

THE ADVENTURES OF RYUU

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FADE IN:

INT. TORI'S BEDROOM - AFTERNOON

TORI (18), handsome with short black hair and green eyes, is packing the last of his belongings into a cardboard box. He picks up the dragon plush toy, green with red wings and spikes, from the shelf above his bed and smiles.

TORI  
(to the dragon)  
I know exactly what to do with you!

Still with the dragon in hand, Tori grabs the box and his backpack from the doorway and makes his way down the hallway.

INT. JULIAN AND ARYA'S BEDROOM - AFTERNOON

JULIAN and ARYA (9), twins with black hair and green eyes that match Tori's, are sitting quietly in the corner of their room watching their electric race cars go round the track.

TORI (O.S.)  
Oi, munchkins!

A huge grin spreads across Julian's face when he sees their elder brother standing in the doorway. Tori drops the box and backpack near the door and perches himself onto the end of Arya's bed, putting the dragon behind him.

Julian jumps up and throws himself at Tori, giving him a bear hug. They both laugh as Tori nearly falls back onto the bed, but Arya doesn't react.

TORI (CONT'D)  
(to Arya)  
You not gonna give your big bro a hug, Arri?

ARYA  
(without looking at him)  
Are you still leaving?

Both Tori and Julian, now sitting on the bed beside him, hang their heads. Tori nods.

TORI  
You know I have to, Arya.

ARYA  
Then I don't want a hug.

TORI

In 7 years time, when you're heading off to college, I'm so withholding hugs from you too!

Julian giggles and begins to swing his legs. A small smile creeps across Arya's face as she rolls her eyes.

TORI (CONT'D)

So, are you gonna get over here then or what? I have something for the both of you.

Arya hesitates before getting up and slowly walking towards her brothers. Tori smiles.

JULIAN

What you got, Tori?

TORI

You'll see.

When Julian and Arya are both stood in front of him, Tori pulls out the dragon plush toy from behind his back.

TORI (CONT'D)

This is Ryuu.

JULIAN

(copying Tori slowly)  
Ree-you...

TORI

(nodding)  
That's the one. Ryuu. Mum gave him to me not too long before you guys showed up.

As the twins look up at him with their big green eyes, Tori focuses his attention to the dragon, smiling again.

TORI (CONT'D)

He's taken me on some crazy adventures. Now it's time for him to take you guys on them.

He hands the twins the dragon and pretends to take a photograph of them with it. There is the sound of a car pulling up on the gravel outside and a horn beeping.

FATHER (O.S.)

Tori! Michael and Mr. Brandon are outside! Come on down!

Julian and Arya look towards the window as Tori's smile becomes sad. He nods slowly.

TORI  
(calling down)  
Coming!

Arya begins to cry quietly. Tori takes Ryuu out of their hands and puts him on the foot of Arya's bed before he bends down in front of the twins and pulls them into a hug.

TORI (CONT'D)  
Both of you chill, would ya! I'll  
be back before you guys know it.  
First term is only 6 weeks!

Tori wipes Arya's eyes and softly punches Julian on the chin.

TORI (CONT'D)  
I'll Facetime you this weekend.

Giving them one last hug, Tori grabs his belongings and begins to walk out of the door. Just before he's about to go out of view, Tori turns back around.

TORI (CONT'D)  
And don't forget, listen to  
whatever Ryuu says.

Julian and Arya, confused, look from each other to Tori.

JULIAN  
Ree-you?

ARYA  
How we meant to listen to a toy?

TORI  
(winking)  
You'll see! Be safe.