

# **The Dragon Slayer's Mission**

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Alexa the Dragon Slayer was poking her head out of the window, her black hair swaying in the breeze.

**BOOM, CRACKLE, WOOSH!**

Suddenly, a huge shadow moved toward the forest, disappearing into the horizon. Alexa stared in the direction it had come from. It looked like it had come from the castle!

Just then, somebody knocked on the door.

**KNOCK KNOCK.**

Alexa walked over to the peephole and saw that the king and queen who were standing outside the door! She gasped and quickly dusted off her black shirt. Then she straightened out the wrinkles in her leggings. She pulled up her hazel boots and opened the door.

“Princess Penelope has been stolen!” Queen Mary sobbed.

“We need you to get her back.” King William said.

“Of course your majesties,” Alexa nodded. “Just one question though: Who or what am I getting her back from?”

“From Origate, the black dragon that once terrorized our land, Makebolivia,” Queen Mary whispered Origate’s name as if saying it would summon him.

“Take this armour,” King William said. He handed her some silver armour.  
“You’re going to need it.”

Alexa put it on and rushed to her mirror. The armour went from her neck to her shoulders and it gleamed like the night stars. Then, she sprinted back to the door.

“Thank you!” She exclaimed.

“You’re welcome,” the king and queen replied.

“We should get back to the castle now. Just so you know, we’re counting on you,” King William said.

“I won’t fail you,” Alexa replied boldly. “I’ll get the princess back. I promise.”

Queen Mary and King William nodded and left.

Then, Alexa grabbed her scarlet bow and arrows and left the house. She walked down the yellow brick road surrounded by grassy plains. As she walked she wondered how she was going to defeat Origate.

“He’s quite powerful and extremely dangerous,” she thought. “I guess I could shoot arrows at him... Yeah, I’ll have to do that. I can’t think of a better solution.”

After she had walked for a few more minutes, dark clouds gathered in the sky. Alexa didn’t notice until it started raining.

“Uh oh,” she thought. “I hope it doesn’t get too bad.”

Ten minutes later, it was pelting her. Worst of all, she didn’t even have anything to keep her from getting wet! Not even a hat!

“I’ll have to find shelter for the night,” Alexa mumbled. All of a sudden, she saw faint glittering light. It shone like a lamp in the darkest night. As she walked closer to it, it got bigger and bigger. Soon enough, she she could make out the shape of a cottage, its lights casting a hollow like shape around it. She sprinted toward the cottage as fast as she could. She knocked on the door and to her surprise, her friend Sadie opened it! (Say-dee)

“Hi, sorry to disturb you but I need shelter for the night,” Alexa blurted out before Sadie could say anything.

“Of course! Come in, you’re soaked,” Sadie smiled.

After Alexa had dried herself off, she went to the fireplace to warm herself up. Sadie lit a match and threw it into the fire. Then she asked:

“So, what were you doing out there? You’re so far from your cottage!”

“Um... well, I’m on a mission to save a princess. The king and queen want me to save her from Origate. You know, the black dragon that used to terrorize Makebolivia?” Alexa explained.

“Yeah, every one knows him. Well, its getting late. You should sleep now, you’re going to need energy tomorrow,” Sadie replied.

Alexa nodded and Sadie left to sleep in her room. Then, Alexa lay down on the couch to catch some Z’s.

The next morning, Alexa woke up only to be greeted by the bright sunshine.

“Ugh..” Alexa groaned and rolled off of the couch. “Oof!”

“Good morning sleepyhead!” Sadie came into the room. “Breakfast is ready.”

Alexa gobbled down her pancakes quickly. After they had eaten it was time for Alexa to continue her journey. Before she left, Sadie gave her a gift.

“Take this,” Sadie handed her a golden flute. “You can tame animals with it.”

Alexa gasped. “Thank you!”

Then, she bid Sadie farewell. She walked until she came upon a dark and creepy forest. She gulped, gathered all her courage, and went in. The deeper in she went, the darker it became. Soon enough, she was surrounded by fog. Suddenly, a wolf

jumped out of the shadows! Not just any wolf though. He had 3 tails! He let out a long growl and jumped towards Alexa!

“Aaaaaaaaaaarg!” She screamed as she rolled out of the way.

“This is MY territory, so you better leave this forest. Now. Before I make you,” The wolf stared at Alexa with his glowing yellow eyes.

“Hey, I just need to travel through this forest to defeat Origate beca-“

“Why didn’t you just say so?” The wolf cut her off. “Get on my back, I’ll take you.”

“Oh, um, thanks!” Alexa looked surprised. She got on the wolf’s back and he introduced himself.

I’m Paku, the three tailed wolf. (P-o-coo)

“Uh... nice to meet you Paku. I’m Alexa the Dragon Slayer,”

Eventually, Paku got too tired to carry her any longer.

“Keep going straight. You’ll arrive at Origate’s cave soon enough,” He waved one of his bushy tails. “Good luck.”

“Thank you for your kindness Paku,” Alexa said.

After walking for a little while, Alexa saw scorched trees in the distance. As she got closer to them, she saw a pile of something black on the ground. She scooped some up, only to find that they were ashes. She let it run through her fingers back onto the ground and kept walking.

A moment later, she was at the mouth of a big grey cave. There was a sign that said: KEEP OUT.

“Creepy,” Alexa shuddered but she went into the cave anyway.

Origate was sleeping when she got inside the cave.

“He’s snoring super loudly,” Alexa thought. “Maybe I won’t need to fight him after all.”

Then, she spotted the princess weeping silently in a cage. Alexa tiptoed over and whispered: “I’ll get you out of here.”

Alexa started looking for a key to unlock the metal cage.

**CRACK!**

Alexa held her breath. She had stepped on a stick!

Origate rolled over and opened his eyes.

“Who’s the-“ he spotted Alexa.”Oh, great. Someone to take the princess back I guess.”

“Thats right!” Alexa fired an arrow at him but to her surprise, it bounced right off of his scales!

“What?!” Alexa yelled as the arrow whizzed past her head and got stuck to the wall.

“Ho ho!” Origate laughed. No-one can stop me!”

Alexa kept firing arrows but they kept bouncing off of his scales.

“Can I really keep my promise to the king and queen?” Alexa wondered. “It seems impossible to defeat him without a spell or potion...”

Just then, she remembered the flute from Sadie. She grabbed it and started playing a tune. Origate bowed his head. He was tamed!

“Now, where’s the key to unlock the cage?” Alexa asked.

“It’s over there,” Origate pointed to a shelf over his bed.

Alexa walked over, grabbed it, and unlocked the cage. Then they headed home. After they had landed back in Makebolivia, Princess Penelope was hugging the dragon! Everyone gasped.

“Let me explain,” Princess Penelope said. “He’s my pet. A wizard gave him to me... only the wizard was evil. So the dragon never behaved. The good thing though, is that you’ve tamed him. Now he’ll behave right?”

“Yes.” Alexa replied.

After the princess and dragon left, King William and Queen Mary gave Alexa a castle of her own. Then, they told her to go to the top of a hill. When Alexa arrived at the top, a grand castle was perched on the top.

There was a note that said:

This castle is part of your reward. It is now all yours. Please respect it. It is a castle after all. So please treat it like it is our castle. Thanks for saving our princess and taming her pet. With love and respect, King William and Queen Mary.

Alexa smiled and went inside.

That night, Alexa went to sleep with a smile on her face thinking:

“Another mission accomplished.

**THE END**