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Scene 1

Alaunus

The invasion rages on above, a ship is shot down and almost crashes into the campsite where the warriors are resting, Raven uses her staff to turn the ship into more energy butterflies

<Raven>: This invasion continues to be troublesome (he raises her staff into the air and hides the invasion from the warriors) thankfully my reality gem can keep the warriors safe. But that fiend has his own infinity gem, I am not a match for him on my own and if he... No, that's unthinkable. I must proceed with the trials; true warriors may be what I need to bring this to an end (she awakens the warriors)

Raven: Warriors, once there were 10, now only 8, and another will leave our company at day's end. Gather your strength, as the trials continue. Come (she leads the warriors away)



Raven: If you thought that yesterday was the end of trials on team work, you are mistaken. For work as a team you must, if you are to gather the rings scattered here. In this challenge, you must open 4 chests, using the keys in the river. The first clue to find the correct key is printed on the first chest, for

the others, they are inside the chests. So, you need to open all 4, to earn your prize. Beware the sands that run as you compete, for should they run out before you earn your prize, you will lose a life. Lerdan, Valtho, as our leaders, you will go first



Raven: Are you ready?
Valtho: Yes, Raven
Lerdan: Yes, Raven
Raven: Then let the challenge (she slams her staff down) begin

Lerdan reveals the first symbol to Valtho, a candlestick, that's unlit. Valtho searches for a flame to match it, he eventually finds it, finding the key and sending it up to Lerdan. Lerdan opens the chest and reveals the next symbol

A crab's claw is revealed, Lerdan spots the rest of a crab in the river, getting Valtho to swim toward it, Valtho retrieves it and sends it up. The next picture is that of a moon crescent. Lerdan and Valtho search for the symbol that relates to it.

Lerdan spots a full moon near the river bank. Valtho swims over to it but time is quickly elapsing. Valtho retrieves the key, sending it up but as they open the chest to reveal the final symbol, the sands run out for them

Valtho: That was a frustrating challenge to lose. Lerdan and I were decent at communicating, but I really think that we lost the challenge at the beginning because it took too long to find the first symbol. A tough loss to start the day.
Lerdan: I actually felt that me and Valtho worked well together and communicated well, it's just that we needed to work a little faster and we would've got the rings.



Raven: Communicate efficiently and the prize is yours, are you ready?
Denal: Yes, Raven
Leyad: Yes, Raven
Raven: Then let the challenge (she slams her staff down) begin

Denal tells Leyad that the first picture is a candlestick, Denal finds the flame picture and sends Leyad after it. She retrieves it and soon they have the chest open, revealing the crab's claw. They both search for answers

Denal finally spots the crab, sending Leyad in its direction. Leyad swims well and gets her hands on the key, Denal opens the chest and reveals the crescent. He immediately sees the moon near the bank and sends Leyad to find it.

Leyad retrieves the key and sends it to the surface. Denal unlocks the chest and reveals a balance. The final image, that of a weight lies in the rapids, Leyad swims towards it but as she prepares to face the rapids, their time runs out.

Leyad: I think me and Denal worked pretty well together. I'm not sure if there was much we could have done better, except for spotting the crab sooner!

Denal: I thought me and Leyad worked well as a team, unfortunately we didn't pay attention to the clock until it was too late.



Raven: Let the challenge (she slams her staff down) begin

Hamras reveals the first image to be a candlestick. He looks around, spotting the flame and guides Etoney toward it. Etoney manages to retrieve the first key and give it back to Hamras, he unlocks the chest and reveals a crab claw

After a few moments searching, Hamras finds the crab and guides Etoney towards it. He grabs the next key, so Hamras puts down the net ready to collect, he lifts it up but unfortunately as he retrieves the key, he drops the rod, the challenge is over.

Etoney: I felt that me and Hamras were doing well until that incident happened I mean there is not a lot to say just maybe we should have been more cautious.

Hamras: Well that was a disaster. I can't even make my usual excuse of "I have a fear of fishing rods," because I don't; and now I'm in last place. Great way to start.



Raven: None of your fellow warriors have found success here, will you show them how it's done? Are you ready?

Pale: Yes, Raven

Abbli: Yes, Raven

Raven: Then let the challenge (she slams her staff down) begin

Abbli reveals the first symbol, the candlestick and guides Pale towards the flame. He retrieves it and soon their first chest is open, revealing the crab's claw. Abbli discovers the crab it belongs to and guides Pale toward it

With the key collected, Abbli lowers the net for Pale to put the key into, soon they have their second chest unlocked, the crescent is revealed but Abbli quickly spots the full moon by the river bank. Pale swims hard to find it.

With the key from the crescent collected, Pale sends it up to Abbli who unlocks the chest to reveal the balance. Abbli spots the weight in the rapids and sends Pale towards them, a mighty

effort allows him to collect the key. He rides the current back towards the waiting net, Abbli unlocks the final chest, allowing them to collect their prize.

