

A Birthday gone wrong

Everyone was singing happy birthday, as myself and Jane took a deep breath and got ready to blow out the candles.

I suppose a introduction is in order. I am Jade North and standing beside me is my twin sister, Jane. It is currently our

tenth birthday and I am having the best time of my life! We blow out our candles, which is followed by a round of applause

from everyone. I smile at all my friends and family who have come here to celebrate our big day.

Once every one has finished their cake, we move onto our activities, or what I like to call quests because our party is

fantasy themed and because I love magic. First we were going to play a game of tag with a few changes, but then out of the blue, a terrible rainstorm appeared. Everyone was forced to go in side. I was walking through the rain, though you could barley see anything, when I rememberd Jane. She hated rainstorms. So I trudged through the rain shouting "Jane!" to no response. I tried one last time, and then I heard her cry "help!". I sprinted in the direction that I heard voice had come from. I was almost there when all of a sudden a brilliant flash of light blinded me, just for a second. It went away as quickly as it came, and with it went the storm. "No," I said, as I

realized what was lay at my feet. The other half of our twin necklace that Jane wore was lying in the dirt. The one, neither of us took off. The flash had taken my sister away. I had no idea were she was or were she was going.

But one thing was for sure, I was going to find her and bring her back home. “I’m coming Jane, I’m coming!” I said to myself before adding, “wherever you are.”



The Truth Comes Out

The party's over, and everyone's gone home. I sit on the sofa with a warm blanket around my legs and a mug of hot chocolate in my hands. I blame everything on myself. If I had just gotten to Jane sooner, she wouldn't have been kidnapped. Or even if I stayed with her the whole time, I could have helped her. But none of those things happened and Jane is gone. I hear my mom and dad whispering in the kitchen and their conversation goes something like "I think we should tell her, I mean they did say on her tenth birthday," my mom said before my dad hurriedly whispers back, "Tasha, she's still too young and after Jane..." he doesn't get to finish his sentence before his voice breaks. "I know, I miss her too" my mom soothingly replies. "But she deserves to know the truth," my mom adds. I hear them making their way towards me. "Jade sweetie," my mom says as they take a seat opposite me on the other sofa. "We have something to tell you." She takes a deep breath and continues, "We might not have been that truthful with you over the past years." "What do you mean?" I ask. "What I mean is that we aren't really your actual parents and Jane isn't really your actual sister. You were left on our doorstep with a note explaining everything. At first we didn't believe anything it said but over the years it's become quite clear that what it said was in fact true." I look at them and say "Seriously, this isn't the time for jokes. Jane is gone, she was kidnapped and you guys are joking around." Tears start pouring down my face and at that my mom can't

say anything any more, so my dad takes over. “Honey, we’re telling the truth, though I wish we weren’t. I have the note here, you can read it if you want.” He gently and carefully pulls an old note out of his pocket and hands it to me. I force myself to stop crying, not wanting to ruin the note. It says:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. North It is with great sadness but for the greater good that I give my baby,

Jade, to you. I have chosen you to look after, love and care for my darling Jade because you are not

only of the purest hearts, and of the kindest souls but, I have seen that you also have a newborn

that seems to be the same age as my Jade, quite peculiarly. Please take care of her as if she were

your own. Let her know who she truly is when she turns the age of ten and let her know that

I love her. There are people out there who are after her and the special capabilities she holds.

Thank You, yours sincerely Queen Tara

I can’t believe it, even though its right in front of me. I look at my parents, who look quite nervous. “I know its hard to believe, but it’s true.” my mom said. “But, there’s more,”my dad added, “We might have a hunch to what happened to Jane.” he said cautiously. “What this Queen Tara said got me thinking. She said that people would be after you, Jade, right.” “Right ” I replied, not entirely

sure where this was going. “So, what if these kidnappers have made a huge mistake. What if they took Jane thinking she was you, Jade.” I realized that he was right. Whoever these guys that took Jane are, they were after me. “This is all my fault,” I groan. “Jane was taken because of me.” “Hey don’t blame yourself, we will find her.” my mom said. “No” I said as I realized what I had to do. “I am going to find her. It’s my fault she’s gone, so I’m going to bring her back.”

The Adventure starts

Wow, all of this is a lot to take in.

Well firstly, I am a princess from another planet.

Secondly, my whole life has technically been one big, fat lie.

And thirdly, my “sister” has been taken by who knows what to another planet.

