

## 3.7. CHARACTERS

### Heroes

**Kaira, the Divine Spark** – an angel from the province of fire, Kaira has the soul of a child, a girl called Rachel, trapped in her physical body, and so believes she is human. Allies Levih and Urakin (see below) appear to instruct her, and from that point, she begins her journey to recover her oldest memories.

**Denyel, the Exile** – An arrogant, insolent cherubim, who decides to remain on earth rather than fight in the war in heaven. He used to be an enemy spy, and so is viewed with suspicion by the other characters. His presence is tolerated because he is the only one who can help Kaira during her journey.

**Levih, the Friend of Men** – calm and good, he is one of the ofanin, guardian angels, whose caste is charged with the mission of helping the weak and needy. He joins the group first as leader, then as adviser.

**Urakin, the Fist of God** – A brave fighter, strong and loyal, he is a determined angel who never shies from battle. He fears neither death nor defeat. He is sent primarily as Levih's bodyguard.

**Zarion, the Guardian** – He was Kaira's security guard before she lost her memory. He joins the group towards the end of the book.

### Villains

**Andril, the White Angel** – The book's major villain, he is a master of elemental forces, like Kaira, but he manipulates ice and the cold. He is one of the tyrant Michael's captains.

**Yaga, the Shadow of Death** – One of the angels of punishment, responsible for governing purgatory. Possessed of spiritual powers, she was the one who trapped Rachel's soul in Kaira's body.

**Forcas, the Black Lion** – One of Andril's soldiers, he appears on earth in the form of a powerful black lion, using his claws and teeth to defeat rivals.

**Sirith, the Captor** – One of the predatory demons sent from hell to kidnap angels lost on earth. He is revealed as a valuable secret ally of Andril against Kaira and her friends.

### Neutrals

**First Angel** – Old leader of the sentinels, a group of angels sent into the world in the distant past to instruct human beings in the use of fire and magic. Dissatisfied at the Archangel's command to return to heaven, they were arrested and executed, with only one surviving, now looking for revenge.

**Andira, the Lady of the Night** – Ancient goddess of the Yami people, one of the pre-cataclysmic civilizations based in the Amazon.

**Mickail** – One of the exiled cherubim, an old friend of Denyel's.

## 3.8. SUMMARY OF CHAPTERS

**The Sacred Manuscript of the Malakin** – The prelude that outlines certain elements of the scenario. It tells of the creation of the universe, the battles in heaven and the civil war between the archangels, which is the book's central theme.

### BOOK 1: HEIRS OF ATLANTIS

**Prologue** – Introduces Levih and Urakin, in a roadside gas station, looking for the best way to the city of Saint Helena, where Kaira and Zarion supposedly went missing two years earlier. They are attacked by demons, captors led by Sirith, who have the power to assume any form and are disguised as police officers. The enemies are defeated and our heroes, though wounded, continue their journey.

### Part I: Saint Helena

**Chapter 1: Can't Take My Eyes off You** – Kaira, believing herself to be a human called Rachel, dreams about the ghost of a young girl, but doesn't know who it is. She wakes up in the university dorm, where she lives, to find her boyfriend, Hector, there. He refuses to take her to meet his parents.

**Chapter 2: The Sentinels** – The story goes back to the distant past, to a deserted plain in Asia, where Archangel Gabriel appears in order to command the First Angel, leader of the sentinels, to return to heaven. The sentinel refuses, to Gabriel's deep annoyance, and the archangel promises to return.

**Chapter 3: Stellar Spiral** – Levih and Urakin reach Saint Helena and start looking for Kaira. Meanwhile, back at the university, still thinking she's Rachel, Kaira feels unwell after her sleepless night.

**Chapter 4: Apartment 617** – After escaping the ambush set by Levih and Urakin on the highway, Sirith flies to the spirit world and summons more demons to attack our heroes in the future.

