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Scene 1

Fortress of Solitude

Kelex and Raven are talking in Raven's 'quarters'

Kelex: Separating that fiend from the infinity gem is essential, if I can get close enough I might be able to do it, but you'll only have a few seconds to act

Raven: More than enough time.



Scene 2

Alanus

Raven watches from a peak as more alien ships fly overhead

<Raven>: Still, it continues (she raises her staff in the air and the ships disappear from view) no-one else can help him now. (She returns to the warriors)

Raven: Warriors, today is your final day of challenges. By day's end, 5 of you will possess magical talismans that will protect you from the barren wasteland we will soon travel to. In the final challenge of today, your lives and rings will be vital, as it will earn you a time advantage in the final trial. Lerdan, with 7 lives and 8 rings, you lead the band. Etony with 4 lives and 1 ring, you are in last place. Today, many lives will be lost, some even permanently. Are you ready?

Warriors: Yes Raven!

Raven: Then come, our first challenge awaits



Raven: We have arrived at the Blasted Mountain. This mighty volcano is not a dormant one, and to complete our travels we must face its fury. At the bottom of the hill lie pieces of a magical shield you can use to protect yourselves, but a barrier (she presses against it) prevents you from simply running down the hill. You must pull the sleds containing the pieces to the top of the hill, then assemble them quickly, once the volcano erupts, it will be long before (her red gem glows and the volcano erupts) let the challenge (she slams her staff down) begin

The warriors all begin heaving the ropes to move the pieces of the shield to the top of the hill, Valtho quickly takes a lead, with Pale and Etony not far behind, Leyad isn't far behind them, with Hamras behind her, Lerdan is close behind but Abbli is struggling with the rope

The fumes from the mountain continue to head down towards the warriors as they pull with everything they have, Etony has gained a slight lead over Pale, who tires with the pulling of the sled. Soon, Valtho has the pieces of his shield at the top ready to assemble

As the fumes continue on their path towards the warriors, Valtho begins unloading his shields, as Etony, shortly followed by Pale, get their sleds to the top and begin unloading the pieces of their shield, the other warriors continue with the pulling.

<Raven>: You must work faster, the lava approaches

Valtho places a piece of the shield in place as Leyad gets her sled to the top. Etony and Pale both place their boards in place as Leyad unloads and Hamras manages to get his sled to the top. Lerdan is close as Abbli continues to struggle.

Valtho gets a second board in the right place but Pale and Etony are both catching up with him, Lerdan gets his sled to the top and begins unloading the boards. Leyad and Hamras are placing the first pieces of their shield down.

Lerdan unloads his shield but Pale has overtaken Valtho and has 4 pieces of the shield down, Valtho and Etoney put their 4th pieces in with mere milliseconds between them. Abbli manages to get his sled to the top.

<Raven>: Hurry warriors, time is quickly elapsing

Leyad and Hamras place their 2nd pieces of the shield down as Lerdan places his first, but all of them are behind Pale who has his fifth piece down and quickly races to place his 6th in place, the fumes are fast reaching the hill.

Valtho and Etoney place their fifth pieces down neck and neck as the fumes begin to ascend the hill. Pale hides behind his shield, as Etoney marginally beats Valtho in placing the final piece of the shield down, they both take refuge as the fumes ascend the hill and claim the remaining warriors.

Raven: Warriors, you have done well, look in front of your shields, rather than destroying you, you've been left with gold

Valtho: Well that was a thrilling start to the day! It is definitely intimidating to do a challenge while seeing a fiery inferno racing down a mountain towards you. I have always been confident in my total body strength, so pulling up the shield wasn't a terribly difficult task. From then it was just trying to stay organized with my pieces and not panicking as others caught up. Pale and Etoney did very well to beat me in building their shield but, in the end, I think I deserved to survive that challenge.

Etoney: Well what can I say great start to the day I felt really confident going into this challenge because the first part suited me a lot needing strength and for the second half my lead was enough to keep me safe from all danger.

