There were 7 he kills other  
Lesser  
  
  
Sisters go missing  
Follows to Japan  
Earthquake  
Meets Byron  
Goes to party and meets him  
Learns of prof who had Incan experience  
Goes to Incan  
Sails to Atlantis  
Go to artic there world but it's our world  
Searching for their father  
Strange radio signals  
  
Gods and animals dwarfs dying cause they are not supposed to be here  
  
The gods have a pet like a bear  
  
Human animal hybrids  
  
  
I was a young man caught beneath the crush I over and was loved  
  
The island  
They go to an island with a tethe sail for four days around its cliffs it's covered in clouds they find a magic entrance and sail in.  
  
The twisting and turning of the seasons  
  
They sail along narrow cliffs and an emp hits them the wild passage smashed there ship on the rocks.  
  
They emerge and crash onto a shelter beach. It is surrounded by dark pines and steep rugged mountains.  
  
They see a small girl watching them she has a massive per bear.  
  
Back to Japan earthquake and radioactive spill  
  
Atomic attacks  
Atom meltdown trying to stop atomic meltidien meltdown  
  
Scientists seeking immortality  
Gods warring people involved  
Atlantis people trying to save their world  
Gods trying to untether worlds  
  
Where are we going?  
  
We're headed to Tokyo, it appears a passenger just arrived from  
  
Where is that I've never heard of it  
  
Exactly they have him detained  
  
Scientists freak out  
Signals from dying planet  
  
Jewels gods powerful gives magic  
  
  
Lots of deaths under mysterious circumstances  
  
They are killing he gods must try to stop it  
  
Elsie saves the murdered girl  
  
She hugged her mother tightly  
I might never let you go again  
  
She smiled and kissed he on the forehead her blond hair spilling over them both  
  
Tomorrow we will leave for  
  
  
  
The sky felt blue and soft the air was gentle in the blue skies.  
  
I've found our old cities ruined and gone, they used to be marvelous carved into the sides of mountains, small villages with festivals full of lights, but there all gone now, long gone disappeared beneath the sands of time.  
  
  
Find ancient ruined civilization only he can get to cause he is special  
  
Also strange signals in antaryica party goes crazy they unearth something that follows them  
  
Bad guys are hunting down and slaying the gods and using there powers  
Witness one of them attacked maybe in bookstore  
  
Hey beautiful do you want to come sit with us  
  
Elsie looked at him in disgust  
  
  
  
  
  
Racing to save gods stop tethers last is antartica  
  
They are captured and a young boy saves them  
  
Scientists see the tethers breaking  
  
The gods love on small refugees and they are being hunted down  
  
Some seeking immortality  
The raven slayers  
  
Into the dust  
  
Evil aliens banished to earth before humans but planet still collapsed  
  
Battle between them is happening here  
  
Aliens and ai create disotopian society and it collapses  
  
Magic is weaker Druids the tech I fused magic is hunting them down and growing stronger  
  
Hope will come again, for someone though we may not be alone to see it.  
  
A race on earth now living in shadows but they want to come back  
  
She had a dream she was racing the sun, the shadows grew longer as her feet pounded the ground her heart raced every step the light faded into memory and panic grew.  
  
The forest grew darker as twilight faded, the light fleeing from the world.  
  
The mountain range stretched in front of her, dark shades of blue growing darker night was falling panic overtook her, she rain harder her breath coming in ragged gasps  
  
She woke up but the dream still haunted her. What did it mean? Was time running out  
  
  
Find artic civilization  
Vampires battling where wolves  
  
Tech trying to figure out their past  
  
A parallel world had developed with technology  
  
Left traced but fled to other world  
  
The bad guys are trying to stop them because they Want him Back  
  
Ancient civilization that had developed ai  
  
Through the wicker gate  
  
Lord barenthal  
  
A  
Disotopian society that collapses  
  
Underneath the tree the rain doesn't touch us  
  
On island go for picnic beautiful day fog rolls in and panic  
  
Then Elsie almost false sees into abyss James climbs down and saved her  
  
One world that came to an end they are fleeing here the world was very advanced those are aliens  
  
They think it was aliens in one story but it was g from other world they originally built a civilization here then improsoned bad and fled  
  
Go to convil find out about island  
  
Left because de were taking over  
  
Technology advanced world  
Infused with magic  
Anydrdd  
  
  
CHAPTER  
professor bannattynes door burst open as professor m burst in holding a piece of paper he noticed a student but quickly realized or was one of his phd students  
  
It's a signal we ate sure if it look at the way it repeates  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
Alien world  
Was devastated  
Survivors fled to our world mostly bad  
Good ones want to rebuild  
  
  
  
Plot  
The gods are at war in our world  
The good ones are being hunted down as the bad ones search for their main leader  
  
The Atlantis people are trying to sever the worlds to keep Their World safe they think.  
  
