

The Dragon Slayer

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Chapter 1

Have you ever been to a beautiful paradise island, but felt that something more sinister was going on?

On the little unknown island of Glade, many events were happening: ecstatic and melancholic. But the one horrific event that stood out was happening on the south side of the island, in the dark forest.

The air was full of revenge and hopelessness and nobody could stop it. The sky began to darken; clouds began to appear; terrifying sounds echoed throughout that part of Glade as animals began to shiver.

Chapter 2

Down in the dense midst of the forest, was a ghastly cave, out of which came a humongous creature, preceded by a terrifyingly huge shadow; its teeth were as sharp as swords and in its gnarled arms, it carried a petrified tiger cub, threatening it with his claws.

Deeper inside the cave, were more animals huddled together with fright, tears streaming down their faces. Stalactites hung above them like spears waiting to fall, while freezing drops of water splattered down, making them shiver.

Suddenly, the air began to get warmer and fire began to erupt in the distance. The shadow turned into a spine-chilling DRAGON! With another puff from its mouth, the fire spread from one tree to another. Animals living in the forest took off, running this way and

that in a frenzy to get away from the menacing blaze of heat. Families fled in huddles leaving their belongings behind.

However, one family of bears decided not to abandon their home, refusing to leave their habitat. They were worried they were going to lose everything but they were determined to stay.

After half an hour, the family were starting to suffer: they had almost run out of food, the heat was unbearable and no one was able to sit still.

It was hard to stay calm until firefighters arrived at the scene an hour later. They extinguished the burning flames and removed the fallen trees to make sure it was safe for the animals.



Chapter 3

A few days passed and the animals returned to find their homes destroyed. Working tirelessly, they started the reconstruction process to make themselves a comfy place to stay.

The next afternoon, the little bear asked for her parents' consent to go and explore the forest. They were reluctant at first, but eventually allowed this. The bear went out and noticed trails of smoke snaking from the South of the forest. She ventured down to find out what it was when she heard cries for help, and moaning.

A little further on was a warning sign with a cave on it. The bear slowly crept down the path trying not to make a sound as she avoided scrunching all the colourful leaves.

She got close enough to see what was happening inside; the curious look on her face turned into a shocked and frightened expression.

She was about to leave when she thought about the little animals stuck there. The bear was concerned for those animals and the animals in the forest too. She stayed hidden to observe and think about what she could do... and noticed that whenever the Dragon got close to flowers, he appeared to weaken.



Chapter 4

The bear had thought that the best thing to do was to go back home and figure the rest out there. So she went back the way she had come. But plans quickly changed. On her way there, she saw a horse; horses hardly ever came to the forest. And on the horse was a human. He wore armour and carried a sword on his back. He bent down and told the bear who he was (a knight).

She explained to the knight what she had just witnessed and how terrible it was. She also mentioned the flowers and how smelling them seemed to be his weakness. Then the little bear told him the directions to the cave where she had witnessed the events taking place.

It was all up to the knight now.

Chapter 5

The knight knew he had to do something to help these animals; he had to be brave enough to fight this ferocious beast. With his heart beating twice as quickly as usual, he slowly trotted down the trail leading to the cave. The ground was slippery and uneven but that was the least of his worries. His palms grew sweaty and his throat went dry when he saw the cave in the distance. Suddenly, the sound of whimpering could be heard; it was coming from the cave! He couldn't let these animals suffer.

After a few minutes, the knight had stopped and was standing in front of a noisy cave; roars, cries and yelling grew louder and louder. The knight was surprised and peeped into a small crack in the wall. Lots of movement had occurred - until it didn't.

Everything stopped!

Had they seen him?

Was he caught?

Was he in trouble?

Questions filled his head.

He stopped breathing.

Nothing moved.

Anxiousness fizzed through his body as the sound of repetitive stomps came from the cave. THUD! THUD! THUD!

The knight covered his eyes when he thought of all the animals. He used this as motivation to overcome his fear. Trembling, he whispered to himself, "I can do this, I am brave."

With this he took out the sword he had packed and whisked it around, practising for the big battle.

Chapter 6

Suddenly, the sky began to darken and the only source of light was the lantern the knight was holding. It glimmered in the open making the atmosphere brighter.

Then it happened again. THUD! THUD! THUD! The knight's eyes widened as his heart was paralysed with fear. Just when he had thought it had stopped, a silhouette of a creature appeared on the wall of the cave. The knight knew who it was; he took long deep breaths and got ready to attack.

As soon as one claw of the dragon came out of the darkness, the knight declared war. He swished and swung the sword around like a maniac. Remembering what the bear had said, he made sure the sword contained a strong aroma of flowers.

Then he mustered his anger about how the dragon treated these little animals and put it into this swing.

After a few seconds, the dragon had collapsed to the floor; blood had splattered everywhere; children had run out of the gloomy cave in joy reuniting with their families.

The village was saved.



Chapter 7

The knight looked at himself in shock; he never thought he would be a saviour. He trotted back to the forest expecting all the animals to be there praising him but instead he came to find no one there.

With disbelief, he declared to make an announcement to the animal kingdom remarking on everything he had done to save them but they all shook their heads with doubt and headed back to their homes.

The knight felt disheartened; nobody would believe him. This was until, right in front of his eyes, was the same bear that helped him. She knew what he did to save them. They both thought of a plan to get recognition for the knight. They thought of flyers, posters, anything that could help, but none of them worked. Then they had a brainwave!

Chapter 8

The knight -now that the dragon was defeated- strolled confidently down the path to the cave. Everything was the same except the noise level: birds tweeted, mice squeaked, leaves scrunched. Once he reached the cave, he knew what he had to get. He lifted and hoisted the gnarled dragon's claw into his hands using all his might. He carried this all the way back to the forest where the bear had told everyone to gather up to listen to the knight.

They waited for multiple minutes and some became dubious. Out of nowhere the knight arrived; he dropped the heavy dragon claw and panted with effort as a drop of perspiration ran across his face. After recovering, the knight had everyone's full attention and showed off his evidence - the dragon claw. With glee, he smiled as everyone clapped; he felt like a hero.

Chapter 9

Another animal stated, “This would let you travel to different places. You must only use it to help save people or animals like you did for us today.”

With delight, the knight mounted his horse and trotted away.

Everything was back to normal.

Or was it?

The animals were amazed and the knight walked down with pride twinkling in his eyes as he searched for his horse. The animals felt guilty; they knew they had to give him something for saving them.

The lion (king of the forest), came running down with something magical in his hands. It glowed and shimmered in the light. Holding it carefully, he passed it to the knight, as a gift for helping them.

It was black and delicate. As it swished in his hands, the lion explained, “This portal is very powerful, you must use it wisely.”

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