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Reunited



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Chapter 1

"You Must Resume the Quest"

Zak lay restless in his bed. He could not sleep. "Tomorrow, I will be fourteen. I wonder what the next year will bring?" he mused about his future. He felt weary but his body refused to sleep.



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"What have you done?" Grandpa cried out in horror. "Now there is no hope at all!" Zak was furious with himself. He sank to his knees in despair. Then, a few of the broken pieces began to glow. They fused into a new talisman.



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Trouble in the woods



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"I have done some planning," said Zak as he took out the map. "Volcano Island is here, in the southern part of the kingdom. This is the quickest way to get there."



"The trouble is that we will have to cross the swamps, here in the middle. It's going to be tough. Wherever we go, we will need courage."

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Mim felt something touch her leg. "The roots are moving!" She watched in horror as they twisted around her ankle. "Zaki Quick, hand me the dagger!" A couple of seconds later, the roots had twisted their way around her hand.



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Certain Death



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And so did Samson. "Samson! Woke up!" Mim jabbed the sleepy mule. "You weren't supposed to fall asleep. Now is our chance to escape!" Mim yanked Samson to his feet.



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Chapter 2

A Rustle in the Forest

Zak felt his muscles tense up. He glanced about him. "I think we are being watched." "Nonsense!" Mim said as she danced up to Samson and placed a daisy chain around his neck.



muscles nonsense

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The Fossil



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Suddenly, Zak heard a crack. The rock began to break up. The fossil came to life before his very eyes! A giant, evil-looking bug emerged from the rock.



fossil emerged

The pteranodon swooped up and landed right beside Mim. "Get on my back!" it called. Together, they flew down to help a baffled-looking Samson out of the quarry.



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Legends of the Gorge



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Chapter 5

The Ogre

Just as Samson began to inch across, a giant hand grabbed the rope bridge. It shook the bridge from side to side. Zak and Mim surged forward. Zak watched in horror as broken slats plunged into the gorge below.



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Chapter 2

"Courage, My Fellow Travellers!"

"Courage, my fellow travellers!" Zak called out with a grand gesture. "I will lead you . . ." and, with that, he took a step back and disappeared over the edge. Zak grabbed onto the ledge and hung there, rigid with fear.



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The Sphinx



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The green eyes flashed. The canyon walls began to shake. The walls began to narrow, moving closer to one another. "Run, Samson, run!" Zak yelled. The walls were moving closer and closer. They could hear the Sphinx laughing behind them.



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Zak and Mim thought long and hard.
"I think I know what it is!" Mim said.
The Sphinx smiled, ready to collect its
trophy. "It's an echo!" Mim called out.
The Sphinx's eyes turned emerald green.



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Sticky Adventure



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Chapter 4

Slimel

Zak tried to lift his feet but he was stuck. He grabbed onto the cave walls to try to free himself but his hands got stuck to the slimy walls. Then he saw a massive slug-like creature.



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Chapter 5 A Sticky End

As Mim entered the cave, she lit a candle.
"Zak!" she cried. "Mim! Hurry! Don't
step on the slime!" Zak yelled. Mim
jumped from rock to rock, careful not to
step into the slime pools.



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Dangerous Direction



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The Duel

Mim and Zak reached the river. Zak spotted a tree that had fallen across it. For Zak, that was an open invitation to run across the log.



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Zak looked with revulsion at the Kelpie. Its long claws grabbed Samson and pulled him under. "Zak! Save Samson!" Mim cried. Zak held up the talisman and quickly turned into a river dolphin. In a fraction of a second, he dived into the water.



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Zak Tries Martial Arts



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The talisman began to glow. Suddenly, Zak changed into a massive slippery anaconda. He slithered through the fingers of the monster guard and wrapped himself around his giant ribcage.



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Chapter 1

A Strange Light

Zak and Mim followed the river until they reached the sea. Across the channel, they saw Volcano Island. In the distance, a purple light glowed. It looked strange and artificial.



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The Dark Master's Vision



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Mim grabbed the stones scattered around her. Frantically, she began to hurl them at the Leviathan. Bang! She hit the Leviathan on its back. It spun round to face her. It was a vision of horror.



scattered frantically vision

Chapter 4

Leviathan Attacks!

With a mighty roar, it sent a blast of fire from its angry mouth. It was like an explosion! Mim and Zak were lifted up into the air, in slow motion. Then they came crashing down.



Zak lay limp on the rocks. His vision was blurry. He held the talisman close. He pleaded with it. The talisman glowed in his hand. At last it had made its decision!

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