

TITAN'S GAUNTLETS

An Unusual Discovery



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The current churned the waters with fury. With the paddles gone, there was no hope of rescue. Finn felt the sea tugging hungrily at the boat, dragging it towards a whirlpool. It was useless! There was nothing he could do to stop it! He was dragged under. His heart filled with fear. He hated being underwater.



Finn turned to face the huge wave. He closed his eyes and raised his hands. He embraced the power of Titan. He felt magic consume him. Just as the wave was about to crash onto the island, beams of ice burst from the gauntlets. He expected to be crushed. Instead, he felt sea spray on his face.

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A Time for Courage



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Then, something caught Finn's eye. A swarm of dark shapes flew amongst the pillars. "Dreadsnakes!" spat Korus, "Servants of our enemy! We must get the shard quickly!" Titan stopped beside the pillar with the skyshard. "Go, Chosen One! If the dreadsnakes come, I will distract them!"



Soon, Finn was dripping with sweat. His arms were shaking. He tightened his grip on the rough surface. He looked down at the sheer drop and felt giddy. He gulped and began to worry. Would he make it to the top? "Kraaah!" Deafening shrieks came from above.

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Sceptre of Malice



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"We are only passing through!" Finn called up meekly. "We mean no harm." "That's a shame," snarled the leader. "we were hoping for a fight. Alright, you may go through. Anyway, what would I do with a nice boy like you and his parrot?"

Chapter 2: Rickety Bridges



Finn gazed around him at the still waters. Where would the next skyshard be? He held the gauntlets up and traced the symbol on the last shard. It seemed to be a spider's web. Where would a spider's web be on the ocean? Finn could not make sense of it.

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The Coral Palace



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As Korus' song rang out across the ocean, a big bubble of air appeared from the water. It engulfed Finn's head. "I can breathe!" said Finn, relieved. "Yes," said Korus, "but you must move quickly as my magic will not last for long."

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As Finn sped upwards, he looked down. He was thrilled to see the underwater kingdom coming back to life. The awful, slippery, black weed had withered away. A colourful shoal of fish shimmered past. Life was returning to the Coral Kingdom!

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Strange Energy



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Suddenly an idea sparked in Finn's head. "A storm!" he yelled. "Wake up, Korus. We need to make a storm! The power of the storm will release the energy in the skyshard." He managed to shake Korus awake.



"We need to leave," said Finn.

"Surely there is enough time to eat first?" coaxed Korus.

"Your belly will be so gigantic that you won't manage to fly!" joked Finn. Then he noticed something odd. An unnatural heat was rising up from the sea. What strange magic was this?

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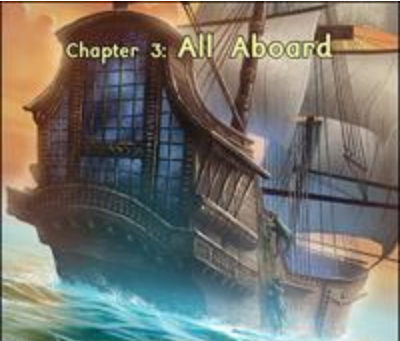
Phantoms of the Fog



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"Each one has the physical strength of ten men!" yelled Finn as the phantoms charged at them. One of them slashed at Finn. Finn deflected the blow with his gauntlet. He hit back triumphantly with his other gauntlet.



Chapter 3: All Aboard

They clambered up the side of the ship using fishing nets as footholds. The morning mists gave fantastic cover. Finn peered over the parapet at the phantom crew. "We are in luck. Those ruffians are still sleeping," he whispered.

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Unnatural Creatures



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They struggled to the top of the cliff. Finn spotted an amazing feature. A faint light shimmered from an archway on the side of the mountain.

"I think the skyshard might be in there!" yelled Finn.



The storm raged and Titan was hurled against the rocky cliffside. Fragments of rock dropped into the sea.

"If this storm carries on, Titan will fracture something!" shouted Salty.

"We need to reach a ledge high up the cliffside!" yelled Finn.

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A Strange Location



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Finn cradled the wounded furball with affection. "We must take him with us!" he declared without hesitation. A sea of furballs surged gently forward to collect their friend.

"He belongs here," said Korus in gentle explanation. Behind them a twisted hand emerged from the pile of broken rocks.



Suddenly, a one-eyed mutant beast burst out of the dark space. In one sweeping action, he grabbed the oldest furball in his fist. "These pathetic creatures only eat when I allow it!" he bellowed. "That necklace is my creation and the skyshard is MINE!"

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Artificial Heart



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Chapter 3: Secret Entrance

"There is a special way to get in," chipped in the owner's wife, "but it is under the water." Finn dived in and swam down to the underwater entrance. Fear gripped his heart but he made himself open the heavy door. He climbed inside a narrow tunnel.

Chapter 2: Air Attack

A dramatic illustration of a character with a green cape on a rocky ledge, looking up at a sky filled with flying machines and a waterfall. The scene is set in a mountainous, rocky landscape with a waterfall on the right. The sky is filled with several flying machines, some of which are firing energy beams. The character is looking up with a concerned expression.

At last, the storm was beginning to die down and they were able to get closer. Finn squinted. He could see dark shadows in the clouds above him.

"Finn, it's essential you take cover **RIGHT NOW!**" warned Korus. "Strange flying machines are heading straight at you!"

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Shattered Illusions



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Ahead of them, a strange vision slowly came into focus. A twisted fortress of rotten timbers and piled shipwrecks had been built on a rocky base.

"The sea tells me this creepy island will be the place of a mighty collision," whispered Korus.



"Sorry for the intrusion," said Korus, coming to land beside him. "I have made a decision. There are things you need to know, Chosen One, before you face the Winged One." He took a deep breath and would not meet Finn's eye. "The Winged One is not a stranger to me. He is my brother!"

"Your brother?" gasped Finn in disbelief.