

The Enchanted Forest

The sun is setting as I try to make my way through this field that had gigantic flowers that glowed, but there was something strange about them, something that was off. It wasn't until I had touched one it started to puff out air that was purple, another one began doing the same and the moon was no longer to be seen. I started to become dizzy and unbalanced, I started to run through all the enormous flowers until I fell and dozed off into a slumber not knowing how long I might be out for.

(A few hours later)

A strange creature who stood upon me, asked "Who are you? Why have you come to our land?"

"I have come to discover the extraordinary plants that grow around here and learn more about them. I plan to have an understanding of how these came about." I replied, sitting up with confusion as to who these creatures were.

These creatures had blue furry legs and looking up they looked like hybrids of other animals together, they had eagle looking wings and teeth as sharp as knives. They were enormous, they were as big as the trees that surrounded them.

"If you don't mind me asking, what exactly are you?" I asked, looking up and down with confusion.

"We are the fusions of the forest, we protect what is left of our forest." they replied, fluttering their wings looking upon me.

"What do you mean, "protect what is left?" I replied, still sitting on the ground with my notebook recording what they say.

"Well child, your kind has come to take over our forest for they have come to look for the heart, the thing that connects all of us creatures to the forest. We cannot let this happen for this is our home, we do all that we must to protect it?" they replied, frowning with exhaustion in their eyes.

I sat in silence, not knowing that this was happening while I was exploring the forest.

"But what exactly were you doing out in the field of slumber?" The fusion's question.

"Is that what it was? I was wondering why it started to spray that strange gas." I replied,

"Well yes, it's the fields of slumber, and it's best you keep away from there. There are other places in the forest that are dangerous only towards humans or that are only toxic to humans." The fusion's replied.

"I want to help you all with these other humans that have come to destroy your forest, is there any way I could help?" I ask

"Well, you need to find the three guardians of the forest, they are the only ones that can help you make these other humans stop destroying our forest." the fusion's responded, now sitting and answering my questions.

"Do you know where exactly I could find them?" I questioned, noting down everything they say.

"We cannot say where they are, since it has been years since they all had last reunited, they dislike each other for completely different reasons, though no creature knows what truly happened. What we can say is that there are a few creatures who wander around this forest that have the clues to point you in the right direction to each individual." One of the fusion's said,

"I best be on my way now, if the others catch on it wouldn't end too well to the forest would it?" I answered, getting up from the ground and making sure I have everything I need.

"Agreed, well then, safe travels as we watch above you and the forest. We do hope you make the right choices here as it is full of deadly creatures and plants as well, do take our advice on your quest." The fusion wished their goodbyes and flew in another direction.

I sigh and walk in the opposite direction from the fusion's. "They seemed quite nice, I feel lucky I didn't encounter any poisonous creatures or plants before meeting them." I thought to myself, a few hours from walking, I encountered another creature, this time it looked like a

cat, but not just any cat, it was a cat that's smile was so wide it reached the side of its eyes. Now that scared me, was this one of the dangerous creatures?

"Well who have we here? A little girl?" The cat says hovering above my head,

"I'm not dreaming, it's a cat that disappears, then reappears with a big smile on its face, and it talks. Well obviously, this is an enchanted forest. What am I talking about? I shouldn't be surprised but I'm surprised." I thought to myself, standing in silence.

"Hello? Child, are you alive?" The cat questioned, swirling around me,

"Oh sorry, I was daydreaming a bit, who exactly are you?" I questioned, looking at the cat in confusion to how it could possibly be alive and floating at the same time.

"I am Cheshire the cat, I'm actually quite well known around your area am I not?" Cheshire questioned sitting on a branch of a tree,

"Oh yes, you are, sorry I just didn't want to assume at first but could you perhaps help me find the three guardians?" I asked scratching my head,

"I can't help you find all three, but you must answer me this to get a clue from me, alright?" Cheshire laughed then disappeared from the branch and reappeared behind me,

"Alright, what's the question?" I ask, hoping it's not a hard question to answer.