  
  
  
Chapter  
The thing is will have to go  
Against the police  
  
What, no no I don't want to end up back in prison your on your own.  
  
This is important  
  
Ancient ai that destroyed world  
Dark matter universe  
  
Cursed needs immortals to stay alive Mother is fairy folk  
  
In new world places where no one goes  
  
Strange noises when worlds collide  
  
Committee evil powerful seems good  
  
Children on the run  
Shapeshifters  
Dragons  
  
It was dark, the rain spilled on the car Window and the headlights illuminated the thick forests that stretched and loomed around them.  
The barren trees stretched and loomed wraithlike crowding close to the road.  
  
What was that?! Saw something run across the road  
  
Was it a person no no or a strange person  
  
Go to special school for special  
Go to Antarctica captured as they approach base which is actually North Pole  
Dragons shapeshifters  
  
The voyagers  
  
  
Adam and Eves children migrated there  
Built advanced civilization overthrown now ai  
  
Trying to learn story from ghosts  
Haunting  
  
Second story evil escapes to our world  
  
The signals seem to have some intelligence to them  
  
What were doing in our world takes magic from their world  
  
The physicists find the problem but its beyond them  
  
He is going to tell you were your father is  
  
Put in prison and boarded on huge ship fight on ship but are captured  
  
Goes to banishment he escapes they chase him down in our world must go to their world after  
  
Trial is here he kills and escapes  
  
The world will be a more dangerous place with out m but I'm sure you will all be strong and brave.  
  
Sun disappearing  
Golden sky god  
  
New world elves nomadic live in twilight  
Gods at war  
Dwarves and deep dwarves there the longest  
  
Idea  
Magic dying out  
Part of their life  
Travel to land of g  
All are destroyed Great War  
  
  
They save Indians life when he is young story takes place there  
Mythical creatures there She must save him  
  
She quickly went back to being just Elsie again and she was fine with that, she hurried downstairs to her mothers loving voice calling her.  
  
  
Ghost ships are drifting ashore  
  
But each day spilled into the next, time slipped by. The seasons came and past.  
  
Special kids trying to kill them must fight back disoropia maybe elves  
  
They are racing to save last pillar  
  
We must save the prime minister! I don't think they realize what there doing or unleashing  
  
The race of gods  
  
Shadow multi govt organization  
Run by bad guy they are trying to get to other world  
  
test facility Arctic  
  
Gods at war  
  
Atlantis mages trying to cut ties between worlds  
  
Scholars secret society trying to figure things out  
  
  
Antarctica  
Goes into deep wild pine forests  
  
  
  
tlabtid  
  
A horrible mobster unleashed on the world  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
Land of gods but it is destroyed  
  
Find strangely clad people that fell off  
  
Walk through fog get to Atlantis  
  
Tessa doesn't know she is goddess  
  
Shipwreck in Antarctica  
The empires and the moon  
  
Amulets hold the tortured memories of people who have been shattered  
They can haunt the world trying to be free  
  
The amulets tell the story of what happened in the past and the end of the first age  
  
Lab where he used to work disaster happened that's why they moved Jamison is there  
  
Whitney and Jenna drive by new lab  
  
Fleeing from evil in north  
  
Our world had ancient civilizations  
That were destroyed  
Maybe elfs  
Maybe main bad guy not bad  
  
Baryonic matter explosion  
  
  
Untether the worlds  
Ruin ours  
Release go  
  
A sorcetkys stealing people m  
Actually the scientists  
  
Second book travel to land of dragons  
  
The original people that capture Elsie  
Working for scientists and the govt  
  
Group creating amulets  
  
Group trying to sever the ties between the worlds  
  
The buried evil who becomes un prisoned seems nice  
  
Warring government and political factions  
  
Seven gods he is trying to kill  
  
The dawn star trying to stop him but released  
  
The lower level gods charged with watching but they have forgotten  
  
People who have fled here  
  
Islands between the worlds  
  
Ancient civilization buried beneath Antarctica a floating continent that fell to the earth all was wiped out  
  
Govt scary but there over there heads  
  
  
Gravity is getting messed up  
Vampires from generic creation and the world  
Seasons getting messeda up  
  
Magic  
Technology  
Technology powered by magic  
Floating islands dark matter and the other world holds them in place  
  
Nuclear war messes up dark matter causes land to float world below unsafe  
  
World built by ancient civilization who fled  
  
Children from other world  
Persecuted  
Eventually safe back to their world  
  
  
The time walkers  
The summer world  
The fourth curse  
  
They thijkn there is another eWorld that spirits are coming through  
  
  
He stared in awe at Susan do you really want to know Susan said, I don't want to disappoint you. Yes please please tell me!  
  