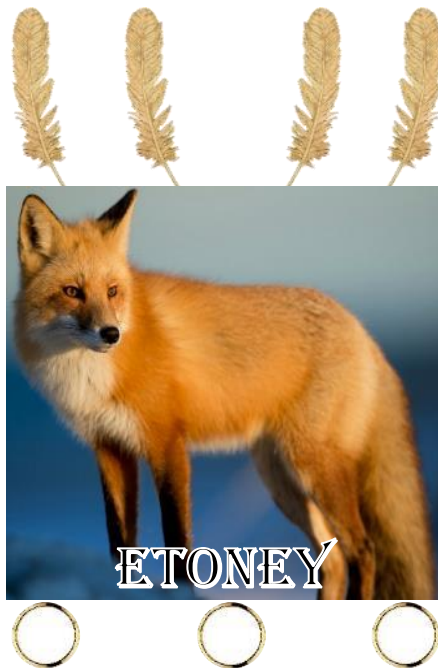
Pale: The pressure was on when I was pulling up the sledge as I needed to pull up the pieces as quickly as possible knowing for me that was the most important part of the challenge given I don't want to have a bad day at this point in the quest. Once I had my pieces up there was no way I was going to be claimed by the Blasted Mountain given I am known to being an expert at puzzles, I was still determined to outperform my fellow warriors here and I was more than satisfied when I actually finished first as this is the first challenge I managed to outperform my fellow warriors on.

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Raven: Pale, you managed to claim 3 golden rings from the mountain



Raven: Etoney, the mountain has rewarded you with 2 golden rings



Raven: Valtho, you have been left a single ring from the mountain



Raven:

Lerdan, Leyad, Abbli, Hamras, I have restored you from the mountains' fiery clutches (she brings them back) but you must each lose a life



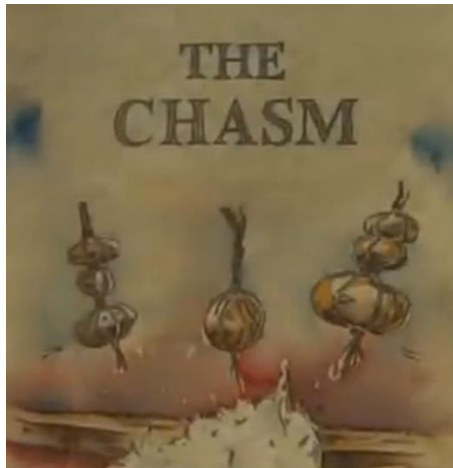


- Lerdan: The sled was really heavy and I don't have much strength in my arms. As I was building my shield, I knew that I wasn't going to win as Pale, Valtho and Etoney were finishing their shields and taking cover behind them. I'm gutted to lose this challenge as I'm now once again joint first with Valtho
- Hamras: Welp, guess I'm back in last again. I was nowhere near fast enough to beat my opponents in this challenge and at this rate, I'll probably run out of lives before I even reach the Gauntlet.
- Abbli: I always knew I was going to suck at Blasted Mountain because my arms are noodles but hey it was always going to be my worst one so onwards and upwards!

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Raven brings the warriors to the base of the mountain

- Raven: Our journey takes us into the depths of the mountain. It has vented its fury, I shall cool its bile (she raises her staff, the gem glows red and the caverns inside are cool) come, our next challenge awaits (she leads them inside the mountain)



Raven: The mountain makes what may appear a simple walk into a deadly game. You must cross the beam, attempting, if you desire, to grasp the precariously dangling rings as you go. But the mountain will be attempting to shake you off. Lerdan, I choose you to go first



Raven: Are you ready?

Lerdan: Yes Raven

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

Lerdan steps onto the beam, he holds his balance well as he approaches the first swinging boulder, he tries to time it correctly and passes it by. He reaches out and grasps the first ring, he moves forward towards the second ring, but the second swinging rocks stands in his way, his timing is wrong and he falls from the beam



Raven: Are you ready?

Valtho: Yes Raven

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

Valtho steps onto the beam, his balance is shaking as the beam moves beneath him but he moves calmly to the first swinging boulder, he catches it and tosses it aside so he can move forward but the boulder comes back around and knocks him from the path



Raven: Are you ready?

Leyad: Yes Raven

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

Leyad steps onto the beam and the shaking begins to unnerve her, she stays strong however and manoeuvres past the first swinging boulder. She reaches out for the first ring and manages to grasp it. She tries to push the second swinging boulder out of her way but it swings back and knocks her off the path.



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

Pale steps onto the beam and seems comfortable on the beam, even as it tries to shake him off. He makes it to the first swinging boulder and manages to pass it, he successfully reaches out for the gold ring. The second swinging boulder seems to prove no challenge, but as he reaches out for the second ring, the boulder comes around and pushes him off the beam.



