



I AM SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, YOUNG ONE.

I BET YOU ARE.



YOUNG ONE-

I HAVE A NAME, Y'KNOW.

IT'S RORI.



YOU'VE ALL GOT NAMES TOO, RIGHT? YOU DON'T JUST WALK AROUND CALLING YOURSELVES 'FOMOIRE', DO YOU?



I AM CIALL.



OKAY, CIALL...

MY DAD'S BEEN KEEPING SECRETS FOR A LONG TIME.

THOSE SECRETS RUINED MY FAMILY. THEY GOT MY MOM AND AYANE KILLED.

BEFORE WE DO ANYTHING, I NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S BEEN KEPT FROM ME...



YOU ARE **STRONG-WILLED**, LIKE YOUR FATHER.

THAT WILL SERVE YOU WELL IN THE DAYS AHEAD.



ALL THE MYTHS AND CREATURES THAT EXIST HERE AND NOW...THEY WERE **NOT** THE FIRST.

BEFORE THEM, THERE WERE OTHERS... **MANY** OTHERS.

AND, WHEN THEIR TIME WANED, EACH GROUP PASSED INTO OBSCURITY AND **NEW MAGIC** GREW TO TAKE THEIR PLACE.

NEW MAGIC LIKE **ME**.



YES.

WE'VE COME TO THE NEXT **TRANSITION**. IT'S TIME FOR THE **OLD BELIEFS** AND LEGENDS TO PASS ON...

...BUT THIS TIME THEY **REFUSE**.



ON THIS ISLAND OF **EIRE**, THAT OLD MAGIC IS THE **TUATHA DÉ DANANN**.

THE **SIDHE** HOARD MAGICAL POWER THEY'VE GATHERED. THEY WILL NOT LET GO OF THEIR KINGDOM.



AND SO, THE CROSSING MUST HAPPEN BY **FORCE**.

OKAY, BUT HOW EXACTLY ARE WE GOING TO DO THAT?



NOT "WE".

YOU.

M-ME?



YES. YOU ARE THE "DROICHEAD". THE "BRIDGE".

THE BRIDGE BETWEEN EIRE AND NIPPON.

IRELAND AND JAPAN.



WHEN THE SIDHE LOCKED THE MAGIC OF THIS LAND AWAY FROM THE DRUIDS, THEY STARVED THE NEXT GENERATION THAT WOULD TAKE THEIR PLACE. THEY STOLE EIRE'S FUTURE.

A NEW SOURCE OF POWER HAD TO BE FORGED.



I NEVER LEAVE JAPAN BEFORE, BUT I SEE PICTURE.

IRELAND.

CALLED TO ME.

I HAD TO FEEL IT.



SO, MY PARENTS DIDN'T MEET BY ACCIDENT...

OF COURSE NOT. IT WAS ALL PREORDAINED.

OY NOW, WHAT'S ALL THIS YAPPIN' ABOUT?