

The Elementals

Even before I woke up on an isolated plateau in a different world I was having a rotten day. First of all the alarm clock which sent me jolting up in bed with a headache. Slowly I made my way down the stairs to the kitchen. As usual I could hear my parents arguing so as quietly as I could I got out the shreddies and made my breakfast. Then I got I got ready for the day feeling about as happy as you can be on an early Monday morning. As I was leaving the house my parents asked me where I was going so I said.

"I'm going to school," and slammed the door behind me.

In truth I was going to the park to see my friend Hannah. When I got there I could see her at the top of the tree so I climbed up too. As soon as I reached the top it started to pour with rain. I had just enough time to think

"The whole world is against me."

Then everything went dark. This is the story of how my day got so much worse.

Sand, piles and piles of the stuff, clogging up my mouth, ears and nose made me splutter and cough like I had the flu. After I cleared it I looked around. I saw Hannah and also a girl and a boy who looked around the same age as me. We were all on a cliff overlooking a crystal blue sea that seemed to stretch out forever. Finally, the girl said.

"No not this place again! Oh hi everyone I'm Natalie, and this is my brother Noah."

"Where the HECK are we!" shrieked Hannah

"I don't want to freak you out," said Natalie "But this is a magical world and we have to work out how to escape if we ever want to get back to our lives."

Before anyone could say anything else, our attention turned to a figure in a nearby tree.

The figure slid down from the tree and waddled over to us.

"I am Aylar short for short for Allayis and I have a quest for you, but I can't be bothered to tell you it so..."

He flicked his hand at me and as if by magic I knew exactly what we needed to do. To be honest this preview gave me a miniature migraine. Straight away I said.

"We need resources to survive. We don't want to be weak when we fight three elemental guardians."

The others also seemed to know what was happening.

“Ben’s right we should gather resources like right now.” said Noah

I got the job of hunting and making the fire which I was enjoying, but Hannah seemed to be freaking out while trying to get a flint attached to a stick that we called a spear shaft. We journeyed across mountains, deserts, beaches and grasslands. We mostly kept away from the magical beasts but one time a giant wolf sprung on us from above. Hannah and Noah tried to charge it but were swatted away like flies, crashing into a cliff face. I started shouting but I didn’t really know what to do. Suddenly a shadow enveloped me and a force surged through my hands sending the wolf scampering off. When I turned around everyone was gawping at me in amazement. That was when I learned I could control shadows.

The next thing we knew three enormous, powerful beings were in front of us. I knew from what Aylar had shown me that these were the guardians who harnessed the power of the elements to prevent people from leaving the magical world.

“They’re here!” shouted Hannah

“State the obvious!” muttered Noah “This is going to be tough, last time they came individually.”

Natalie charged in like a barbarian shouting her imaginative war cry: AAGHH! The elemental shot a beam of high-pressure air into her chest sending her flying away. I managed to cushion her fall with shadows but she was pretty dazed. We tried everything we could think of to defeat them but nothing was working. Then, suddenly something clicked in my mind.

“We need to keep them from their elements like we need the air in the ground, the water into a cave or something where it is shielded from wat-

I was cut short when the water elemental shot Noah with a beam of water so powerful that he landed somewhere in the forest. It was also holding Hannah in a bubble above it. I got so angry and scared at the same time I summoned a massive fist of shadows and shot it at the elemental, it sent it flying into a cave with no water and pinned it against the wall. It struggled and wriggled but eventually gave up. Hannah dropped to the ground and ran up next to me

“What should I do?” asked Hannah

“You can distract them while I trap them.”

Hannah ran up to the wind elemental and threw a rock. The elemental caught it but while it was distracted I summoned a huge shadow and dropped it driving the elemental into the ground and trapping it. The last one, Fire, came out into the rain but miraculously survived. Then Noah decided to show up and start throwing acorns with water in them. I didn’t know how he got them but it worked anyway. The elemental got hit and fell to the floor. This was when we struck, Natalie had recovered and threw a rock, Noah threw some more acorns, Hannah charged in with a huge stick. I busted out some shadow moves and it was blown back and then thrown into a cliff face. After that the elementals dimmed and morphed into 3 pieces

of a key. When we put them together there was a blinding white light and we were back in our world.

“That was terrifying,” we all said.

But we were proud of what we’d been able to do. We also agreed that it would be fun to meet up soon.

“Ok see you then.”

I rushed home to see my parents. When I came in I rugby tackled them into a hug.

“I missed you so much,” I said

“But you were only for an hour,” they replied

“WHAT!”