So, here I am sitting on a sofa trying to process everything that’s going, when the doorbell rings. Who could this be now. My mom comes out of the kitchen to answer the door, and strangely enough, when she sees who’s there she goes outside to talk to them.

Can this day get any weirder, I think to myself as I try to listen in on their conversation. The voices are very familiar, but I can’t point out where they’re from. “Have you told her yet?” one voice eagerly questions and my mom replies “yes I have”. “Yay, now we can talk about it and don’t have to keep it from her any more!” says a second voice enthusiastically. “Guys, it’s a lot to take in, let’s not push her. Remember the first time our parents told us?” the third voice sounded the most familiar.

“Thank you,” my mom replied and just as the door handle turned to let our guests in, I realized who they were. Inside came my three best friends from school, excited looks on their faces. Taylor, Kate and Max. I thought it was strange that on the first day of school, the three of them had immediately asked to be my friends, even though no one knew anybody then. To be honest, I

didn't really mind, I was just glad to have friends. But now, I wish I saw the look I was

giving them. At first I was surprised that they were here and that they knew about everything I had just learnt today. Then my surprise turned to anger. "How could you guys keep something this big from me, like its no big deal that I could be a princess from another planet and that the people I thought were my parents, are not," I fumed. "Some friends," I added.

"Okay, We deserve that. But it's was on Queen Tara's orders," Taylor replied. Then Kate stepped forward and begged me like this "please, please, please, please forgive us, pleeeeeease." "Alright, okay, fine," I reply "but you guys owe me some big time explaining."

"So, why are you really here and what do you want?" I demand but then my mom cuts in and says "Jade, they're still your friends." "Fine, how may I help you?" I sigh. "Jade we did want to tell, we really did, it's just, you know, we were not allowed to."

"Okay fine, lets just get down to business. My sister, has been kidnapped. We think whoever took her knows who I am and made a mistake by taking her instead of me. Do any of you know who these people are and where they are?" I ask them.

At that everyone looks at their feet except for Max who takes a deep breath and answers my question. "They are not people, they're monsters and we call them Torrums. They were created from the tears of the devil and their

only weakness is fire. As for where they're going, that's to our home planet, to your home planet.“

A way home ✕

We need to know what we're up against.

Luckily Max had asked his dad if he could borrow his book on magic and mythical creatures. Max withdrew it from his pocket and started to page through it. The book was old but majestic. Eventually Max found the page that he was looking for. It truly is a gruesome sight. Enough to give someone nightmares, but it gives us the information we needed. They are called Torrums and can control and create storms and they hate fire. They seldom work for anyone but themselves and they like trading and bargaining. Now the only thing left to do is find a way home. Did I mention it's also going to be the hardest thing to do? Well it is since my mom sent us all here (including my friends parents) and now we have no way to go back. Come on, I think to myself. My mom must of wanted me to come home, I mean she can't have just told my parents to tell me and then not expect me to go back home, right. No, she must of left me a way, I just need to find it. So I bring out the note to search for clues. Yes! In the corner of the note, are page numbers for a book. "Max" I say without looking up. "Could I borrow your book for just a sec." I ask him. "Um, sure" he says a bit puzzled as he hands me the book. I look at the note again. Page 29. I skim through the pages until I come to the page 29. I hand it to Max and ask, "what is this?". He replies "It's a teleportation spell," he says and then as he sees my face light up, he adds, "but you have to say a

special word that takes you to where you want to go. “I search all the other corners of the page until I see a word opposite the page numbers.

Sora lamorous. “Here,” I show my friends the word and the spell. “I found a way home”.

In a cleared space in my room we make a square, standing arms length apart. Max said that I should probably say the spell, so here goes nothing. “Wind, storm weather, torn from thee once went shall thee once go, Sora Lamorous.” A jade green light filled the room and swirled around us, forcing everyone to hold hands. I closed my eyes and when I opened them, we were standing on the shore of the most glorious beach in the world.

