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A Birthday Surprise



On a Summers morning, I woke up with delight and glared out of my window at the breath-taking sunrise. With a twitchy eye, I checked my calendar, to know what the date was, "No Way, it is my BIRTHDAY!" I yelled with joy. I hurried down the stairs to wake up Mum, but when I walked into her room, she wasn't there! With a frown upon my face, I turned round thinking she'd forgot and went to work. There she was smiling so hard as if she were to burst! Bella, my apathetic sister came down in to the kitchen, she was always jealous when it was my Birthday!

"Kids come here, I have a special surprise for you both, as it is Hayden's Birthday (my Birthday) I bought 3 tickets to go to Mexico!" Mum murmured. We were going to Mexico! I better get ready I thought. Apparently, the plane left at 8am sharp so we had just over an hour to get ready. We got packed faster than ever and pounced in the Taxi outside.

It was a never ending plane ride to Mexico but we got to devour lots of snacks on the way. I inhaled three tubes of BBQ flavour pringles! That will keep me full up for a few hours! Once the plane came to a halt, we entered another Taxi which took us to an eerie, ancient hotel that was only just staying together!

"Welcome to Chichen Itza!" Mum cheerfully bellowed. I knew that place, I learnt about it in school. Chichen Itza was a Mayan Temple, not a Hotel!

Me and Bella put up our tent beside Mum's ready for the night. Then all three of us started to hike over to the temple.

After an hour or two, we all ventured inside the Mayan temple. It was like nobody had been there for years! Fungus was growing on the walls, spiders everywhere! Bella was shaking as if she had seen a ghost, but it was probably because she doesn't like spiders. We reached the end of the monstrous corridor and the immense chambers, and when we set foot in the next room, there were stairs, stairs of gold! Shimmering vividly going upwards for miles!

Half an hour passed and we had only got to the top of the stairs. I was sweating so much, it was like I had got out of the shower! The following room was indescribable, walls of gold, statues of aluminium, It was as if it had been recently built! Next to me was a tall statue, at the foot of the statue was a metal plate that read, "Chaac, God of Rain." The succeeding one was, "Kinich Ahah, God of Sun." Last but not least, " Itzamna, **GOD** of heaven, day and light." God was in bold so maybe he was worshipped more than others. I kept on clambering on , not knowing what was going on behind me. All of a sudden, the ground shook and a faint figure appeared out of the shadows, it was Itzamna!

"ONLY MAYANS may walk under MY ROOF, unless, you do a little favour for me and I'll set you free!" roared the Mayan God. I rubbed my eyes, but it was real, I had to step up to protect my family! But what did I have to do?

Itzamna told me what to do, it was absolutely unachievable, even worse that I had to go alone, but it was to save my family. I was told to climb to the peak of the temple, find a way to go down the pipe of peril which leads into the secret room of risks, spot the God statue (Itzamna's brother) and bring it back alive! My mum and sister's life was in my hands! If I succeeded, we would be free. If I failed, my family would lose their lives!

I made a start, I went outside and ascended to the top of the temple. In the central part of the summit, was a human size gap, as if something had to be placed there. I could see in the highest tree, was a wooden shape, so I made my way and scrambled up the tree to reach the wooden shape. When I got back to the top of the temple, I put the human shaped wooden block in the gap and the ground shook again. The square at the top spiralled round releasing a circular hole, the tunnel, the pipe of peril! I could see why it was called the pipe of peril as there were hundreds of thousands of bugs and insects. I closed my eyes, covered my

face with my hands and hopped in. I whizzed down. I could feel the bugs crawling all over me!

“Ahhhhh!” I screamed out. I could feel an oversized spider on my leg.

It had been ten minutes and I was still sliding!

“I must be underground..” BUMP! I shrieked.

It was true. The secret room of risks was real! It was so spacious and extensive which made it harder for me to find the statue. I looked in tight spaces, corners but sooner or later I was so tired out that I collapsed! I had passed out, not for long but when I woke up, I could see on the ceiling was a statue, the God! I found it! How could I get it down? I jumped and leaped but it was no use. I tried one last time and I got a finger to it, it came toppling down on me! My head was bleeding but I had to get back so I ripped off my sleeve and used it as a bandage and went on to face the pain. I shimmed up the pipe of peril, rushed down the temple, climbed the load of stairs, passed through the statue of hall in a matter of minutes. I was back with my Mum and sister. I did it, but I was losing more and more blood by the second.

I fell to the floor fighting to survive until my eyes closed and there was nothing...

Itzamna was very pleased with what I had done and didn't doubt me for a second, so he used his magical powers and brought me back! He also stopped the bleeding and covered up the wound, he saved me! Beside me was Mum sobbing her eyes out and Bella was next to Mum crying too. I didn't know quite what to do so I said, “Errrr, hello.” The expression on their faces showed they were confused but also thankful. They wrapped their arms around me so tight it felt like my lungs were going to explode. Itzamna once again used his magical powers and teleported us back to our home, New York, as if nothing ever happened.

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