KÂGÂGÎ: THE RAVEN

ORIGINS (PART I)

WENDÂBÎGISINGIN (1 EKO PAKEYÂG)

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FADE IN:

EXT. FOREST - DAY

An Algonquin TRACKER (28) runs from a mysterious entity. He's * visibly tired, but doesn't stop. *

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Long ago, on Turtle Island, the proud Anishinabe were threatened by a creature that knew no fear, and destroyed everything in its path: The Windigo.

Weshkad, Mikinâk Minitigông, Kâ-apîtenindangik Anishinâbeg ogî-gagwetâdjîhigowân Âwiyen ega kekenindazînigobanen kotâdjiwin, ashidj ogî-nishiwanâdjitôn kakina kego omîkânsing: Mî iya Wîndigo.

But he trips and falls, injuring his leg.

Suddenly, a large shadowy figure appears behind him. It's the *WINDIGO; looming large.

EXT. FOREST - DUSK

WISAKEDJAK (60's), a Native American hero, kneels by evidence of human footprints and large, animal like tracks, leading into the forest. Wisakedjak, determined, races into the forest, armed with a spear.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

A legendary hero named Wisakadjak was sent to investigate the disappearance of a trusted friend...

Memândâgashkitôdj pejig Wîsakedjâk ejinikâzodj

kî-andawenindâgoze kidji-awi-andokenimâdj

kâ-wanishinindjin kâ-âsawenindâgozinindjin

ininiwan...

EXT. WINDIGO CAVERN - NIGHT

The Windigo and his minions stand around a roaring fire.

Outside the glow of the fire, Wisakedjak peers through the shrubs at the O.S. terror.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Only to find... More than he bargained for.

Kidji-mikang eta...Ega kinage .
bâtosig.

Wisakedjak backs away with grim determination.

EXT. ANISHINABE CAMP - MORNING

Two divergently dressed groups (note to animator: the human Anishinabe and the mystical, little people of the forest, the Pagwoudj Inini) stand opposed, the LEADERS arguing (note to animator: the Anishinabe leader doesn't come up later, but the Pagwoudj Inini leader, is actually NIGIG, who does appear in a modern-day scene, again. Just making sure he's seen clearly for consistency purposes). Wisakedjak silences them both.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

The threat was too great for the tribe to face alone. The Anishinabe warned the Pagwoudj Inini of the danger at hand, and a temporary truce was reached.

Ayâwashingewin ozâm mishânigoban ondje anishinâbeg kidji-nishikegâbawiwâdj. Anishinâbe ogî-ayângwâmimân Pagwadjininiwan nanîzâniziwin endagwang, wenibik kîbônenindamôg.

The two groups settle down, staring daggers at each other.

EXT. FOREST - DAY

ALGONQUIN WARRIORS standing with the Pagwoudj Inini, lined up against the Windigo and his minions and followers. They rush at one another.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

The Windigo and its followers
nearly consumed Turtle Island with
* evil. But the Anishinabe and
* Pagwoudj Inini faced the darkness together.

*Wîndigo ashidj kâ-âsikâgodjin kegâd kakina ogî-nitônâwâ Mikinâk Minitig mâmawe madji-âyâwiziwin. Anishinâbe tash ashidj Pagwadjininî ogî-mâmawonanâkonânâwâ tibikadiwin.

The Windigo is defeated. The Pagwoudj Inini walk away. The Algonquins look to one young warrior as a raven flies into scene behind him.

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NARRATOR (V.O.)

The side of light was victorious, but wary of the cost: The Windigo * was defeated, but its evil curse could someday rise, again.

Kâ-wâseyâbiminâgwak inakehî pakinwâgemagad, anisha tash nôdjânimenindâgwad ked-apîtenindâgwak: *Wîndigo kî-jâgodinâ, anisha tash omadjâyâwiwin *tâ-môgishkâne, kokî.

INT. WINDIGO CAVERN - DAY

Unconscious, the Windigo is thrown into a hole in the ground, and rocks and dirt quickly fill the hole. They're burying it alive.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Knowing this, and fearful that the

* Windigo might one day return, the
 *Anishinabe buried it where no-one
 would dare disturb it. The Pagwoudj Inini
 * returned to their forests.
But the Anishinabe knew, should the
 creature return, they would need
 help; a force to protect them...