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

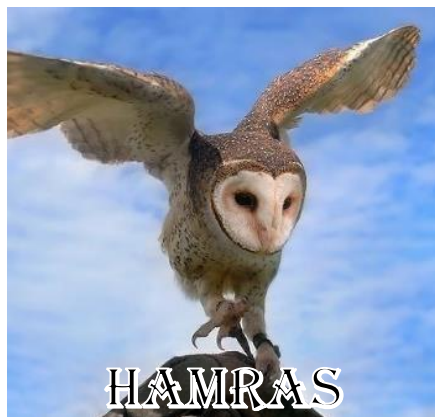
Etoney steps onto the beam and is quickly unnerved by the shaking of the beam. None-the-less he proceeds forwards, past the first swinging boulder and grabs the first ring. He passes the second boulder also, and soon has the second ring, the beam shakes, Etoney grabs onto the third swinging boulder in desperation and swings to safety.

Etoney: I feel really happy about my performance on the beam, I may have been slightly lucky but I believe people make their own luck.



Raven: (She slams her staff down) begin

Abbli steps onto the beam, he seems calm and even in the face of the beam moving is able to keep his balance, he proceeds forward. He tries to push the first boulder out of the way but unfortunately it hits him on his return and forces him from the path.



Raven: (She slams her staff down) begin

Hamras steps onto the beam with but errs on the side of caution, he is unsteady but is holding his balance, if barely. He proceeds past the first swinging boulder and manages to grasp the first ring. He changes direction as he passes the second boulder careful not to hit it. He grabs the second ring and follows Etoney's tactic, using the final boulder to swing to safety.

Hamras: Being one of the two people to succeed in this challenge is definitely a boost in my confidence. I have really good balance so I was pretty confident that I would win, but I'm not safe yet so I've gotta keep going.

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Raven: Etoney, Hamras, you completed the trial, and each earn 2 rings, which I now add to your tallies. Hamras, with these, you win back a life

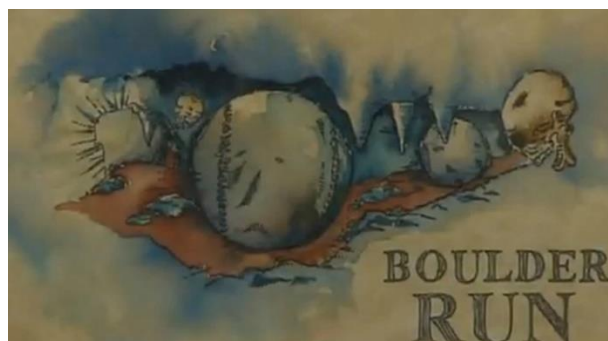


Raven: Lerdan, Valtho, Leyad, Pale, Abbli, I restore you from the depths of the mountain, but doing so costs you a life





- Valtho: The Chasm looked terrifying as you knew one slip meant you would fall into the abyss. My agility is normally pretty decent, but I still wasn't quite good enough to win the challenge. I was surprised and annoyed to hear that two warriors had completed the challenge when I was brought back, but at least I'm still in joint first.
- Lerdan: I felt my performance was alright as I'm am very agile, but the fact that the beam moves makes it more difficult to time the right moment as for the second one, I tried to get past it, but the beam moved closer to the boulder and that how I got knocked off.
- Pale: This challenge required all of us on focusing on two things at once as you had to know where your feet were whilst keeping a close eye on the boulders and that is almost impossible given the beam was shaking so much. When I did fall off the beam, it was a bitter pill to swallow as I was about to collect the second ring before I eventually fell off the beam.
- Abbli: I'm bummed about the Chasm because I actually managed to get fairly far! I may have just got complacent at the end and now sat in bottom, it may have cost me.



Raven: The tunnel that leads deeper into the mountain is blocked by this boulder, you must roll it through the tunnel to activate an exit. Beware, I sense a demon lies in wait for you, so move quickly. There is gold to be gathered en-route should you be daring enough to claim it. Valtho, you shall go first



Raven: Are you ready?

Valtho: Yes Raven

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

Valtho heads into the tunnel, pushing the boulder with him, soon he reaches the first rings, triggering rocks to drop from above and the demon to begin chase. He moves with speed, grabbing the second ring and soon he has the boulder in the hole, opening the door, he spots the final ring and grasps it before making his escape

Valtho: Going into Boulder Run, I was slightly worried given I have a little weakness when it comes to tight spaces. Luckily, I passed the challenge.



Raven: Are you ready?

