THE BEGINNING OF THE DARK AGES

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CHAPTER 1

THE DEPARTURE OF MR DANIEL ADAM

When Mr Daniel Adam of isilmè announced he was leaving the country and never coming back everyone thought he was joking.

“Mr Adam are you really leaving isilmé and never coming back.” Someone asked

‘’Yes I am, ‘’ said Daniel, then continued ‘’ I am going to leave everything to my nephew, Tom Adam.”

The day he left he told Tom that everything was his.

“Tom, my lad, you are in your late teens now and you have been living with me for a long time and I am getting old, ‘’ he said.

“But where are you going, Daniel?” Tom asked worriedly.

“I am going to see the elves because it is getting kind of dangerous here in isilmé even though I will miss its evergreen mountains, rivers, and the beautiful villages. But don’t worry about me, I will miss you, farewell my dear boy, ‘’ he said, but before leaving he called his best friend Peter.

“Please keep him safe will you Peter?” Old Daniel said. “Of course, I will,” Peter replied.

Daniel thanked his friend and left while singing happily:

Off I go to Dreamland to see nature again, far is the road I seek, but that is the way I chose.

The scimili and the wizard were alone in the house and Peter was sitting thoughtfully when Tom broke the silence “I will miss him.”

“We all will,” the old wizard said.

You could only hear the noise of the scimli outside. But suddenly there was a buzz at the door, it was Mathew and Alex, Tom’s cousins and James, Tom’s best friend. They talked for a while and then they left Tom and Peter alone.

After Tom’s guests left, Peter told Tom that Daniel left something very special and dangerous that he had to destroy. The object that he had to destroy was a small, very powerful, magical and really dangerous statue!

This statue would make people do evil things and become mad, poor Daniel was already becoming crazy.

“So you have to complete this mission,” the wizard said. “Will you do it for zx planet?” Peter begged.

“Yes I will, I would do anything for the planet of zx and my friends,” Tom replied. “Great, but you will have to leave soon, not later than a year because the servers of the enemy are coming and are ready for war,” the wizard said frankly.

It was already dark outside and it was time to go, so Peter wished good night to Tom and left.

Tom went to bed and dreamed about a stranger helping him to get to dreamland, then there was a strange rider, probably a servant of the enemy who try to kill him. Tom swiftly woke up looking pale and scared.

Suddenly he heard a voice, saying “where are you Tom Adam of isilmé give me the statue or I will kill and torture you.”

The voice was coming from a black shape outside.

Tom was scared and didn’t answer the mysterious voice outside his bedroom window as he hid under his covers.

The next day, he called Peter, and the poor old wizard worriedly came with a great hast.

Tom explained his dream and the strange scary voice he heard the night before and Peter concluded that Tom would have to leave not later than a month or two. Peter was scared but told Tom to keep the statue safe and not to look directly at it or he would become one of the greatest dark lords of that time.

“Tom you can’t do this by yourself, you need to choose some friends to help you finish this quest, and take the statue out of isilmé immediately and when you leave and get out of the country you can stop to sleep a night or two in Dreamland,” the wizard explained.

“But you will come with us, won’t you ?” the scimili asked.

“Yes, I will, you will leave a week ahead, I’m leaving now, you know enough to plan your journey,” Peter said.

“But you just arrived, sit down and have a piece of cake and a cup of tea,” Tom begged.

“Alright, I will, thank you for inviting me,” the wizard said laughing. “Don’t worry, I will invite James, Alex and Mathew too,” Tom said.

So, in the end, it became a real party, everyone accepted the invitation and joined the little party. They all ate, laughed and had a blast together until James started talking about the statue.

“We can help you with this quest.” “Yes, can we come with you?” Alex and Mathew asked together. “No I wouldn’t risk your lives because of me,” Tom replied them.

“I think you should all go with Tom, so it’s a yes, and no discussion,” Peter the wise said and though Tom wasn’t sure nor happy that his friends were going with him because he didn’t want them getting hurt, on the other hand, he was relieved that he was not going alone.