**Chapter 5: Medical Consultation** – Kaira goes to the university doctor, still unaware of what is making her feel ill and causing her hallucinations. The doctor finds the symptoms odd and recommends that she do a battery of tests after the upcoming holiday

**Chapter 6: Friend of Men** – Levih uses his benign powers to convince the university gatekeeper to let them in.

**Chapter 7: Divine Spark** – Levih and Urakin find Kaira on the way to the campus square, but she doesn't recognize them because her memory has been wiped out. Kaira's human boyfriend, Hector, appears and threatens the angels with violence. Levih decides to watch and wait.

**Chapter 8: End of the Line** – Since Hector doesn't want to take Kaira to meet his parents on the holiday, she goes alone to see her mother and is followed by Levih and Urakin. When she arrives, she finds the place on fire.

**Chapter 9: Trail of Flames** – Kaira realizes that her supposed parents are dead, she loses control and accidentally invokes her powers, a jet of flame that destroys the house.

**Chapter 10: A Mind Gone Blank** – Levih and Urakin arrive to help her and manage to calm her down, telling her that she is really an angel and that her human memories are false. From the outset, she doesn't believe them, thinking that what she saw was a hallucination, but she doesn't question them as she thinks they are maniacs. She says she has to go back to the university.

**Chapter 11: Angels and Monsters** – The three of them return to the campus. What Kaira (still thinking she's Rachel) really wants to do is shake them off. She goes into the university precinct alone, being the only one allowed past the front gate since she lives in the halls of residence. She is just about to call the police when she is attacked by Forcas, one of Andril's soldiers, in the form of a lion. She is saved by Urakin, who jumped over the campus wall to follow her. She tries to escape in the confusion, but is cornered by another entity, Yaga, an angel of the dark. Levih arrives and strikes Yaga with a bolt of light. Kaira runs to meet her boyfriend Hector on the lower floor.

**Chapter 12: A Shot in the Night** – Urakin kills Forcas. Hector shoots at Kaira, revealing himself to be one of Yaga's foot soldiers, a human servant there to spy on Kaira. Yaga does not want Kaira to die yet so she kills Hector. Since she's no match for Levih and Urakin together, Yaga flees, leaving Kaira badly wounded and covered in blood. Levih decides on a desperate measure and takes Kaira to Denyel, an enemy spy who lives nearby and who has some medical knowledge. He orders Urakin to follow Yaga and discover her hideout.

**Chapter 13: Exiled** – Levih arrives at Denyel's place. The latter agrees to help in exchange for amnesty so that he can join Gabriel's army. Unconscious, Kaira sees the phantom girl again floating through a tunnel that seems to be the tunnel of death.

**Chapter 14: Rise and Fall** – Denyel manages to remove the bullet from Kaira's body and he saves her. She wakes up and Levih tells her that Hector is dead. At this point she finally recognizes her celestial nature. Exhausted and weak, though out of danger, she falls asleep.

## Part II: On the Road

**Chapter 15: White Platinum** – Denyel realizes that the bullet from Hector's weapon, and removed from Kaira's body, is magic, made of a metal that no longer exists, but which was used by the inhabitants of the lost city of Atlantis. Urakin comes back, telling them that he has found Yaga's hideout in the mountains.

**Chapter 16: Angel of Death** – Urakin has no sympathy for Denyel, who, despite wanting to join Gabriel now, actually worked in the past for the tyrant Michael. Kaira wakes up. Levih tells her that the monsters who attacked her were angels from an enemy faction, allied to Michael, and he explains the spirit world. When Kaira says that she has seen the tunnel of death, Denyel says it was a hallucination and that there is no life after death for angels.

**Chapter 17: War in Heaven** – Levih explains to Kaira that there is a civil war raging in heaven and that this is reflected on earth, though in theory there is a truce in the world of men. They decide to go to the mountains, to Yaga's den to confront her. Denyel refuses to join them, saying he doesn't agree with their plan. They leave the next day, and Denyel gives Kaira the gift of a pistol since she doesn't yet know how to manipulate her powers of fire and heat.

