

## Blessed Messiah and The Tower of Love and Sorrow

This is the legend when the end of the world was happened for the first time. The foolish people thought they could replace god. Many factories were launched. A disaster happened, the world wasn't safe to be lived anymore, but people couldn't go anywhere. Many people died by many diseases. Only The Tower of Love and Sorrow that could save the world. The life span of Earth was lit on top of it. One day, a messenger from the kingdom arrived at the abandoned barren land. They provided a prophecy to a needle named Devika. It was a prophecy of The Blessed Messiah. She took the roll:

*Blessing that is protected in the tower  
Is a glory; which only The Blessed Messiah can get  
To the tower, we will come with you  
To save a life of paradise that is going to die*

*"To get a blessing on me", beat your heart  
Get yourself a glory; try as hard as you can  
Take your friend's hand. If you trust each other,  
And help each other, then you fear nothing*

Devika had prepared herself two days later. She meant to start her journey right before her friends called her. "What are you all doing?" she asked surprised. All of her 9 friends smiled at her. They hold onto each other's hand. The 2 boys at the far right and left of the line lent their empty hand to her. "We will come with you." said the blue haired man on the left. He was the mayor of the village named Gala. Devika was surprised and hesitated. "Don't worry about us." said the long pink haired dancer named Talisha, and a short brown haired swordswoman named Rhea. "Don't we always believe...?" the long purple haired monk named Prama and the long green haired poet named Arina asked. "That in sickness and in health..." the sister bakers named Erisha and Kirana continued Prama and Arina question. "We'll always share joy and pain?" the twin shepherds named Indira and Krisan finished the sentence.

Devika then started the journey to The Tower of Love and Sorrow together with her 9 friends. They faced many challenges as they got closer to the tower. Climbing the cliff, encountering many hungry wild animals, and many more. Without the help of her friends, she wouldn't make it to the tower. She would have given up even though it hadn't been half of the trip. They made it to The Tower of Love and Sorrow few days later. They were in front of the entrance door. Devika then opened the door. A spirit appeared and greeted them. "Welcome to The Tower of Love and Sorrow." the spirit said. "Now, you, the chosen one, will save this life of paradise with the 9 blessings in this tower." "Do I have to take those blessings?" Devika asked. But, what she got from the spirit wasn't satisfying. The spirit just smiled at her. "Good luck" she said. Then, she disappeared and left them all with strange silence.

They then walked inside. When they had walked for about 3 minutes, the ground was shaking. They were afraid. But, the tower didn't collapse. The only thing happened was the wall opened in front of them like it was 2 doors. Inside it was the first blessing floating nicely on the altar. It was the 'Blooming Wave'. Devika aimed her hand to the blessing. But her hand was stopped by a man's hand.

She turned and found Gala grinned at her. "We have told you, haven't we?" he asked. "We will share our fortune and pain as one." he continued as his grin became evil. He then pushed Devika to the outside of the room right before the door closed between them. Devika tried hard to open it, but it couldn't be reopened. She knew one thing. Gala had betrayed him. He stole the first blessing. She looked at 8 others. They seemed like to hate each other made the atmosphere really tensed. They continued to walk. Then, the second door was opened. It was the 'Fire Banquet'. Rhea aimed her sword to Devika right before Devika took her first step into the room. She then walked backwards toward the blessing. The door then closed, again.

Devika turned around to the stairs. But, right when she took her first step on the stairs, she heard the scream of Kirana. It was a scream of frustration from upstairs. Devika ran upstairs and found Erisha was walking to the third blessing room, the 'Grace of the Sunlight', while Kirana just stared at her sister hatefully. "Why are you looked so frustrated, sister?" said the blonde with an underestimating grin. She then complacently smiled as the door started to be closed. She knew no one can get in her way to the blessing. Kirana started to be more frustrating. She then ran to any direction which triggered the fourth door opened, the 'Peaceful Darkness'. She then ran into the room even though the door hadn't been fully opened. Devika ran to her but it was no use. The door was closed before she could reach Kirana.

