

The Devil's Breath

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I dedicate this book to my family, who have given up their time for me.

Chapter 1

The Mine



Alfred had been working in the mine for his whole life! Fortunately, his best friend (Jono)

was there as well. But there was one thing nearly everybody knew about the mine: lurking around, there was a dark room which hid The Devil's Breath, some amazing treasure, and a monster. The monster was usually sleeping, though. Alfred was desperate to find the treasure. Day after day, they searched the mine, but the treasure wasn't there.

Unfortunately, the mine was unbelievably large, so it would take forever to search all of it. Occasionally, they would think they had

found gold, but it was usually something else.

They returned to their homes, starving. This was why they needed treasure. They could sell it and be rich and never experience the dreadful feeling of starvation again. Sadly, they thought that happy feeling would never come. Usually, when they came back home from work, they were bruised, cut and dirty.

It was extremely hard work. Alfred and Jono wished that they would, someday, have a better job. But they had to do this now.

They sweated in Colombia's extreme heat. Glumly, they trudged home from work and threw themselves into their beds. They were ready for another tough day tomorrow.

Chapter 2

A Very Hard Decision

One day, Jono and Alfred were strolling inside the mine at break, chatting and laughing. All of a sudden, a sharp pain spread through Jono's leg. He did not want Alfred to know because he knew that he would just tell the doctors, and they would do horrible stuff with his leg. He would be in incredible agony.

Meanwhile, Alfred was looking at Jono carefully. He knew that he was in pain because of his body language. Alfred felt sorry for him. For once, Alfred would not betray his friend and tell the doctors.

They were approaching an area of the mine where there was a deep tunnel and a mini cave. All of a sudden, Jono slipped on a rock and fell down...down...down...deep into the tunnel. Simultaneously, two £50 notes (572,100.00 Colombian peso) fluttered onto the ground. He could either save his best friend or him and his family, possibly.

Extremely surprisingly, Alfred actually chose to save his friend.

It was an unbelievable decision.

Chapter 3

The Ghost Comes



That night, Alfred and Jono were extremely exhausted. After years of persuasion, they had finally gotten the chance to sleep next to each other in the mine. As they were snoring, Alfred got woken up. He thought someone had said his name.

As he opened his eyes and looked around, he said, “Hello? Is anyone there?” There was no reply.

Anxiously, Alfred tapped his friend on the shoulder. As Jono awoke, he asked Alfred what had happened. “I-I thought I heard something,” Alfred replied.

“Let’s go back to sleep,” whispered Jono. “We don’t want the guards to hear us.”

The second that Jono fell into a deep sleep, Alfred heard something. But this time he knew that he heard it. He instantly rose from

his sleeping bag and replied, “What do you want?”

A ghost drifted towards him and said in a strange, gurgling voice, “You have been kind to your friend. You have helped him when he needed it most. You deserve a reward.”

The ghost explained where The Devil’s Breath was and gave him the key to open it. Alfred thanked him greatly. Now they had all the information and things needed for the quest. Alfred, being exhausted, fell asleep the second the ghost left the mine.

Chapter 4

They Start The Quest

At approximately 7:00 in the morning, they both woke up, Jono being energetic but Alfred still tired. They did their normal morning routines: putting their clothes on, brushing their teeth, having breakfast and making their beds.

Finally, they set off. Fortunately, Alfred had remembered most of the information that he

had been given. On the way, Alfred tried to inform Jono of what had happened in the night, but he did not believe Alfred's story. Jono did not believe in ghosts or curses. He just knew that their shoes were starting to fall apart because of the distance that they had walked.

In the distance, Jono spotted a hill which was piercing the sky. As they approached it, Alfred said with a sad look on his face, "Oh. I forgot the way from here. Luckily, I remember it was the first door on the right in this HUGE tower."

Jono had an idea. He told his friend that they could climb up the hill and look for the tower. They would have an amazing view of the whole area. As they hiked up the hill, the temperature rapidly rose. Beads of sweat rolled down their foreheads.

As they got to the top of the mountain, they noticed a colourful, majestic building. They just had to cross a sea to get there.

Chapter 5

Crossing The Sea

Finally, they reached the seashore. Alfred realised something. The water was too cold to walk in, but there was only one bridge, and it looked like it was about to collapse.



Jono desperately looked around, and fortunately saw some people in boats. Well, they looked like people, but they weren't. They were actually demons, disguised as humans. But Jono and Alfred did not know that yet.

They waved to one of the demons and asked, "Hey, you in the boat. Can you take us to the other side of this sea?" The demon, cackling evilly, came over to them and gave them a lift.

The demon asked them where they were going, and they said that they were looking

for The Devil's Breath. The demon said that they were really stupid to do that.

They started fighting, but Alfred and Jono won the fight with ease. The demon died just as they had crossed the sea.

Chapter 6

They Get The Treasure



Alfred and Jono walked into the tower's giant gates. As they ran up the whirling, twirling stairs, Alfred decided to wait in the corridor, in case someone would come and question them.

Meanwhile, Jono walked up to the door. In hieroglyphs, something was written. Luckily, Jono could read it.

It said: HE WHO ENTERS HERE SHALL LIVE IN FRIGHT.

Jono thought *NO! I do not believe in curses. I do not believe this door.*

He opened the creaking door, and there was a monster. Luckily, it was fast asleep. He opened the treasure box, and the gold coins gleamed brightly. That moment, the monster awoke. Jono felt a hand on his shoulder. He looked back; it was the monster! The door

had not lied. Luckily, the monster was friendly. Jono returned to his friend.

Chapter 7

The Return

problems and worries were gone. They were finally rich! Finally, they saw glimpses of their houses. They were finally at home.

Alfred and Jono returned to the thing which used to be a sea. Now the water was gone, and there were not any more strange people on those funny-looking boats.

They felt extremely overjoyed. Now they would never go hungry again. They could split up the treasure and sell it and they would be rich. Oh, what a lovely feeling. They would be rich. Nearly all their dreadful

Chapter 8

Local Heroes!

chaos to their little Colombian village. Their names would still be remembered long after they died, as they had done wonders to their homes and their village.

And they did just that. When they returned home, they split up the treasure equally between them and sold it. They got 571, 700 Colombian Peso, just what Alfred could have got instead of saving Jono in the mine.

The next day, the mayor announced that Alfred and Jono were local heroes! They had killed the demon who had brought all the

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Alfred and Jono are best friends and decide to go on a quest which would change their little Colombian village and their families for the better. They try to find the treasure called The Devil's Breath.