Then when everyone had left except Peter, Tom asked “why did you accept them to help me?”

“I accepted because they wanted to come and I couldn’t let you go by yourself and don’t worry because they know the plan, I told them everything that I knew about the statue and the mission,” Peter explained.

“Thank you so much, Peter, “ Tom said happily.

“I will leave you now but don’t worry I will come back for your name day so we can both visit The Man’s Land where I will hand you over to a friend of mine, bye, I’m in haste and see you on the fifth of October,” Peter said and slammed the door behind him.

The days past fast; the closer it came to Tom’s parting, the company was so excited about the mission and they were starting the preparations for Tom’s party but it wasn’t just a name-day party but also a farewell.

It was going to be a small celebration and only his closest friends were going to be in attendance, but eventually, thirty-one people attended the party. Everyone wanted to go because it was the best teen party in town.

Whenever a party is organised for scimili, you have to give the guests good presents if not you will get in trouble!!!! So that was why Tom had to buy presents for each one of the guests.

In the early hour of Tom's name-day party, Tom invited Alex, Mathew and James for breakfast.

"Hullo Tom, happy name day dear cousin," Alex and Mathew said together. Tom laughed "hi Mat and Alex. How are you?"

"Good, we are excited about the mission," Alex said.

After a couple of minutes, James came into the house and said " Happy name day. I'm exited about the party."

"I am exited too," Tom replied.

"We bought you a gift even though it is traditional that you have to give us one," Alex said.

"You are the best, thank you," Tom said happily.

And right after that all the guests started coming and singing happy name day, everyone looked really happy singing and dancing and that's when Peter came "Hi, Tom."

Melinda was singing with the scimilis and James was looking at the beautiful girl. “James, go and ask Melinda if she wants to sing with you,” Tom said teasingly.

“No I think I am fine,” James said.

“No you’re not,” Tom said and pushed him into the circle where they were singing. Then it was time for the speech, that’s when Tom explained and told them that he would leave but hopefully he would come back.

At the end of the party he gave each one of them a letter written: Good bye, I will meet you again very soon

But for Peter, Alex, Mathew and James he wrote :

Get ready for the mission and see you on the eleventh of October!! Then the guests left happily.

CHAPTER 2

THE START OF TOM'S MISSION

A week later and the day they had to leave their country and start the quest arrived, so Alex, Mathew and James went to Tom's house.

Peter and Tom were waiting for them already as the wizard opened the door for the rest of the company.

"Are you ready?" Peter asked "Yes, I am," Tom replied.

"Don't forget the statue, Tom," Peter warned.

"Don't worry I have got everything here," he said, then continued "I will miss isilmé very much."

"I will miss isilmé too cousin, but we will come back," Mathew assured.

Tom and the rest of the company were sad and weary. The scimilis didn't want to leave their home town, but

they knew if they wanted to come back they had to complete this mission if not the dark lords would destroy everything they cared for and there would be nothing left on the planet of zx, they were the only ones that could complete this mission.

Before they left, Tom ran to his house, grabbed his stuff and then went outside where his friends were waiting for him and they all left. Peter showed them the way, it would take a couple of days to leave the country because they were right in the heart of the city. They walked until they were really tired, but then continued until they arrived in a forest, it was midday already so they had lunch (a small lunch for a scimili), and they continued their journey.

While walking in the forest, they heard a sound, it sounded like an animal, but they didn't care and went on.

While still walking in the dark in the evergreen forest, one of the scimilis asked "when are we going to stop to eat and sleep?" and the wizard answered "soon."

Finally, they found a peaceful place to rest and make supper. By six o'clock the next morning they were woken by Peter.

"Get up everyone, let's have breakfast so we can continue our journey, we are in great haste." The scimilis weren't moving and Peter was getting irritated, but before he could say anything Tom asked "what time is it and why do we have to get up so early?"

