

# THE POWER OF THE ELEMENTS

The sun's rays hit me on the face as me and my buds, Caleb and Bruce, put our feet in the sand. The smooth feeling in between my toes was enough for me to put on a grin. We lay our stuff on a patch of sand by the water, sloshing and trembling as surfers did hang tens and wiped out. Suddenly, two emerald green orbs appeared and disappeared in a flash. I looked back at Caleb and Bruce and then saw two coal black eyes in the sand, glittering like obsidian. I could feel the color drain from my face.

"You okay Don?" Caleb asked. Bruce also had a worried look on his face. I nodded and thought to myself that it was only an illusion. A trick of the light. I suddenly felt a blazing heat and pointed my head up. The sun seemed to wither next to the creature next to it. A ruby and gold dragon spread its wings and took off. This got my friends attention.

"Did you see that!" Bruce said, but it was more of a statement than a question. We drifted our eyes left and right, but nobody else seemed to notice. Then the earth rumbled. The sea seemed to be purposefully wapping surfers of its cascade of scales. Wait, scales? Before I could think about it, the blazing heat returned only much more present. The dragon was back. It's orange eyes bored into me. To more creatures rose to meet it. From the dirt, a towering, scaly tiger with bulky arms and legs appeared. Its body was a shade of brown that was crisp that it made dark chocolate look bland. Glittering shards of crystals poked out from its body. In the sea, a serpent shot its head through the water. It was a she. How I knew it was a she, I don't know, but it definitely was. Her scales were like raindrops, as dazzling as sapphires.

"RUN!" A voice pierced the air. There was a stampede of people rushing to their ways home. I, Caleb and Bruce ran, but the ground beast swishes his tail and the sand shoved us back.

Stay. A deep voice rumbled from the ground beast, but its lips did not seem to be moving.

We must talk. Said the sea monster behind us in a pitch that would have cracked glass.

"Why are we here!" Bruno yelled to not particularly anyone.

We are growing weak. The fire dragon seemed to be the only one who could communicate at a regular pitch.

"What does that have to do with us!" Caleb cried through the fire dragon ripping the winds with its wings as it descended onto the sand.

Without any guardians of the elements, the world will be thrown into chaos from the lord of the underworld! The ground beast grunted as if it were obvious. At least I thought it was a grunt.

You three were chosen by the council as the next guardians. The water serpent "said"

"What council?" I asked

Don't worry, she will explain everything the fire dragons voice popped in my head

We don't have much time, we need to transfer our powers something rumbled. Before we could protest, we were indulged in the fire, earth, and water. Heat blazed my skin and my hair felt like it was on fire. And then it stopped. I WAS ALIVE! In fact, I felt stronger, more powerful than previously. I rose and shot through the sky. My palms shot out trails of flame. I closed my palm and careened down. I was swallowed up by the sand but was shifted out again. Bruce was standing with his arm outstretched. I saw a little tornado of sand swirling up to his palm and spiraling around his wrist. Caleb was having his own problems. The ocean was spiraling around him as if recognizing his power. He was trying to stop it, because, being the smartest of the three of us, he realized that he probably had control over it. It finally simmered down and he hopped back onto the land. It was then we noticed the beast, serpent, and dragon. They were smiling. But, their bodies were fading away. I didn't know what to say. We only met a few minutes ago, but I felt sad.

Number 7 Quaker Road all three voices played in my head before the three creatures faded away completely. I looked at my friends. A column of flame danced in my palms. A swirl of sand drifted around Bruce in time with his moving arm. Caleb was expanding a bubble of water and shrinking it again. Then I knew that we were going to a place with adventure, but for now, we were going to 7

