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Hamid grew up to be a kind of low life with many connections and his pet Blabber because he didn't excel at mathematics or school before dropping out and living his life on middle earth/ america working under the tourist Bureau in order to gain money to travel beyond the outside.

This was the result of the to be raised by a scientist named Hussein Thompson with his found wife for at least 10 years before he would ditch his son and the plan to raise him because he saw a better life for his son stating he was a good kid, thus faking his death and going underground essentially, leaving Hamid behind to be raised and adapt to life his own way.

It is thanks to Hamid's Blabber as well that Tines can extend his telepathic reach connecting to the creature's body and reconnect to an old cut off piece of himself, Tines Figuratively and Literally collects himself allowing him to explain to Hamid an important task intended for him.

Thus between four of the final pages of pages 54-58, when in a conversation between Ravna and Tines it brought up the recurring internal struggle Hamid had with his father by establishing that Hamid was cloned from some great intergalactic hero that had lived for over 500 years before being dead through 100, (Yet this is objective and subjective because the hero would travel at the speed of light across the galaxy before passing away).

Hamid, tasked from birth to carry such an important man's blood to save some alien species in deep space by adopting the same kind of mind now has to live within a spaceship for the next two years sailing the stars with a new found goal to achieve his destiny alongside his new companions.