

CHAPTER 1: ORIGINS

Born on September 19th, 2002, Jonathan Kayne was once a young boy fascinated by science. His parents, Emily and Peter Kayne were scientists planning to found their research facility.

“Peter, we shouldn't do experiments at home. Jonathan is 5 months old and these can put him in danger,” said Emily.

“I know, honey, but right now this is our only lab, we don't have enough money to start a research facility and, honestly, we still need to experiment to find cancer treatment.”

“I agree. But be careful, okay?”

“I promise.”

And, they were careful, for quite a long time. Until one day, when Peter was experimenting with a new type of treatment using electricity with altered properties...

“Just one more change and...”

The device he was working on exploded, sending lightning bolts all over the house, hitting walls, windows, doors, and...

“Hey, Dad! Look what I just-”

Jonathan, his 5-year-old son, was struck by a lightning bolt from his device, the last one, knocking him unconscious on the floor.

“Jonathan!” said Peter in despair. “Wake up, little scientist! Come on. No, no, no, no.”

Jonathan was unresponsive. Nothing Peter would do would wake him up. Emily came home.

“What happened?” said a worried Emily looking at the boys.

“You know the device I was working on?” asked Peter.

“Yes. But everything was operational when we last checked.”

“I know. Same now. But something went wrong. The device exploded sending lightning bolts all over the place. And Jonathan came to show me something and a lightning bolt struck him down. I'm sorry, Emily. I don't know what to do.”

“It's okay, Peter. Let's get him to a hospital, they need to have him checked.”

“All right. I'll drive.”

“No. You're too stressed and in no shape to drive now. I will.”

“All right. Thank you, honey.”

“No worries.”

Emily drives to the Phebridge City Hospital, while Peter holds Jonathan in the backseat. They arrive at their location.

“Quick, we're here! We need to go straight to the emergency room!”

Peter carries Jonathan as he and Emily run to the ER to get their son checked as soon as possible.

“Please, our son was struck by lightning! We need help.”

“Emily! Oh, my God! Come on, we have a room here to get him checked.”, said one of the nurses.

“Thank you, Josephine, for helping us.”

“No worries, Emily. Always glad to help a friend.”

Emily smiles. But their chat is disturbed by the sudden buzzing the medical devices attached to Jonathan make.

“What is happening? said Emily worried about her son's health.”

“I- I don't know, Emily. The device is going all crazy. Random numbers that don't mean anything. It's like Jonathan's heart is beating at insane speeds.”

“Can he be helped?”

“Yes. He needs to be stabilized. And we need to do this quickly.”

“Any idea how?”

“We have to shut off his body's activity. This will help his body rest and stabilize its functions. But we need the doctor's approval for that and on top of it you and your husband's signature of approval as well.”

“I'll go get Peter.”

“And I'll go get the doctor to come and approve his move to a hospital lounge.”

“All right. Thank you.”

Emily ran outside the room she was in to find her husband, who, meanwhile, went to the car to wait. She sees him and goes to him.

“Peter! Peter!”

Peter spots Emily in the side-view mirror of his car and exits it.

“Emily! What is it?”

“Jonathan. He needs to have his body’s activity shut off so his body stabilizes. And the doctors can't do it without us signing an approval document.”

“Then let's go. I'd do anything to get our son back and you know that.”

“Of course. Let's go.”

Josephine was waiting for them at the ER door to take them to the doctor, and their son's new lounge.

“Come on. The doctor is waiting for us.”

They go to an elevator.

“Let's take this elevator. Your son is on the fifth floor, lounge fifty.”

Josephine takes the elevator to the fifth floor, so Peter and Emily can go see the doctor and their son. They arrive on the fifth floor and start going to the fiftieth lounge so they can talk to the doctor.

“So, you must be the Kayne family.” said the doctor spotting them coming in.

“Yes. My name is Emily and this is my husband, Peter.”

“All right, I have looked through your son's results. I have to ask. What happened to him exactly?”

“He was struck by lightning. But it wasn't a normal bolt of lightning,” said Emily.

“I was working on an experiment. And it malfunctioned at the wrong time.”

“Well, Mr. Kayne. That would explain why your son's heart seems to beat faster than normal. And why his natural healing process can't keep up with the damage. The only way to help him is if we shut off his body's activity through a new medical set of drugs, except the natural healing ones and the vital ones. This is very new and quite risky. But I need to know if you're on board.”

“Can you please explain in more detail? Like scientifically?” asked Emily.

“Of course. I know you two are scientists. So, this new medication has a success rate of 75%. 25% of the test subjects have died. It was invented in 2006 by Dr. James Jones, a prolific scientist in medicine.”

“So last year?”

“Yes, Mrs. Jones.”

“Emily, we have to do this. It's the only way to save our son.”

“I agree. I wasn't gonna say no. Doctor, please proceed with this new medication.”

“Very well. Come with me, you need to sign some papers.”

The doctor leads them to his office where he pulls out 2 pieces of paper for them to sign. Emily and Peter sign them and tell the doctor. He takes the papers, puts them in a file, and then proceeds to their son's lounge.

“Gather the nurses. It's time to take Jonathan Kayne to the operating room!”

“Yes, sir,” said Josephine.

Josephine goes to get the nurses, while the doctor prepares the OR with the necessary equipment to shut off Jonathan's body's activity. Ten minutes later, Josephine returns with four nurses to Jonathan's lounge.

