



THE FOUR ELEMENTS⁴



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Hi! My name is Katara, Katara Nilar. I come from a small village Massastriaki. It is located in the middle of the jungle. I'm 15 years old. I live in a small wooden house with my mother Tenira. She is a hardworking woman and I have a lot of respect for her. My father died when I was very young. He went on an expedition in the jungle and never came back. The only thing that he left me was a silver ring. It has a strange spiral on it. I've always wondered if it had a meaning, but I've never found an answer to my question. Maybe it is a clue to the reason of his expedition. No one in the village knows. There is a big problem in our village. There are only 18 villagers left, because one day around 50 of them went to the jungle and never returned. There are only 4 kids. Those kids are my friends. Their names are Lira, Apolo and Axton.

The chief is afraid we might go extinct. One day I was walking through the village when Arilani, the chief's wife, called me to come quickly. She told me that the chief had died. I wasn't surprised because he was 115 years old! I was sad, though. She also told me that he had left me a very important letter. I read it and it said:

„Katara, if you are reading this I am already dead. Your father was a smart man. When he lived here, we were battling the same problem like right now, trying not to go extinct. He thought he found a way to save us all. He told me all about a lime green sedimentary rock of miracle. He told me that a very evil man named Grindelwort hid it in his scary castle in the west part of the jungle. He has gone to find it, but he never returned. You are the bravest villager, you take after your father. You are the one that has to find it, now or never.

PS: Your ring will help you find your way. I wish you luck, Chief. „

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I was really shocked. Me? A 15 year old girl? I knew that there was no time to waste. I knew that I had to work smart and hard. I had to make a plan, so I went to my favourite place, the Modriahiani waterfalls. I always felt a strange connection with water. I noticed something strange. The same spiral that was on my ring was drawn on a rock on the ground. I was confused, and excited. Shortly after I found another one. I noticed that they were forming a trail, a path. I knew I had to follow it, but not alone. I ran to my friends and told them all about it. We knew our parents wouldn't let us go, so we decided to leave them notes and sneak out at dawn. I wrote my mum a note:

„Dear mum, if you are reading this, Lira, Apolo, Axton and I already left. I have to finish what my dad started. If I don't come back, don't go looking for me.

Love, Katara,,

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The next day, at dawn, Lira, Apolo, Axton and I went to the Modriahiani waterfalls. I showed them the rocks with the spirals and my ring. We knew we had to follow them. We knew the jungle very well, but we have never been in this part of it. We saw a big tree. It had the spiral on it. I was pretty sure that my dad drew it, as if he had known that I would be here one day. We put up a tent under the tree. I asked Lira if she thought that my dad drew the spirals, after all, he is the one that gave me the ring when I was a baby. Lira said: „I think Grindelwort drew them, there is a legend that he is the chief's brother. Maybe that's how they would visit each other. After all, your dad never came back, he couldn't tell the chief about Grindelwort and his scary castle.“ I got goosebumps, she has got a good point. What if we are following the same path that my father did, what if we end up like him? Where did my dad get the ring? Why would he leave it to me if he didn't know where it would lead me? At this point I was questioning everything. Did I lead my friends and myself to death? Was my dad actually a smart man, or was he just a fool that followed a strange symbol and never came back? Lira fell asleep. I noticed that Axton was awake. He said that he heard our conversation. Then he asked me: „Are you doing it again?“

„Doing what?“, I asked. He said: “ Are you overthinking and questioning your life because of something Lira said? Look, she might be your best friend, but not everything she says is true. Our chief was a good man. He wanted to help us, he wouldn't send you on a useless mission. Plus, you shouldn't believe in rumours.“ That gave me some courage and bravery.

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The next morning we continued our journey. We didn't find any spirals for a while, so we lost hope.

Then all of a sudden Apolo found a notebook. We opened it and it said:

Property of Keaddyn Nilar , if lost return to Tenira Nilar

„Katara, aren't those your parent's names?“ shouted Axton. „Yes, this must be his journal!“ I was really excited. We found a lot of interesting things, but this one really shocked us.

I went to the library, and found out that once there was magic among the villagers. Grindelort was the first one to master the memory charm, he deleted a part of every villager's memory, so no one to this day remembers magic. He did that because he wanted all the power he could get. There is a legend that there were 4 masters of the 4 elements: air, water, fire and earth. It also says that 4 new masters are born and that their names are written on the stone.