**Chapter 18: Celestial Palace** – We go back to the distant past, before the biblical flood, with the great archangels in heaven discussing what to do with the First Angel, leader of the sentinels, who refuses to return to paradise (see Chapter 2). They then decide to spare his life so as not to make a martyr of him. They do, however, resolve to kill his human children and capture him by force.

**Chapter 19: The Ice Cave** – Kaira, Levih and Urakin discover an ice-covered cave in the mountains. They find the body of the university guard and others frozen in the ice on the walls. They also come across the coffin of a creature dressed in armor, apparently neither a human nor an angel. They head for the central gallery.

**Chapter 20: The White Angel** – Kaira, Levih and Urakin reach the central chamber, built like a cathedral of ice. On the altar they see an ice statue of an angel holding a small black pyramid. On touching the object,

Kaira is trapped inside a crystal column, while the statue materializes into a new character – Andril, the White Angel, who is there to capture them. He uses his powers to defeat Urakin and Levih. Then Yaga appears, trying to take Rachel’s soul out of Kaira’s body. But this merely frees Kaira’s fire powers again, and she turns her fire on Yaga and attacks the White Angel. He is, however, the more powerful of the two and he freezes her. Kaira is saved by Denyel, who suddenly appears and tries to kill Andril with his sword, but succeeds only in wounding him. Kaira takes the black pyramid, which seems to be magic, and the two flee, leaving Urakin and Levih behind.

**Chapter 21: Amnesty** – Denyel reveals to Kaira that he saved her only because he wants to obtain amnesty from Gabriel and leave Michael’s ranks. They plan to head for a neighboring region, where there is a portal to heaven, but to go through it, Kaira will need to dematerialize her physical body and assume her spiritual form, something she doesn’t yet know how to do.

**Chapter 22: Belle Époque** – This chapter is set in Paris, at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and tells a little about Denyel, formerly an angel who was on earth simply to travel, but who received orders to fight in the human wars, killing people, which was distasteful to him. He meets his friend, Mickail, who warns that the summons will soon come. Such a mission could only be ordered by the malakin, scholarly angels who wished to delve more deeply into human military history.

**Chapter 23: Police Crash** – Traveling on the highway by motorbike, Kaira and Denyel come across police car crash. But the officers are actually demon captors in human disguise.

**Chapter 24: Spark** – Since Kaira can only invoke her powers when she is stressed or angry, Denyel kisses her, which infuriates her, but helps to produce her flames. Then comes a chase, with the two angels annihilating the infernal creatures. Once again, Sirith, chief captor, manages to escape.

**Chapter 25: Plans and Dimensions** – Denyel is wounded and stops at a gas station to eat something. While there he explains to Kaira who the captors are and how the spirit planes and parallel dimensions are organized. He tells her that there are two rivers that cut through the dimensions, the Styx and the Oceanus, which function as cosmic passages between the universes. Kaira eats pieces of chicken nuggets, unaware that her caste, the elemental angels, cannot eat industrialized food. She is poisoned and Denyel takes her to a farm so that she can try to dematerialize her body and avoid physical death.

**Chapter 26: Last Chance** – Kaira cannot manage to dematerialize, but Denyel saves her nonetheless. The two spend the night in an abandoned house.

**Chapter 27: The Horde** – Sirith goes to meet the other demons he summoned (see Chapter 4) and complains that not all were present during the attack on the highway. The chief demon justifies himself saying that not everyone can materialize. He asks Sirith to try to take Kaira and Denyel to an area where the spiritual and physical planes meet. There they will be able to attack at full strength.

**Chapter 28: Celestial Eden** – Kaira wakes up in the abandoned house and talks to Denyel, who explains that heaven has seven levels, the third being Celestial Eden, a region inaccessible to angels, where human souls go after death. He says that this third impenetrable level is the secure frontier between Gabriel’s forces, in First Heaven, and Michael’s legions, in Fifth Heaven. Whoever managed to invade Third Heaven would have a permanent base against their enemy. They conclude that the fact that Kaira cannot dematerialize must be because Rachel’s spirit is trapped inside her.

