

# Island Adventure

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## Chapter 1

“Lindsey, have you seen my watch?”

“No!” I answered back. Okay. Let’s do backstory. My name is Lindsey and I love science. I do all kinds of experiments which sometimes gets me into trouble but I get by.

“I know you know where it is. Can you tell me?” My mother asked.

“Fine. I took it apart,” I answered.

“You did what?!” she screamed. My mom looked dumbfounded. I snickered silently.

“I tried to take it apart to see if I can put it back together,” I explained innocently.

“Just get ready for school. I’ll deal with your punishment later,” She sighed.

“Hi, Lindsey,” Sasha—my friend—said as she greeted me.

“How are you?” I asked.

“How about the fact that my younger sister grabbed my arm so hard that I felt like it was gonna rip off my body! Honestly, she is devastated when I leave for school,” she replied.

“Oh my gosh! I just realized. I’m gonna be late for class!” I remembered.

“Bye! See you soon!” Sasha called out. I nodded back at her and ran as fast as I could. As soon as I entered the classroom, I sat down.

“You’re late, Lindsey,” my English teacher snarled.

“Sorry,” I answered, my voice no higher than a loud whisper.

“‘Sorry’ doesn’t get you out of your punishment. Detention. For three weeks!” she said.

“Ohh!” I groaned. After class ended, I met Sasha.

“So, what happened. Did your English teacher scold you till the end of time? Did she give you one of those incredibly long and boring lectures that make you fall asleep?” she joked.

“Very funny,” I replied, “No. But I now have detention for the next three weeks.”

“Yikes. Good luck,” She said while nudging me as I began to walk to my next class. After that, lunch began.

“I need to go wash my hands, Sasha,” I told her. “I’ll be right back,” I called out.

As I entered the bathroom, I noticed something really strange. The bathroom smelled like seaweed and I thought I heard a ‘creaking’ sound.

“Never mind,” I said, swallowing what might’ve been my breakfast. I walked out trembling so much I thought I was gonna collapse.

“Are you alright? You look kinda pale. Should I take you to the nurse’s office?” Sasha asked me frantically. I opened my backpack and began my homework. “Anything to get my mind off of that moment,” I thought. “I’m fine,” was all I could really manage to say right that moment.

## Chapter 2

When I got home, I sat down at the family table and continued my homework. “Thank goodness I got most of it done at school,” I thought. “Maybe I should tell my mom about the situation in the bathroom but, there’s no way she’ll believe me.” Once she arrived, I greeted her and then told her about what happened in the bathroom at school. Just like I predicted, she didn’t believe me.

“Oh, come on. I think you’re just saying that to get out of school tomorrow and do one of your wacky science experiments,” she said. Then, she began to prepare dinner.

It was silent until I said this, “Mom. I..” but she cut me off.

“No. Go to your room and get ready for bed,”

“Argh,” I groaned as I stomped to my room. “Sometimes, I wish my mother wouldn’t get so angry so easily. Man, it’s annoying!” I thought as I went to sleep.

## Chapter 3

The next day, I experienced the same thing. The day after that and the day after that I heard those noises. I kept trying to reason with my mom but she wouldn't budge. She kept saying how the smells and noises are all in my head and that I should forget about it. The final day, I declared that the noises and the smells were just in my head. But this was when all the action began. As I was washing my hands, the smell and the noises got stronger. When I was about to turn around, I heard a crack and that's when I realized that my head really hurt. It felt as if someone cracked my skull open. I felt the world turn black around me and before I knew it, I was unconscious.

I couldn't recall anything when I woke up but found myself on one of those really old boats people had in the 1500's tied to a chair. The boat was rocking like crazy. I immediately felt sick to my stomach and my head hurt. "Why am I here?" I mumbled.

"What was that?" A tall guy, wearing a pirate hat, striped red pants and a black shirt that was ripped, asked. He got so close to my face that I could smell his breath (which smelled like seaweed).

"Well, your breath isn't really helping me at all," I muttered. All the other guys around me chuckled softly. They were wearing the same clothes. I could've sworn that they were pirates.