Devika became frustrated as more blessings were stolen. On the next floor, it was Prama and Arina's turn. Prama gave his prayer to the 'Trembling Ground' while Arina gave her poetry to the 'Rumble of Thunder'. "You can't keep it all to yourself. We won't let you." that was what both of them said to Devika. "Is everyone against me now?" Devika cried. She then felt someone hugged her from behind. It was Krisan. "Don't be afraid. okay?" Krisan consoled her. Then the ground was shaking again. The seventh door had been opened. They ran to the upstairs. They found Talisha swaying her body to the 'Rondo for the Whirlwind'. It was too late. The door closed just in a couple of seconds.

"Indi!" Krisan shouted calling her twin sister. Indira has opened the eighth door, the 'Garden of Silver Snow'. Krisan ran to her, but Indira pushed him away. He just looked at his twin with fear. She ran backwards toward the blessing and laughed hard. Her tears of joy froze in the air before the door closed. Devika squatted. She really wanted to cry. Krisan hugged her. "It's okay." he said. He tried to console her. He rubbed her shoulders as they went upstairs to the last blessing. Then, the door opened showing the sleeping 'Fetal Movement of Magma' inside. Unexpectedly, Krisan blocked Devika's way and went inside. Then, Devika realized one thing. Krisan had deceived her. He also betrayed her. Krisan then proudly smiled before the door closed. Devika then cried hard. She only held a torch with no flame on top of it. Her friends had betrayed her. She was brokenhearted. She trusted them very much. But, it was like meaningless to them. They stole all of the blessings. With that thought, Devika went to the top of the tower.

Devika's eyes were blinded by the light from the outside. When her eyes had been adapted to the light, she found herself at the altar with a big torch in the middle. It was surrounded with 9 skeleton statue wearing cassock. They were holding a red candle. Then the spirit from downstairs appeared. "Have you read all the prophecy?" the spirit asked. Devika then took a look at the prophecy. Devika was confused. It hadn't been there before. She then read it:

*The true meaning of 'blessing' that sealed in the tower  
was an atonement of Messiah  
You, the Messiah who got through this ordeal with sacrifices  
Now add a new life of paradise*

"No way." Devika chuckled. She didn't believe it at all. It turns out that her friends were not blessed and instead got the calamity she should have suffered. They had deliberately sacrificed themselves for her. She covered her head and started to cry as if she could hear her friends said some words.

*Even though being drowned in rough sea  
Dancing in the hellfire  
Even though i fell down on my knees in merciless drought  
Even if i lost my mind to the dark unknown  
Devoured by the Great Earth*

"Do you thing that we would, let you go on all alone?" Devika heard Gala, Rhea, Erisha, Kirana, and Prama said. She tried hard to bear her cry.

*Even though being struck by the lightning of judgement  
Shredded by the blades of wind  
With my body and heart frozen through the ground  
Or crawling through the fire*

"No matter in sickness and health, or whatever may come—" She then heard Arina, Talisha, Indira, and Krisan started the same promise they always said. "—we will share our fortune and pain as one" She said along with all of her 9 friends' voice in her mind saying the same.

Devika didn't have any choice. She knelt down in front of the altar. Suddenly, the 9 candles lit up by themselves and quickly melted. The melt flowed in the route on the floor and reached the altar. The light on the torch at the altar then lit up brightly. It activated the area to be glowing purple. That purple glow reached the golden barren sky.

*The bells of dawn ring the sound of glory  
The Messiah who accepted god's will, silently smiles by herself  
She has just created nine sorrows, now she reaches her hands to the altar*

Devika reached her hands to the altar. She covered her hands with still crying eyes. Finally Devika has become the messiah, she has created nine sufferings. With the desperate smile on her face, she gave everything she had. The glow scattered to every corner of the Earth, made everything just like what it was before. The Earth we know right now. The place where we live happily, without knowing there is a great priceless redemption to get it.