Or go to artic Which is another world  
  
Or go to the llaces like fablehaven  
  
In our world have magic must hide it  
Prophecy end of world keeps happening  
  
  
There was a big commotion what are those green lights  
  
  
Jenna Whitney try to solve mystery  
  
  
Oh my this place is strange Elsie whispered quietly. She felt certain and had stumbled upon someplace sacred.  
  
Sanctuaries that have tethers  
  
  
A lot like fablehaven  
  
Places where the two worlds overlap  
  
The fourth curse  
  
Scientists make rings from those who can cross between the worlds  
  
Go to talk to him but must save him.  
  
Eleven kingdom starlight  
Beautiful deep woods hidden  
  
Like fablehaven places in our world where the worlds overlap those places have magic world  
  
Wizards come from there  
Vampires  
  
  
We thought there was some ancient civilization that existed before us but then evil befell them  
  
There are sacred spots that sit in between the two worlds. They hold magic tethers that bind te worlds together (dark matter and regular matter).  
  
They think that someone evil is tearing them apart so they can destroy our world. It has started and the world is drifting away from the sun.  
  
They are trying to stop them. They also think Elsie's mother is a key to undoing the separation so they kidnap her.  
  
The god Mol is improsoned and they want to stop him from getting out. But they are also battling the other true evil ones who are trying to set him free. The first group is actually good. Two other factions are led by governments trying to explore and exploit the worlds but they don't understand everything.  
  
BOOK 1  
Follow him to Japan  
Go to parliament  
Find out about Incans  
Go there war going on  
Trying to destroy the tethers  
  
Elsie gets separated from James and saved by Tessa  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
Chapter  
The world seemed burnt, it had been a hot unrelenting summer. Great forests had caught fire spreading smoke and haze while the cities clung indoors, afraid to breath and even more afraid not to breathe. September rolled in but brought no relief. The heat grew stronger and angrier as the city sweltered beneath the righteous anger of the mighty sun.  
  
The tired trees began to fade but not to brilliant reds and golds like autumn promises to bring promised but to faded browns and and golds, Dull reds and withered greens.  
  
James Elsie and Byron say in professor Hugh's office.  
  
Well this seems to upend your hypothesis.  
  
Yes it rather does  
  
  
Professor Thayer an oceanographer sat gazing out the window.  
  
He sighed and stood up as of he was going to speak then stopped and sat back down.  
  
Yes Thayer he proded, well it could be the timeline. This summer could be considered a fluctuation or an abberation.  
  
Yes it's difficult to say we don't have much data.  
  
They all fell silent when there was a quiet knock on the door.  
  
Yes come in,  
  
A young blond student walked in then looked nervous when she saw everyone is this a bad time she asked.  
  
She noticed Elsie then smiled.  
  
Or forsake  
  
But there's other anomalies and there always seems to be someone in authority that shuts down the experiments or allays our fears, or worse cuts our funding.  
  
Thayer was one of our biggest critics and he has a quick wit and a biting tongue that has made all of us feel foolish at least once or twice.  
  
What changed your mind James asked.  
  
Well it's not totally changed mind you. It was open it was always open and it's still open but before it was open to the fact I thought my colleagues were all gone mad. But now I see they may have something.  
  
I found some strange data and was cautioned to leave it be o had my finding cut and was told I would lose my position if I continued with my foolishness.  
  
It was quite by accident some physicists noticed strange gravity ripples very small Mind you they could easily be chalked off to experimental Error.  
  
They all occurred for about a week in locations before there was a major disaster. Two earthquakes a flood and a large tsunami.  
  
Every door has closed every hope has faltered.  
  
  
  
He was handsome almost to handsome his face was beautiful and he had an way charm but he was like able and didnt seem to have any airs about him.  
  
  
Tessa  
BOOK 2  
It is us scientists and military in the artic exploiting things and hunting dwarves.  
  