"Ah, shiver me timbers. Wait for the captain to come." The tall pirate said. Then, a man with an eye patch, one wooden leg and a long red coat walked up to me. "What's going on," was all I could really say without getting sick. "Aye, laddie. We sensed you was good for the mission." He answered.

"What mission?" I asked, sounding more confident.

"You will find out soon young girl."

"Just tell her, lad," one of the pirates said.

"Ugh...that fire spirit created a curse that be weakening the other spirits and putting the fire in control," the captain explained.

"Quick question, why did you hit me and tie me to a chair?" I demanded.

“We knew you would never believe us if we was asking you to come with us,” the captain answered. “How dare you?!” I muttered.

“Throw her on the small boat.” He motioned his hands to the other pirates. They grabbed the chair and threw me on the boat.

“I think I’m gonna be sick,” I thought. Finally, just when I thought I was never going to survive, we arrived on a tiny island with yellow sand and black oceans. There were only trees that didn’t reach that high in the sky. In the distance, I could hear crickets chirping. The sun had already set.

The pirates carried me on the island and said, “Good luck!” Then, left.

“What should I do?” I thought as I soothed myself into sleep.

#### Chapter 4

I woke up with a rumbling belly. “Let’s get some food,” I said to myself. As I wandered around the island, I saw some rabbits that I could kill. I made a bow and arrow and followed them to a tiny hole. As I was about to shoot them, they turned directions to another hole, a larger one. They both jumped in and I wanted to follow them. Suddenly, I was falling. I screamed till’ I reached the bottom. “Where am I?” I thought. What surrounded me were dozens and dozens of palm trees of all heights, glittering lakes and rivers. In the distance, there was the ocean. It was turquoise and glittery. There was a volcano behind the trees. All kinds of magical creatures appeared. I couldn’t believe what I saw. “Okay. I’m still hungry. I can sightsee later,” I thought. At the corner of my eye, I saw a rabbit. As I was about to shoot it with my bow and arrow, a girl, probably a year older than me jumped in front of me. “Who are you?” She asked shyly. “I’m Lindsey. And you are?” I said. “Um... Kathy. I’ve been here for about a year. Honestly, I don’t really know what happened. It was like one minute, I was in school and the next, I was tied to a chair on a boat with all these pirates.” “This is what happened to me,” I replied.

“I heard that there was this mission that I need to go on.” “Yes. There is a curse that fell on this island. Do you see that volcano in the distance? This is where the curse was created-actually it was created by

one of the five spirits that care for the island. Well, at least the good ones. They are water, wind, and earth. The bad spirits are fire and storm,” Kathy explained. Suddenly, I didn’t feel so comfortable around her. “How does she know so much?” I thought but immediately pushed the thought away. “I think we should team. If we are together and we stop this curse, we can accomplish so much more,” I told her.

“Okay!” She exclaimed.

## Chapter 5

“How long is it to the volcano Kathy?” I asked. “Okay, you’re gonna be eternally angry with me for saying this but... at least 2 days,” She replied. “Are you joking me right now?” I shrieked. “Shhhh. You don’t want to get caught,” Kathy shushed me. “Wha..” I began but she put her hand over my mouth. “I have been here before. There is a monster here,” she whispered. Kathy pulled me to a hiding spot behind a tree. “Ever since the fire spirit took over, all sorts of monsters appeared,” said Kathy. “How do you know that?” I wondered. There was a minute of silence. “Well, I have been here long enough to know about the island,” Kathy answered finally. Once again, suspicion grew on me. After she spoke, a monster that didn’t have a body but it’s shadow was moving appeared. I thought for sure that we were dead but, it never sensed us. “Wait... I think this monster can only see shadows. If it doesn’t see our shadows, we’re saved,” I whispered. Then, as it looked like it was walking away, I stepped out of my hiding place which I wished I hadn’t done. “Wrong move!” I thought. The monster was able to see my shadow.

I was so scared that my legs and arms felt frozen. All I could really do was run, but my legs wouldn’t move. Terror surrounded me like a fog. Suddenly, it came to me. A pointy stick lay next to me. Next thing I knew I grabbed the stick and scratched it. Before I thought of my next move, the monster waved its pointy claws at me and scratched my leg. Blood began oozing out of my wound. “Wait a minute... why isn’t Kathy helping?” I thought. Then, I heard a battle cry.

