

Hounds of Hell and Wolves of Sea; Part I

There was once a city on a single city-planet. And there was a good reason for why there was only one city on this planet. It was because none explored beyond it. And why you may ask...because danger lies just beyond the wall. The wall, 250 metres tall. It was made specifically to keep them out. The hounds. Before they were no problem, but now...there was one Titan. There were originally four Titan hounds. Fire, Water, Air and Earth, each with their own elemental armies. Though Fire found something unexpected. A Sun Seed. When the Fire Titan absorbed it, he took out the three other Titans and their entire armies. Now the Fire rules the rest of the planet, with the humans confined to a dome to survive...

10,000 years later

GONG! A sudden high-pitched ringing pierced the ears of countless. The boys and girls looked at each other with faces that were half-asleep. All of us truly got up and lined up in front of our beds. Most of us were 5"6 like me, Muhammad Abeer Mustafa, except two. Ethan who was 5"8 and then Dhariya who was 5"3. Though this thought was interrupted as a young woman in black paced back and forth, counting us; making sure that we were all here.

After the morning routine, after the school timings, we were finally free. I got with Dharia outside, waiting for Ethan to meet up. We three had known each other forever, we went to kindergarten together and all. Good times. As we were waiting, different sounds filled the streets. That's when a man came up to me.

"I know where our answer lies!" the old man loudly said. "We need to act!"

Me and Dhariya slowly backed out to an alleyway, though now it looked like some bad times were seeming to creep up as Vulcan appeared. Vulcan led the only gang through the city. And it wasn't small either, a gang of 5,000 made them the number one wanted in the city. So when he and his gang surround you, you're done. And the next thing you know, black.

My eyes fade in and out. My arms scrape against a tough rope, so do my legs. I sit on a chair. Though then I see where we are. The abandoned mall. That's Vulcan's nest. Though I have more important things to focus on. Vulcan. He stares right in my eyes. Then he shakes his head to my left. I cautiously turn my head and see Dhariya with a black eye and a nosebleed. It's as if the life was beaten out of him. I turn my head back. Silence.

"I know what you have," Vulcan says.

"And what may that be?" I ask.

"A piece of a map," he says teasingly. "The first part of the map to pure water. It's the only hope these people can get, and we don't want that, do we?"

Though before I could say anything, an explosion behind us exploded the wall. Smoke. All were weary. Grenades fly past us, making all in the room run away. As they were distracted, a hand untied us both. Dhariya and I looked at each other for a moment. We made a run for it. Through the smoke was a car, a car with Ethan in the passenger seat. We dive in and within seconds, it takes off into the air. Dhariya and I breathe hard before sitting properly. We were safe.

I stared at Ethan in the front, wondering many questions.

"Who is this man and how did you know where we were?" I asked.

Ethan took a deep breath and said, "I saw you go in an alleyway, when I saw some of Vulcan's people. I followed them and then after, I got him - my cousin. Also a bounty hunter."

Dhariya and I were shocked. Though before we could ask more questions, we were interrupted.

"We have chasers," Ethan's cousin said in a deep voice.

I looked behind, it was Vulcan's people. They were chasing us. They got out guns, big ones. We dodged most of them, though with some hits, we slowed down. We tilted right and then left. We dived low, close to the trees and all of a sudden, we rose into the air. None were seen nearby. Though right then, we were hit. We were hit badly. We nosedived and hit a lake. Water surrounded us all. I swam to shore,

where Dhariya and Ethan and his cousin were nowhere to be seen. I rested my green hat on my chest before falling to my knees. Day passed and night came. I could see the 250 metre wall from this position. I walked away from the wall, or at least I started to.

After a kilometre or so, I pass a lake, and I hear a whine. I look into the water and see a light blue stream pass by. The whines continue. A pause. I dive into the lake, diving to the bottom of the lake. I see a blue glow, I slowly approach it. I place my hand upon it. The whining stops. I carry it to land. Though as it breached the water, I saw that this wasn't a normal animal, it wasn't a normal wolf. It was a Sea Wolf. I gasped.

I pet the Sea Wolf as it lies on my lap. After an hour, it gets up. It touches my arm, encouraging me to get up. As I got up, I noticed how large the Sea Wolf was. It was at least one and a half metres! It was huge. I pet its fur.

"Now what's your name?" I said, looking into deep blue eyes.

"Blue it is!" I exclaimed.

Blue started walking, then began a little jog. I followed and at one point I lost him. Then suddenly, he came from under me, giving me a ride. Right after, he zoomed at immense speeds. He stopped behind a large tree. Ethan and Dhariya were there, and alive!

I got off Blue and hugged them, surprised.

"Mustafa!" Dhariya and Ethan speak at the same time.

"Where were you?" Ethan questions, backing up.

I point behind me and Blue emerges. Dhariya and Ethan were shocked. A Sea Wolf had been thought extinct.

"I need a bit of help to get somewhere, can you help?" I asked.

Dhariya and Ethan look at each other for a second, then they nod.

"Let's go," Ethan says, starting a journey, an important one. The one that could save humanity.

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