

**SCOUTER** (he/him) (any ethnicity): The young son to CLEARBROOK and ONE-EYE, known for his sharp vision, but also his steadfast, loyal, and gallant nature.

EXT. BRIDGE OF DESTINY

We hear the RUMBLE of the volcano, at distance. Scouter runs up to help, well, scout, for Sun-Toucher and Skywise.

SCOUTER  
Skywise, I'm here!

SUN-TOUCHER  
Scouter, you must be eyes for the village, since Rayek is not here. There is a shallow canyon near the base of Smoking Mountain. Tell me if you see any movement there.

SCOUTER  
I...I'll try.  
(Scouter's words carry us gradually out over the desert and into the canyon.)  
I see white rocks and bushes.  
(A dry wind. After a moment, a vulture calls.)  
And a scavenger bird.  
(Shifting sands. The birds takes wing, calling as it moves off into the distance.)  
And dust.

We move deeper into the canyon itself, where the wind echoes as in a tunnel. There is something...a tremor in the ground that grows slowly at first, but too quickly becomes a a thunder of dozens of hooved feet on the run. A herd of panicked Zwoots are STAMPEDING, braying wildly.

SCOUTER (CONT'D)  
By the high ones! It's a stampede!