“AAAARRRRRGGGGGHHHH!” A deep voice called out. Finally, a boy emerged out of a tree. He had black hair and brown eyes. He was wearing

a white shirt that said 'School rocks'. In his hand was a giant stick that was sharper than a spear. The boy stabbed the monster in the back with a big blow. It fell to the ground and disappeared into dust. I barely paid attention to what happened. My eyes were glued to the boy who helped us. "Thank you!" I said, awestruck. "Sure...who are you guys?" He asked. "Oh uh...I'm Lindsey and this is Kathy," I answered. "Cool. I'm Kody," Kody told us.

"Man I like this guy!" I thought.

## Chapter 6

"I suggest we stop to rest. In the meantime...I'll prepare something to help you Lindsey. Your leg looks beaten up," Kody said. Then, he began to get the materials for the medicine. "Kody, a...are you a um... doctor?" I stammered. "Yes and no," Kody answered. "I work part-time at a hospital. Because I studied a lot about medicine and diseases and stuff, the doctors are seriously thinking about hiring me when I'm older." "Cool," I said. "So how old are you cause, I'm like 12 years old?" "Oh, about 15," he told me.

"Anyways, can I stand up now?" I asked Kody.

"Drink this and then you can stand up," he answered.

"Fine," I said as I drank it. My face soured up. It tasted awful but I felt much better afterwards.

## Chapter 7

"Wow. This place is beautiful. Kinda hard to believe that it's cursed," I noted as we continued our journey. "Yup," Kody said looking distracted. Kathy was explaining everything that she told me to Kody.

"Kody, are you okay?" I asked him. "Yeah but, can we talk somewhere where Kathy isn't around?" He replied. "Sure. I have an idea," I told him. "Kathy, we're kinda hungry and we will hunt so please wait here," I said. "Sure," she answered politely. As soon as we were out of her sight, we began talking.

"I'm getting mixed feelings about Kathy. I feel suspicious of her. I mean... she seems to know so much and I believe it's too much," Kody whispered. "Maybe," I answered. "After all, she did know a whole lot and I sort of got suspicious. But, we cannot make assumptions and we can never

mention this to her. If we're right, she might think that we're onto her. Also, who knows what she's capable of?" "Where's the food?" She asked when she saw us come back.

"Oh... uh we lost it!" I called out. "Okay," she said casually. Kody and I were extremely quiet as we continued our journey and so was Kathy.

"So uh, is anybody gonna say something?" I wondered. Suddenly, we came to a complete stop. In front of us lay a pool of black and red burning and oozing liquid. It smelled like a skunk farted on some old puke with garbage on top. I thought it smelled bad enough to make a person ill. It was so disgusting that I nearly gagged. The pool stretched for at least 40 miles. "Man that smells gross!" I said. "Say, how are we gonna get across?" Kody asked. "I don't know... wait! I see some horses with wings. What are they called? Oh Pegasi!" I said quickly. There were three standing in front of us. "We can use them to get across," I said. When we approached the Pegasi, they started to whine and thrash. "They must think we're dangerous. We have to approach them slowly," Kody explained. "Quick question! How can Pegasi exist on an island?" Kathy asked. "No idea but maybe it has something to do with the spirits!" I guessed.

"Did you know that the wind spirit actually created Pegasi?" Kathy asked. "No," Kody said quickly. Again, suspicion crept over me.

As soon as I started walking, one of the Pegasi approached me. "He likes you Lindsey," Kody said.

"Are you some sort of animal expert?" I asked.

"Partially. My parents were animal experts," he replied. Then, the other two Pegasi approached us cautiously. They started to whine joyfully. As soon as we climbed on, they flew us high in the sky. Kody was clinging onto his pegasus's neck for dear life. He looked so pale he looked like he was gonna pass out. "Kody, are you okay," I asked. "You don't look so good." "I...am...afraid of...heights," he said through his chattering teeth. "Well, try not to look down," Kathy told him reassuringly. After the sun set, everyone fell asleep. Even though the real reason why I wasn't asleep was because I had difficulties doing so, I was amazed by the stars in the sky. "Well you don't see stars like that in the city!" I thought. Suddenly,

something really shiny caught my eye. It was around Kathy's neck. "A jewel of some sort.." I thought. As soon as I realized what it was, I nudged Kody awake. "Look," I pointed. "I was right. I was right..I... I knew it!" He exclaimed. "Kathy is evil." "Shh! We can't tell her this at all," I whispered. "Right," he whispered. Eventually, we both fell asleep.

