

The Blade of the Temple 3



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Chapter 13: Whispers

The pair was up early the next morning and Tom lit the fire again. He woke up earlier than Jasmine because he thought that he heard movement in the bushes, but he could not find anything.

“So what did you want to tell me then?” asked Jasmine.

“I think there is a power within me,” said Tom, “and when I was locked up in a cell, it awakened. I no longer saw through my eyes, but where I wanted to see, and I could change the landscape, stretch it, or squeeze it. It is quite tiring right now, but I think with practice I can make it easier.”

Any normal person would have laughed at Tom, but Jasmine had fallen into the Realm of Monsters two days ago, so she decided to believe him.

“Ok, so what have you done with this power?”

“I escaped from prison. That’s it.”

Jasmine noticed something strange about Tom as he said it but nodded and stood up.

“Come on. We need to find out more about monsters in the 5 days we have before we aid the scavengers in their attack.”

Then there was a pause before Jasmine said, “did you hear that?”

“Hear what?”

“Nothing,” replied Jasmine.

And then she heard the sound again. It sounded like people moaning and whispering at the same time, but she could not quite make out what they were trying to tell her.

“Did you hear that?” said Jasmine and looked around, worried that something would attack.

“I still can’t hear anything.”

Then the noise came again, and Jasmine could understand what they were saying:

You are the blade...

But the Blade is too strong to be wielded by just hands...

You must find the gloves of glow...

They will allow you to use the powers of the Blade...

to its fullest potential...

the gloves are hidden...

at north point...

the two realm’s fates...

are in your hands...

“Jasmine? Jasmine!”

“Wha..?”

“You froze on the spot there.”

“Did I? Anyway, I think I know where to go next...”

Chapter 14: The Gloves of Glow

"Where are we going?" asked Tom as Jasmine started to walk off.

"You won't believe me, but we are off to get some gloves."

"Gloves? Why?"

"That sound, it told me I had to find 'The Gloves of Glow' which would allow me to use the power of the Blade to its fullest potential."

"Well you believed in my power, so I will believe in your gloves. Anyway, how do you know which way to go?"

"Don't know. After the voices spoke to me, I felt where the gloves were."

"Weird. Even more weird than my power."

They kept walking through the jungle for a few hours before Jasmine spoke up.

"Stop. The gloves are meant to be here..." and she began to look around."

"Err... what are you doing?"

"Got it!" Jasmine pulled the lever that she just found, and the ground in front of the pair opened up a hole, around 5 metres from top to bottom.

"I will jump first." said Tom.

“No. Every time you go first you get captured.”

“It’s not like you don’t get captured too though is it?”

“We will jump together.” so the pair jumped together into the hole. They kept falling for at least 10 seconds, getting increasingly worried that at the bottom it would be the end of them. Fortunately, they landed in some slimy substance. Unfortunately, the slimy substance was alive.

“I AM THE GUARDIAN OF THE GLOVES, FROM THE SLEQUE TRIBE OF THE NORTH. HOW DARE YOU ATTEMPT TO TAKE THE...” it was interrupted by Jasmine kicking it in the face.

“Run!” said Jasmine and they managed to escape to a path which was solid.

“So there are many types of monsters. The Aquians, the Sleques, and who knows what else.” said Tom.

“Ouch!”

“What?”

“That Sleque, it infected me with something.”

There was a black spot on Tom’s arm.

“That’s Aquanotia! We have got to find those gloves quick and get out of here!”

Just as Jasmine said it, the path opened out into a room. In the middle were four stone pillars, and in the middle of those was a glass pillar with the gloves resting on a posh cushion. The pair walked up to get it, but Tom hit

an invisible wall that run between the four pillars. Jasmine, however, could walk through the invisible walls.

“Why can’t I come in?” asked Tom.

“I think only I can come in because I am the Blade.” replied Jasmine, and she opened a little hatch on the glass pillar and put on the gloves of glow.

“Do you feel more powerful?” asked Tom.

“No not really. Hopefully, that will change soon though.”

The two went back the way they came, and Tom exclaimed, “the spot has vanished!”

“I think it is the power of the gloves.”