  
The first martyr  
The second darkness  
The third child  
The fourth curse  
The fifth coming  
The six illusions  
The seventh hope  
  
BOOK 3  
  
BOOK 4  
  
BOOK 5  
  
BOOK 6  
  
BOOK 7  
Must go to land of gods to reset time but there is a war there  
  
  
Follow him to Japan  
  
Everyone scared battling like a sauron here magic gods  
  
Evil gets loose like voldemort  
Three levels of gods  
Top  
Seven or three  
  
Mountains  
Wizard helps them  
  
Middle  
  
  
Lowest  
Lots of them  
  
Wizards are  
Atlantis people (like elves and humans)  
Humans  
Gods  
  
Magic  
Fire  
Ice  
Water  
Air  
Earth  
Weather  
Healing conjuring destruction  
  
His father is senator is arrested they must sneak in to help him escape. Act like prisoners  
Help then out  
Chase through cuty  
Saved by shape shifters  
  
If a maiar is killed disappears from earth but may stay as wraith can return but not for sure and takes time  
  
The world that used to be so beautiful became filled with horror and terror  
  
  
It's hard to be angry when your sitting beneath a bunch of trees  
  
Go to Incan ruins nothing there later see Incan people sail off coast then back in.  
  
The world of physics is falling apart there are time slips.  
  
Find people that are crushed no sign of external injury worlds gravity  
  
Two main gods  
One turns bad  
  
Wizards and gods are building an army in this world to take over there world  
  
Scientists are working to unearth the god don't totally understand  
  
The world was being ms de still in twilight  
  
Main bad  
Gets other gd they have been k and are not ready to come back he forces them the are wraith like  
  
  
Story 2  
Go with dwarf expeditions to look for him  
  
  
Rangers  
  
Elves and gods are here in hiding.  
  
Powerful amulets  
  
  
James friend is looking for island  
Can't get there  
Crash on island like lost only get there at certain coordinates  
Other scientists  
Atlantis people come  
Evil buried  
They are on abandoned island  
  
The different islands around Atlantis have different things vampires wraiths tribes  
  
  
They  have to prevent Atlantis from sinking  
  
They think the Atlantis people are bad maybe  
  
Come back from Atlantis start to take over world like m n  
  
They come to our world and take over  
  
Trying to find an airship  
To search for lost dwarves  
  
Archipelago  
Shipwrecked on an island  
  
Gravity  
  
Aztecs  
Incans  
Japan  
Atlantis  
  
  
Elsie comes back and their world is destroyed  
Most save it  
  
  
Dark matter  
  
Plot one  
Good guys they think are bad trying to sever worlds second befriend  
  
  
World wasn't done he brings humans and dwarves to fight with him but many wont  
  
  
Creation stories world was turned to waste Antarctica last place of civilization  
  
But this is very very ancient history there is little proof  
  
Loved in Antarctica when it began getting cold they were forced to flee  
  
  
But that seems preposterous, yes but a recent archeological dig has found traces of an ancient and advanced civilization  
  
Like I said this is mostly conjecture  
  
  
Crystal ball  
Quantum entanglement to other world  
One is like a werewolf  
  
  
Dragons in human form on earth  
Lesser trick him  
They all lose power  
Some stayed to watch him  
Old man  
Wizards  
Warrior  
Tree women  
Meet in mansion  
Followers figure out how to make him strong in this world  
  
Army becomes involved  
Governments  
  
Vampires  
Can be out a little in sun a full day would be like being dropped in boiling water probably kill.  
  
Two types  
One more animal like  
One more human  
  
Smart  
Fast  
Weapon sword  
  
  
This isn't our would but we have grown used to it  
perhaps quite indolent  
We doubt the legends  
You see we forget here  
  
Atlantis both worlds  
Zealots want to sever don't realize the danger  
These are myths and legends that some of us haven't even begun to Scoff at.  
  
They resisted him fiercely he hates and fears them  
  
Pass me made the tea would you please?  
  
That's a good girl  
He smiled kindly  
  
  
He wants to destroy the world out of anger for being imprisoned here for so long. It was him that overthrew Atlantis and sent all its people culture technology libraries books and knowledge hurtling to the bottom of the dark blue sea.  
  
But they managed to bind him again. We believe his prison is in Antarctica.  
  
  
  
The thing is we don't know if we believe it it's been an awfully long time and the memories  have grown hazy with the long passage of time.  
  
It was very utopian like and then war came  
  
  
The last Time I did something incredible it was during the revolutionary war. But actually I was on the side of the Yankees.  
  
  
Wants to rule deep down wants to be loved and admired  
  
You see look over there he is a member of Parliament.  
  
We were sent to keep things safe but I suppose we've grown lazy.  
  
