

Chapter Two: Broken hopes

Even if it seems so, your hopes are not broken until you break them.

It was a beautiful day on the surface, but gemalinks never see the light of day. Even if they were on the surface, they have worse concerns - their dreams, hopes, what they talk to when there is nobody around, was destroyed. Their garden was broken into and destroyed.

Rubio was going out to grow his gem garden, and he found it broken. He was sad, of course, he started growing it since he came into his gemalink powers, but he did not cry, he was not a child or baby, but an adult. He just started to grow a new garden.

Gemalinks were made by mother nature. She took the form of a tree, but humans started chopping her down, and an elf, that always wanted to grow gems, saved her. The elf got her wish granted, and she became the first gemalink. Gemalinks have lived underground due to the fact that they were enslaved, they had lived in caves under Ferloni ever since.

Goldina had worse problems, she was out of energy and the food storage unit was destroyed, so she did not even know that the gems were broken. She realized she saved some silver from when her friend visited, and she said, "It's not gold, but it's something. I will eat it," But after she ate and went to her garden, she screamed - her garden was not broken, but nonexistent.

She went to the news and interrupted her favorite program and told everyone what happened, and other gemalinks went and said it happened to them as well. Someone brought up the fact that the cursed one did this a long time ago, but he said the forbidden name, Oothspach. He was brought to jail for 1 year, for nobody wants to remember the terror the one with the name caused.

Oothspach killed thousands of gemalinks, broke gems that took over 100 years to build, and more. Only one diamond gemalink survived his wrath, luckily for them it was the ancient. Poor Diamando, he had predicted this and was killed soon after...he had been Silveria's best friend.

Silveria reacted to the news worse than Goldina, and no she did not kill someone. She did not grow a new garden, or tell anyone that her garden was destroyed. She just did not believe it, so all she did was try to grow her old, destroyed garden. She then found there was no food and was left without magical energy.

The reason why there was no food is because someone destroyed the food storage, and the elves had run out of gems to trade with the gemalinks for earthen energy capsules. The deformed, "drill," gemalinks started mining for gems, but soon they ran out of energy. Some gemalinks tried to mine for gems, but their beak like mouths were not very good at it. Diamonds with energy left used their seven teeth to mine for gems, but where gemalinks lived, gems were never close.

Silveria went to Rubio's house to ask him if his gems are intact to make sure that this was really happening, *After all, Silveria thought, Rubio is handsome and brave. Why would he lie to me? What if he doesn't like me? What if he lies to me so that I would leave him alone?* (Rubio has tried many things to get her to leave him alone) *Oh no, i'm just a girl, he wouldn't lie to me, would he?* As one would expect, Rubio told her that his gems were broken and he started a new field, but she asked to see, and Rubio got annoyed and shut the door on her with his beak.

Silveria thought that Rubio was lying just so she would get laughed at, so she went to her friend Goldina's house, but she was not home. Silveria thought that either this was a horrible joke that people would laugh at her for, or that she was dreaming her worst nightmare. She hoped it was a nightmare, so she opened and closed her eyes two times fast, then pinched herself. This was no nightmare.

Goldina went home, and cried and cried, without realizing what she was doing. You see, if a gemalink is truly sad, hurt, confused, and crying, the tears will grow into a crystal at five times the rate that it normally would, without using earthen, growth, or any other type of magic, or magic energy. Gemalinks rarely cry because they begin life without a heart, since they are born from fallen crystals, and if a gemalink cries, that means that it has truly been hurt. Soon, Goldina looked up and saw a gold and tearcyst crystal just as big as the one she had yesterday, before the destruction of it.

Rubio was lucky enough to have a natural gem garden, that does not have any magic employed on the gems. Rubio was kind and on the doorstep of everyone in the gemalink city he placed a box with gems matching the gemalink type of the owner. All that Rubio had left was 20 nuggets of ruby, and that sounds like a lot. If magic energy was measured in drops, (and it's not, it's measured koosa, which you cannot measure anything else with) 10 nuggets would make one drop.

Everyone got a urgent message from the ancients, and all ancients have wide range telepathy. The ancients said, *The accursed one has awoken, the law of not saying his name is removed. Hide your gems, if you still have them, for Oothspach has destroyed many when he woke out of anger. As many of you know Oothspach hates us gemalinks, so be prepared!*

Silveria realized her gem was really gone, but more importantly that she was in danger, they all were. Goldina stopped crying and realized how serious this situation was. Rubio actually got scared, though he would never admit it. Gemalinks knew that even if all of them fought they could not defeat the accursed one, Oothspach.

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