Kikenindâgwak tash iyo, ashidj kotâdenindâgok Wîndigo kokî kidji-bi-môkîdj minawâdj, *Anishinâbe ogî-nagwawân kidji-ega-igodj âwiyeg pâbenimâsig. Pagwadjininiwag kokî nôpimîng kî-iji-mâdjîg. *Anishinâbeg tash kikenindamigwâban, kishpin *owa endajimindj kokî pi-jâdj, wîdôkâgoziwin oga-andawenindânâwâ, mashkawizîwin kidji-wîdôkâgowâdj...

INT. BLACK VOID - NIGHT

Dark strips of fabric slither like snakes across the ground, over the cracks.

They come up behind a YOUNG MAN with his back to us, and wrap *themselves up his legs, to his waist. *

The fabric continues to bind him up like a mummy, he is being dressed up as KAGAGI for the first time. Just before we can recognize the figure...

INT. MATTHEW AND JANET'S HOUSE - MATTHEW'S ROOM - DAY

MATTHEW CARVER (16) bolts upright, GASPING loudly. He's sweating bullets.

MATTHEW

Ah!

Ôfowâ

Catching his breath, he looks around. The room is a mess. Posters of rock bands and laundry adorn the walls and floor.

MATTHEW (CONT'D)

That stupid dream.

Wejibâbandjiganish.

He gets up, and walks to a mirror. He rubs his eyes. When he stops, they glow bright yellow.

MATTHEW (CONT'D)

What the?...

Awegonen tash?....

He leans closer to the mirror and rubs his eyes again, but they appear normal.

A KNOCK at the door.

JANET (O.S.)

Matty! Matty, your breakfast is getting cold, and you're going to be late for school.

Matty! Matty, kigijebâ mîdjim pimi-dakisin, ashidj kiga- wîkâdaw kidji-awi-gikinâmâgôn.

INT. MATTHEW AND JANET'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY

JANET CARVER (70), an Algonquin woman is already seated, breakfast before her. She's set a plate for Matthew, as well.

JANET

Good morning, grandson! Nice of you *to join me.

Kwey, nidôjis! Niminwenindam pi-wîdôpamin.

MATTHEW

Good morning, Kokom! I slept through my alarm... Again. Sorry.

Kwey, Kôkomis! Nigî-ozâmigwâm Kâwin nigî-nôndawâsî nidibahigîziswân... Minawâdj, kâ'n ningodinenimishiken.

JANET

"Kokom?" Been brushing up on your Anishinabeg, I see. I hope you've put the same effort into your school work. Your grades aren't getting any better.

"Kôkomis?" Kigagedjitô kidji-gagwe-nagadawen kidanishinâbemowin nagona. Kegona tash Maya nâsâb ked-iji-gagwedjitôn kikinâmâgomazinahiganan. Kâ'n nâpid minwazinâdesinôn megwaye.

Matthew is upset at the nagging as if he's heard it a thousand times before. He takes a bite of toast and nods.

JANET (CONT'D)

(changing the subject)
I heard you tossing and turning
last night.
 (she pauses)

The nightmare again? You can talk to me-

Kigî-nôndôn madwe-gwekwekishinan tibikông. Kigî-zengogwash na minawâdj? Kidâwîndamaw--

Matthew's visibly upset. He stands up, avoids making eye contact with Janet, and heads for the door.

MATTHEW

I'm gonna be late.

*Niga-wîkâdaw.

JANET

(slightly angered)
That may be, but it's no call for rudeness, young man.

Konima 'sa igodj, anisha tash kâ'n mâmakâdj kidâ-madjîwisî, oshkinawens.

Janet frowns as he heads for the door, slinging a backpack over his shoulder and putting earbuds into his ears.

JANET (CONT'D)

I'm just-

Eta igodj...

He closes the door on his way out, dropping a photo from his jacket.

JANET (CONT'D)

(to self)

Making sure you're all right.

Wewenind kidanda-gikenimin.

Janet picks up the photo. It's a photo of Matthew as a young boy with his parents. Janet's face grows sad.

JANET (CONT'D)

We're all we've got.

Kinishikewizimin.

EXT. DOCKS - DAY

A motorcycle drives down the pier, surrounded by docked boats. The RIDER is geared up to the teeth. He stops abruptly before a limo. NIGIG (70's), a short, immaculately dressed man doesn't appear impressed by the motorcyclist's entrance.

NIGIG

It's about time, Wisakedjak-- Jack. I assume you know why you're here.

Nâbîdok, Wîsakedjâk ---Jack. Kigî-gikenindânâdog wendji-danizyen ,ondaje.

The cyclist takes his helmet off. He's WISAKEDJAK (60), a weathered old, First Nations man.