"Some try to hide, some try to cheat, but when time comes we always will meet. Try as you might to guess my name, I promise you'll know when I do claim." Cheshire finished, and retreated back to his branch.

"Oh come on, this riddle is both long and hard, I'll never get this." I thought to myself, I repeated the question in my head a few times, but nothing came to mind.

"A test? No it can't be, it has to be a name but what people try to cheat on it and hide from it? A test is the only thing I can think of, but then again this is a riddle, it's a tricky question but some overthink it." I thought to myself.

"Is it death?" I ask, crossing my fingers hoping it's right,

"Yes, you are indeed correct! It is death," Cheshire cat giggled, swirling around my head making me feel a little dizzy.

"Now since you have gotten it right I suppose you deserve your clue, go towards those purple trees, and in that direction you should see floating falls, and there should be an old wise tree friend of mine. Be sure to make it before night, he tends to be a different type of tree at night, though I wish you good luck!" Cheshire said, before disappearing,

"That was a mouthful, how am I going to remember that, " he said, floating falls, purple trees, and making it before night. That shouldn't be hard to remember," I thought, I continued my journey to floating falls. It didn't take long until I saw literal creatures floating while falling, well the name matched what it was I guess.

"Wow," I said to myself, I continued walking until I saw a tree that was different from others, I walked towards it until it spoke.

"Who are you? And why have you come to me? The wise old tree asked,

"I am an adventurer and I have come to ask if you could help me find the three guardians," I replied hoping I didn't get rejected by the wise old tree.

"Well you're talking to one of the guardians now, so what is it you need me for?" The wise old tree asked,

"I didn't realise you were one, but I need your help and the other 2 guardians to stop the other humans from destroying and taking over your forest." I answered, looking up at the wise old tree,

"I see, but unfortunately I am not what I used to be, I am now old and fragile. I apologise but I cannot help anymore, you must find a younger generation to help you, those that still are able and capable of handling powers." The wise old tree replied, with a soft breeze passing through.

"Where would I find them?" I ask, hoping to get an answer to help me quicker.

"You'll know, when you see them," The wise old tree replied, before going back to sleep.

"What. That was it? I won't be able to find anyone beforehand," I say to myself, It wasn't until I remembered that I had talked to creatures before reaching the fields of slumber, those were my friends that helped me across the rest of the forest before I reached here. It would be a long way back though.

"The fusion's! One of them could help me get back to my friends to call them," I thought to myself, I tried to look up in the sky for them but the sun was setting in and it would be too late to call for them if I was quite so I headed towards the floating falls to try and make it up near the fusion's.

"Come on, come on," I thought, then one of them finally heard me,

"Hey weren't you that girl back-"

"Yes, I need you to take me back to the rest of the forest before the fields of slumber," I interrupted,

"Alright, whatever you say," The fusion said, taking me on it's back to the location I asked. It took a while but then we finally made it,

"I went off the back of the fusion, I asked him, "Wait here please," I then started running towards the last place I saw my friends, and made a whistling noise that my and my friends made along the way of getting to know each other. From a distance, my friends had heard the call and quickly ran to where the sound was coming from,

"Is that really you?" Lithia exclaimed, smiling wide and big like the Cheshire cat I met not too long ago.

"Why have you come back? Has something happened?" Majo questioned,

"Yes, you are right, something has happened that I didn't know about till I reached the other side of the field." I replied, I then sat down on a rock explaining what had happened,

"That's bad, but why have you come to us exactly?" Syria asked, still confused as to why I came back

"I was told to find the three guardians of the forest, but unfortunately one of the guardians recalled that they weren't what they used to be, so I need you guys to help me on my journey to stop the other humans like me from destroying or taking over the forest." I announced, hoping they would accept and help me stop the people that were coming to take over the forest.

"Alright we're in," My friends agreed, as they stood up,

In the end we managed to convince and stop the people that were trying to take over the forest, and everyone had lived harmoniously from then on and the fusion's no longer were exhausted from trying to stop the people that were trying to take over.