A Torrum





[Beautiful Beach](#)

A Warm Welcome

Finally, after a long hike, we get to the castle that we saw from the beach. It truly was majestic. We got past the guards with no problem, because they somehow they realized who I was. We even got accompanied by one of the Guards to the Queens Chambers. We knocked on the door and a beautiful voice answered “come in” so we opened the giant doors. Everything inside seemed magical. It was as if the air itself was radiating magic. There were magical creatures everywhere and it seemed as if the creatures felt just as at home as the people who lived here. Though, by far the most magical thing in the room was the woman sitting in the throne. “Mom,” I said under my breath. When she saw me her eyes widened and her eyes filled with tears of joy. She stood up and then suddenly vanished into thin air, only to appear right in front of me in the next moment. She spread out her arms and I fell into her warm soft embrace. “Mom,” I said. “Jade,” she replied back. I stepped back so that I could look her in the eyes. “I need your help,” I said. “My twin sister from earth, she’s been taken by the Torrums, and it’s all my fault. They meant to take me but made a mistake and now I don’t know where she is. Please help me.” “Shh, Jade it’s not your fault, we will find her. I am afraid that only you and your friends can go save her, but I can tell you where she is and give you the supplies you will need.” She then continued “Though if you would like to you could stay and rest for a bit before you go on this quest”. “No, it’s okay. Jane needs

me, please may we leave as soon as we can,” I say. “As you wish,” she says as she sends the guards away to get our things ready and with them we go. “Goodbye mom” I say as we leave and she answers with “Goodbye Jade, but not forever.” With that I close the door and get ready for our quest to save my twin.

Queen Tara’s Castle



Jane's Rescue

We are all geared up and were about to leave when my mom came out and handed me a small velvet box, then she said “just a little gift, and know that I love you, Princess Jade.” And with that we rode off into the direction of the mountains on our horses, and I whisper under my breath “I love you too mom.” I tuck the little box into my cloak that I had been given. As we ride it gets darker and darker so we bring our torches out. Luckily while the guards were getting our things ready, I had been practicing fire spells from Max's Book. So I had a few tricks up my sleeve. Even better I found out that Taylor and Kate were excellent with a bow and arrow, they could even shoot it when the arrow was on fire! Eventually we arrived at the mountains and took a path to a big, wide, dark cave just like my mom said we would if we followed her instructions correctly. There was a horrible rainstorm tonight, so I guess the Torrums also have a few tricks up their sleeves. We found a sheltered area that was covered by a long, flat rock and dismounted our horses, then left them there. We lit our torches and advanced into the cave, letting the darkness swallow us whole. After wondering the cave for quite some time, we found the center of the cave. It was terrible and I was nearly paralyzed with fear at the sight. On a rock shaped like a throne sat what I assumed was the king of Torrums and all over the walls were hundreds of Torrums staring unblinkingly at us. None of them dared to come close to the fire, luckily because they were scary enough at a distance. “What do you want” came a terribly croaky voice which I assumed was the king. “I

have come for my sister, release her now,” I demanded. “Oh, you mean her?” the king said and pointed his crooked finger to a corner where, when I moved my light towards it I could see Jane, deathly pale with a scratch on her cheek.

“Jane!” I cried and rushed towards her but the Torrums blocked my path. “Uh, uh, uh,” said the king, “she’s staying here.” I ran at the Torrums, while my friends lit their arrows, ready to lash at them with my spells, when the Torrums made the worst thunder storm ever appear inside the cave, quenching all of the flames. The Torrum King laughed terribly, then screamed “Attack!” and all the Torrums came at us, attacking us. We were forced into a corner and they were about to end us when, I screamed “Wait!” The King cried, “halt, let us see what she has to say.” I searched in my cloak for anything, anything that could help us, and I pulled out the little box my mom had given me. Remembering what Max’s Book had said, I shouted “I offer you a trade Jades life and all of ours, including our freedom, for this...this....” I open the box and shout “jade and diamond necklace!” For in the box was the most beautiful necklace with a jade diamond that held so much magic and power, it even crackled like the storm. The King and all the other Torrums were attracted to it, and he shouted “Deal, deal, deal! It’s so beautiful, so shiny, must be mine! Give them the girl and let them pass through, I must have it.” His orders were obeyed and they dragged Jane to us, so I tossed the necklace to the king. Jane was unconscious, so we dragged her out of the cave, and as promised, the

Torrums left us alone. We rode through the night, back to the castle and I was just happy to have Jane back.

Jades Necklace



The Ending

I woke up early the next day to say goodbye to Jane, because I decided that this is where I belong, here with my friends and my mom. We had had a long night last night explaining everything to Jane. Now I know who I really am, I am princess Jade.

Earth isn't where I belong anymore. I ran outside and gave Jane a big hug. "Goodbye, but not forever Jane," I said and she replied "Goodbye but not forever Jade".

THE
END

Glossary

Torrum-

A nasty creature created from the tears of the devil
Weakness-fire
Strength- storms

Sources

My Imagination

How the Torrum looks is from the Lord Of The Rings,
Gollum