Pale: That was a much-needed win for me and when I found out I was paired with Abbli I was so happy as I knew he is such a good warrior when it comes to communication. I opted to go in the water as I knew I could handle the coldness of the waters whilst I knew Abbli would be very clear on his instructions. It has all paid off as we managed to win that challenge and it made it even better when everyone else failed as it benefitted me and Abbli massively as a result, I would have not done anything different if we did this challenge again that is for sure.

Abbli: Being in such a precarious position, I can't afford to lose challenges. It just a bonus that Pale and I completed this challenge while everybody else failed. I have to tip my hat off to Pale though. I merely fiddled with keys and hawk eyes the pictures as he swam through those currents. I think I was fortunate I was paired with someone with gills and webbed feet.

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Raven: Pale, Abbli, you proved an effective team, and have each earned 2 rings, Abbli, a life is returned to you for 9 gold rings



Raven: Valtho, Lerdan, Denal, Leyad, Etony, Hamras, your failings here have cost you a life



VALTHO



LERDAN



ETONEY



DENAL



LEYAD



HAMRAS

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Raven: It seems that the magical wave has set these castle ruins ablaze, but I sense treasure within this fire (she lifts her staff and each of the flames displays a treasure ring in a red aura) you must douse these flames, using that catapult and the limited ice balls you have available. Fail to douse any, and you will be consumed by the flames. Valtho, you lead this band, you will go first



Raven: Are you ready?
Valtho: Yes, Raven
Raven: Then let the challenge (she slams her staff down) begin

Valtho prepares his first ice ball, he misses, but is close and clearly in the right ballpark, he loads the second but the result is the same. Five more shots pass and the same result happens each time

Valtho switches targets to a different fireball, firing them now at the lower flame, he fires and once again the shots barely miss, with only one ice ball left, he takes aim but alas he misses again and is consumed by the flames.



Raven: Are you ready?

Lerdan: Yes, Raven

Raven: Then let the challenge (she slams her staff down) begin

Lerdan fires his first ice ball but it falls short of the target, He reloads, aiming at the high right flame, but his second shot equally falls short of the target. More ice balls fly but none of them strike, so Lerdan tries a different target.

Lerdan's shots edge ever closer to hitting their mark, but before long he has only one ice ball remaining, aiming it at the lower flame, he shoots but the shot falls short and the flames consume him.



Raven: Can you succeed where the others have failed? Let the challenge (she slams her staff down) begin

Denal releases his first shot, but it falls short, he reloads and fires again, but now the ice ball heads wildly to the left of the target. Several more shots follow and none of them come close to hitting a flame.

With the number of ice balls running out, Denal switches to another target, hoping for more success. Unfortunately, a number of shots come up short and he's down to one final ice ball, he fires but he misses, the flames consume him.



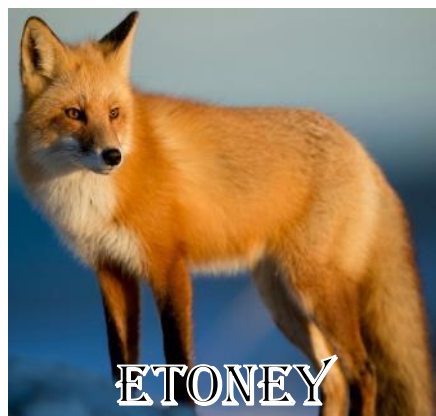
Raven: Let the challenge (she slams her staff down) begin

Leyad aims her first shot, she releases and the ice ball only barely misses the fireball. She takes aim again, and with her second shot, the first fireball is doused and her lives are preserved. Unfortunately, her next few shots all come short of the target.

Ice balls running low, Leyad takes aim once again, her ice ball hits its mark and douses a second flame. A few near misses follow, Leyad takes aim with her final ice ball but sadly it just misses the mark.

Raven: 2 gold rings, well done

Leyad: I'm pretty happy with my performance here! I wish I could have gotten another ring at the end there, but I'm happy to keep all my lives and get an extra ring!



Raven: Let the challenge (she slams her staff down) begin

Etoney releases his first ice ball but it misses the target, his second shot veers far from the window where the flame is, so he decides to switch targets, his aim improves but not by enough as none of the next few shots manage to hit their mark

With ice balls running low, Etoney changes targets again, this time to the lowest one, he fires several shots at the target but unfortunately, they continue to miss. His final ice ball misses and he is consumed.



Raven: (Slams her staff down) begin

Pale releases his first ice ball and it only barely misses the top left window he's aiming for, persistence proves successful as he eventually manages to douse the fire. He switches to the lower left window

Pale continues to fire shots that edge closer to the target, and eventually, with only one ice ball left, he manages to douse a second flame. Unfortunately, his final ice ball falls short of the top right window.