One of them is doing slight of hand.  
With flame  
  
Supposed to protect them but a lot of what is beautiful has been destroyed  
  
Angry wants to destroy this world vengeance.  
  
I think it's funner when You don't know what the trick is Elsie said.  
  
Yes Susan sighed But it was still pretty impressive.  
  
Little boy explans tricks  
  
The elves escape the war  
Well I don't know he is a chemist you know  
  
  
One of the gods does magic tricks  
At the party  
  
Atlantis  
  
Weird twist time travel photo  
  
The world was only half done so scary empty seas  
  
Have to save the g to finish creation  
  
Have to help create that world  
  
Mother daughter of god brought to our world to keep her safe taken as infant  
  
James friend child of gods  
  
Forest  
  
Goes to Japan  
Friends  
  
Atlantis wizards type of elf trying to sever world  
  
Haley is there aunt  
  
  
  
James sat worried the normally jovial professors face was lined with care and grief. He had been trying to say something for the last couple minutes.  
  
The world is gone.  
  
Elsie felt sick, what do you mean gone? All those nice people and England and the bright fall leaves and winters snow and shopping and wearing scarves and Elsie stopped she couldn't go on.  
  
Susan and Addie both sat nervously. What do you mean susan said can you please fill us in.  
  
There was a war a terrible war it spread darkness on the wind. The dark took to the skies. With joy it strangled the life out.  
  
Darkness hangs over everything it's not safe at all.  
  
How do you know this?  
  
The magicians saw it  
  
  
I don't think I've ever felt so bleak and lonely but she had an indomitable spirit.  
  
  
  
  
  
  
They have been researching the area for quite some time all the way back to the ill fated Langford expedition, this was thirty years ago mind you and the failure to turn up anything afterword left everyone deeply disappointed. Though I must say the subsequent expeditions were not without scientific merit.  
  
  
What happened Elsie said feeling herself strangely drawn into the story.  
  
Right well ill just start from the beginning And trace out the whole story. The expedition sailed for South America In June, and mind you this was thirty years ago. They reached the port city of.  
  
Chapter 4  
The two worlds are tearing apart but they are bound together the dark matter between the two works like a form of gravity. The danger is that we fear the pull is forcing the earth out of its orbit and towards the sun we also fear that it is not an accident but is an intentional act to destroy this world.  
  
  
Who would do that Elsie whispered.  
Who? Whom? what? We're not sure we think it may be a dark entity that was banished from this works ages ago. A god if you will, but that being set up this tragedy and we fear others are continuing it.  
  
Why would they do that? Well we think they feel they are helping they want to let out those being imprisoned eons ago in the depths of time.  
  
  
  
They think there doing good to save the world from expiation.  
  
She felt they were sailing through space and time the air felt strangely charged. Everyone was quiet lost in there own thoughts.  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
CHAPTER  
He pulled out a curious looking case with a look of reverence written across his aged face. Elsie looked nervously over at the professor, he too sat enraptured.  
  
Professor smith sat quietly staring at the curious and ancient box. It was covered in strange runes and heliographs. There also appeared to be some sort of ancient writing on it. The wood was dark and aged looking.  
  
It could have been her imagination but Elsie felt a strange sense of electricity in the room. She also felt drawn to touch the box but also terrified at the idea of touching it. The box seemed to fill the whole room and she couldn't take her wyes away from it.  Something inside her was being strongly drawn to the box.  
She wasn't sure how long she sat gazing at the box and it quickly had filled her mind, everything else seemed to have vanished from her attention.  
  
It was in this reverie that She felt a gentle hand on her arm and realized she was leaning out towards it, about to touch it, professor smith was gently holding her back, please forgive me he said it does have a curious draw and I am not totally convinced of its safety.  
  
Elsie sat back red faced and embarrassed by her impudence. I'm sorry she said I really am that was rude of me, she couldn't believe she had almost touched such a rare and valuable artifact.  
  
Don't mention it he said with a smile. I know you meant no harm and I don't show the case often; and anyways you helped confirm what I already suspected.  
  
What do you suspect the professor asked,  
  
well many things but the one to which i was just referring had to do with the draw the artifact and its contents have on people, some individuals seem to be more drawn to it then others but everyone seems to be pulled in by it also the pull seems to increase the longer your around it.  
  
I spend time researching it but feel that it May be risky to engage in prolonged research that involves directly handling or viewing the item.  
 Do you think it's dangerous Elsie said?  
  
I do he said but not for short periods of time. I still run experiments on it about an hour a week and I usually have one of my students keeping on eye on things.  
  
Have you found out anything curious the professor asked?  
  