## Chapter 8

I woke up to find myself on the ground. I didn't realize it until a few moments later. Kody was there too. "Where's Kathy?" I shrieked. "I don't know!" Kody answered. "Why are we on the ground? Where are our Pegasi?" I asked. I was hyperventilating so much. "Kathy must've knocked us off and took the other Pegasi with her," Kody assumed. "At least we have Kathy's backpack!" I noted.

"What other way can we get to the volcano?" I asked. "I've no idea where I'm going but it's worth a try," Kody told me as he headed towards a jungle next to us.

"Okay, I cannot believe what is happening right now. I'm starving, terrified and hot," I vented. "Can you please be quiet for a bit. I can't focus!" Kody shrieked. "Sorry," I whimpered. Then, I heard a rustling sound. "Who's there?" Next thing I knew, two other kids around our ages approached us. They looked starved and worried. "For the record, they are extremely dirty," I whispered into Kody's ear. He nudged me in the side. Kody asked them, "Where did you two come from?" "Um...I'm Nathalie and this is my brother Anthony," the girl said. "We are trying to hide from this girl named Kathy. Anthony and I ran into her and she nearly killed us." "Actually, we just ran into her too. We believe that she is the fire spirit or demon, whatever," I said. "Just disguised as a girl." "Sorry but, do you have some food? I'm starving!" Anthony exclaimed. "Yeah. Uh... we have an apple, some bread and a banana," Kody told them. "Please. Help yourselves!" I said. Kody and I ate as well. "Oh, I feel much better!" I exclaimed. "Why didn't we eat before?" I asked. I think this was Kathy's food. When I first saw her, she was carrying a backpack with stuff in it. Thankfully, she dropped her food with us," Kody guessed.



“Where did you guys come from?” Nathalie asked me. “I don’t really remember precisely but, it was like, first, I washed my hands and then, I found myself on a boat with pirates,” I explained. “We experienced something similar. It all began at our house. Anthony and I were playing when suddenly, I heard a crash. I went to investigate it but immediately ran back. There were odd looking dudes on our front porch. I told Anthony to hide but, as he ran, I noticed a pink shot on his arm and he fell to the ground. Before I could save him, I fell to the ground too,” Nathalie explained.

“I think the evil spirits invented darts,” I noted.

“We’re about 15 miles away from the volcano,” I pointed. “How do you know that?” Nathalie asked me. “Well, ever since 5th grade, I was able to calculate miles and feet...etc,” I answered.

“I’ve always loved volcanoes. Just something about them that interests me,” Anthony said excitedly. “So, are you twins?” I asked. “No but, we have extremely close birthdays!” Anthony explained. “Anthony seems excited all the time,” I thought joyfully. We continued to walk until Kody exclaimed,

“STOP!” In front of us was a puzzle. “ABCDEFGH..” I began. “We have to spell the name of the volcano.” “Man, you’re good,” Anthony exclaimed, awestruck. “I know the name of the volcano. Demon Cove. I overheard Kathy say the name,” Nathalie said casually. “I don’t know if we should do this,” I said to everyone. “I’m sure it’s fine,” Kody answered. “Alright. Step where I step,” Kody said. He stepped on the D first, then the E and so on. After that, we made it to the end of the trap. “Well there wasn’t any other way to get to the other side,” Nathalie said.

“Awesome,” I thought. Then, while I looked at the others, I felt a pinch. As I looked at my arm, I saw a dart. Suddenly, the darkness surrounded me and everything was blurred. From what I could see, the others were darted too. I also saw these figures with grayish-blackish armor. I couldn’t see their faces well but from what I could see, they had pitch black eyes with brownish crusted skin and red hair. After that, the world went black.