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We didn't know if it was true, but it gave us an extra reason to keep going and to find the rock. We were walking for days, didn't find any spirals, or anything. We knew that we were on the right path because there weren't any detours, at least we hoped. All of a sudden we saw a dark, giant, creepy looking castle. We made a plan on how we were going to sneak in. We still didn't know how we were going to find the rock because the castle was giant and it was going to take us days. At dusk we snuck into the castle. It was dark and dusty. All of the walls and floors were black and the lights were emerald green. We heard footsteps so Axton and I jumped into the wardrobe and Lira and Apolo hid in a tall cabinet. I was trying not to breathe heavily so that Grindelwort doesn't hear me. I looked at Axton. He is a tall, nice looking guy with muscles. He has brown curly hair and sparkly brown eyes. In my eyes he was perfect. Grindelwort opened the door of the room that we were hiding in. He said: „I know that you are here, this castle is usually empty and I heard a sound!“ . Then he opened the door of the cabinet that Lira and Apolo were hiding in. Lira screamed. Grindelwort took Lira and Apolo to a different part of the castle. We waited for a couple minutes and then got out of the wardrobe. „So what do we do now?“, I asked. „First we should find Apolo and Lira, then we free them and then we search for the rock,“ said Axton. „Ok!“ . We went out of the room and down a long black hallway. For the next two days we wondered around the castle, but there was no sign of anyone or anything, just long, never-ending hallways. All of a sudden I heard crying. We ran toward the sound. We saw a lot of prison cells. Then we saw Lira crying, while Apolo was hugging her. They were sitting on the floor of an iron prison cell. When they saw us their faces lit up with excitement. „We will get you out of there!“ said Axton. Then something unbelievable happened. I heard a voice from behind me saying: „Katara Nilar, after all this time.“ I turned around and saw a man standing in a prison cell. He had cristal blue eyes, exactly like mine.

„Who are you?!“ .

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„Keddyn Nilar, your father.“ He said. I was shocked. I thought he was dead! „You're alive!“ I said. „Yes, I am so happy to see you. You are so grown up..and..beautiful...how is your mother? „She is probably mad because I ran away..but she will be happy when we return together!“ „Get us out of here!“ screamed Lira. „There is only one way to get out of here.“ Said my dad. „The only way is through the top floor of the castle, the attic. You will see a pillar in the middle, it should have a spiral dent. Press your ring into the dent, the stone should appear and the prison cells will open. After that we can get out of here.“

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Axton and I went to the attic. We heard footsteps behind us so we had to hurry. We found the pillar, it was in the middle of the room. I put my ring in the spiral dent. The lime green sedimentary green rock appeared on top of the pillar and the innocent looking wardrobe that was in the room opened. Out of the wardrobe came the 50 villagers that disappeared! Grindelwort trapped them in his castle! All of a sudden he barged into the room. He looked really tall in his long purple cape. A black raven was sitting on his left shoulder. One of his eyes was red and the other one was green. He looked mad. He told us that no-one will get hurt if we give him the rock. „Never!“ I shouted. Moments later my dad, Lira and Apolo came. „It's over for you!“ shouted my dad. „Ha, ha, do you really think that I am that stupid?!“ said Grindelwort as he snapped his fingers. A wardrobe appeared behind him. He went into the wardrobe and closed the door. Apolo quickly opened the door and there was no sign of Grindelwort. „He has vanished!“ I said. „Yes, but what are you waiting for? Look who the 4 masters are!“ said my dad. On the back of the rock it said:

The element masters

Katara Nilar – the master of water

Lira roetallah – the master of air

Axton zatar – the master of earth

Apolo kyric – the master of fire

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I read it and everyone was shocked. We couldn't believe it. One of the villagers pointed out that our physical appearance gives a hint of our element: Lira has platinum blonde hair, like air, Apolo has ginger hair and amber eyes, like fire, Axton's eyes and hair are the same colour as earth and my eyes are blue like water.

We decided to go back to the village and share the news with everyone.

Five days later we arrived at the village. Everyone was so happy that the village was saved. My mother Tenira cried of happiness when she saw my dad and I. We made a big party to celebrate. All of the villagers came to it.

The next year we learned a lot about our powers. Lira, Axton and Apolo were so excited and happy. I wasn't that happy, because I knew that one day Grindelwort will return, more powerful than ever and that the real war is coming...

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