Raven: Well aimed, 2 rings earned

Pale: I think I actually even surprised myself on that challenge as I think accuracy is one of my weaker traits but when my first shot narrowly missed the top window I opted to keep going for it. I am so glad it paid off and I was quite satisfied enough with one ring but winning two rings was certainly better than I expected.



Raven: (Slams her staff down) begin

Abbli fires his first ice ball at the upper left flame and luck seems to have his back as the shot manages to douse the flame. He aims for the lower left window, his next shot falls short but he continues to try

After a number of attempts, Abbli successfully douses the second flame, and moves to the upper right window. He fires a few shots, coming up short, but with 3 ice balls remaining the third flame is doused.

Raven: A full haul, 3 golden rings, congratulations

Abbli: I doused 3 flames. I love accuracy challenges! With the constant success and the failings of other warriors I've boosted myself into 5th position which thrills me so much when you see how I had such an awful start and lingered near the bottom for so long. But I slapped myself in gear, I'm finding my momentum and its really starting to click now.



Raven: Hamras, you can ill afford to fail, are you ready?

Hamras: Yes, Raven

Raven: Then let the challenge (she slams her staff down) begin

Hamras aims his first iceball at the upper left flame, his first shot comes up short, but with his second shot, he manages to douse the flame. He moves to the lower flame; his third shot misses as to several more that follow.

With only 3 ice balls remaining, Hamras manages to douse the second fireball, and takes aim at the upper right fireball. His first shot misses, his second shot comes close but his third shot hits the mark.

Raven: 3 rings are yours, Hamras

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Raven: Abbli, Hamras your accuracy proved strongest here, and you earned 3 golden rings



Raven: Leyad, Pale, each of you earned 2 rings for your efforts here.



Raven: Valtho, Lerdan, Denal, Etony, I have restored you from your fiery demise (Raven brings them back with her staff) but the price is a life



VALTHO



LERDAN



ETONEY



DENAL



Valtho: Burning Battlements was so annoying because usually I'm pretty good with accuracy challenges, but for whatever reason today I kept missing the mark. Really disappointed to lose despite the fact I'm still in first place because the gap I had to the majority of the warriors is narrowing.

Etoney: I'm very, very frustrated with my performance as I know my aim is not that bad but this isn't what I needed because now I'm in last place with 3

challenges to go so yeah not pleased with my performance but I'm not down and out just yet.

Lerdan: I am a bit disappointed to fail and also confused as I always quite good with accuracy, so I don't know what happened.

Denal: I was dreading this challenge as I'm utterly terrible at accuracy. It went exactly as I expected, and now I'm in real danger of going out.

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Raven: Warriors, this is the riddle bridge, and it's our only path forward, as the magic of the Riddle Nook is the only thing keeping the mists as bay. Treasure lies ahead, but the book will not let anyone cross. Open the book and it will tell you a riddle, then you will have till the sands run out to spell out the correct answer and make it to the prize. Step on the wrong letters, or run out of time, and you will be engulfed by the mists. Valtho, you currently lead this group and Etoney, you have fallen into last, you shall go first.



Raven raises her staff and the other warriors disappear

Raven: They can neither see nor hear your actions here, are you ready?

Valtho: Yes Raven

Etoney: Yes Raven

Raven: Then let the challenge (she slams her staff down) begin

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Valtho stands at the path as Etoney opens the riddle book

Riddle book: I have no ears, but more than one eye,
Cut me in half, I won't cry,
Leave me alone and I will die.

Etoney and Valtho are both confused by the riddle and start looking to the path for answers. Valtho can see the letters that spell out 'potato' and Etoney begins to connect that it could be the correct answer.

Valtho steps on the P, and they're both relieved as he isn't claimed, Valtho takes steps to the other letters to reach the rings, as Etoney comes and does the same.

Valtho: The riddle was definitely confusing at first and I almost laughed when I saw the word 'potato' because I thought there's no way that it would be right. However, after Etoney and I started to talk it through, it became clear that it was our best option we could find and sort of made sense with the riddle. I'm

glad it was right because I was desperate for a win to get my day back on track.

Etoney: I'm very happy to have one riddle bridge as it was a must win challenge for me so to have succeeded was great! I thought me and Valtho did well and once he spotted potato I managed to piece together a theory that would make it seem like a logical choice and when he stepped on the P we knew it was the correct answer so our logic payed off.



Raven lifts her staff and Lerdan and Denal appear

Raven: Are you ready?

Lerdan: Yes Raven

Denal: Yes Raven

Raven: Then let the challenge begin (she turns the sand timer)

Lerdan steps before the path as Denal opens the riddle book

Riddle book: I have no ears, but more than one eye,
Cut me in half, I won't cry,
Leave me alone and I will die.