## Chapter 9

“Wake up! Wake up!” Kody’s voice echoed as I started to open my eyes.

“Weren’t you shot?” I groaned, “Yeah but I woke up just now,” he replied. I looked around me and saw another bunk bed and a toilet. The room was rather large for a dungeon. As I sat up in the bed, I asked, “What happened? Where are we? Wait... where are the others and why is everything spinning like crazy?” I started to panic. “The siblings are still asleep. I think we are in the volcano,” Kody answered. Eventually, my vision started to clear and I no longer felt dizzy. “Before things get serious, why did you assume that the trap wasn’t a TRAP?” I shrieked. I grabbed his shirt.

“Sorry, sorry!” He exclaimed and eventually, I let go of him.

“Kody, how are we gonna escape?” I quickly whispered. “Eh,” a deep voice said behind me. “Kathy?” I asked. “Yes, and no. Kathy was merely a character I came up with. I watched you and your associates and realized, you are dumb enough to fall in my trap if I set them up. Now look at you,” the voice said. “Who are you?” I demanded. “I’m the fire spirit.” She said. Surely, she was pleased with herself. She looked different than her disguise. The fire spirit had dark, crusty skin with reddish blackish hair. Her eyes were black and her hands had pointy nails. Her dress was flowing with the spirit of the fire inside. “I think I liked her disguise better,” I nervously whispered. “Go! Wake up the siblings! And hide under the bunk bed,” Kody whispered. I obeyed and took them under the bed as I tried to wake them up. I could still hear the fire spirit and Kody talking in the background. I was hoping that she wouldn’t notice the siblings and me trying to escape. “What about Kody?” I thought. My mind was racing in my brain. Anthony was the first to awake. “Why is the world spinning?” He moaned. “Effects. They wear off,” I explained quickly. I began to nudge Nathalie. “Hey, the world is no longer spinning!” Anthony observed. “Ohh...what’s going on?” Nathalie groaned as she woke up. “Where’s Kody?” she asked. “Trying to distract the fire spirit while we escape,” I whispered. “Wait... how are we gonna escape without her seeing us?” Nathalie asked.

Suddenly, an idea rang in my mind.

“Here’s what we’re gonna do!” I began.

## Chapter 10

My heart was beating faster than ever. My hands were sweaty. I hoped the plan would work. “To be honest, I’m glad we’re hiding under the bed,” Anthony whispered. “Everybody clear on the plan?” I checked. “Yeah!” The siblings answered at the same time.

“So, I was thinking. What’s with the guards?” Kody nervously asked the fire spirit. “Oh, you really think I will answer that? Although I think my guards are kind of boring and lack basic intelligence, I sure am glad to hold all four of you in prison.” “You kinda just answered my question,” Kody said quietly.

I could partially hear Kody’s voice and the fire spirit as I dug a hole quickly and quietly. “After you guys!” I whisper-shouted. Immediately, I realized I was too loud and the fire spirit heard us. “I wish I stayed quiet,” I thought. “Lindsey!” Anthony whispered with a bit of anger through his tone. It was actually the first time I saw Anthony upset. “Well, well, well. You really thought you could successfully escape my dungeon?” She snarled. The siblings and I emerged from under the bed. “I..I..um..” I stammered. Nathalie, Anthony, and I ran as fast as we could in the hole. “You really want it the hard way?” She asked. At the corner of my eye, I saw Kody being hit a few times. The fire spirit then dragged her guards out of the way, spotted us and chased us. She also went into the hole. As soon as we lost her, we stopped. “Man, this is tiring!” I panted. “Oh children, where are you?” She said in a sing-song voice.

“Run!” I said.

Eventually, we reached another part of the volcano. I saw Kody being hit more. He was tied to a chair that was about to be dipped in a pool of lava. “Nathalie, Anthony. Can you guys distract the spirit while I’ll free Kody?” I asked them. “You bet. Distracting is our specialty,” Anthony proudly said.

I nodded back at them as I ran to Kody.

## Chapter 11

Time was running out! As every second passed, the chair with Kody came closer and closer to the lava. I knew exactly what I wanted to do but, it had to be done at the right time.