Lerdan: Yes, Raven

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

Lerdan pushes the boulder into the tunnel, he passes through the bats and through the mud pit, reaching the first ring where the demon begins his pursuit. He walks quickly, grabbing the second ring near the skull shield, before pushing the boulder into the hole, with the demon close, Lerdan spots the final ring and grasps it before fleeing the tunnel

Lerdan: I felt that I've done very well in boulder run because as soon as I took the first ring, that was the moment the demon would start chasing me, so I picked up the pace and reached the end and escaped



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

Leyad pushes the boulder into the tunnel and pushes it through the bats into the mud pit, soon she reaches the first ring, feeling the boulders drop from above and commencing the demon's pursuit. She moves quickly, grasping the second ring before opening the exit with her boulder. She spots the concealed final ring and grasps it before leaving.



Raven: Are you ready?

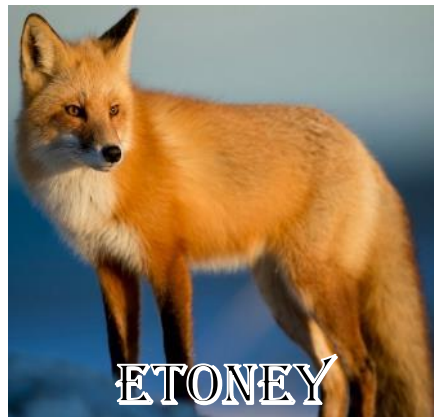
Pale: Yes Raven

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

Pale pushes the boulder into the tunnel, passing through the obstacles in his path until he reaches the first ring, he isn't slowed by the boulders and proceeds quickly along the path,

he reaches and grabs the second ring as the demon progresses towards him. He manages to push the boulder into the hole, opening the exit, he spots the hidden ring and grabs it before making his escape

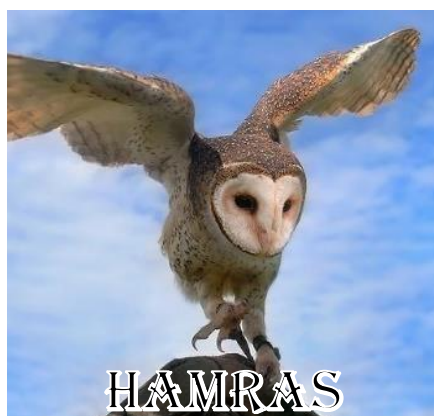
Pale: I was actually nervous before the challenge given although I am used to tight spaces, I really do NOT like the dark as you would never know what is beyond in pitch black. I was still determined to go as quickly as possible given I did not want to fall behind the top 3 and it would put me in a dangerous position if I did get caught by demon, so yeah ... I was scared during the challenge but I had to keep going as I did not want to fail at this late stage of the quest.



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

Etoney pushes his boulder through the tunnel, making his way through the obstacles that stand in his path. He grabs his first ring, triggering the rocks but also the demon. With time of the essence, Etoney lets nothing stop him as he reaches the second ring. He pushes the boulder into the hole and grabs the hidden ring before leaving the tunnel.

Etoney: Yet again my good streak has continued I wasn't worried in this challenge as I knew I'd be quick enough to out-pace the demon and to get all 3 rings is even better.



Raven: (Slams her staff down) begin

Hamras pushes the boulder into the tunnel, he passes through the bats and mud pit before grasping the first ring, triggering the rocks but also the demon. He moves quickly and soon has the second ring in his grasp. He places the boulder in the hole, opening the exit, he spots the final ring and grasps it before exiting the tunnel.

Hamras: I would be happier about my success here if someone before me had failed; because I was so close to failing that. I feel that I am currently the weakest warrior at this point so I have to plough on and try to prove myself wrong.



Raven: (Slams her staff down) begin

Abbli enters the tunnel with his boulder and pushes it through the cavern and the various obstacles until he reaches the first ring. The rocks don't faze him, but with the demon approaching, he moves with speed, soon reaching the second ring. He pushes the boulder into the hole, before noticing and grabbing the final ring before escaping.

Abbli: I'm happy about Boulder Run. Needed that win however everyone else seemed to conquer it well too.

