving their own. The heart is literally taken from the child's body, than place back into the child. Doing this a number of times puts a lot of stress on the child! who eventually dies. The parents never know what has become of their baby, they are just told to go and have another child.

Kristy's dad has seen this happen, two times in his life, once to a friend, and another time, to a family member. He made a commitment to his family and to himself that no government or medical person would ever take any member of his family from him again.

Few people know about the birthing at home regulations, London May sure he read every single guidelines and laws containing to giving birth at home. He also had to find a doctor who was willing to do a home birth, lucky for him he had a brother, who was in the medical field, and disagreed with the way the government handle things.

The government was made up mostly of Dravidion people with very few Cardaryan people sitting in the senate chair. A law was pass along time ago, that at least one or two people from another race, besides the Dravidion, would have a place on the senate seat. They make sure to keep the numbers as low as possible, so very few Cardaryan get a seat in the senate.

Hayden, London's young brother swore at a young age, that he was going to change the system, when he got older. Every five years, he runs for office, only to lose by ten or twenty votes. Just four years ago, he almost had a seat on the senate chair. He missed it by one vote, which was given to a Chinoid person. He is running again this year only for a much lower position, if he wins this time, he will have a lot better chance making his where to the top. No one, accept the Dravidion has sat in the commander's chair.

Kristy was not only special, because of her healing powers, but she was amazingly smart little girl, full of questions. She had a big admiration for both her Uncles as well as her dad, who was just a plan old carpenter. He works very well with his hands, and is quick too. He is able to soar up to the second and third floors in five seconds flat. His bosses like his mentality, because he works so well with others. London puts up with a lot crap from others at his job, but instead of getting angry and telling someone off, he just politely smiles at them and moves on with his work. If there is a tight squeeze in the construction, London will shrink himself down and perform the work himself. His wife, Kana has notice lately that he seams to be a little shorter these days, because he has done this job, quite to often. This is one of the side affects it has on the Cardaryan. London use to be 6'5" and he is now six feet. Kana says, ‘if he keeps it up, she will have to make a matchbox for his bed,” Kristy just laughs at her.

The Chinoid people are closely connected to the Cardaryan people and have sometimes even married into others race. The Cardaryan, however, have a lot of specialties about them and are value to the other races. Sometimes, the three heads of state drink their blood in order to gain more knowledge and strength. Kristy has seen this happen quite a few times to her older brother, Nedz. The last time he was hospitalize, because too much blood had been drain from his body. The doctors said the next time this happens his parents would be visiting him in the morgue.

London needed to find a new home for his family, he was running out of hiding places and the government had invented probes that could not only detect where people lived, but they could also tell of their capabilities too. He knew his family was no longer safe in his homeland. They would have to move some place else, the land towards the north was too cold and barren to live there, although a race call the Esaki and the Inos made it their home their blood was so thick and warm, many Dravidion wishes they could get their hands on them, but the Esaki and the Inos keep their distance, because they know how the Dravidion people are. London thought of moving there, but he knew it would be a big risk. He thought of moving his family to the Far East, but this was the Dravidion homeland, not a good choice there.

One day London sat down in front of his house on a large floating rock, twitting a piece of wood and metal. He was making it into a dollhouse for Kristy, when she came and sat down next to him on another floating rock, shape more into a chair. Their language was quite unique, like that of a humming bird, with a few whistles and clicks. There were a few spoken words in their dialect, but mostly whistles and clicks. They only spoke when they had too. If, there was one thing, they were proud of it was their language, because this was one thing the other races could not take from them. London turns and looks at Kristy, then slowly said.

" Your brother, uncle and I have built a ship."

"A ship?" Her eyes widen. Like the one you put under water?"

The water was much different here; you would have to push the ship up through the water so that it would be floating on top. Water floated above them, so anyone going for a swim would usually be swimming upside down. At least this is what it looks like from someone else perspective.

"No honey. The ship, we built, will take us far away from here."

"What do mean far away?"

"We will go where no one can every harm us again. "

"Where will we go, daddy?"

"Earth." Kristy's eyes got big when he spoke the words to her. She had never heard of this planet before. "When we arrive, you will be ten years old, because it would take a very long time to travel from here to there.

“When will we leave?”

“Not for another six months, we must provide an enough food, water, and fuel for our long journey.”

“Are there other life forms on earth?”

“I am sure there is, and the earth’s gravity is two times heavy than Kaplex’s”

“Will we be able to survive?” Kristy question.

“It is the atomosphere, you are thinking about.” He said hugging her.

“What about our ability to fly?”

“I will not know until we have reach planet earth.”

Kristy look up at the colorful sky filled with water, she closed her eyes and imagined what earth would look like. She tried to imagine what the people would look like on earth, but all she could see was the Kaplexians from her own planet. She imagines herself flying over the earth’s ground with other earthlings and she imagined the trees changing colors at the drop of a hat. Kristy wonder what the buildings would look like on planet earth. She wishes she could see a picture of them.