“All right. The doctor must be in the Operating Room. Grab Jonathan's bed and go with him there. I'll talk to his parents.”

As Josephine said that, the four nurses grabbed Jonathan's bed, while she went to talk with her parents.

“We're going into OR with him now. Emily, I'm sure everything will be okay. Dr Josh is the best doctor this hospital has to offer. And your son is strong. He will pull through this.”

“Thank you, Josephine. I know Jonathan is strong. And we sure do hope everything is going to be okay.”

“It will be. I have to go now. I am required to be present in the OR room.”

“Go, Josephine.”

Josephine goes to the OR room. When she arrived, the doctor and the nurses were preparing the set of chemicals that were to be injected into Jonathan for the procedure. The doctor puts the rubber gloves on, as do all the nurses, and then begins to take the chemical serum in a syringe to inject it into Jonathan.

As the doctor keeps injecting Jonathan, his body's activity begins to slow down. After five injections, his body's activities shut off, leaving only the necessary ones for him to recover. As Jonathan had not died, it is safe to say that it was a success and Jonathan will safely recover. The doctor then calls it a day.

“All right, guys, it's over. Now, get the kid back to his lounge and tell his parents this was a success and it is now time to wait for him to recover.”

The nurses take Jonathan back to his lounge and Josephine goes to see his parents. The doctor goes back to his office. As the nurses enter with Jonathan in the lounge, Josephine arrives at Emily and Peter Kayne to give them the good news.

“Hey, Emily.”

“Josephine! What is it?”

“I have news. Your son pulled through. He is now in recovery.”

“Great! Thank you, Josephine! Thank you to everyone at this hospital for helping us!”

“Of course. I'll have to go now. You can stay if you want. Or you can go home. Whatever fits you. I'll see you around.”

“Goodbye, Josephine. We'll stay here.”

“All right. Make yourselves comfortable. Goodbye.”

Josephine leaves and Emily turns her head to Peter.

“We have to start our lab. This can't be going too far. If we'll hurt our son again, it will be really bad. Until we start the research facility, no more home experiments.”

“I was going to say the same thing, Emily. I already applied for some Start-Up funds. And I'm selling my cancer treatment research. We surely have to do this. Start our research facility. I already got a good name for it.”

“What is it?”

“Kayne Labs! So, it stays in the family!”

“Peter, that's a great name. We are using it!”

And they kept planning the idea of Kayne Labs for hours, the night comes, and they go to sleep. Later in the morning Jonathan finally wakes up, stable and well. The nurses immediately notify the doctor, who goes to check on his status.

“Hey, Jonathan,” said Dr. Josh.

“Who are you? Where am I? Where are my parents?”

“Jonathan, I am Dr. Josh. You are at the Phebridge City Hospital. Your parents are here, outside. I will call them shortly. First, I have to make sure you're all good, all right?”

“Okay.”

“Let's see... Your vitals are all normal... The heartbeat rate is normal... Your body functions are all in normal parameters... Okay. You're good to go, Jonathan! I'll go tell your parents.”

Dr. Josh leaves Jonathan with the nurses in his lounge as he goes to tell his parents the news. He spots the Kaynes and goes to them.

“Emily and Peter Kayne?”

“Yes?”

“I have good news. Your son is now stable and well. You may proceed to his lounge and talk to him. I'll go prepare the release documents and then you'll be able to go home.”

Dr. Josh leaves and the Kaynes go to their son's lounge to see him. As they approach it, the nurses leave. They enter the lounge and spot their son awake and well.

“Jonathan! Oh, my God! I'm so happy to see you well!” said Emily, crying with happiness.

“Mom! Dad! What happened? Why am I in the hospital?”

“There's time for that talk later, son. Now, let's enjoy the moment.”

They all hug each other, Peter and Emily being happy their son is all right. As they were hugging, Dr. Josh was coming to the lounge with the release papers. He puts them on a table and calls out Emily and Peter to come and sign them, so they can go home.

“The papers are ready. Peter, and Emily, I just need you to sign them, and your son is free to go. Please note that in case anything happens to your son, you'll have a phone number on your copy of the papers. Call that number and we will send an ambulance your way as soon as possible. The service will be free of cost since Jonathan is a former patient.”

“Thank you, Dr. Josh, for your help. said Emily as she took the pen and signed.”

Peter takes the pen from Emily and signs the papers and gives it back to the doctor.

“Alright, you are free to go.” said the doctor.

Emily dresses Jonathan as Peter goes to prepare the car for departure. As Emily and Jonathan leave, she stops to thank Josephine once again for her help in saving her son's life. After that, she goes to their car, and they leave home.

The next 13 years of Jonathan's life went by normally. In 2009, Emily and Peter finally started Kayne Labs and began research to help humanity. Jonathan graduated top of his class in both school and high school. He then went to study Computer Science at Phebridge City University, so he could, later, join his parents' company and help shape the world into a better place.

As Jonathan was walking down the street, he passed by an old man. He felt a static electricity going through his hand. Following that event, time started slowing down around him. As he looked back the old man was gone. He had no idea what was going on with him, so he started investigating it in secret at his parents' company, by sneaking in at night

and found that his molecular structure changed to help him move faster than any other human being.

He started training, a month later, becoming... Purple Bolt.