**Chapter 29: Trench Warfare** – Denyel’s flashback to the First World War, showing how he could have saved his new human friends, but did nothing because this is what he had been ordered to do by his celestial captains.

## Part III: Amazonia

**Chapter 30: Peregrine Falcon** – Denyel teaches Kaira how to fire the pistol, which always locks when she tries to use it. He says that this is another of her caste's weaknesses, namely when they turn the vital force of nature into flesh and blood, electronic and mechanical devices will not operate for them. They decide to leave for Amazonia, where Denyel says he knows someone who can help her to free the girl's spirit from her body.

**Chapter 31: Cosmos Motel** – On the way, Kaira and Denyel find that their motorbike's engine cylinder is perforated after the fight with the captors on the road (see Chapters 23 and 24), and they are forced to spend the night in a roadside motel. Denyel tells Kaira about the sentinels, powerful angels who in time immemorial refused to obey the archangels and were punished for this.

**Chapter 32: The First Angel** – The action goes back to pre-history, with Gabriel returning to punish the First Angel who had refused to obey him (see chapter 2). Gabriel destroys the First Angel's village and kills his children. The two duel and the First Angel is killed in the fight, which brings dishonor to Gabriel because his mission was to take him alive (see Chapter 18). Then another archangel, Raphael, appears and uses his mystical sword to resuscitate the First Angel. Gabriel returns to paradise with nothing to tell Michael and Lucifer.

**Chapter 33: The Antediluvian Nations** – Denyel and Kaira travel by boat to Amazonia, looking for a place whose location he has yet to reveal. He says an old empire existed there before the Flood, ruling over the entire forest.

**Chapter 34: Vortices and Vertices** – Kaira and Denyel scour the forest for the entrance to the vertex, an area where the physical and ethereal planes meet. But it is a secret entrance. After much searching, they find the passage and are surrounded by wolf-like entities.

**Chapter 35: Between Wild Creatures and Wolves** – Wolves and archers attack them. When they about to be killed, the small black pyramid (see Chapter 20) rolls out of Kaira's backpack and the attacks stop. Instead of killing them, the attackers take the pyramid and lead the heroes to a tower, where they are held captive. Denyel says that ancient gods of the jungle live there and don't allow angels beyond their borders. But he knows their leader, and she might give them safe passage.

**Chapter 36: The Yamí Temple** – Kaira and Denyel are taken to the jungle temple, where he recognizes an indigenous goddess, Andira, with whom he had a relationship in the past. He explains that the tiny pyramid they are carrying is the key to Athea, one of the Atlantean colonies that withstood the Flood. This colony guards the entrance to the River Oceanus, which leads to Third Heaven, and that is why Andril is looking for it, to attempt to invade the third celestial level. They ask Andira to perform a ritual of regression to remove Rachel's spirit from Kaira's body, in an attempt to obtain more information on Andril's diabolical plan.

**Chapter 37: In the World of Dreams** – Andira does not manage to free the spirit, but Kaira revives the girl's hidden childhood memories. She finds out that Rachel's father was a geologist who, on an expedition, discovered by accident a colony of Atlantis, waking up its guardian, the warrior who was in the coffin in the ice cave (see chapter 19). The Atlantean guardian is supposed to have killed all the members of the expedition. Rachel's father fled with the pyramid, managed to overcome the guardian with jets of nitrogen, and took him with him. Andril discovered where Rachel's father lived and went there to reclaim the pyramid, killing the father. This was when the Kaira of the past arrived at the house and attacked Andril, but was defeated by Yaga, who forced Rachel's soul into Kaira's physical body, leaving her confused, with her memories in chaos.