“HOW DARE YOU STEAL THE...” another kick came its way and knocked it out.

“Slight problem. How do we get up? The walls of the hole are straight, you can’t climb back up.” said Jasmine.

“I have an idea!” said Tom, and using his power, he shifted the sides of the wall to make it easy to climb up. Jasmine climbed it and Tom followed. When they got to the top, Tom said, “my power is a lot easier now I have done it many times.”

“Twice,” said Jasmine.

“Uh... yeah. Twice.”

So Jasmine and Tom walked back to the spot which they slept last night because they knew that area better than the northern area and lay down to rest.

Chapter 15: To Centre Point

Three days passed sitting at the campfire. There was nothing to do because they had not brought anything. They managed to get some food from Samuel and the rest of the Blue Team. When they did, Samuel also told them more information.

“Our scouts have seen the target,” said Samuel, “and it is a massive heart. Apparently if we destroy the heart, then we destroy all the monsters.”

He did not have long to talk, because Sinn came over to him. Tom and Jasmine only had half a second to hide.

The next day, Tom and Jasmine awoke knowing that this was the day of the attack. Tom said that they had to walk west, and Jasmine knew which way was west because at training there was a compass written on the floor of the cave.

They arrived before the scavengers did, but a few minutes later they could see the scavengers. Centre point was a big circle, a drop to the centre of the earth, and in the middle of the circle was a floating sphere. There was a bridge that led to the sphere, and another bridge that circled around it. On these bridges were uncountable amounts of monsters. Guarding the first bridge was the Aquians. Sleques guarded the rest of that bridge and another monster, like a big insect, guarded the bridge that went around the sphere. Jasmine wondered if the heart that Samuel mentioned

was hidden in there. The pair decided to let the scavengers make the first move. They did not know whether or not the scavengers had seen them, and they hoped if they did, they would not see them as an enemy.

“Squad 3, cause a distraction on my signal.”

“Yes sir!” said the members of Squad 3.

“Squad 2, see if anyone else is here.”

“Yes sir!” said the members of Squad 2. Jasmine could just about make out Samuel leading Squad 2.

“Squad 1, wait here with me. You will ambush them on my signal”

“Yes sir!” said Squad 1. Again, Jasmine recognised one of those faces... *Jacob. Brilliant. He must be so happy to be in the top squad* thought Jasmine.

The Squads did as they were told, and Jasmine said to Tom, “Do you think they will see us as a threat?”

“Well when I tried to sneak up on them last time, they locked me up in a cell, and some of them will probably recognise me. What do you think, you trained with them for a day?”

“Well they would probably be angry at me for leaving them.”

“So what do we do then if they don’t like us?” asked Tom.

“The only people who trust us there are the Blue Team, so we will try and grab their attention without anyone else seeing us.”

“We will find the highest ground to get a better view,” said Samuel. So Squad 2 went up to the opposite side from where Jasmine and Tom were. They scanned the area, and, sure enough, they spotted the pair.

“I can see two people. They look human but I can’t tell.”

“I know who they are. They are here to help us,” said Samuel.

“Who are they?”

“They are Jasmine and Tom, remember?”

“What are they doing? I thought that they were trying to escape the Monster Realm!”

“No, they are helping us. But only we know and everyone else will think that they are enemies, because Jasmine ran away, and Tom escaped from prison.”

Meanwhile, the other squads prepared to attack.

“Squad 3 make a distraction NOW!” and squad 3 charged down the bridge. Although the monsters were surprised, there were twice the amount of them.

“Squad 1, get a rope onto the middle!” and the first squad attempted to throw ropes and catch them onto small spikes on the bridge. None of them could manage, the bridge was too far away.

“Look! They have started the attack! We haven’t told them about Tom and Jasmine!”

“Don’t tell them!” said Tom trying to block the signal.

“It is the signal!” said Sinn, “everyone, prepare to be ambushed!”

The already scared fighters retreated, and the monsters ran after them. From their hiding spot, Jasmine and Tom knew that they had to do something.