Lerdan quickly believes he has the answer, 'potato' which Denal ultimately agrees with, Lerdan steps on the letters and crosses the path, reaching the rings. Denal soon follows and they celebrate their victory

Lerdan: I got the answer quite quickly and I'm proud that Denal agreed as we couldn't think of anything else and that the answer we gave was the only one that fitted

Denal: Lerdan got the answer really quickly. Once I looked at the stones I knew it would work. This gives me a slight boost but I can't drop my focus now.



Raven raises her staff, Leyad and Hamras appear

Raven: Are you ready?

Leyad: Yes Raven

Hamras: Yes Raven

Raven: Then let the challenge begin (she turns over the timer)

Leyad steps before the path as Hamras opens the riddle book

Riddle book: I have no ears, but more than one eye,
Cut me in half, I won't cry,
Leave me alone and I will die.

Hamras quickly surmises that the answer might be 'potato.' After some careful thought, Leyad agrees and begins stepping on the letters. She is relieved is the path they chose is the true one, and soon she makes it to the rings, with Hamras following behind.

Hamras: I love to cook. If I didn't get this right, I would be shunned, outright shunned. Leyad definitely would've helped a lot with getting the answer if I hadn't figured it out instantly - which was kinda lucky for me - because I know she is pretty smart.

Leyad: I'm really happy about how this challenge went! Hamras came up with the answer straight away, he was a great partner and I don't know if I could have gotten the answer without him!



Raven raises her staff and Pale and Abbli appear

Raven: Your teamwork impressed this morning, can it do so again? Are you ready?

Pale: Yes, Raven

Abbli: Yes, Raven

Raven: Then let the challenge begin (she turns over the sand-timer)

Pale stands before the path as Abbli opens the riddle book

Riddle book: I have no ears, but more than one eye,
Cut me in half, I won't cry,
Leave me alone and I will die.

Pale is stumped by the riddle, but Abbli wisely connects his experiences to the riddle and comes up with the answer of 'potato' Pale sees the answer on the path but with no other option and the sands falling, he decides to go for it

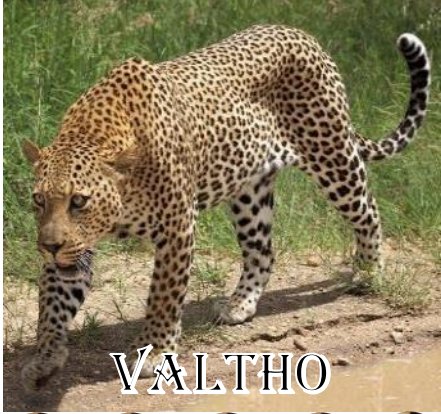
There's a sigh of relief from both of them when P is revealed to them as the correct letter. Pale manages to make the steps to complete the word and earn the rings, as Abbli follows behind him.

Pale: I have to take my hat off to Abbli here as he basically did all the work in solving the riddle as I didn't really have a clue on what the answer was, which is quite awkward as normally I tend to be quite good with riddles. Because we all won the challenge, our positions remained but I will go one better with my comment on Abbli: He is simply the best warrior you can have on a team so I am thankful to have him twice today as a teammate.

Abbli: I feel I repaid Pale after his Sunken Treasure efforts by cracking this riddle. I love food... I'm part Irish. What can I say? My family would have disowned me had I not got potato!

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Raven: Warriors, it is rare I have seen minds as sharp as yours, you each claim your prize of 2 rings. Pale, with this you win back a life



VALTHO



LERDAN



LEYAD



PALE

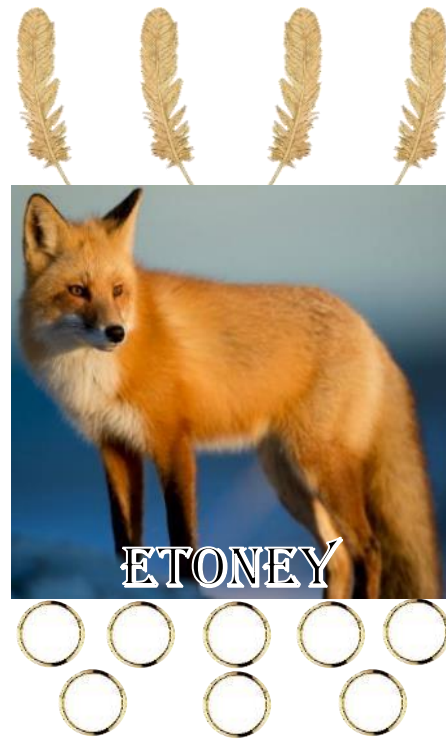


ABBLI



DENAL





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As the warriors leave, the Riddle book opens

Riddle Book: Terrible things will soon transpire, trust not the one who is a 'liar' (Raven looks back at the Riddle book as the warriors leave)

Scene 2

A clearing in the forest

Raven is searching the woods without the warriors

Fortress of Solitude

The figure is watching Raven's activities using the space gem

Raven: I know you've been watching, let's end this, just the two of us!

