

Destiny and Magic

Chapter 4: An Uncertain Choice

Choices can close and open new paths, and it's up to you to decide where you want to go.

Siromi was a failed blacksmith with no special talents as far as he knew. However, his father still insisted him to be a blacksmith. Siromi had always wanted to be something else, but he was too cautious and timid to say anything. So, there he was, trying to make a sword.

A few hours later, he had made an average sword, and this time, it wasn't bent or anything like his last three. He stared at the sword, and saw his face reflected, his pointy ears, the coal black hair that was always messy, and his amber eyes, timid and uncertain. He had always wanted to try and get into swordplay. However, his father had done it with him when he was seven, and his father being very angry, had cut Siromi across his back, making a permanent scar when it healed. From then on, Siromi had never tried to do things outside what his father told him to do, unless his sister Triloni begged him to. Triloni was the curious kind of elf, always looking for an adventure. Siromi had had that part of elf in him once, before his father had gave him his scar. Still, little did Siromi know it, but he did have that part in him, that little bit - the part that made him give into his sister demands. Siromi sighed and put the sword on display. Suddenly, there was a great shout coming from his sister. He ran outside, quick as lightning, taking the newly made sword with him.

A great huge earth dragon had come, and his sister was hurt and lying under a tree. Giving a great yell, he charged the dragon, and jumped onto its tail. He jumped off that, and using wind magic, propelled himself forward.

As he passed the dragon's head, he stabbed it in the eye. The dragon gave an angry roar, and suddenly there was a large earth dome surrounding him and the dragon, with Triloni outside it.

"Perumiana, water serpent, come forth and help defeat this great evil standing before me!" A water serpent suddenly came out of the ground and started attacking the earth dragon. "You don't get away with attacking my family ever! You hear me! Take this! Tide-turner!"

As Siromi said that, a body of water appeared, and great waves were generated. The water serpent was no way faster, and the earth dragon fought in vain. The serpent tried to get a hold of the dragon, but it flew away, roaring angrily at its loss.

"Return to your home, Perumiana, and I give my thanks to you." Siromi said. The water serpent made a cry, and it sounded very beautiful. Siromi understood it, it was saying *you're welcome*. Water serpents (as long as they are the good kind) have beautiful voices, and when they "talk" you can't help being awestruck.

The villagers crowded around and stared at Siromi. "Did I do something wrong?" he asked. The villagers suddenly started cheering, and the village leader came up to him.

"You need to go to the Gemaphet, she'll tell you your destiny," the leader said.

"Who is the Gemaphet? Where does she live?"

"An Ancient of the Diamond race of Gemalink, and she lives in the Gemalink caves that are underground. You must travel from here in Myandro, to Ferloni, where the entrance is." The chief whispered the last part to Siromi. "The phrase to reveal the hidden entrance is 'Shining Gems'"

"What about my sister?" Siromi inquired.

"She should go with, I have a feeling you twins have a special destiny."

"But, all that was a fluke, it was dumb luck, none of that was strategy."

"You should go, we're all rooting for you in the village."

Siromi sighed, uncertain. "I guess I may as well."

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