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Raven: Warriors, you all performed well here, not only do you all preserve your lives, but 3 rings each are added to your totals. Lerdan, Valtho, Pale, each of you have won back a life



LERDAN



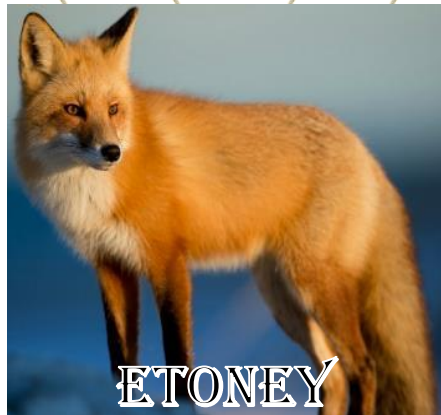
VALTHO



LEYAD



PALE



ETONEY





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Scene 3

Fortress of Solitude

The figure types further into the computer. The screen displays 'signal not found,' he slams down on the computer in anger. As he does so, Kelex approaches him from behind, he gets close to the figure

Kelex: NOW RAVEN! (He activates a force-field which stuns the figure enough to knock the staff out of his hand. Raven flies in, in bird form, and catches it with his talons, he lands and reverts to human form)

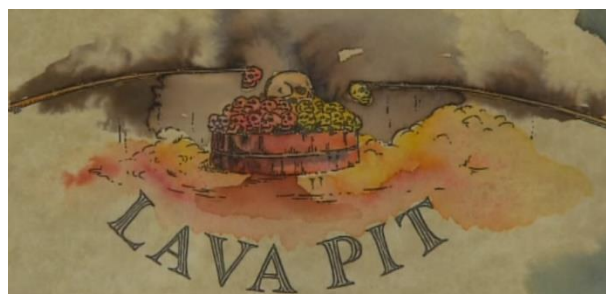
Raven: The shoe is on the other foot now (he uses the staff to retrieve his staff) now, you will answer my (he screams and he sees the warriors)

Scene 4

Inside the Blasted Mountain

Raven (M) can see this through the space stone

<Raven (M)>: Where am I?



The challenge is already underway

<Raven (M)>: I know this challenge, the warriors must collect skulls from the mountain and fill the shelves to open a door, work too slow and an eruption will consume them

The warriors all reach out for the skulls, Valtho grabs one first and places it to the side of his doorway, Leyad, Hamras and Abbli have theirs soon after, and Pale, Lerdan and Etony have one down soon after that.

Valtho reaches for a second skull, but it falls off his hook once he lifted it up, he quickly gets to trying again as Abbli places his second skull down, taking the lead. Leyad places her second skull down, with Pale placing his second down in third

Valtho, Lerdan and Etony soon have their second skulls down, Abbli places down her 3rd skull, with Leyad and Pale placing theirs down not far behind. The others catch up quickly and soon everyone is reaching for the fourth skull

Abbli places her fourth skull on the board, Leyad is not far behind but Pale dropped his skull, and Valtho catches up in third. Lerdan and Etony keep close behind, and soon all the warriors have 4 skulls on their doorway

Some time passes, and Abbli places down the 8th skull needed to unlock the doors, Leyad and Valtho place down their 7th skulls simultaneously, with Pale, Lerdan, and Etony placing down theirs soon after. Hamras has only 5 on his archway, knowing he has much work to do.

<Raven (M)>: This challenge should not be happening, only I could allow access the challenge realm

Hamras places his 6th skull down as Abbli places down his 9th and penultimate skull, Leyad and Valtho are still close as they place down their 8th skulls. Pale places down his 8th skull, followed by Lerdan, Hamras places down his 7th skull as Etony places his 8th.

Abbli places his final skull, opening the doorway and allowing his escape. Valtho and Leyad place their 9th skulls down together and begin reaching for the final skull, Valtho grabs the skull first and makes his escape, with Pale placing his 9th skull down. Leyad grabs her skull and places it down, allowing her exit. The lava consumes the others.

The warriors who escaped convene in a cavern where Raven (F) is waiting for them

Raven (F): Abbli, Valtho, Leyad, you each made it, and have earned rings, place them on your standards

<Raven (M)>: Who are you? Where did you get these warriors?



ABBLI



VALTHO



LEYAD



Raven (F): Your friends alas were not so fortunate (she brings them back with her staff)

<Raven (M)>: That gem in her staff must be another infinity stone, I'd guess reality. That links her with my captor, what is she up to?

Raven: Lerdan, Pale, Etony, Hamras, you were too slow and must lose a life (she swings her staff)



LERDAN



PALE



ETONEY





<Raven (M)>: She handles it the same way I did long ago, but it's still impossible, unless... oh no

Hamras: I was so close to winning that challenge, and I'm back in last again. Way to pour salt into the open wound. I've really gotta pull myself together otherwise I'm out.

Abbli: I just won Lava Pit and I needed that! I always seem to sit last and make epic comebacks. I needed this if I am going to stay.