The figure appears before Raven

Raven: Well then, let's finish this

Raven and the figure lock staff blasts, his blast a bright blue, hers a distinctive red. They break off their respective attacks, Raven raises her staff and the ground swallows the figure, until in a blue flash he appears behind her, he is about to attack but finds that it's an illusion created by the reality gem, he looks up to see himself surrounded by Ravens, all preparing to attack. The figure lifts his staff and one of the Raven's glows blue, he blasts and the other Ravens dissipate in red smoke, the real Raven transforms and takes flight, the figure entraps her in a blue bubble and slams her into the floor, as she recovers she sees multiples of the figure, all preparing to blast her, she takes flight again, avoiding multiple blasts, the figure raises his staff in the air and flies after her, the eye of the Raven glows red and a conspiracy

of ravens attack, she transforms back to human then uses the reality gem to warp the ground to create a soft landing, the figure appears behind her again and tries to whack her with his staff, she ducks, then roots come out of the ground to grab the figure, he disappears in a blue flash, he reappears in front of her. They both are out of breath from the fight, Raven recovers first and blasts him but he disappears before the blast makes contact, after a moment Raven realises he isn't returning

<Raven>: Damn, without the Raven of this universe, I cannot defeat him, time runs short.



Raven: Warriors, before you lies one of the most dangerous enemies you will encounter, that is a fire demon. (She points her staff towards the demon) you cannot approach the Fire Demons without being blinded by its fiery gaze. But step before it you must, for centred in the demon's fire is gold. Use this staff of ice to extinguish the fire, you will be blindfolded for your protection, so you must rely on your other senses for success here. Valtho, you still hold the position as leader, you will go first.



Raven: Are you ready?

Valtho: Yes Raven

Raven: Then let the challenge (she slams her staff down begin)

Valtho stands before the demon and it begins to move the fireball, Valtho tries to listen for it, but every time he tries to swing his stick he misses. He stops, trying to focus solely on the flame, but the fireball is already gone from where he tries to swing his staff

With the fireball still active, Valtho continues to swing his staff in an attempt to douse it, but his attempts continue to prove unsuccessful and soon the flame moves in and consumes him.



Raven: Are you ready?

Lerdan: Yes, Raven

Raven: Then let the challenge (she slams her staff down) begin

Lerdan stands ready, with the ice staff in his hand as the demon releases its fireball, as it guides it around the warrior, Lerdan swings his staff around in an attempt to hit it, but sadly this tactic is not proving successful

Lerdan tries to focus on the noise he can hear from the fireball, he continues to swing his staff, but sadly the misses continue and the demon makes the final move, consuming him



Raven: Are you ready?
Leyad: Yes Raven
Raven: Then let the challenge (she slams her staff down) begin

Leyad listens out for the sound of the fireball the demon is controlling, she keeps herself centred and focuses only on that sound, though she misses a few times, before long her focus pays off and she hits the fireball, claiming the 2 rings

Leyad: I was really worried about this challenge at first, as I didn't know how hard it would be to hear the fireball. Luckily, I was able to track it down, and I hit it really quickly!



Raven: Are you ready?
Pale: Yes Raven
Raven: Then let the challenge (she slams her staff down) begin

Pale attempts to listen for the fireball but every time he swings, the demon has already moved the fireball out of the way. He continues with this tactic, but it's not proving easy as the demon's cunning continues to allow the fireball to stay ahead

Pale continues to make controlled swipes towards the fireball, but the fireball continues to elude him, until eventually, Pale is claimed by it.



Raven: Let the challenge (she slams her staff down) begin

Abbli prepares as the fireball is released, he begins swinging the stick around wildly, hoping that he will hit the fireball, but sadly this does not come to be. The fireball continues to float around him, and the ice staff is not close to hitting it.

Abbli tries to focus on the sound the fireball is making, this allows his strokes to be more controlled but they're too slow to hit the fireball in time, he is soon claimed by the fire.



Raven: Let the challenge (she slams her staff down) begin

Hamras remains calm as the fireball is released, he concentrates on the sound of the flame and makes quick, controlled strokes in an effort to douse it with his ice staff, it's not long before the tactic pays off and he earns his rings.

Hamras: Not gonna lie, I thought I wouldn't do too well in this challenge, but I kept a level head and hit the fireball.



