

A Vine, A Vocano, A Quest

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Introduction

680 The temperature is steadily rising. In Bolanda, a place where all is the same, three girls are to begin a wonderful adventure. Everything is all same. Even the colors. The same dull brownish-red color. No plants, no difference just sameness.

Chapter 1

Smoke. More smoke. The SOGOB is going to launch a new spacecraft traveling at light speed. They looked up wondering what could be up there. Only the selected could have a pass to the unknown.

‘A vine!’ Mona shouted. It was so rare to see any kind of living thing. The girls were playing in the park. Or, what’s left of it. ‘How did it...?’ Her voice trailed off. They edged towards it. In an instant it sprouted more than a meter.

‘Halo, do you know anything about this?’ Amity whispered.

‘I think I’ve read about it somewhere... It must be a sign. But it couldn’t be true. It was just- ju- just a fairytale.’

‘Let’s follow it and see what happens,’ Amity suggested. And so they set off.

They followed the vine for what seemed like hours to a volcano. THE Volcano. THE Volcano that changed everything. It was a huge volcano. Its peak submerged in the smoke. They felt the aggressive, chaotic vibration of the dangerous volcano.

All of a sudden, it stopped growing. They looked around and saw nothing except the endless numbers of identical houses in the dusty world. They found a big, heavy rock that was somewhat shaped like a diamond and was going to take a rest. When they barely touched the rock it shook violently, then shattered into microscopic pieces until all that was left was a giant, red, glowing diamond. Stuck to the ground.

Chapter 2

"Oh. My. God." Mona said. "What is this thing!"

"I'm not sure, but?" Amity's voice trailed off. She gently touched it, then shrank away. Nothing happened. "Well, that didn't work. Let's try this. When I say go, all of us, step on it! Now? Three, two, one, GO!"

They stepped on it hard. A dozen of laser-like streams of light shot through the rims of the gleaming diamond. It spun around eleven times and sank down with a sudden jerk. The surrounding places slowly melted into a gorgeous room overflowing with diamonds. It started with the big diamond then slowly spread out. They looked around, squinting. Trying to see. An old man appeared through a door that they hadn't noticed before. It was made of thousands of diamonds just like all the other stuff.

"You have come to retrieve the diamond eh?" he stroked his long silvery beard. "Brave. None Has made it yet. But still, like everyone else, I will give each of you a gift." They exchanged nervous glances. "First things first. You have no time to waste. Come here." he pointed to Halo.

He chanted:

Anything you wish to be,
Close your eyes and picture it.
Spin around two times straight
You will transform into it

Then he held out both of his hands and motioned to halo. She put her hands on the old man's wrinkled, thin ones. For a moment, nothing happened. Then Halo felt a rush of warmth seeping through every corner, every one of her veins, every bloodstream in her body.

Then he turned to Mona:

Hiding without hiding,
Unseen by others.
Being invisible,
Whenever you want.

Mona's jaw dropped open, startled by her power. The man made a ball with his hands. It was made of something golden, sparkling. Then he tossed it to Mona. It sank through her hands as it touched her. She flickered a few times, disappeared and revealed herself again.

While Mona was still practicing, he spun around to Amity. This time, he just touched her forehead and waited.

"Oh my! I think I can read people's minds!" Amity gasped. The man just nodded and smiled.

?Thank you so much for your gifts. With these amazing abilities, we will try our best to save Bolanda.
you so much. Also, um, what should I call you?? Halo said.
?Call me, Garrett.? Then He slowly melted away. The room span. A diamond turned red.

Chapter 3

"I have a really funny feeling." Amity said, "C'mon! I think the diamond's a button. Let's try." They pushed with all their strength and a door appeared. They stepped through and, a holograph appeared.

It was a dragon. Its scales were rotting, it had sharp, gigantic, yellow, venomous fangs, green, slimy saliva dripped down its chin. It had glowing red eyes. It was sitting on a throne made with pure gold, rubies, anything that you can imagine. Looking at it made them feel hot inside. The kind of feeling you get when you're really frustrated or mad. Clouds of smoke shot out of its nostrils. It was making the hologram a blur. Out of the mist, it was admiring a diamond. A red one. It looked just about the same as the one they stepped outside. Just smaller.