**Chapter 38: Enoch and Atlantis** – During regression, Kaira remembers where the map to the Atlantean colony, made by Rachel's father, is hidden. Kaira and Denyel decide to set off to destroy the River Oceanus

before Andril uses it as a portal. Denyel asks Andira to transport them by magic to his house. Andira predicts that Denyel will die if he leaves on this mission, but he accepts the challenge all the same. Andira says that the Oceanus impedes angelic powers.

**Chapter 39: Black Fire** – Flashback to the past, soon after the Flood. Lucifer decides to kill the good archangel, his opponent Raphael. Raphael is attacked, but his body disappears.

**Chapter 40: “Drive Fast and Stay Drunk”** – Kaira and Denyel decide that because of the urgency of their mission they cannot go back to the ice cave to rescue Urakin and Levih. Denyel says he has a boat and that he knows how to steer it to Athea, in the middle of the Atlantic.

**Chapter 41: Palavra de Retorno** – Through the indigenous goddess Andira’s mystical powers, Kaira and Denyel are teleported to Denyel’s house, and to their surprise they find there Urakin, Levih and a third character, not seen until now: Zarion, Kaira’s old bodyguard.

## Part IV: Athea

**Chapter 42: Steel Curtain** – The story goes back in time to show Urakin and Levih imprisoned in the ice cave. They manage to escape and find Zarion in the same cell, a prisoner there for several months. Together the three look for a way out of the mountain.

**Chapter 43: Ectoplasm** – On the way out, they are attacked by an evil spirit that guards the passage. Urakin is wounded and loses a hand.

**Chapter 44: Heart of Ice** – Zarion tells Urakin and Levih everything he knows, saying that Kaira and he were overcome by Andril some two years before. He adds that he was captured there and that Yaga put the soul of the geologist’s daughter into Kaira’s body, and that Kaira started to believe that she was human at that point (see Chapter 37). Kaira’s life was spared because she was the only one who knew where the colony of Atlantis was. The three angels resolve to return to Denyel’s house to try and find Kaira and Denyel. Zarion also reveals that Andril has power called Heart of Ice, which makes him immortal.

**Chapter 45: Tommy Gun** – Levih, Zarion and Urakin go back to Denyel’s house at the very same moment that Denyel and Kaira return from the forest through Andira’s magic. The group is reunited.

**Chapter 46: Three Wishes** – Denyel reveals that he has burned the map showing the way to Athea, which horrifies the others. He says that now only he knows where the colony is and he makes demands – among them the privilege of returning to earth when he wants to.

**Chapter 47: The Wizard of Oz** – Another chapter that tells a little of Denyel’s past. Here we see him in 1939 watching *The Wizard of Oz* and later listening to the announcement from the British Prime Minister that England has declared war on Germany. So he knows a new war is near and that he will be called upon again.

**Chapter 48: The Atlantic Ways** – Kaira, Urakin, Levih and Zarion board Denyel’s boat. Out at sea, they discover that the boat, by following the coordinates on the burned map, has entered the so-called ‘Atlantic ways’, a secret, magic route used by the Atlaneans to navigate the globe more quickly.

**Chapter 49: Celestial Demon** – Present time. The First Angel (see Chapter 32) escapes from his prison in the Second Heaven and returns to earth.

**Chapter 50: The Sex of Angels** – Denyel advises Kaira to learn how to make bolder decisions; he says this is necessary if she wants to be group leader.

**Chapter 51: The Rock of the Dead** – The group arrives at an area of several marine mountains, difficult to navigate, surrounded by thunder and lightning. They pass through narrow ravine and reach Athea, hidden between the rocks.

**Chapter 52: Black Obelisk** – They disembark in Athea, a small island with a temple on its highest peak. Halfway between the port and the temple they see a black obelisk. The temple door is sealed. Kaira has brought the small pyramid, she fits it into an opening in the obelisk and the tower door opens.