JACK

Because you little guys can't leave a guy alone, Nigig.

Ozâm 'sa kînawa weshkinîgiyeg kâ'n ki-gashkitôsîm kidji-ega-bâbenimeg âwiyeg, Nigig.

Nigig shakes his head and takes a step toward Jack, looking up at the towering man.

NIGIG

The Pagwoudj Inini are concerned. The Windigo is returning. We can sense it, and so can you. Jack, you know what this means; what's at stake—

Pagwadjininiwag nôdjânimenindamôg. Wîndigo kokî kada-dagoshin. Jack,kinisidotân iyo; awegonen pâdjimosemagak ---

JACK

The Anishinabe stopped believing in us a long time ago, Nigig.
Last I'd heard the Windigo
wasn't your problem anymore. Mine neither.

Pinawîgo eko ânawetâgoyeng Anishinâbe, Nigig. Ishkwayâdj kâ-nôndamân kâ'n kego Wîndigo kidôjichigewinisinâ. Nîn igodj kaye.

CLOSE-UP:

Nigig bears a very serious look on his face.

NIGIG

Different times back then. We had our people to think about. Who were you thinking about?

Pikinông ijiwebadôban iyâpîch. Kidayâwânâbaneg kiwîdj-bimâdizîminânig kidjimidonenimengwâ. Awenîn tash kîn medonenimadiban?

Jack casts his eyes downward.

JACK

(frustrated)

What do you want?

Awegonen endawenindaman?

EXT. WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL - HALLWAY - DAY

Matthew walks towards the big school. A shorter, blonde, *bespectacled TOMMY WETZEL (16) smiles as he approaches. *

TOMMY

Dude! You bring my video games?

Ningwî! Kigî-bîdamaw na nibidiyo-odaminowinan?

MATTHEW

Oh, Tommy. Sorry.. I forgot.

Ofowa, Tommy. Nigodinenimishiken... Nigî-wanîke.

TOMMY

It's okay... I guess.

(self-assured now)

Who has time for games with all these girls around, right?

Kâ'n 'godizinôn ... Kône.

Awenîn ke-gashkitôpan odaminodj kakina ogo ikwesînsag taniziwâdj wâkâhî, keget na?

MATTHEW

(sarcastic but sympathetic)
*You're a real player, T.

Kinitâ-odamin, T.

They pass by a few kids hanging out. Tommy looks at ERIC KAVANAUGH (16). *

TOMMY

Great. Eric Kavanaugh.

Kidandigiz. Eric Kavanaugh

ERIC

(to Tommy and Matthew) *
How'd you two get to school? I didn't see the nerd bus
pull in! *

Ânîn kâ-iji-bi-gikinâmâgoyeg? Kâwin nigî-wâbandazîn kagîtawizi-gikinâmâgo-odâbân pigamibideg!

All the jocks (O.S.) LAUGH in never-ending harmony.

MATTHEW

C'mon, Eric. It's way too early for this.

Ondâs Eric. Onzâm wîbadjiwan ondje iyo.

ERIC

Mind your own business, Carver!

Kîn tibinawe kidishichigewin nanagadjitôn, Carver!

Matthew's demeanor changes from collected to angry. Suddenly, his eyes glow. He turns away from everyone, closes his eyes and sinks to one knee, clutching his head in pain.

MATTHEW Ow!

Adjôfowâ!

ERIC

Hey guys, check it out. Carver's having a spaz attack!

Wîdjikiwehidog, pîdjinâbig. Carver odjibinigo!

 ${\tt Eric's}$ supporters break into LAUGHTER again. It seems louder and more evil this time.

CASSIE SHANNON (16), a girl-next-door type, brushes by Eric.

ERIC (CONT'D)

Cass, look at Carver, what a freak.

Cass, kijigâbam Carver, kichi-zeginâgoze.

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TOMMY

(to Matthew)

Dude, here comes Cassie! Man up!

Ningwî, pîdjimose Cassie! Pabena ayindin!

CASSIE

Eric... Stop it. Matt-

Eric... Pônitân. Matt--

And helps Tommy attend to a blushing Matthew, until he's finally on his feet again.

MATTHEW

I'm fine, Cassie.

Kâ'n kego nidindizî, Cassie.

CASSIE

You sure you're up for tutoring tonight? You can stay home, you know.

Kidinenindam na kidji-gikinâmâgen onâgoshig? Kidayab mega endayeg eji-gikenindaman.

Matthew's regaining his energy.