"Woah!" Mona said paralyzed.

Then the dragon disappeared in thick smog and a scroll made of a piece of valuable dried up Wolpertinger's skin tied up with a small braided piece of braided unicorn hair found only in the deepest, darkest spot in the lowest point in Bolanda. The desert, Elboness.

"Huh, I wonder what's written on it." Mona said, taking it. They untied the scroll.

"What? But why?" Amity exclaimed. Holding the scroll. There was nothing, absolutely nothing on the scroll. "Why did this even appear when it has nothing on it! What is this thing supposed to do then?" This time, a little softer.

"Something almost impossible happened.

My name, is Meredith. I shall answer any question you insist- to help you with your quest?

They glanced at each other wide eyed, mouth opened.

Halo took a deep breath, "We really want to know what we are suppose to do. We have no idea. A vine lead us here and Garrett gave us some help. Just then we stepped into this room and saw a holograph with a dragon. We don't have the slightest idea what we're up to."

"Oh, yes, true. You know, the outside world is full of ashes. Why? How? It's because of the dragon, Groigthorn. You see, he wants everyone dead, everyone. He wants to take over the world and unfortunately, his dream is about to come true. If no one, soon enough, slays the dragon and retrieve the diamond, the world will burn down. And him? He won't care about a thing! He won't even feel anything. He has great powers. Some of which nobody knows. First. Go through that metal door. You shall figure out the rest. After you retrieve the diamond, go to the top of the volcano and through it up in the air then shout, BOLANDA! Well, I am very tired. I think I have told you enough. Come back later."

“Well then, what are you guys waiting for?” Mono jumped up and down. “Come! Let’s go!” She towards the door and with a slight push it opened.

A rich smell of candy filled their nostrils. They felt as they ought to dive in and enjoy the heaps of gummy bears, the rivers of jelly beans.

All this was far beyond what they’ve ever dreamed of. They squealed with delight. They were in Candyland. This has to be a dream. A neverending one. This is- impossible! Halo thought. They just stood there, admiring the beautiful world they had stepped into.

The clouds were made of fluffy, soft, pink, orange and white cotton candy, it was unbelievably outstanding! As they floated upon the pale sky they showed sharply. The rocks were made of chocolate rock candies. Millions of them. All around them they were surrounded by lollipop trees, taffy flowers, jolly rancher fruits, and melted caramel ponds. Oh, heaven!

They’d never seen such a colorful place. They were used to the same, dull, boring world they live in.

Amity took a deep breath. “Come! Let’s go. We have to keep going. I know it’s unbelievable but it doesn’t feel real. Just remember one thing. Don’t trust or eat anything. I have a queer feeling.”

“I think we have to cross over to the other side. What else can we do? This is going to take forever!” Halo moaned.

“Maybe you can try to turn into an alicorn.” Mona suggested. She swallowed hard. Stomach churning, she imagined this wonderful creature. Turned around two times, hesitating.

She felt the tingly feeling again but then she got dizzy. She is spinning uncontrollably now. Her vision got blurry and the surroundings got louder. She wanted to through up. All of a sudden, it stopped, everything went back to normal.

She appeared out of the mist now in alicorn form. She had a dazzling rainbow horn, main and tail along with shimmering, fluffy and snowy white wings. Her fur was as soft as heaps of feathers. Her deep, glittering pink eyes will pull you in if you stared at them.

Their eyes bulged out as they stared at her while their gorgeous friend was beaming and jumping almost two feet high. Halo was thrilled as she looked into the caramel pond.

“Ok, gals. We don’t have much time. Hop on my back! Let’s take off in three?” she started to gallop, “Two?” faster and faster she went, “One!” she took off with a graceful leap and fluttered her great powerful wings.

Chapter 4

It was a beautiful scenery below. Every color of the rainbow was there, right there, so vibrant. They glided right through the clouds. Amity tear some of the luscious candy off and started cramming it in her mouth.