It's very strange and he paused well at the risk of sounding daft or crazy if I didn't know any better I would say it might well hmm.  
  
He stopped sometimes the thoughts that swirl in our head seem more crazy when we speak them out loud.  
  
James smiled its like the old saying sometimes I think the whole world is crazy except for you and I  
  
Well I almost think it might be alive, I swear its trying to communicate with me.  
  
Really James replied quietly.  
  
  
  
  
  
Sadly I don't feel that I have found anything conclusive. It's not radioactive during one experiment we thought that we had potentially detected a gamma with around a 663 Kev energy deposition. We thought that night be a cesium isotope which emits at 662 Kev but the next times we ran the experiment  
Nothing turned up.  
  
but I think that be  
  
 physical contact greatly increases the draw. I think that's the  the ms  may have negative effects on the mind. Unfortunately my sample size is one, me.  
  
Smith went on, For that reason I never handle it with my bare hands. I did at first a number of times but it burned itself into my mind I couldn't stop dreaming and thinking about it. I would wake in a cold sweat strange visions haunting the fringes of my memory.  It began to worry me an I grew concerned I was losing my mind.  
And it's not just the box but the writing and the contents of the box that seemed to cause these strange effects.  
  
It is a good thing I was teaching that term I missed there straight lecture and one of my graduate students found me almost past out clutching the box. He said I was muttering something in a strange language. I asked him what it was and he said he didn't write it down he called the paramedics. Grad students these days are rather worthless, didnt wrote down what I was saying bah.  
Smith covered the box and leaned back in his chair and smiled. Of course the other scholars all screamed it was a ridiculous hoax.  
  
Ok I asked them then can I let some undergraduate students come in and touch it as part of an experiment.  
  
Preposterous the administrators in their  
  
  
You didn't mention this before the professor said, everyone said it had been a medical condition.  
  
Well yes I'm sorry for misleading you regrettable but necessary smith and really if you think about it did I mislead anyone? Should I tell the dean my condition arises from a curious box? And if you believe that i mislead you that would mean you believe this box was capable of something extraordinary, magical in fact. Do you believe that?  
  
Hmm yes I see your point the professor replied it is a bit far fetched. So what do you believe this box is?  
  
Hmm well I don't like to talk about it, I am rather enjoying my tenure and wouldn't my stayin around as an emeritus but I don't think they would keep a lunatic or a scientific fraud about the place.  
  
I do believe it is otherworldly.  
  
I understand said the professor. How did the box come into your possession?  
  
Ah yes it was an expedition to the Artic, we were studying diatoms,  of course I'm a physicist turned archaeologist so diatoms are not of particular importance to my research the expedition was mostly biologists and one chemist interested in the composition  of ice cores.  
  
Why did you choose to go james asked?  
  
It was a manuscript that I had the fortune of analyzing I think the two are related, can we see it james cut in.  
In his excitement he always became blunt but his glowing face and eager manner made it impossible to be offended by him, he clearly meant no harm his brain just lost touch with social graces.  
  
And what do other scholars say?  
A hoax.  
What about the effects?  
A placebo.  
  
  
  
  
  
He pulled out a strange and ancient map it glass case and beautifully designed.  
  
Elsie gasped my what a pretty map!  
  
  
He smiled yes it's one of my prized possessions.  Lord Byron and James both crowded around.  
  
It looks like a map of the Artic with an ocean and a large landmass drawn in green in the ocean.  
  
  
Well that can be right james said the artics been fairly well mapped and everyone agrees that there is nothing but snow and ice and glaciers up there.  
  
What language is that written in james asked.  
  
  
The legends say that the machine will cause the end of the world.  
  
  
  
  
Off to Egypt!  
  
  
The blood of the gods  
  
  
  
They fled with something he needs for power and buried it.  
  
He is growing stringer and controlling things from his prison  
  
Most of world barren and icy wastelands  
  
Need seven keys to release  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
CHAPTER 5  
It was a magical fall evening as their qcarriage made its way down the lane  
  
They were All dressed up. Elsie was wearing a white dress and a blue shawl, susan was wearing and looked rather magnificent and mature Addie had a skirt and a sweater and Byron wore a smart formal suit. There was  going to be a lot of important people there Members of government, the parliament, Ambassadors There was even a rumor that a prince would be there.  
  
It was a magical fall evening as there carriage made its way down the lane. The strong white horse pulled them powerfully and gracefully along the winding path.  
  
