

# The Last Forest and the Sword

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## Chapter One

### Walking in the Amazon

Ring, ring! The bell rang for the end of school and the children rushed out of the doors. It was a cold winter's day. Macey walked for a long time to try and get home, but suddenly she realised she was in the Amazon Rainforest. Macey could see long thick bamboo sticks growing in every square metre, she could smell the tropical air and she could hear the parrots chirping cheerfully. She took off her shoes and walked along the soft blades of grass. As Macey walked

through the forest, she came across a monkey that looked like he had eaten too many oranges, because he had orange fur.

“Hello my name is Mono monkey. Call me Mono. What’s yours?” said Mono.



“My name is Macey,” said Macey. Suddenly she turned white.... she could talk to animals!

Macey thought it was a dream, so she tried to waken herself up by hitting her own

face....however, this place was real and not a dream.

“Excuse me, why am I here?” said Macey.



Mono replied, “The Amazon chose you because you are fearless and strong. Are you ready?”

“Ready for what?” exclaimed Macey curiously.

“Ready for the journey!” said Mono.

“WHAT JOURNEY?” yelled Macey?

“Oh how rude of me. The journey is to get the animal sword otherwise your pets will die,” Mono said.

“I don’t want any animal to die, especially not my pets. My best five are; Ruby the dog, Talia the cat, Leni the gerbil, Isla the hamster and Sofia the horse. And now my mission is to save them,” Macey said.

“Macey, let me explain. Those pets are not any old pets, they are magical and they came from this forest, from the Queen herself. If the magical forest dies, then those magical pets die too because they were made in the forest. This

is the Last Forest. Hanuman wants to destroy you and your family.” said Mono.

“Who is Hanuman? Magical forest? Magical pets?” said Macey, who was very confused.

“It’s complicated,” said Mono.

“Tell me, tell me!” said Macey.

“Hanuman controls half of the forest and has a big army of snakes ready for anything. Hanuman is half bear, half human,” said Mono.

“It all started when you were not alive. Hanuman had lots of attention, but when you were born no one even looked at him. One night when you

were sleeping, he crept up on you and tried to hit you but he could not because when you were little, animals were your people and you were unbeatable because the animals bit him. So, he ran as fast as he could to his room. Ever since that night, he's tried to sneak revenge on you. He is your brother!!!” said Mono.

“You are Hanuman’s sister!” said Mono to a very surprised Macey.

“No, I’m not!!” replied Macey. “Why am I not half bear, half human?” asked Macey shocked and even more confused.

“In this jungle only boys take parts of their mother and parts of the father. It is strange but it’s what happens here. I know I’m just a monkey but I know better. You are Hanuman’s sister. I didn’t know how to tell you. Now let’s work together to get the sword and beat Hanuman!” said Mono



## Chapter Two

What's the plan?

“There are seven keys and seven doors. The keys match the doors, but if you don't save the Last Forest, you'll teleport back to this place. So good luck and just to warn you - if you get hurt here you'll get a cut on the outside world. I almost forgot. I will be your sidekick,” explained Mono.

So they set off.

For the night, they made a bamboo hut and a fire. They heard the crashing of the trees and the wild wind. When Macey woke up, she saw snakes pulling bamboo sticks out of the soft blades of grass, then carrying them off into the distance. Then Mono woke up and said,

“Let's go get that sword!”

So now the proper story begins. In the distance they saw a large bamboo palace. So they followed the trail of snake tracks. They had to swim across a swamp with crocodiles in. Macey got bitten on the leg.

## Chapter Three

### The Action

They climbed over trees, they passed sleeping tigers. Macey got 12 beestings in a row. They made a treehouse and a plan. The plan was that Mono would attack the guards and Macey would dig a hole to get in and they would take the sword. Suddenly, they didn't know what to do next. So, they thought, they would finish the plan when they got there. That was definitely not a good idea..... When they had jumped the Venus flytraps and avoided the big birds, the guards

had tripled in number, so Mono could only knock out half of them. Macey could not get past because there were too many guards. So they failed!

Their second plan was that Macey and Mono would disguise themselves as snakes by getting shredded snake skin and heads and use a petal to make a long tongue. Then they would cunningly say to Hanuman,  
“We know a better hiding place Masssssster!”  
Then they would return the sword to the Queen of the Jungle; its rightful waiting place.

## Chapter Four

You can do it!

They found six keys on their way. They got into their costumes and they headed off passing half of the snakes and knocking out the rest. They got into the palace and said to Hanuman,

“We know a better hiding place *Masssster!*” (Just as they had planned).

Hanuman thought and replied,

“Where? In the pretend volcano?”

“*Yessssss, Masssster,*” replied Macey and Mono in disguised voices.

Macey and Mono came out of the palace. Instead of going to the pretend volcano, they went to the Queen of the Jungle’s palace. They returned the sword.

“Macey, I am your mother!” the Queen said gently.

“I found my real mother and brother, but where’s my father?” Macey said.

“Long, long ago Hanuman put a spell on your father and transformed him into a snake and he is now part of your brother’s army!” said Mono.

Now that Macey had the sword, all she needed was the last key. Macey raised the sword high into the air and whilst she held it up, a diamond key flew out of the sword. Macey had found the last key.

## Chapter Five

### Peace and Harmony

Macey went to Hanuman and said to him, "Do you really want to be half human, half bear?" Hanuman replied, "No but I was born this way." Macey requested that the Queen magically transform Hanuman into a human.

Now that Hanuman was a human he no longer wanted to hurt anyone or any pet. All was forgiven between this brother and sister. The

Queen, who had duties, suggested that Macey should leave this world with someone and Macey chose Mono and Hanuman. With a wave of the sword, the Queen made a portal for the three of them to get back to the real world.

To find out what happens to Macey, Hanuman and Mono in the real world you will have to read the next book called *The Mysterious clouds!*

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Will Macey return the sword to its rightful place before the animals die? Side by side Macey and Mono head out to get the sword. It will be a tough journey for a 12 year old and a monkey.

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