They flew half an hour or so. Amity drifted into a deep, deep, sleep. Besides her, wide eyed Mono was looking around.

But then just as they were about to cross the boundary of Candyland, Halo, without warning, jerked back. Mona seized Halo's main. Unfortunately, Amity, unconscious, fell off. They were three miles off the ground.

"STOP!" Mona yelled. "Amity's fell off!"

"Hold on tight! I'm going for a dive!" Mona clutched to her neck and prepared to die. Amity swooped down and did an eighty degrees dive. Mona screamed with terror.

The wind sliced through their eyes, making them water. As they sped up, the wind screamed louder than ever.

"Prepare to catch her!" Halo shouted. They flew right below Amity and thump! She was caught! Mysteriously, she was still peacefully sound asleep.

They landed and Halo changed back to her normal form. They tried to wake Amity up but no matter how hard they tried, she wouldn't budge. They decided to just leave her alone.

After a while Amity finally waked. She sat up, rubbing her eyes "What have I missed? Don't tell me that I save you girls." They giggled

They told her the whole story. "Can't believe I missed the whole thing! Probably because of the cotton candy" Amity murmured.

"Amity, don't ever do that again. It's dangerous. Something worse could have happened." Halo said.

"Now, how do we get through that thing?" Mona pointed towards the lollie portal.

"I have an idea! Ask Meredith!" Amity said holding the scroll. "Here we go! Hello Meredith, how do we get through the lollie portal?"

Hello, again. If you want to go through the lollie portal, known as the nothingness spiral, you ask it politely that, you want to go through. Then it will reveal a riddle. You must solve it to go through but, if you get the riddle wrong, you will be doomed.

"I'll try." she breathed deeply and walked right in front the portal, "Excuse me, dear portal, would you mind to let us through on the other side?"

"First," a low, empty, rasping voice said. Echoing through Candyland. "You will have to solve a

riddle. If you can, you may pass. What word sounds the same when you take its first letter away, still the same when you erase the last one, and also sounds the same when you throw out the middle?

"I know the answer. I can read its mind. Its coming- got it!" Amity said. "Portal, the answer is 'empty'?"

"Yes, yes. You and your fellow friends may pass." And then at the bottom of the big lollipop portal, a part disappeared revealing a hole. They stepped through it. They felt an icy feeling around them. Then, they couldn't feel anything. They went numb. The girls tried to hold each other's hands but they can't even feel their own! Their chests tightened and they couldn't breath. At last, they felt a strong invisible push.

Chapter 5

They stumbled out of the portal. They entered a dark room only lit by small torches pinned to the wall. It was blazing hot, and was making them sweat. The walls were made of big blocks of stone. They felt something rumbling and shaking on top of them.

“Run!” Mona shouted. They just jumped just in time to dodge the huge tumbling stone. Now they were standing on a big stone platform. They looked down and saw that the step was actually hovering above of a dozen angry, hungry ogres. The platform behind them disappeared. They realised that the step they stood on was starting to disappear too. They quickly hopped to the next, and the next until they reached towards the top.

Then they came to a halt. They were running so fast that they weren't looking where they were going. Right in front of them was a wooden swing hung by four thin strands of twine. It was about five feet away from them.

“Listen. I'm going to change into a long wooden board. You shall use me as a bridge. After you get onto the swing, pull me up and I'll change back.” she changed into it and they crossed to the swing.

There wasn't much space on there. They glanced up and saw that the rope was starting to rip. The only place they can go was the monkey bars.

“I'll go.” Amity said, the strongest. She leaped through the air and she easily crossed the bars to the last platform. One by one, with some help, the others crossed over to the other side.

In front of them, a narrow spiral staircase going up was leading somewhere. It was dark and gloomy.

“I think we need to climb up it but I'm scared.” Mona shivered.

“There's no need to be scared. We're all here and we have each other.” Halo reminded her.

“Every second counts. Let's go.” Amity started off, leading them through to empty staircase.

Chapter 6

"This place! What happened?" Halo cringed. They were in the heart of the volcano.