Dusk fell, the autumn light faded softly a golden glow of soft sunshine  
Spilled softly around them  
  
They sat silently as They all looked at the fall leaves and listened to the gentle fall of the horses hooves on the ground a very light breeze blew stirring the leaves on the trees that arched gracefully around them.  
  
For a moment Elsie almost felt they could be alive their peaceful and gentle smoking elegantly upon them.  
  
Susan broke the silence, these trees are so beautiful or almost makes you believe there could by dryads and naiads.  
  
Oh it would be so wonderful if it was true Elsie replied.  
  
Elsie thought fondly of the lovely day they had had.  
  
  
Elsie was a little nervous she Didn't know what to expect. Deep down she expected the worst and now as try drove up the elegant drive she expected a cold and haughty reception. All though she felt comforted knowing Byron was there he always seemed to know how to handle himself in any situation. He also could warm the coldest socialite.  
  
They had arrived and checked into a tall luxurious hotel late the night before they all had slept in and then all had a breakfast and worked out and went shopping Addie had bought a new dress she fell in love with at a small boutique shop.  
  
  
Why didn't he warn us or kill us, I don't know maybe he didn't have the time it seemed he was being chased it pursued by someone.  
  
It's all so weird it makes my skin crawl  
  
They walked the cobble stone streets peering into the beautiful shops.  
  
Lets go into this dress shop they are beautiful  
  
The stylish young blond attendant came to assist them.  
  
Oh Susan you look beautiful  
  
Yes I do Susan said with a roguish smile  
  
But your hairs a frightful mess Elsie said with a smile  
  
The girls browsed excitedly looking over all the dresses the shop attendant came over she was blond and stylish and elegant looking  
  
Hello she said kindly can I help you girls  
  
Why Elsie you sure look nice today, why yes I do it most be my hair  
  
Susan rolled her eyes  
  
  
The grounds were impeccably groomed.  
  
Dusk had just fallen as they rode through the stone gates.  
  
Oh it's beautiful Elsie gasped.she forgot her worries as her And her sisters looked at the beautiful grounds.  
  
its like a fairy tale she gasped out.  
  
It is lovely Susan said.  
  
However much they pay the groundskeepers it's not enough Byron laughed.  
  
Oh my look at that Elsie said they had entered a small forest and lanterns hung from the trees. The forest was a small one inside the gated grounds and they passed through it in about five minutes.  
  
As they left the small woods lights shone every twenty feet or so. Oh look over there Elsie said pointing at the perfectly groomed trees stretching up on the grassy hills on both sides of them. This place is perfectly lovely  
  
How large are the grounds she asked Byron.  
  
Well I haven't ever been here but I hand heard they ate quite large but the size is small compared to the rumors that surround this place most of them I'm sure are untrue.  
  
The open air carriage gently rolled on  
As they twisted and turned up the path. Twilight gathered and the first faint stars began to show.  
  
They arrived at the massive chateua it was white and looked like a royal palace. To the right near a forest in an open clearing white tents were set up and a small orchestra played on a stage set in the back.  
  
Elsie and the girls Peared eagerly at the site. Well dressed people were every where talking and enjoying the evening.  
  
You know Elsie said I feel the party will provably be a little less stuffy since its outside and oh she grabbed Addie's arm look at that tent she pointed happily at a large pavilion full of tables and caterers setting up a banquet of I can't wait I bet the food will be simply marvelous.  
  
We should have an eating contest to see who can make their bellies grow the most.  
  
Byron laughed and Susan said  
yes let's  
Elsie couldn't tell if she was being sarcastic.  
  
Good thing I brought a baggy sweater Elsie went on and smiled happily.  
  
Well I don't particularly want to make my stomach grow Susan said but I bet I can eat more then you deal Elsie said shack on it.  
  
Ok Susan laughed  
  
Wanna join Addie Elsie said  
  
Yes please she replied  
  
Hey don't leave me out Byron laughed  
  
What should the winner get.  
  
They walked out onto the grounds the estates were on their left they walked down a grassy hill into a small vale where the white pavilions and tables covered with tablecloths. Their were tall and stately trees and from their boughs white lanterns hung.  
  
The lanterns hung from the trees giving out their soft pale light the autumns leaves stood out bright against the dark evening.  
  
People dressed in formal wear mingled and chatted happily. The while scene was elegantly lit with lanterns that hung in tall and manicured trees that dotted the grassy veil.  
  
  
Caterers walked around with trays full of delicious looking hordervius.  
  
All right Elsie said suddenly serious we all have to eat the same thing so keep track of what you eat.  
  
