



Soul Interceptor

Chapter One

She looked at him with a devilish smile; the clouds were violet, the thunder howled...

Five years earlier...

It was the beginning of the summer holidays for Tony. Tony was from a small village called Dasraga. It was his birthday on the 23rd of August. He was 15, reaching 16. He went to school at Academy, which he hated, but the one person who made him happy in school was Seana. They knew each other since kindergarten, but they were complete opposites of each other. Tony was a boy; shy, smart and prideful and Seana was a girl; bold, smart and humble, which to some of his class made no sense at all. On their way to school, Seana suggested, "Why not have a birthday party?"

Tony replied, "Can't be bothered and I hate large crowds."

She boldly said, "If it was me I would throw a big festival."

They continued their conversation as they entered the Academy. As soon as Art class started Seana told Tony, "Why don't we have a birthday meal then?"

He replied, "What kind of meal?"

She shouted, "TO OUR FAVOURITE JAPANESE TAKEAWAY OF COURSE!!"

He whispered, "You didn't have to shout ya know..." Then she noticed that the whole class were staring at her and Tony.

After school they decided they would go to the Japanese restaurant and when they arrived they ordered their favourite food. As they were waiting to be served, Mr. Serpentine, who was Tony's family friend, arrived through the restaurant door. He was deaf. Tony and Seana greeted him in sign language. He owned the Japanese takeaway called *Horizon House*. Mr. Serpentine said, "Happy Birthday. I'll tell my employee to give you the food on the house?" (in sign language).

"Thanks!! replied Seana and Tony.

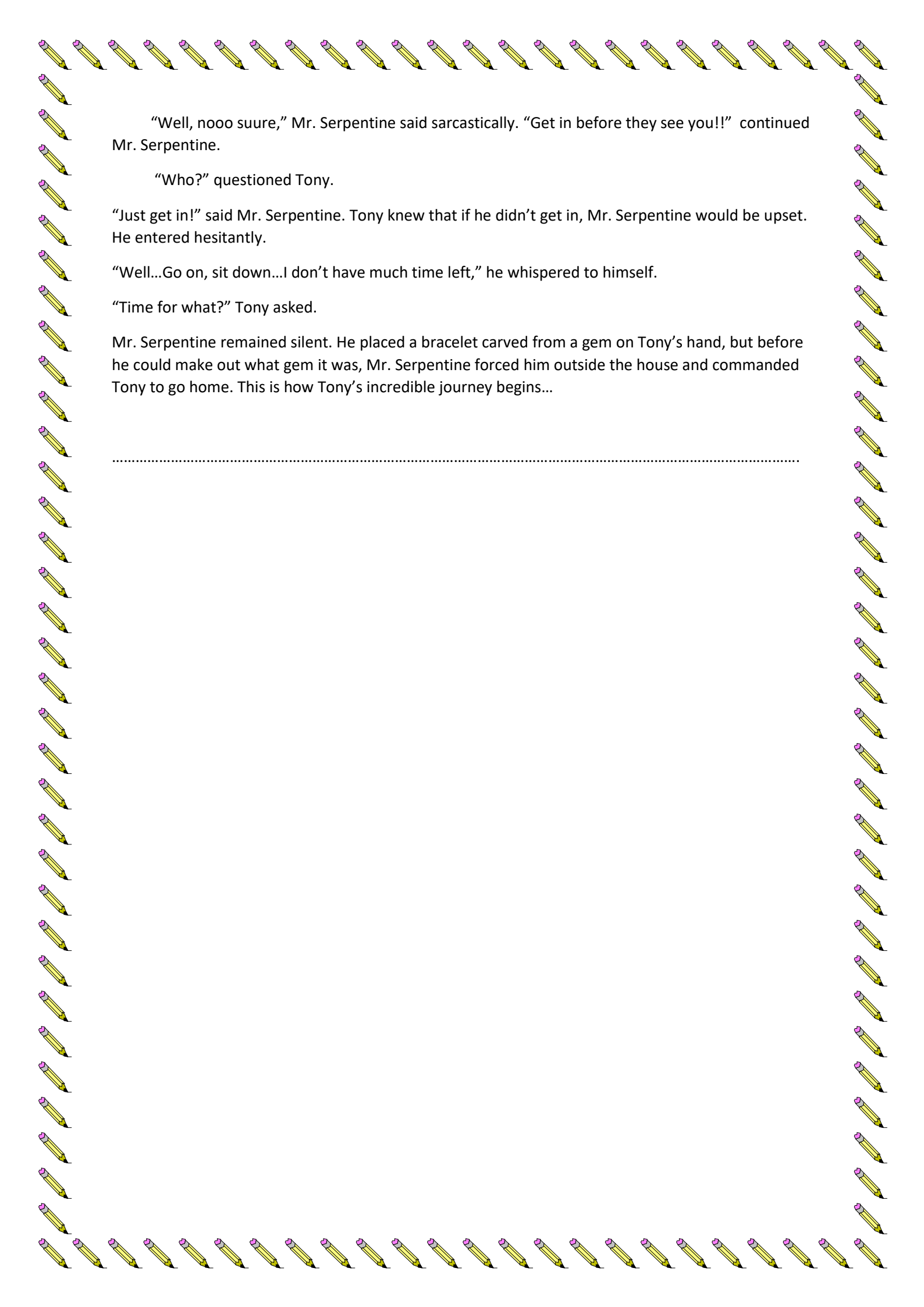
"No worries," replied Mr. Serpentine.

"Oh, and Tony before I forget, I would like you to come to my house after your meal as I have a gift to give you," Mr. Serpentine continued.

After discussing about what Mr. Serpentine will give Tony and eating their meal, they parted ways as Mr. Serpentine's house was the opposite direction of Seana's and Tony's street. Just before Tony knocked the door, Mr. Serpentine opened it, as if he had been waiting behind the door the whole time expecting Tony to arrive.

"Please...Do come in," said Mr. Serpentine.

"M-Mr. Serpentine Y-you can talk!!" shouted Tony.



“Well, nooo suure,” Mr. Serpentine said sarcastically. “Get in before they see you!!” continued Mr. Serpentine.

“Who?” questioned Tony.

“Just get in!” said Mr. Serpentine. Tony knew that if he didn’t get in, Mr. Serpentine would be upset. He entered hesitantly.

“Well...Go on, sit down...I don’t have much time left,” he whispered to himself.

“Time for what?” Tony asked.

Mr. Serpentine remained silent. He placed a bracelet carved from a gem on Tony’s hand, but before he could make out what gem it was, Mr. Serpentine forced him outside the house and commanded Tony to go home. This is how Tony’s incredible journey begins...