Valtho: Lava Pit was another race challenge and that made it very important. I think I was calmer under pressure than some of the others and that allowed me to recover from my mistake at the beginning when I dropped a skull into the lava. Lerdan failed that challenge, which means I now have a small lead going into the next one.

Etoney: In all honesty I don't think I did that bad in the challenge because I wasn't far off just that the other warriors were quicker than me so sadly I lost my first life of the day and hopefully it will be the only one I lose because I don't want to start the last challenge out of the top 5.

Lerdan: My tactic for the Lava Pit was to take my time to make sure I don't drop any of the skulls, but that made it so the others can get ahead, so I tried speeding up, but Abbli, Valtho and Leyad had made it. I'm disappointed to have failed this challenge because now I'm in third place.

Pale: I think it is so clear that if I hadn't dropped my fourth skull, I easily would have finished in the top 3 given I was just about to collect my final skull when Leyad managed to escape. After that challenge, I was quite angry but to be honest I think I was very lucky to be anywhere near completing that challenge given accuracy has let me down on a few occasions in the past. That was a

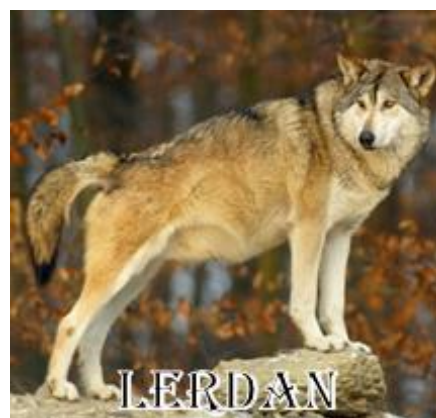
win I feel that slipped from my grasp and at this point I am now fired up for the next challenge as I really do not want to lose another life on the most crucial day of the quest.

Raven (F): Come warriors, our day is nearly over

<Raven (M)>: Her cloak and feathers look similar to mine, could she be the Raven of another Earth, and the fiend that kidnapped me her Nevar?



Raven (F): There are 4 exits to this mountain, but each one is guarded by a demon. They are dormant for now but if you approach them, they will consume you. To combat them, you must construct these statues, for once completed they will vanquish the demon in front. Beware though, once a demon is vanquished, the demons will awaken, and consume any who are still building. The exit behind the warrior who leaves will collapse, and the demons will disassemble the unbuilt statues. Lerdan, Valtho, Leyad, Pale, you are our top 4 warriors, you shall attempt the trial first.





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

The warriors quickly get to work on building the statue. Lerdan selects a piece and is the first to place it down, he finds that it's the correct piece, Pale is not far behind in placing a piece down, with Valtho and Leyad still testing their pieces

With the first bit in place, it becomes easier to see the pattern for the remaining pieces, Lerdan and Pale fight a close race as their stone warriors come closer to completion. Valtho and Leyad's statues are also taking shape

With the statues almost complete, almost nothing separates Lerdan and Pale. With the final pieces in, Lerdan marginally beats out Pale in getting the spear in his warrior. The stone warrior vanquishes the demon in his path and he takes his leave. The demons awaken as the path collapses behind Lerdan, the warriors are claimed and the unfinished statues are taken apart.

Lerdan: Me and Pale were very close, but I just managed to beat him and I'm back into joint first with Valtho again. Going into the Gauntlet, I feel a bit nervous but confident at the same time. I'm just going to focus more on staying ahead of the others as I think Valtho would overtake me



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

The warriors quickly examine their pieces to try and find the one will form the base of their statue, Abbli finds his first, with Hamras and Etoney placing theirs down neck and neck. The race continues with Abbli in the lead

With the initial pieces placed, the final pieces become easier, Abbli maintains her lead and soon has the head on the statue. Abbli places the spear into the statue and the demon before him is vanquished, he takes his leave as the others are claimed.