Raven: (Slams her staff down) begin

Denal stands ready as the demon releases the fireball, he guides it around Denal; Denal tries to swing his staff at it, but his reactions are too slow and the fireball had moved out of its range when he tries to strike

Though Denal tries to listen out for the fireball, his strikes all come too late, and the fireball remains, after a while, the fireball claims him



Raven: (Slams her staff down) begin

Etoney prepares himself as the demon begins his attack. Etoney keeps his nerve and retains his focus, using controlled strokes to try and hit the fireball, the demon proves cunning, however as the fireball moves quickly out of range

Etoney keeps himself focused, preparing for the right moment to strike, the moment comes and Etoney strikes the fireball, earning the 2 rings

Etoney: There was only one thing going through my mind and that was focus, focus, focus because if not you're going home and thankfully I kept my composure and got the rings which means that I am no longer in last thanks to failures from other warriors so I know feel like I've still got a chance of making it through!

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Raven: Leyad, Hamras, Etoney, you used your senses well and burst the demon fire, each of you earn 2 rings, which I now add to your tallies. Etoney, with this ring, a life is restored



LEYAD



HAMRAS



ETONEY



Raven:

Valtho, Lerdan, Pale, Abbli, Denal, I restore you from your fiery demise (she brings them back) but the cost of doing so is a life



VALTHO



LERDAN





PALE



ABBLI



DENAL



Valtho: Fire Demon was not easy at all because once you moved the stick it actually made more noise than the fireball itself! As a result I found that everytime I listened to try and locate where the fireball was, after I swung it had already moved a little and then I lost track of it again. I began to panic a little and eventually lost the challenge. I'm starting to get a little worried about warriors like Leyad, Hamras and Pale who are catching up with me now. I really need to win the next challenge.

Abbli: Well it had to go wrong somewhere didn't it? Maybe if I hit a few piñatas back in my day I could have been trained but I never have. Now I'm 2nd from bottom with only 2 rings margin. Next challenge is DO or DIE.

Lerdan: My tactic for the Fire Demon were to just swing and hopefully hit the fire, but it seems to not work so I had to change it by listening to the noise of the fire, but I continued to miss and then the fire consumed me.

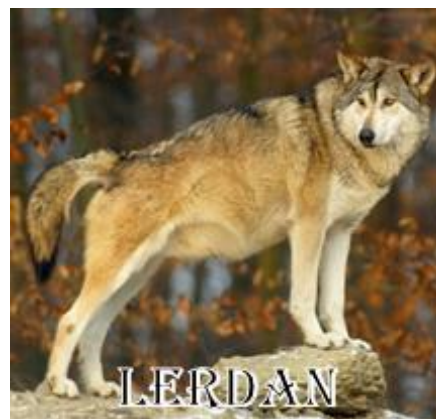
Pale: The moment I saw that challenge, I honestly expected to fail as I am not good with the blindfolds on at all. I think what went wrong was the fact I was too slow on my reactions and I spent too long with my swings. I honestly didn't like that challenge anyway and it seems this challenge doesn't like me either.

Denal: Oh joy, another accuracy challenge. I knew I was doomed when they said this was up next. I'm probably gonna end up doing Way of the Warrior now, I can't believe how bad today has been for me.

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Raven: The path to gold is rarely an easy one. This time, rings lie within a thrall glade. You must traverse a path, gathering rings upon your way, without hitting the ropes, setting off the bells that alert the demon guards. A tough task alone, made tougher as this is a race. There is a final ring at the end of the glade, fail to make it to the end, with 2 rings in your possession, before your opponent, and you will lose a life. Valtho, Lerdan, you have been close matched throughout this quest, perhaps it is time to separate you. You shall race first



Raven: Are you ready?
Valtho: Yes Raven
Lerdan: Yes Raven
Raven: Then let the challenge (she slams her staff down) begin

Valtho and Lerdan tread through the threads, heading towards the first ring, both are cautious enough that the threads remain untouched, the warriors are neck and neck as they both grasp their first ring.

With neither warrior able to waste a second, they head towards the second ring, their agility holds the ropes remain untouched but Lerdan is pulling a slight lead over Valtho. Lerdan grabs his second ring and Valtho grabs his soon after

The final ring is in both their sights and they continue to race toward it, the strings get tight and but they both masterfully weave through them. Lerdan however manages to escape the threads first and grabs the final ring.

Lerdan: When going through the threads, I thought of planning my route, as well as going quick. When I was against Valtho, I thought he was gonna beat, but I just overtook him and won the challenge.

Valtho: I tried to be very aware of where the threads were in the maze but remain as quick as possible. Honestly, I think I did a really good job in this challenge, it was just that Lerdan was slightly better than me. I reckon I would have had a good shot of winning against most of the others.



Raven: Are you ready?

Leyad: Yes Raven

Hamras: Yes Raven

Raven: Then let the challenge (she slams her staff down) begin

Leyad and Hamras enter the threads and begin making their way towards the first ring. Both warriors are cautious enough to avoid hitting the threads and Leyad begins to take the lead and grabs the first ring.

As Leyad proceeds towards the second ring, Hamras grabs his first. Desperate to catch up, Hamras moves quickly but in the process, knocks a thread and is claimed by a demon. Leyad reaches the second ring before she notices her comrade's fate.