MATTHEW

And stand up the Math Club President?

Kidji-bagidjiwebinag Agindâso-gikinâmâgewininî

Nâgânîdj?

He CHUCKLES. Tommy pulls Matthew away as Eric approaches and puts an arm around Cassie. She frowns. * ERIC (yelling) Hands off my girlfriend, Carver. Don't make me remind you. Akondjîtaw niwînimoshenj, Carver. Kâ'n minawâdj kiwî-mikomisinôn. MATTHEW (to Tommy) Like I didn't stand out already as the only Native kid in school, now this? Kâwin tibisesinôdok kîkânâgoziyân Anishinâbewiyân kikinâmâdinânig. TOMMY You ever have a panic attack before? Wîkâd na kibigami-zegenindamise? Matthew, just as confused, looks at Tommy. TOMMY (CONT'D) Welcome to my world, dude. Pîjâshn nidakîng, ningwî. INT. WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL - SIDEWALK - DAY CLOSE-UP: A large man; BRUTE (20s), stands across the street, pulling down a pair of sunglasses and snarling, he utters: BRUTE I know you're in here somewhere, Kagagi. I sense you.

> Kigîkenimin taniziyen 'ondaje ningodiji, Kâgâgî. Kidamaniswenimin.

akî!

His minions SNICKER along.

EXT. WINDIGO CAVERN - DAY CLOSE-UP: A warning sign sticks out of the ground. Past the sign, dim lighting protrudes through the mysterious cavern mouth. Panning into the opening, strange CHATTER emerges. INT. WINDIGO CAVERN - DAY * The cavern is huge; something large, shrouded in shadow sits on a throne at its center. Small MONSTERS, purple in hue with * blue splotches of color and bat-like wings flutter about the figure at the room's center. It's the Windigo! WINDIGO Quiet, you worthless parasites! Pejigwanông abig, nandodamesîdok! The Windigo sniffs the air. WINDIGO (CONT'D) Brute approaches. Brute tagoshin. Brute enters the room. He bows before his master, whimpering slightly. BRUTE I've tracked him to a school, but the host hasn't transformed yet. Soon, we will find Kagagi, Master. Nigî-nôsawanâ kikinâmâdinâning, kâwin mashe kânîgânîdj kwekawosî. Ajaye kegâd, kiga-mikawânân Kâgâgî, Nîgânizî. The Windigo glances at Brute, surprised, as if he wasn't expecting the news. WINDIGO Once we destroy Kagagi, the world belongs to Windigo! Apîch ishkwâyenimeng Kâgâgî, Wîndigo odibenindân

The Windigo's sinister LAUGHTER echoes through the cavern.

INT. WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL - CLASSROOM - DAY As Matthew walks out of class, Eric confronts him. ERIC Where do you think you're going, spaz boy? Tell Cassie you're through with tutoring. Ândî enenindaman ijâyen, odjibinigo-gîwisens? Ije Cassie ishkwâtân kikinâmâgen. MATTHEW No can do. Kâ'n kône. Eric grabs Matthew's shirt, menacingly. ERIC Cassie's just doing this cause she feels sorry for losers. Cassie wendji-dôdang iyo ozâm ogidimâgenimân enigâzoninindjin. Eric pulls Matthew in by the shirt. ERIC (CONT'D) 'Specially poor little orphans. Memindage igodj kâ-nenitawizidjig. Matthew's eyes glow again. As they do, Eric, scared, lets him go. ERIC (CONT'D) What the?... Awegonen?... Before he can do anything else, Eric runs away. MATTHEW (to himself) What's happening to me?

Ânîn endiyân?

EXT. SIDEWALK - DAY

Matthew rushes home but bumps into Jack, head on.

JACK

Hey kid, you okay?

Abinôdjînsh, kiwîsagikôn?

Matthew eyes him suspiciously.

MATTHEW

Leave me alone.

Pônîshin.

But Jack captures Matthew's attention.

JACK

You been having weird dreams?

Kimâmândâ-wâbandam na kibehî?

Matthew stops in his tracks.

MATTHEW

You don't know what you're talking about.

Kâ'n kigîkenindazîn ekidon.

JACK

I know about the glowing eyes and the surges of power, kid.

Kigîgenimin wâskoneyânigâbiyen ashidj pabigamishkâgoyen mashkawizîwin, abinôdjînsh.

Matthew stares at him, wide-eyed.

MATTHEW

Who are you? What do you want?

Awenîn tash kîn? Awegonen endawenindaman?