Abbli: I'm over the moon about building my stone soldier first. Now I sit in 4th which widens my chances of advancing in the competition

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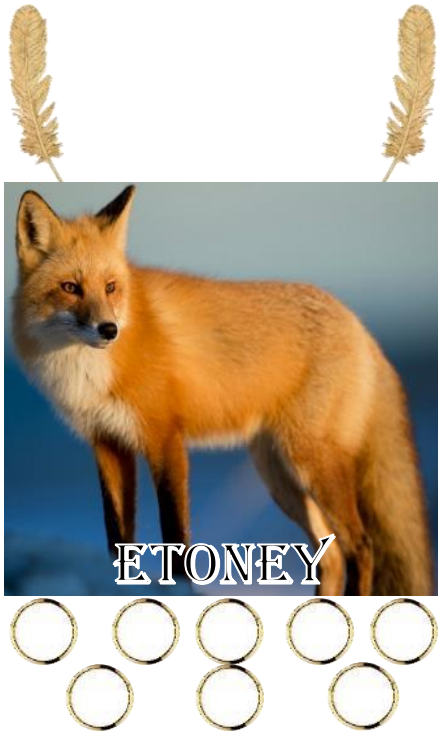
Raven (F): Lerdan, Abbli, you each found your way out of the mountain, and claimed 2 gold rings.



Raven:

Valtho, Leyad, Pale, Etony, Hamras, I restore you from the demons' clutches one final time (she restores them) but the price is another life





- Etoney: Well the thing I feared happened but I believe the right warrior won so congrats to Abbli as for the Gauntlet I fell quite undecided because I don't start it in last place as I was fearing but 6th isn't ideal but I think it might give me an edge in terms of determination and will to make a nice comeback so yeah kinda looking forward to the gauntlet as it may be the final challenge of my quest so I want to make it memorable if that is the case
- Hamras: Going into the Gauntlet in last place; wonderful. I've really gotta pull some strings if I'm going to make it through today. Also, if I have to do Loch Leap in this next challenge I'm screwed.
- Valtho: Stone Soldiers was a tough challenge and Lerdan and Pale were just too good. I'm annoyed that I'm in joint first again but compared to where I was at the start of the day it's a definite improvement. Going into the Gauntlet, I'm confident that I have the required skills to do well and make it to the next stage of the quest.
- Pale: I think ever since The Blasted Mountain challenge itself I mostly feel I had a run of bad luck. After Stone Soldiers ... I felt more than gutted given I was only milliseconds away from completing my statue when Lerdan managed to win, at least I can learn from that challenge that I did so well and it really could have gone either way. Now that I am only in fifth place, I might as well go into The Gauntlet given I have nothing left to lose as to me the quest isn't over until my last breath. I will not go down without a fight.

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The Gauntlet

The warriors arrive near a river

Raven (F): This is it, the final trial you will face in this quest. Soon 5 of you will be deemed true warriors, and earn the magic talismans to protect you on our quest to rescue Raven from my arch nemesis

<Raven (M)>: I was right, and she's coming to rescue me, I hope she hurries (he screams)

Scene 5

Fortress of Solitude

Raven is screaming from a burning sensation in his hand, he releases his grip on the staff. The figure reaches out and the staff returns to his hand, Raven reaches his staff and grips it tightly

Raven: I see now why you've chosen to hide. You're a coward, Nevar! (Angered, the figure blasts him with his staff but Raven blocks and blasts back) this staff feels more powerful than before. It seems your acts against the challenge realm have backfired on you... (He remembers the destruction of the challenge realm) of course, the challenge realm, the challenges must've imprinted themselves on Alaunus (he quickly dodges another blast from the figure, Kelex comes to Raven's side)

Kelex: What happened?

Raven: I don't think people of this Earth can wield their infinity stones, after a while, it became unbearable. (Kelex blocks another blast from the figure's staff)

Kelex: Well, we need to finish this fight

Raven: Agreed (Kelex floats aside as Raven unleashes a massive blast at the figure, he blocks it with his staff but soon the blast overwhelms him and he's knocked backwards, Kelex and Raven approach him) it's over (The figure brings out a detonator and presses the button)

Kalex: Err Raven (Raven notices that Kelex is glowing, the figure reaches his staff and disappears as Kelex explodes, knocking Raven back and knocking his staff away, Raven falls unconscious)

Scene 6

The gauntlet

Raven: Are you ready?

Warriors: Yes Raven!

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

Valtho and Lerdan are released, the race quickly with the water towards the waterfall, after 9 seconds have past, Leyad is released and sets off in pursuit. A further 5 seconds pass and Abbli is allowed to venture in pursuit.

Valtho and Lerdan remain close, pulling further ahead of Leyad and Abbli. A further 7 seconds pass and Pale is allowed to begin, followed only 2 seconds later by Etony. Valtho

reaches the cliff first, followed closely by Lerdan and as they begin the climb, Hamras is allowed to start.

Etoney overtakes Pale as Abbli closes in on Leyad. Valtho and Lerdan are neck and neck on the climb, as the 40 second mark approaches Etoney and Abbli make it to the waterfall and begin their climb.