“Time to put my skills to good use!” I thought.

I jumped off the ledge I was standing on. Part of me wished I hadn’t jumped but, deep down in my gut, I knew it was the right thing to do. “I gotcha!” I told Kody even though I knew he couldn’t hear me. “Now what?” I asked myself. I was in the middle of the lava pit with no momentum to push myself to the other side with Kody.

## Chapter 12

“So, what’s your favorite thing to do?” Anthony asked nervously.

“No one’s ever asked me that before!” The fire spirit said with a bit of excitement in her tone. “Easy though. I just love to rule the world!” She said evilly.

“I can’t believe I am doing this but..” Anthony whispered to Nathalie. While she wasn’t looking, Anthony jumped up and tackled her. The fire spirit fell down hard. Just when Anthony thought he got her, the fire spirit pushed him to the wall. As Nathalie saw Anthony in pain and groaning loudly, she howled, “That’s it. No one hurts my brother and gets away with it!”

As Nathalie was about to knock the fire queen off her feet, I called out, “WAIT!” I was carrying Kody (more like trying to) in my arms. The fire spirit glanced at me as soon as she heard me. Then, I nodded at Nathalie to tackle her. As Nathalie knocked the spirit off her feet, I fell on the floor laughing so hard my sides hurt. Nathalie took the red jewel from her and crushed it with her feet. Suddenly, a deep rumbling occurred. “Guys, get out!” I called out.

Rocks were falling. Lava was pouring. My ears were ringing louder than the loudest scream I could hear. Anthony and Nathalie were right behind me helping me carry Kody. Then, a strong force pushed us out and before we got a chance to process what was happening, we were blown out of the volcano.

“Is everyone okay?” I called out.

“Yeah,” Nathalie said, “Anthony was lying on the ground unconscious. He seemed okay though. What surrounded me was a volcano that really looked more like a pancake volcano, and some of the guards and the limp body of the fire queen. I went over to Anthony and nudged him awake.

“What happened to Kody?” He groaned.

“Oh no!” I remembered. At the corner of my eye, I saw Kody at a weird angle. He was bleeding badly.

“Kody, wake up!” I sobbed. “I think I know what he needs to stop the bleeding,” Anthony sighed. A few moments later, he came back with some leaves. He wrapped them around the injuries.

\*Gasp\* “Kody?” I half cried, half laughed.

“Now why is everyone going crazy?” He asked groggily.

“I thought I’d lost you!” I screamed. I hugged him so hard I think I squashed him. Anthony and Nathalie were dancing happily. I then saw the water, earth and wind spirits approach me.

“Thank you. We shall take care of this mess. Even though the fire spirit is evil, we will cure her and rebuild the volcano,” the water spirit said. Then, I heard more voices call out.

“The pirates!” I told the others. “C’m on.” As soon as the ship arrived, the captain congratulated all of us and invited us for a ride on the boat back home.

“We be working with them spirits. Water be deeply appreciating you. Earth...never said anything,” the pirates said. “Them spirits also said they be fixing up the place. The fire spirit be punished for 1,000 years.”

As Anthony and Nathalie were talking to the pirates, I went up to Kody. “Kody, I have 2 questions. First, where do you live and second, can we all declare to never go to this island ever again?” I asked.

“Well, first, I live in California...” he began. “Really? I live there too!” I called out. “And second, yeah. Let’s never come back here.”

Chapter 13

“Yeah...I was thinking about moving two grades up,” I told him on the phone. “Honey, you’re gonna be late for school!” My mother called me. “Ok. I gotta go!” I told him.

“Wow. Fantastic,” Kody said to himself as he hung up.

“Lindsey! Where were you? You were gone for at least three days!” Sasha shrieked when I came to school.

“Let’s just say that it was a very interesting three days,” I replied with a smile.

The End

WHAT IS THE STORY ABOUT?

Does Lindsey know what she’s capable of? When she’s kidnapped and brought to a strange island by pirates, she uncovers many more mysteries about the world and herself. In this book, she goes on an epic adventure to finish a mission to stop an evil spirit with others who have been brought to the island. Are Lindsey and her associates up to the task?