JACK

Listen to me, you're in real danger! Just give me a minute to-

Pizindawishin, kigichi-nanîzaniz! Keshk pâbîshin wenibik kidji- --- *

Matthew races off down the street.

JACK (CONT'D)

(Shouting)

We're connected, you and me. I can sense you. (to himself) Unfortunately, so can the Windigo.

Kigichi-inawenindimin, kîn ashidj nîn. Kibagwanigikenimin. Wîyagâdj, Wîndigo kaye wîn.

EXT. THE ASTRO CAFE - NIGHT

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Panning in, Matthew and Cassie's VOICES become louder. Matthew is distracted, but Cassie reels him back in.

CASSIE (O.S.)

Matt?

Mât?

INT. THE ASTRO CAFE - NIGHT

Matthew and Cassie are seated at a table before the large window, books open on in front of them.

CASSIE

You okay?

Kego na kidind?

MATTHEW

Yeah-- Yeah. Sorry. I think I'm getting the hang of this math

thing.

Enh, enh. Kâ'n nigodinenimishiken. Âjaye pâkwâ nibimi-gashkitôn iyo agindâsowin.

CASSIE

The important thing is to be patient with yourself-- try not to get discouraged.

Mî igodj wîn iye ondjidâ kidjibekâdjideyen ondje kîn tibinawe --- kagwedjitôn kidji-ega-ânâwadenindaman.

MATTHEW

Thanks, Cass.

Mîqwech, Cass.

CASSIE

Cass?

Cass?

Matthew blushes.

MATTHEW

Sorry... Miss Shannon.

Kâwin ningodinenimishiken... Shannonikwens.

CASSIE

Hey, no need to make me sound ancient.

Owâ tagâ, kâwin mâmakâdj kidâ-weshkadâdjimisî.

Cassie's phone rings. She looks at the caller ID.

CASSIE'S POV:

Cassie's phone. Eric's name graces the screen.

INT. ASTRO CAFE - SAME

MATTHEW *

Eric?

Eric?

CASSIE * (uncomfortably) * He worries.

Nôdjânimenindam.

MATTHEW (holding back sarcasm) Right...

Kegetigona...

Matthew gasps in fake shock.

CASSIE

What about you, Matt? Anyone...
Special in your life?

Kîn tash, Mât? Âwiyeg na ... Kidayâwâ kechi-apîtenimadj kibimâdiziwining?

Matthew's eyes go wide. Before he can reply...

THROUGH WINDOW:

He spots Jack, standing in front of the Cafe.

MATTHEW

(growing angry) I'll be back.

Koki niga-dagoshin.

Cassie's looks confused as Matthew heads out.

EXT. THE ASTRO CAFE - NIGHT

Matthew, infuriated, races towards Jack.

JACK

There you are, kid. I was hoping I wouldn't have to do this in front of your friend. We've gotta talk—

Mî ondaje endaniziyen, abinôdjînsh. Nidinwâzinâban kidji-ega-mâmakâdj tôdamân iyo inâsimigâbawidj kiwîdjikiwe. Mâmakâdj ke-ganôniding-

Matthew grabs Jack's sleeve and pulls him into the nearby alleyway.

EXT. THE ASTRO CAFE - ALLEYWAY - NIGHT

Jack leans against the wall, now. Matthew has him cornered.

MATTHEW

What are you doing here, old man? Get lost, or I'm gonna have to-

Awegonen wejitôn ondaje, ikiwenzî? Mâdjâ anda-wanishinan, konima kaye mâmakâdj ke-

JACK

Going to what, exactly? Temper flare ups are a part of the transformation. I can help you through this.

Mâmakâdj awegonen, maya? Shâgodj nishkisewin ijise iyo apîch ândjawoseg. Kidâ-wîdôkôn kidji-jâbiwidôn iyo.

Matthew lets go of Jack's arm. Jack finally has his undivided attention.

JACK (CONT'D)

You've dreamed about it. The Windigo; your destiny. You've inherited something very powerful. There's no easy way to say this—

Kâgige kiwejibâbandân 'e. Wîndigo;enenindâgozin ked-ani-ayindiyen. Kigî-ânikenimâgo kego meshkawâg. Kâwin wendasinôn iyo wâ-ininân -

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	MA Spit it out!	ATTHEW					*
	Sikwâdan!						*
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	Kigâgâgîw.						*
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MINION 2

Wisakedjak!
Wŝakedjâk!

MATTHEW

Wsakedjak. MINION 1 Wîsakedjâk.