They reached towards the tippy top of the staircase and entered a room with a ceiling so high that you can't see the top. It seemed as if it touched the sky. They can't even see the surrounding walls.

On a hovering throne, there sat the dragon breathing fire admiring the diamond. Its breath was horrid. It seemed as if he never brushed his teeth or took a shower.

Mona stared at it. The dragon snarled and stared at her as well. He pointed towards her and a small stream of dust flew right into her eyes. All of a sudden her face turned red and her eyes started to glow with green light. She clenched her fists and her hair rized from her scalp.

"Why did you bring me here!?" Mona shouted. "YOU KNOW THIS IS MY HOME RIGHT? THERE'S NO REASON WHY YOU'RE HERE. OH I KNOW, YOU WANT TO SLAY THE DRAGON? WELL, YOU HAVE TO GET PAST ME FIRST."

"Woah. Calm down. Did you forget? We are trying to save Bolanda."

"No, WHAT are you thinking. I'm on Groigthorn side."

"What happened to you? Where are you Mona? Where did you go?" Halo startled.

"Well, dear me. I happen to be the one you're looking for. The sweet little Mona is right in front of you, my best friend." she smiled a sly smile

"NO! Your not Mona! You're not the shy little girl that cheered me up when I was sad, you're not the girl that used to tell little jokes and NO! You're not the girl who was kind and caring!" She bursted out into tears.

For a second, her eyes returned to the beautiful hazel shade. Her eyes seemed to overflow with tears. Her hair flattened. But only for an instant. She transformed back to that hard-hearted girl.

"Halo. Breath. We know That she hasn't fully disappeared yet and there is a chance that we can save her. On that instant, when she went back to normal, I knew what she was thinking. She was like "Oh no, I never should have stared at that stupid dragon. This room is cursed. I don't want to be like this. No. I'm praying right now that they will slay the dragon. I believe they can do it witho-." Then she got controlled. Yes I know. Here's a solution. We drag her out of this room back to the staircase. The magic might not work outside of here?"

"Three, two, one PULL!"

"Hey, who are you doing this for? Me? I'm better off alone. So stop it!" They kept pulling in spite of her. "Let. Me. Go." Mona struggled, gritting her teeth.

"Almost. There." They finally forced her to step out of the core of the volcano. In a flash, Mona returned to her normal character.

"Oh, p-p-please forgive me, I b-beg you. That dragon was controlling me. I did-dn't mean to hurt your feelings." Halo wimperd.

"We know it wasn't your fault, that dragon's evil. Besides, we're happier than ever! You came back and you weren't trapped in there forever." Amity said.

"I just want to let you know that when I was controlled, I-I became part of him. Everything I knew teleported to Groigthorn. Meanwhile everything he knows I know." Sniffing, "So it's not that bad. Now I know what his weakness is we'll know how to find him." the girls' eyes brightened. "Actually, it's pretty weird. It's water. That's why he's so foul smelling."

"But there's one problem. Where can we find water?" Halo signed.

"I know, you, Halo can change into a bucket of water, I'll be invisible distracting the dragon with weird sounds while Amity, holding Halo in water form. Amity, you're strong so it's no problem of yours to through Halo with the bucket towards the dragon. That instant, he will melt away slowly." Mona said.

"SPLASH!" Halo landed right on Groigthorn's left hind leg. She changed back to the real Halo and ran away as fast as she could. They watched together as he died away leaving a small, green, smelly pond of his remainings.

Halo turned into the Alicorn, Amity and Mona climbed aboard. They soared high in the air, Amity grasped the diamond and yanked it away. They flew right through the opening at the top and threw the diamond up.

They shouted in the same time, BOLANDA!

The diamond changed from that fiery red to a light, crisp green. It was finally restored to the place where it longed to be. The green light shone all over Bolanda. The diamond span around slowly and with every inch turned, a piece of land went green.

On the dirt, grass grew. By the sidewalks, trees appeared. Below the buildings flowers sprouted. Life covered Bolanda

The world they used to live in was completely transformed. Now it is a totally different place.