We have to leave soon, “it is six o’clock, we have to leave now if not it is going to be too late, so can you get up?” Peter said, and only then they got up angrily and had breakfast. After their meal, they continued walking.

“ I don’t like walking a lot,” Mathew moaned.

“Stop whining and start collaborating, we will have to walk a lot so I give you this choice to part the company or stay with us, the decision is yours,” Peter said still leading the way. Peter’s words were enough to keep the rest of the company quiet for a long time until they suddenly heard a sound or better, someone laughing. “Hahahahaha, where is Tom Adam with the one statue?” said the voice.

“ I think that we should hide, right Peter?” Tom asked. “Yes hide,” said the wise wizard.

The scimilis ran to a nearby bush and hid there, it wasn’t comfortable because it was full of spikes and bugs.

Instead, Peter hid on top of a tree since the scimilis didn’t know how to climb very well he decided it was better for him to hide in a high place.

They heard wolves howling even though there were no such beasts in isilmé, but in the end, there weren’t, but something worse….. Snakes!

They were everywhere, climbing on trees and looking for something.

“You shall not get away Tom Adam, give me the statue or you and your friends will be slain, did you hear me ?” the mysterious voice said, then the voice continued “my snakes will find you kill you and torture you if you don’t give me what I most desire, go and find them Slãnk and bring him to me, kill the rest “. The snakes hissed and started looking once more, and behold! They found something but fortunately, it was a bird.

“ What do we do now? “ whispered James.

“We will hope that they won’t find us.” Tom said “Where is Peter?” he asked. “Don’t worry, he is on a tree hiding from the beasts, let’s keep quiet. Peter must know what to do,” Alex said.

“I’m afraid that snakes can climb so he must be in danger,” exclaimed Mathew. “ Oh Alas, we will have to fight on my three I’m afraid, everyone agrees? “ Tom asked.

“ no!” they all answered.

“Please for Peter,” the scimili begged, so since they had to think quickly, they all agreed.

They were ready to fight when Peter showed up and asked the fastest way out of there, so swiftly and quietly they managed to get out unseen.

They were already halfway when Peter asked if Tom got the statue.

" I…Oh alas, I think we will have to go back," Tom said, so they swiftly walked back.

The only choice was to fight the snakes, and this time for real.

"On my three," said the wizard " one, two and three, now, go, go," Peter yelled. They got their swords and started fighting against the beasts. The place became a battle field, there was snake blood all over, and many of them were killed although more and more started coming.

They fought the dangerous and violent snakes as best as they could but unfortunately one bit Tom.

Hours later they thought all the snakes had died although there were many still alive.

"I will get you and bring you to the witch," Slãnk said.

Everyone was wondering where Tom was, but no one knew because all of them were busy fighting a specific snake.

In the end, they managed to kill most of them while the rest of them fled, but James and Mathew got badly hurt.

When finally Peter killed Slãnken.

Then they started looking for Tom, they found him on the floor, lucky still alive but weak, by him lay the statue and the body of the enemy. Tom got badly hurt on his leg, the snake's venom was already affecting him, so he could not

walk, also James and Mathew were hurt. Fortunately, Peter and Alex weren't injured so they carried them and left.

Later, they found a little lake surrounded by flowers and trees where they could stop, rest and heal the injured ones.

Peter found some herbs so he washed the cuts and let them rest. All the cuts got better except for Tom's.

When he woke up he said, "I think I got bitten by Slãnk, are you all ok ?" "Yes we are all fine Tom, but how are you? " asked the wizard worriedly "My leg hurts so I can't move much," Tom said.

"Of course, you can't move but we can't stop here either; I'm afraid, we will have to help you to walk, so come, "Peter said.

But when Tom got up he fell!

"Never mind, change of plan we will stay here for today, then tomorrow you will be able to walk, but try to rest. James will cook and I will work on your wound," he said.

"Thank you, Peter," the hurt scimili said.

So that night James cooked and then they all went to bed.

They were still in isilmé but things were changing fast. Everything was getting more dangerous day by day.