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(to Jack)

Where is Kagagi?

Ândî apane Kâgâgî?

That word again.

KAGAGI: THE RAVEN

What the?...

Awegonen ?...

Matthew glares up at Brute and his minions, his eyes glow and his teeth are clenched.

And just then...

An energy surrounds Matthew, taking the shape of a dark bird. It's wings wrap around him, and flap out to reveal...

KAGAGI.

END OF ACT I

ACT II

The purple energy explodes. Matthew examines himself.

KAGAGI

Woah!

Owâ!

EXT. SKY - NIGHT

The minions pause in mid-air, their eyes wide.

KAGAGI: THE RAVEN ORIGINS (PART I) BRUTE Let's go, you worthless creatures! Mâdjâdâ, ega kego epîtenindâgoziyeg! MINION 1 Kagagi. Kâgâgi. Brute turns around and purple energy explodes below them. MINION 1 MINION 2

It's him!

It's him!

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EXT. ALLEYWAY - NIGHT	7			
THE BRUTE'S POV:	7			
The Brute charges at Kagagi, full speed ahead.	*			
Kagagi is too distracted. Brute CRASHES into Kagagi, smashing the garbage cans behind them.	*			
Both recover quickly.	*			
BRUTE That all you've got?	*			
Mî na eta eji-gashkitôn iye?	*			
This time, Kagagi charges the Brute, knocking him over. Brute lies unconscious.	*			
EXT. SKY - NIGHT	7			
Suddenly, the two minions release Jack and swoop down towards the alleyway.	*			
MINION 1 Must save Brute!	*			
Mâmakâdj ke-gipîweng Brute.	^			
KAGAGI'S POV:	7			
Jack free-falls to the ground, but as the minions cut him off, he glides onto the back of one. The minion tries to shrug him off, but Jack is holding on tightly.				
They're headed straight for Kagagi.				
JACK Look out!	*			
Ayângwâm^!				
MINION 1 MINION 2 Uh-Oh!	*			

33. KAGAGI: THE RAVEN ORIGINS (PART I) The two minions crash into him, sending him flying into a wall. Jack rolls over beside Kagagi, both on the ground. * Kagagi grunts in pain. The minions stand before him, laughing. MINION 1 Wisaedjak and Kagagi. Master will like. Wîsakedjâk ashidj Kâgâgî.Nâgânîdj kidâ-minwenindam. MINION 2 Let's get them. Oditinâdâdig.* But Jack is up and in front of them just in time. He shoots a ball of blue energy at them. The minions SCREAM and scatter. KAGAGI (to Jack) Who are you? What is all of this? What am I? Awenîn tash kîn? Awegonen tash wîn kakina awaso? Awenîn tash nîn? JACK * Settle down, kid. I'll explain everything. Pabena ayindin, abinôdjînsh. Kiga-wîndamôn Kakina kego. Suddenly, the minions are back at it. Jack helps Kagagi up, but the creatures tear Kagagi from Jack's reach, injuring Jack in the process. They swirl upwards. * Jack falls to the ground, clutching his chest and revealing three deep scratch wounds.

EXT. SKY - NIGHT

Kagagi struggles to break free of the minions.

KAGAGI

Let go of me!

Pagidinishin!

He does, and free falls.

KAGAGI (CONT'D)

No!

Kâwin!

He flails around as he falls. Nearing the ground, he grits his teeth and his eyes glow brightly.

There's a WHIR; a BUZZ as his armor hums and metallic wings protrude at full force. Wings cascade down the lengths of his arms. He's unsteady as he feels out the wings.

For the first time, he's visibly excited.

KAGAGI (CONT'D)

I'm flying!

Nibimisaw?

But one minion attaches to his back and, gnaws on his armor. Kagagi punches it and sends it reeling, while dodging the other.

The minions are relentless. Kagagi looks up as both charge at him, full speed, raining down blows.

Kagagi lands a few blows of his own and one minion plummets. The second minion panics.

MINION 2

(afraid)

No... Minion likes Kagagi!

Kâwin... Abani ominwenimân Kâgâgîn!

Kagagi throws him away.

EXT. ALLEYWAY - NIGHT

Jack is barely conscious. He clutches his chest in pain when a black, metallic armored hand reaches for him.

Jack looks up at the powerful Kagagi, in surprise and awe.

JACK

You did it...

Kigî-gashkitô...

KAGAGI

No time for praise, "Wisakedjak." You've got some explaining to do.

