

Nare teaches Michael the technique for surviving the bitter cold of winter known as "Hyloka", a way to draw heat from one's center. She cautions him not to let his inner flame burn too bright, then leaves. Left alone and despairing over his silent muse, Michael is answered with a poem fragment that he writes in the dirt. After barely a moment to marvel at his words, Spart appears. While Michael attempts to hide what he has written, Spart explains that outside of his training Michael is free to come and go provided that he does not attract Lamia's or Alyons' attention with rebellious behavior. She starts to leave, but just then notices the words Michael has written in the dirt. She tells Michael that the poem that he thinks he has written is actually very old, from Tonn's Kaeli, and that it is dangerous to write such things. He angrily asserts that it's his poem, calling after her as she leaves.