Opening her eyes, she asks in her dialect. “Father will earth be like it is here?”

“This I do not know.”

“Then how would we know if it better than here?”

“We don’t?”

“Aren’t you afraid?”

“Yes, I am but I know that earth is much bigger than this planet and has tons more water than here.”

“Is the water above us?” Kristy wanted to know.

“Their water is in different section of the planet. Some places have more water than others.”

“What do you mean, father?”

“The earth is also known as the blue planet, because the ground sits upon the earth’s water, and when you look at it from space it looks like a big blue planet.”

“Not all water is consider safe, I have done some studies on this planet’s water substances, found out that the earth’s ocean covers ¾ of the earth.”

“What are oceans?”

“Oceans are huge bodies of water containing different plants and sea creatures.”

“That is a lot of drinking water.” Kristy smiled.

“Yes that is a lot of drinking water” London responded.

“Father, have you ever traveled to earth, before?” Kristy said quietly

“No, but many scholars, scientist, and architects have made many journeys there in the past.”

“ Is this why you know so much about the planet?”

“Yes.” London grazed at the watery sky watching the bull-lion dolphin dance in majestically pattern. First one, than two and then three jump in unison, in his mind he wonder if his daughter would witness such beauty. He turn and smile at her, and then said, “Run and play my little golden child, your father is busy.”

“ But, I want to hear more stories about the planet earth. Tell me, what are the humanoids like on earth?”

“Where did you learn such big words?”

“From the preceptor of the Chinoids. Master Chi-Ta has taught the class many new words with scientific meanings.” London had dropped the tools, he held in his hand for so long, as the slowly deceased to the ground below, he turn and faced Kristy. His eyes gave her a look of concern, because he knew of Master Chi-Ta’s ways.

“What happen to Moll?”

“She was taken away by the Dravidian guards?”

“What for?”

“Something about treason. Father what does treason mean?”

“It means traitor.” London said sharply. Honey I need you run and play now, okay.”

Kristy gently floats over to her father and hugs him. He whisper in her ear and pats her on the backside. “Be safe.” She floats to the ground and runs off.

London sat in a chair made of fine Mustela fur he held a small device in his hand as he ponder away the negative thoughts that had quickly clouded his mind. Kana and he were good friends with Moll and had helped her into getting this teaching job with in the capital of Dravidic. Now she was endangered and London put her there. His heart was full of anger, but he realized that he must not let his mind be clouded with misguided thoughts. The device he held in his hand, he extended it into a holographic picture, which floated a few inches in front of him. London clapped his hands twice and a picture appeared. His smile was a motion, which caused the holographic image to copy his face and send it to the person he was contacting, with a few clicks and whistles in Morse code, he had reach his brother, Hayden.

“You are calling me on the private line. It is not safe, people will see you.”

“This is imperative.”

“Give me five minutes and I will call you back in a more secure area.”

London leans back in his chair shutting the screen off. Kana walks in with her arms full of delicious delicacies and lays them on the counter; she does not see him sitting in the chair as she comes around into the living quarters.

“Oh, I did not see you there, how long have you been sitting there?”

“Not long.”

“I brought some delicacies from the merchants market in Kaplex. They tell me it is the finest fruit, all of Dravidian.”

“Moll has been arrested.”

Kana plotted down into a black tiger silk chair. She was stunted. “When did this happen?”

“I don’t know maybe, yesterday or two days ago.”

She stands up again, and paces the floor. “We got to do something, London, you know what the Dravidians are capable of doing to her. We got to go and free her.” She becomes hysterical; London quickly jumps and consoles her. She pushes him away, and turns to leave. He grabs her by the wrist.

“Your thoughts are been clouded. You are not thinking clearly. What will you do when you get to the prison gate? They will mot let you in. Let’s be rational about this.” He pulls her back in and holds her tight. Tears fall from her cheeks, the holographic screens flickers. He clicks on the button and turns Kana around to face the screen it is Hayden.

“Moll has been arrested, see what you can find out. I think we are going to have to move sooner than expected.”

“I will see what I can come up with.” Hayden signs off.

“Wait way is Nedz?” Kana ask walking out into the courtyard of their house that was parallel with the living quarters. There was no glass door or wall that stood there just a watery substance separating the two areas. She walks over to the rose cover Terrence and looks down. Below she sees her two children playing a game of Episkyros with the neighborhood children. Her husband puts his arm around her shoulder and says, “See there are fine.”

“I don’t like them playing that game. It can be quiet dangerous”

“It has been in our generation for thousands of years and the children enjoy it.”

“Well I still do not like it, I had to play it in high school and I have scars to prove it.”

“That was long ago, the rules have changed, even the ball is different, now it is safe for children to play.”

London and Kana stand there quietly watching the children play.