Kâwin kidebaîchîsî kidji-wawîjiwâdjimotawin, "Wîsakedjâk." Mâmakâdj ke-gikenindamôjiwen.

Jack speaks quietly, solemnly.

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JACK

Now's not the best time.

Kâ'n teshigodj tâ-iji-minosesinôn.

Kagagi turns to the alleyway opening and sees a police car approaching.

POLICE CAR POV:

As lights fill the alleyway, Kagagi is visible in full form; an injured Jack beside him.

POLICE OFFICER (O.S.)

(through radio)
Suspicious activity behind The
Astro Cafe, over.

Kego ijwebad ishkwayang Astro Kapewigamigong, mi iye!

EXT. ALLEYWAY - NIGHT

Kagagi looks at the car, trying to block the headlights from blinding him.

KAGAGI

Let's get you to a hospital.

Ijâdâ âkoziwigamigông.

Kagagi takes Jack in his arms and flies off.

POLICE CAR POV:

Kagagi is no where in sight.

POLICE OFFICER (O.S.)

What the?...

Ânîn tash âpidje?...

EXT. HOSPITAL - NIGHT

Kagagi lands outside the emergency room. He finds a gurney, puts Jack on it as gently as he can and wheels him to the emergency entrance. He steps back around the corner and into the shadows, listening from around the corner.

PARAMEDIC 1 (O.S.)

What the?-- How'd he get out here? Ânîn tash âpidje?... Ânîn kâ-iji-bi-dagoshing 'ondi?

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PARAMEDIC 2 (O.S.)

Let's get him! Stat! Nawadinâdâ? Teshigodj?

Kagagi smiles to know the old man is safe, when a realization hits him, he GASPS.

KAGAGI (remembering) Cassie! Cassie!	* *		
He spirals into the sky.			
EXT. THE ASTRO CAFE - NIGHT	*		
Everything is red and blue, lit by police lights, but no cops in sight. The front window is smashed, the diner is a wreck.			
Kagagi lands.	*		
KAGAGI No	*		
Kâwin	*		
Kagagi leaps through the window, into the cafe.	*		
INT. THE ASTRO CAFE - NIGHT	*		
ne lands before an injured brace, who holds an unconscious	*		
KAGAGI What did you <i>do</i> ?!			
Ânîn kâ-inakamigizin?	*		
Brute smirks at our hero.	*		
(Tadgits)	*		
Awegonen pâtôn? Ondâs pi-nâj!	*		
Ragagi b eyeb grow a preferring yerrow ab his wrings easeade	*		
Enraged, Kagagi zooms forward but Brute dodges, sending Kagagi into a pile of tables and chairs.			
nagagi ribes in arbberrer. He rooms at brace, berry horaring	*		
Jack's soothing voice echoes through his suit.	*		

JACK (V.O.)

leap, kid.

(telepathically)

Gotta learn to think before you

Mâmakâdj nakawe ke-midonenindaman kidji-bwâmashe keg ayijîn, abinôdjînsh.	*
(confused) Huh?	*
Wâh?	*
JACK (V.O.) I'm channelling you. There's no time to waste. Pictur yourself growing stronger. The suit will give you wha you need	
Kidanâmide kanônin. Kâ'n kidedapîchîsîmin. Inâbandizon pimi-mashkawizîn. *Kidagwîwin kiga-mînigon eji-andawenindjigen.	
Kagagi says nothing, but there's a glint of determination on his face as his eyes glow bright. His muscles visibly expand. He flies toward the Brute, destroying the minions in his path.	* * *
Rattled, the Brute tosses Cassie toward a pile of jagged * broken chairs.	.
KAGAGI Cassie!	*
Cassie?	*
Kagagi flies towards her, catching her at the last second. He *sets her behind him.	.
KAGAGI (CONT'D) Come and get me, dog breath.	*
Ondâs pi-nâjishin, animoshimâgonese.	
Kagagi and Brute lunge at each other, spiral into the sky *through the roof.	*
EXT. SKY - NIGHT	*
Kagagi has Brute in a tight hold. Brute claws and tries to *break free, panicking, his head whipping around frantically. *	

They continue rising away from the Cafe, over a nearby river, and Brute manages to break free. Suddenly, he's right behind Kagagi. He clasps his hands overhead, and with a double axehandle blow, pounds Kagagi on the back.

Kagagi loses consciousness, but Brute grabs hold of Kagagi's ankle. He carries him by the ankle through the sky.

BRUTE

Master will be pleased.

Nîgânizî kada-minwenindam.

