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Chapter 1 - Jake

Why do I have to be bullied ?

Why do I have to be different?

I am Jake, an eleven year old who is very energetic and brilliant, but there is only one problem: I am bullied for being different.

Most children have hands, arms, butts, teeth and nails, but I have arms with a scaly cape underneath; claws instead of nails; a tail instead of a butt and fangs instead of teeth.

This was the reason why I am bullied, because of having different body parts.

I don't really know why I have different body parts anyway.

Being different made me excluded from most activities such as: sports, art, farming and collecting water.

Why did I have to be excluded?

This also made me wonder, what can I really do?

Chapter 2 - The Fall

One fateful day, as I stood up on the balcony, a sudden misstep sent me plummeting towards the earth below. I closed my eyes thinking I was going to die but when I opened them, I could actually see my arm flapping.

I could fly!

Shocked at what I was seeing, I tried to land carefully, but I smacked my head into my house.

I was knocked out. When I finally came to my senses, I saw magnificent wings, four gigantic feet and claws at the end. I dwelt in a realm betwixt human and dragon, a being enwreathed in dual essence.



Alarmed, my inner voice pierced the silence in my mind, “What path shall I tread? How has this fate befallen me? What will I do if the villagers find out?”

In the blink of an eye, I returned to my usual form. That's when I realised why I had these different body parts. On this auspicious day, I resolved to delve into the mysteries of this new-found revelation about myself, when a

farmer saw me and told the rest of the village
and I was found seeking solace in the shadow of
rejection.

Chapter 3 - Luna

What enchantments shall guide me through this
trial?

How shall I traverse this path? It was hopeless
with no shelter and food. I would not survive,
so that's why I went hunting for animals. After
what felt like hours, I found a sheep in the field.

I pounced on the sheep and ate it whole. Then I flew away. Soon, I found a plump pig that I devoured; now I was full.

Out of nowhere, a little girl from the village came and told me, “I believe you are the most amazing enchanted creature I’ve ever seen.”

“Really?” I replied.

“Of course, don’t worry, I’ll look after you. My name is Luna.”

Then we stared at each other as the little girl snuggled me close.



Chapter 4 - Vital Village Rescue

Two years have passed since I left the village but something bad has happened and no-one knows what to do.

“I am so happy we got dragon boy away from our village. I can finally have some pea-...”

BOOM!

“What was that?” asked one of the villagers, called Michael. Michael ran outside and froze.

An army had descended upon the village, ensnaring its inhabitants. Fearing for his life, he fled in terror.

“We need Jake!” he shouted to anyone who could hear him.

He had searched for days on end and seen nothing. He was about to give up when suddenly he saw Jake the dragon boy staring into his eyes menacingly. Michael explained that they needed Jake to help them save the village.

Luna explained, “Though forsaken, their essence still holds sway over your heart. They have meant something to you.”

Soon Jake realised they were both right.

Maybe they did not allow him in the village for being a dragon. But he was their last hope.

Chapter 5

No Family and Hurt Friend

“Okay,” I replied, “I will help you.”

“Come on,” Luna replied “We haven’t got all day!”

“You stay here,” I ordered, “I don’t want anyone else being captured .”

Then, we flew off to the skies.



While we were at the army base, Luna and I saw horrible things: villagers being whipped, being made to carry heavy things and lots more.

Then when they saw me, they aimed and shot at my family who died. They also shot a poisonous arrow at my friend. Luna slipped from my back, descending helplessly to the floor.

Chapter 6 - Jake Saves the Day

My fury surged like a tempest. They had captured my village; killed my family and hurt

my dear friend. “I will show you who I really am and defeat you once and for all!” I vowed.

My locks transformed to shimmering silver, my wings unfurled in a midnight hue. Black talons adorned my grasp. I was ready!



This is the soul dragon.

“Villagers Run! Save yourselves.” I shouted.
So they ran as fast as they could.

In the stillness of the deserted village, I summoned a pillar of flames to engulf the enemy's stronghold, leaving only myself and my companion unscathed.

When I defeated them, I instantly flew Luna to the village medic, who said that she would be okay in a few days time, but she would need to move around in a wheelchair until she fully recovered.

Chapter 7 - Back Home

I was invited to the village for my award for being a mighty warrior and saving the village. Luna told me about it and I knew it was worth it. We giggled. The mayor gave me a magic mirror for my prize.

Luna and I chanted: “Mirror, mirror on the wall, who are the two finest of them all?”

The mirror replied, “Jake and Luna. Enveloped in adoration, limitless in prowess, touched by the hand of glory.”

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Upon the unveiling of my enigmatic lineage, a blend of mortal and draconic essence, I found myself kicked out from the comforting familiarity of my village. With my loyal companion Luna by my side, we navigated a path of resilience amidst trials. Yet, as shadows encroach upon our once-haven, a lone hero emerges, bearing the key to save all.