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## The Floating Islands

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After a volcanic eruption demolishes his village and kills his parents and sister, Trei seeks help from his father's brother only to be sent away because he is a "half-breed." Trei then makes the difficult journey to the floating islands to seek help from his mother's family. With their sponsorship, Trei is tested and accepted as an apprentice karjuraihi where he learns to make his own pair of feathered wings and join the legendary corps of soaring kajuraihi. Just as Trei settles into his happy new life, disaster strikes again and it is up to Trei and his cousin to save their island home.

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