But as Kagagi dangles, unconscious, a voice echoes through his him.

JACK (V.O.)

Kid, wake up!-- Wake up!

Abinôdjînsh, koshkozin! - koshkozin!

Kagagi's eyes open and close as he slips in and out of consciousness.

JACK (V.O.)

Come on! You're the only one that can do this...

Ânw! Kîn eta kigashkitô kidji-dôdaman iyo...

Kagagi opens his eyes. When he spots Brute, he narrows his focus, determined. He swings up and grabs a hold of a now oblivious Brute.

BRUTE

Huh?

Wah?

Breaking into fight, yet again, they zoom toward a large bridge. Kagagi attempts to steer clear, but the Brute yanks him downward, straight for the colossal structure.

Kagagi struggles, but manages to break free, flying opposite Brute.

BRUTE (CONT'D)

(furious)

Forget taking you in alive!

Kâwin kigi nôdjim kiga-mâdjînisinôn!

From his sleeves, Brute fires small arrows at Kagagi.

Right then, an orb on Kagagi's gauntlet glows purple.

JACK (V.O.)

Use your armour... Kagagi.

Abadjitôn kidâgoshkâdjigan... Kâgâgî

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Kagagi raises an eyebrow and points the gauntlet at Brute. A small disc shoots forth from the orb, hitting Brute in the forehead.

KAGAGI

Whoa! What the-

Tagana! Ânîn tash âpidje --?

Kagagi sends another dozen discs at Brute. The Brute plummets downward; Kagagi, reaches a hand out toward him but realizes he is about to smack into the bridge.

His eyes grow wide as he thrusts his arms upward, zooming straight into the air and missing a high speed collision. He cats his gaze downward...

BRUTE

(as he falls) *

Ah!

And Brute splashes into the water beneath.

KAGAGI'S POV:

The city lights glimmer in the distance; flames, sirens and emergency lights catch Kagagi's attention. The Astro Cafe is burning.

KAGAGI *

Cassie. *

Kagagi zooms off, back toward the Astro Cafe at top speed.

EXT. THE ASTRO CAFE - ALLEYWAY - NIGHT

JACK (V.O.) *
Not so fast kid.

Kâ'n kichi-dadâtabîken, abinôdjînsh.

Kagagi attempts to push Jack away, but Jack is strong,
despite his injury.

KAGAGI *

How'd you get here?-- I need to * make sure she's okay.

Ânîn kâ-iji-bi-dagoshinan?--- Niwî-gwayakwenimâ mino-bimâdizidj.

scene.

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ORIGINS (PART I) JACK (V.O.) You underestimate me. * (pause) You can't let 'em see you like this. They're looking after her. Trust me. Kâwin ânawetawishiken. Kâ'n pagidiniyegen kidji-wâbamikwâ ejinâgozin. *Onâgadawâbamâwân. Tebwetawishin. Kagagi spirals upward in anger. EXT. RANDOM ROOFTOP - NIGHT He lands on the rooftop across the street and watches the KAGAGI'S POV: Cassie lies on a gurney, she seems weary. KAGAGI (V.O.) (thinking) How could I do this to you? Awegonen kâ-ondji-dôdônân iyo? EXT. RANDOM ROOFTOP - NIGHT Kagagi wants to reach out to her, but stops himself. JACK (V.O.) She's alive because of you. Kîn ondje wendji-bimâdizidj. KAGAGI You ever hear of privacy? Kâdâdj na kinôndam iko? JACK (V.O.) We've got a lot to talk about. Kimânetônânân ke-dajindameng. * EXT. THE ASTRO CAFE - NIGHT

Cassie spies Kagagi, for a split second, and winces as she sits up to get a better look.

CASSIE

I hope you're okay, Matthew.

Kegona tash meno-bimâdizin, Matthew.

suit?

CASSIE'S POV:

Kagagi is gone. *

EXT. SKY - NIGHT *

Kagagi flies through the night.

KAGAGI *
(to hypothetical Jack) *
Start talking! Who was that, and *
what were those... Things?-- Why do *
they want me? And What's with this *

Mâdânigidônan! Awenîn tash iya, Awenîn tash igeg... Awegwenishidogenag?—

Awegonen wendji-andawenimiwâdj? Awegonen tash wîn iyo agwîwin?

JACK

One thing, you've gotta understand, Matthew: You're a hero now.

Ningodwayag kego, mâmakâdj kewinisidotaman, Mathew: Kimamândâgashkitôwayaw âjaye.

FADE OUT.