“I will go help Squad 3, you make the gap between the bridge smaller so Squad 1 can sneak on,” said Jasmine, and she jumped out into the battle, in front of lots of monsters. There was a second where the fleeing scavengers looked back to see that the battle was not over, and the monsters stared in disbelief at the Blade with the Gloves of Glow. Jasmine fought like she never had before, slashing at any monster who approached

her. The battle continued and the humans fought, taking back the ground that they lost from fleeing.

Tom was focusing on the gap between the bridge and the platform squad 1 was standing on. He felt the moment come when he pulled them closer to each other.

“Yes! Got it!” he heard Jacob say. Tom never thought that he would be helping Jacob the minute he saw him.

Everything was going smoothly after Jasmine and Tom helped out, but Sinn did not like traitors even if they helped him out...

Chapter 16: The Final Battle

“Why are the traitors helping us! I bet you once we win, they will betray us. Attack them!” Sinn commanded.

“What are you doing?” shouted Tom.

“Winning,” said Sinn and he jumped down to fight him.

Jasmine cut through the monsters and ran across the bridge to the sphere. There Jacob and his team were hacking away at the sphere. They had not managed to even get a crack.

“Squad 2, attack Jasmine!” shouted Sinn as he fought Tom.

Jasmine tried to make a dent in the sphere, but it was no good. Then she realized what the gloves were for. She put her weapons back in their sheaths and punched the sphere. She remembered the first day of the training, when Quimm told her to punch a bag. This was just like it. The first punch she made did not even make a mark. The second made a crack and the third broke through. Inside was a massive translucent heart, beating quite loudly, but not enough to be able to hear it from outside. She punched the heart, knowing that she could end all the monsters and make peace. As she punched the heart Jacob pounced on her. She fell to the dusty floor. Jacob slashed at her and she put her hands up to protect her. Shing! Jacob was blown out of the

opening that Jasmine had made and was clinging on to the edge of the bridge.

Whilst Jasmine continued punching the heart, Sinn and Tom fought. Sinn was quick but Tom made his attacks take a lot longer. Finally, Sinn got fed up and charged recklessly. Tom felt a surge of power and a pit opened up at Sinn's feet. He fell down, and Tom sealed the pit up. He looked over to see Jacob clinging on to the bridge. Why should he help him? But he found himself helping Jacob anyway, he knew that the monsters were the real enemy, and so Jacob was surprised to get up so quickly. As Jasmine threw her fist and the beating red sphere one last time the bridge shook and the heart rolled out of its resting position, crashed through the bridge, and fell into the void. From all around them, the monsters shrieked in pain and flopped to the floor. Jasmine turned around and ran over to the hole in the metal. Over the void, Samuel was saying "you have to jump! There is no other way! The bridge has fallen!

"Are you crazy? We aren't jumping 50 metres!"

"I can help you," said Tom from the other side, and he closed his eyes.

"Look, we don't have time, jump!"

Jasmine jumped first, and Tom propelled her though the air, and she landed on her feet next to Samuel.

"Ok, Jacob!"

"I am not trusting that idiot with my life!" he said pointing to Tom.

"Then you trust no one with your life, and so you will die!"

"He isn't going to save me!"

"You know a minute ago when you were dangling of the bridge? Wonder who saved you from that?" said Tom.

"I got up by myself!"

"Centre point is going to crumble! Jump!"

But Jacob fell away with the crumbs that were left of Centre point, and in a second he fell out of sight.

Chapter 17: Back into the Light

The group now headed back to the Surface. Tom concentrated and made the tunnel easier to climb, and he followed the others out of the dark, gloomy depths. When he came out into the light, it overwhelmed his eyes with white. It almost made him fall back into the hole, and he put his arm out to shield his eyes. He blinked a few times, as if there was something in his eyes. He had to squint to see the remains of the Temple he was trained in. He was happy to be home.

It had been a day traveling back to the hole, and people were still shocked about the sudden disappearance of the monsters. Jasmine, Tom, and Samuel still had a lot to sort out.

Out struck a hand. It felt around, before below it the rocky surface of the Monster Realm crumbled beneath it, and Sinn emerged, red-eyed and angry.

“I will have my revenge...”



Jasmine and Tom have fallen into the Monster Realm,
and have managed to escape many dangers and
threats. But the toughest challenges still lie ahead of
them...

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