With Hamras no longer in the race, Leyad moves more cautiously through the threads towards the final ring. Her care allows her to avoid touching any more of the threads, soon she reaches the end and grabs the final ring.

Leyad: My strategy going into this challenge was to be as fast as possible, while still being careful about the threads. Luckily for me, Hamras was taken by the demons, so I could forget about the speed and just focus on getting to the end of the threads!



Raven: Are you ready?
Pale: Yes Raven
Etoney: Yes Raven
Raven: Then let the challenge (she slams her staff down) begin

They enter the threads together and Pale quickly draws a lead, navigating through the threads masterfully. Etoney manages to avoid the threads, hoping for Pale to make a mistake, but Pale has the first ring in his grasp

Etoney continues to proceed towards the first ring as Pale extends his lead on his way to the second. Etoney grabs the first ring and makes progress towards the second, but Pale is well ahead and grabs the second ring.

With Pale heading towards the final ring. Etoney tries to speed up carefully in the hopes of catching up, he makes it to the second ring but by the time he does so, Pale has already left the threads and claimed the final ring.

Pale: Seconds before the race started I have figured out the best way to make it through the threads without touching any of them and I opted to look in every direction of where I was going throughout the challenge. I was confident I would make it through quickly without touching the threads and when I found out who I was up against I knew straight away I was going to win. Honestly, I think I would have won whoever I was up against given this was one of the easiest challenges I had to face so far.

Etoney: My strategy for facing Pale was try and take it slow and hope that in his hurry that he would mess up but unfortunately once again Pale beat me so now I lie in second to last.



Raven: If you fail here, you will face Way of the Warrior, are you ready?

Abbli: Yes Raven

Denal: Yes Raven

Raven: Then let the challenge (she slams her staff down) begin

Abbli and Denal begin their journey to the first ring. Abbli begins drawing out a lead but both are careful enough to avoid the deadly threads. Denal closes in on his ring but Abbli has already laid claim to his first ring.

Abbli proceeds towards the second ring as Etoney lays claim to his first. Both keep their focus on their own journey and avoiding the threads, before long though Abbli lays claim to his second ring with Denal falling further behind.

Despite his best efforts, Denal is still lagging behind when he manages to claim his second ring, Abbli is near the end of the threads, and only has a final thread to cross to escape, he treads over it and lays claim to the final ring.

Abbli: WOOO! SO PUMPED! I have avoided Way of the Warrior thrice now! I knew gaining an early lead could help and I didn't look back once. I just got to the end and hoped Denal was behind me.

Denal: Abbli outperformed me, simple as that. Unbelievable, that's the only way to describe my day.

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Raven: Lerdan, Leyad, Pale, Abbli. You won your races and the prize is 3 rings apiece. Leyad, Abbli, with these you win back a precious life



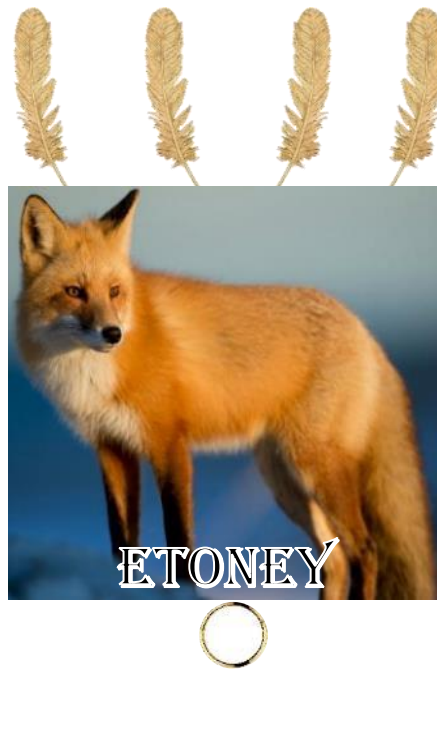
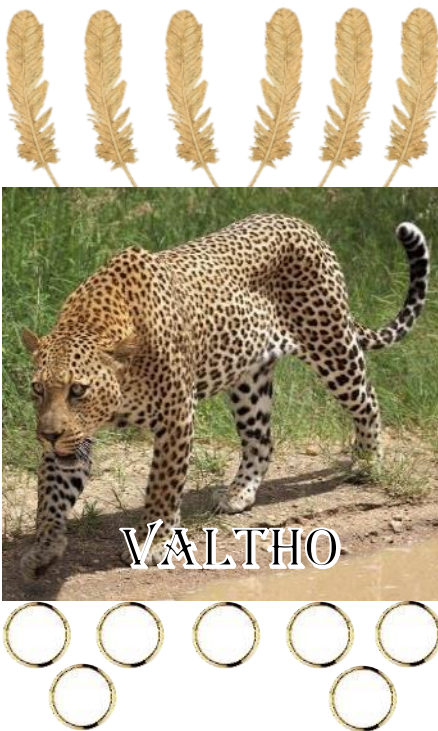
Raven:

Hamras, I restore you from the demons' grasp, (she restores Hamras) but this costs you a life



Hamras: Seeing Leyad in front of me at the start of the race was basically something that instructed me to pick up the pace, but of course that went horribly wrong when I touched a thread. It's also pretty embarrassing to be the only person who failed the challenge because they touched a thread. Wonderful.