8 seconds later, Etoney makes it to the waterfall and begins to make the climb to the top, Hamras is closing the gap on Pale and they arrive at the waterfall with Hamras only a second behind. As they begin their climb and the minute mark is passed, Valtho and Lerdan make it to the top of the cliff and begin to navigate the threads.

Valtho begins to take the lead over Lerdan as on the cliff, Abbli has overtaken Leyad. Pale begins catching up with Etoney once more, and they both begin catching up with Leyad, who is struggling with the climb

After 78 seconds pass, Abbli makes it to the top of the cliff and joins Valtho and Lerdan in the threads. Within 5 seconds, Leyad is also atop the cliff and proceeds to join them in the threads. 4 seconds later, Pale makes it to the top, followed shortly by Etoney. Hamras joins them only 3 seconds behind.

Valtho is the first to make it out of the threads, and faces a slide to the final part of the challenge, he allows the current to take him into the pool where the chests await. Lerdan comes out second and faces the same obstacle, he has little issue and soon is joining his fellow warrior at the chests.

At just shy of 100 seconds, Abbli exits the threads and takes the slide to the pool where the chests are kept. Valtho successfully unlocks his chest and retrieves a talisman as Pale makes it through the threads and proceeds to the slide.

Hamras has overtaken Etoney in the threads and is close behind Leyad as she exits the threads, Etoney exits not far behind. As they all slide down to the pool, Lerdan opens his chest and reveals his talisman. Abbli is struggling with the code.

By 135 seconds, all the warriors are working on deciphering the code, Abbli's second attempt has not yielded results for him, but Etoney manages to successfully unlock his chest, grabbing the third talisman

After 1 failed attempt, Pale thinks he has the right code, and at 160 seconds, he proves himself right, unlocking the chest and grabbing the 4th talisman. The pressure is on the remaining warriors.

Although he'd had 2 attempts that were not successful, Hamras is sure this time he has the right answer, he matches the code and unlocks the chest, gaining the final talisman. Leyad and Abbli are claimed by the chests' magic

Raven: Valtho, Lerdan, Pale, Etony, Hamras. You have proven yourselves true warriors by completing the gauntlet and attaining the talismans you need for the next stage of the quest. Together, Raven will be rescued and my enemy defeated. Take a moment now to reflect, you have already accomplished much

Pale: I feel so satisfied and very pleased about how I performed in The Gauntlet, I was losing near the start so I had to pick up a lot if I was to make it but I grew in confidence as the challenge went on as I was effective on most of the challenge to the point I managed to reach my chest fourth. I was torn between two answers when the riddle posed me the question but once I knew 586 wasn't the correct answer, the solution revealed itself and from then on, I wasn't going to get it wrong a second time. I know for a fact the quest is only going to get harder from that moment on but I am determined to see this quest out given on how far I have come as I still believe most of us that are left has a future on this quest together.

Lerdan: I'm absolutely ecstatic to have made it through. I thought I was going to overtake Valtho in the threads section as I did beat him in Thrall Race, but it turns out to be the opposite this time. I did struggle with the code as the number rings that one can win was difficult because I thought it was three rings but then I realised that Valtho won four at Warrior's Race, so I thought that was it. The journey is going to be much more difficult, but hopefully we can all make and save Raven from his icy prison.

Hamras: I made it through by the skin of my teeth! No seriously, my teeth has skin, you know. Starting the challenge in last and still making it through is a massive confidence boost, but now the real quest begins.

Valtho: I'm so chuffed to have made it through the Gauntlet as I think that challenge went about as well as it could possibly have gone for me. A great personal achievement during the challenge was to beat Lerdan out of the threads, especially after he beat me in Thrall Race. The hardest part of that challenge was definitely the code because I was unsure how many rings we all could have won from The Pendulum. I decided I had to settle on a number and luckily, I got it right and I now have a chance to fight to free Raven from his prison. We will all have to work together well on the next part of the quest to make this a reality.

Raven: As your fellow warriors, the magic that enchanted those chests is too powerful, I cannot restore them, they are lost.

Scene 7

Realm of the Dead

Abbli and Leyad join Denal and Kanem in the white void, they are shown the blank book, an image appears on its cover, the symbol of a three-headed serpent

Raven: Next time on Raven: The Vanquished
The warriors must work closely in the Blizzard
Can they climb the Ice Cliff?
Can they find what they need in the village?
One must brave the slippery stepping stones
Can they find a way into the cave
And will they pass through a demon patrol.