**Chapter 53: Invaders from Enoch** – Urakin, Levih and Zarion open the door and go inside the temple of Athea. There they discover signs of the boat belonging to Rachel's father, who had been here previously. A stone bed indicates where the Atlantean soldier, whom Andril took to the ice cave, had slept. They see two doors - one leading up to the tower and the other leading down to the mouth of the Oceanus.

**Chapter 54: A Pack of Opposites** – The group discover that they have been followed by Andril. A huge ship carrying demon soldiers lands at the island, making it clear that Andril and Sirith have been allies since the beginning. Urakin and Denyel decide to fight, but are trapped in a column of ice. Levih decides to stay behind while Kaira and Zarion go down to destroy the River Oceanus, but he is killed by Zarion, who reveals that he is actually Sirith, the demon captor that can assume any form. Andril invades the temple.

**Chapter 55: Fire against Ice** – Levih's death awakens Kaira's powers of fire. She and Andril confront each other and the White Angel ends flees via the door that leads down to the Oceanus. Fearing that he will enter the river, Kaira follows him.

**Chapter 56: The Ocean Chamber** – Andril lures Kaira into a trap. Since the Oceanus impedes angelic powers (see Chapter 38), Andril takes advantage of this, draws a spear and wounds Kaira, who is at death's door. But before getting any worse, she remembers that Andril's powers don't work there either and that his Heart of Ice is of no use (see chapter 44). She draws the pistol that Denyel gave her (see Chapter 17) and shoots the angel, killing him.

**Chapter 57: Soldiers from Hell** – With Andril's death, Urakin and Denyel are freed from the ice and fight the demons disembarking from the ship.

**Chapter 58: The Golem** – Kaira wakes up in the tunnel of death, sees Rachel and begins to be pulled towards the light with her. At the same time, Urakin and Denyel continue to fight on the steps of Athea.

**Chapter 59: Card up the Sleeve** – Urakin and Denyel beat the demons and return to Athea's temple looking for Kaira and Levih. They find Levi dead in a pool of blood. Sirith reveals himself and tells them how he assumed Zarion's form after killing him. Denyel pretends to surrender so as to disarm Sirith when the time is right. Urakin thinks about killing the traitor, but Denyel says they need to see if Kaira is alright, deducing that she must have gone down to the underground chamber.

**Chapter 60: Beyond Eternity** – Kaira reaches the end of the tunnel of death, where her and Rachel's spirits finally separate. Rachel is reunited with her father, who was killed by Andril (see chapter 37), and following that Kaira encounters the archangel Raphael, who claims to be trapped there, in the third celestial level, which normal angels cannot usually enter. Raphael invites Kaira to stay and help him, but says he can use his sword to resuscitate her if she wishes (see Chapter 32).

**Chapter 61: God's Breath** – Kaira decides to return because she does not want to abandon her friends. She comes back to life in the underground chamber, not knowing what happened while she was unconscious. She is reunited with Urakin and Denyel. The three go up to escape from the temple, which begins to collapse.

**Chapter 62: a Question of Honor** – They are surrounded by the demon warriors who came on the ship and Denyel decides to sacrifice himself, remaining in the temple while Kaira and Urakin escape. He gives Kaira a kiss and they say goodbye.

**Chapter 63: Spiral of Fire** – Kaira, now more confident in her celestial form, manages to release her wings and flies from the island with Urakin. In the almost demolished temple, Sirith tries to escape, but Denyel stops him. The tower and the temple collapse.

**Chapter 64: The Angel of the Revelation** – Kaira goes back to First Heaven, where she direct orders from Archangel Gabriel to set off on a new mission. He forbids her to go after Denyel.

**Epilogue** – The First Angel appears after escaping from prison in Second Heaven. during an enigmatic conversation with another angel, he claims he has found the “source”.

## BOOK 2: ANGELS OF DEATH

**Prologue** – Urakin meets Kaira again on earth and she decides to disobey Gabriel’s orders and to try and find Denyel, even though she doesn’t know if he’s dead or alive. The two set off on a new adventure.