Raven: Valtho, Etony, Denal, you may have avoided the demons, but you lost your races, now the rings you collected are sacrificed and so is a precious life





Raven: Today has been most arduous, but for one of you, this is where it ends. Denal, you are currently in last place, are you prepared to take on this trial (he nods) very well. At the end of the challenge is a portal, pass the obstacles and the portal will ensure your survival, but should you fail, you cannot be brought back.



Raven: Are you ready?
Denal: Yes Raven
Raven: Then let the challenge (she slams her staff down) begin

Denal steps through the porthole, determined to give everything to this nigh impossible trial. The trapeze logs stand before him, he carefully treads from one to the next, before stepping back to solid ground. The swinging boulder does not deter him, as he times his move to avoid it.

The swinging beam lies next, he steps on it, using the ropes the beam suspends on to keep his balance, as he reaches the midpoint of the beam, the log tips but he maintains his balance and makes it to the end. The raising and dropping skulls prove little issue for him, as he approaches the swinging gate.

Timing his movement with the movement of the gate, he steps through and approaches the balance beam. He straddles the beam and moves himself across, keeping on as the rocks fall from above. At the end, he places his foot in the swing and swings back to safe ground.

The horizontal skulls prove little match, he times his jumps correctly and passes them, throwing the skull to the target, opening the drawbridge to the next stage. The rotating blades lie before him, but his timing proves true and he manages to step through them without the blades touching him

Denal holds tight to the rope with his hands and feet, lying face down to avoid the swinging drum, he slowly pulls himself across, keeping his head down to avoid the drum, soon he reaches the end and carefully lowers himself to the ground.

The shields prove a tough challenge, he makes his move but the timing is wrong and he's pushed from the path. Denal is no more

Raven: A valiant effort, but alas, Denal is lost to us. Tomorrow is the final day of trials, 5 of you will be crowned true warriors and will join me in the rescue, where even greater challenges await

Hamras: Given my performance in race challenges so far and my current position on the leader-board, I doubt that I'm going to make it to the Final 5. My performances have been inconsistent and I am probably the weakest warrior remaining at this point

Leyad: I feel pretty confident in my position after having such a great day! I've moved up to second place and I'm not that far behind 1st, so I'm pretty sure I'll manage to be in the top five at the end of tomorrow! Of course, anything could still happen, so I still need to be on the top of my game!

Pale: I am so, so pleased to have had an almost perfect day today as it feels like I am back in the quest in 4th place and I am confident again that I might be one of the 5 warriors to gain a talisman by tomorrow, but I know anything can happen especially with Denal who had 10 lives before The Pendulum but he only won 2 challenges after that which culminated into his elimination which did slightly take me by surprise but it just shows that anything can happen. My plan is to keep looking ahead as I am determined to make it to the next stage of the quest.

Lerdan: I am very surprised to be in first as I had a bad day today and hopefully keep that position by the end of tomorrow.

Abbli: Although I've leaped to 5th I really need to build my tally because the competition is thinning and there are only few chances I'll get to keep avoiding it.

Etoney: First of all, I'm so glad Denal failed but this means I'm in last place for the beginning of the day but luckily those in front don't have a big lead over me so I know if I can have a more successful day I can still continue on this quest

and I think today was a wake-up call and now I'm more determined than ever to succeed!

Valtho: Well I definitely don't feel as good as I used to! I've had a terrible day on the quest, losing four challenges just isn't good enough. Some of them were unlucky, but others were probably because I wasn't good enough. If I want to get back to the top of the leader-board and progress to the next stage of the quest I'm going to have to excel tomorrow.

Scene 3

Realm of the Dead

Denal appears alongside Kanem in the realm of the dead, she shows him the blank journal, both are confused by it

Scene 4

Fortress of Solitude

The figure looks through footage of the battle he had with Raven earlier, cut to Raven's quarters

Kelex: I think I have something

Raven: Oh?

Kelex: The creature may be powerful, but he has a weakness, I think I can beat him, with your help

Raven: (Smiles) Tell me your plan.

Raven: Next time on Raven: The Vanquished

The warriors face of the wrath of the Blasted Mountain

Will any keep their balance at the Chasm?

Can the warriors evade the demon in Boulder run

There is no escape in the Lava Pit

Can they outwit the demon in Stone Soldiers

And the final battle to earn the prize, the warriors must face the Gauntlet