As they walked Down the path A beautiful blond in a red dress rushed over and practically threw herself on Byron she was very elegant but was clearly excited to see him.  
  
She Scolded him you were supposed to come see me.  
  
I have been meaning to Isabella things have been hectic but I'm glad your here.  
  
Yes well who are your friends  
  
You are such pretty girls  
  
Elsie decided she liked Isabella not just because she called her pretty but also because she seemed sweet and fairly down to earth for someone so pretty and Elsie assumed wealthy.  
  
What have to been up to are you still working on your doctorate?  
  
I still remember how to climb trees and fences from my roguish youth. If there is somewhere I shouldn't be ill figure out how to get there.  
  
  
  
  
They go to Japan  
Trying to overthrow England  
  
  
  
Great de roam the land  
  
The room was elegant lined with dark wood the wall opposite the door had great widows but the shades were drawn, though there would probably not be much to see since it was the evening.  
  
along the other walls were walls and couches but the couches had been pulled out and place In  a semi circle facing a large and imposing desk made of dark mahogany and cherry wood, it looked impressive and imposing te desk of a wealthy man. The room though was full of excited and well dressed children the children of the guests who were visiting the party. On one couch sat four brown haired little girls who were obviously all sisters they were all mostly young but some of the kids were older. There were also a few older boys and girls that seemed closer to Susan and Elsie's age.  
  
They barely noticed  
wall in so enraptured on the man at the desk. He was a distinguished looking older man wearing a smart dark suit he had taken his coat and tie off.  
  
He looked wealthy and powerful but then he smiled and seemed much more approachable.  
  
A young adorable boy wide eyes held a box and stood in front of the desk.  
  
A hushed silence of anticipation settled over the room.  
  
P, p p please would you show us.  
  
The man smiled as The child handed the box to the man and he said thank you young lord Myers.  
  
How bout we do a gentler and easier trick the man said smiling and sitting on the desk.  
  
I bet if he had long white hair and a beard he would look like a wizard Elsie whispered to Susan.  
  
If anyone had long white hair and a beard they would look like a wizard, even you Susan whispered back  
  
I would not! Elsie whispered back much louder then she had Intended.  
  
Susan giggled as Elsie glared back.  
 tried to glare at her but also fought back a laugh as she thought about what she would look like.  
  
If you were a little taller and less hairy you would look like a dwarf she said back to Susan.  
  
Addie laughed but their conversation  
  
was cut short as oohs and awes and laughter filled the room, dang it susan she said you made me miss it.  
  
Addie had grabbed Elsie's arm  
  
He grabbed the candle flame then held it open in his hand as it burned  
  
They all watched in mesmerized silence then he put it back and the candle sprang back to life.  
  
The bird the bird some one started to chant then everyone did the girls joined in even though they didnt know what it meant.  
  
I'm but sure this will work it's rafter a delicate piece if magic and sadly this bird seems like it has been dead to long.  
  
Please please all the children said at once.  
  
Well ill give it a try, he reached into the box and to Elsie's shock he pulled out a dead bird.  
  
It hung limp in his hands he covered it and began to pace behind the desk murmuring softly to it.  
  
The children all leaned eagerly forward some stood practically dancing with anticipation.  
  
Elsie noticed that in spite of how excited they were they were all very well behaved.  
  
The gentleman had gone now towards the windows and stood holding the dead bird. A strange electricity filled the room Elsie thought and total silence rained.  
  
Elsie felt like time was standing still or movin to fast to feel its presence.  
She began to feel dizzy and sat down.  
  
But just like that the moment passed fled like a snowflake tossed upon the sun.  
  
Then their was cheerier and clapping and to Elsie's total amazement the bird began to move in his hands.  
  
Gasps rang out around the room and they quickly turned to cheers of delight and surprise as the bird began to fly frantically around the. Pandemonium broke our as all te children yelled and shouted as the bird flew frantically around the room.  
  
He raised his hands, shh  
He said lets not frighten the bird back to death.  
  
He smiled as the children settled down somewhat eventually he managed to catch the bird. It rested on his hand lets go release him he said.  
  
They followed him down the elegant hall towards a back door which they opened and the bird flew off.  
  
All the children erupted in applause.  
  
Well what do you make of that Elsie said to both Susan and Addie as they made their way back outside.  
  
It was definitely a good trick Susan replied.  
  
Yes but, well im not so sure, was it a trick?  
  
 Elsie replied I mean i saw the bird im almost positive it was dead.  
  
I know Susan said pensively, I was sure it was dead too. It looked like it had been for a while.  
  
But things don't come back to life  
  
They had walked out into the backyard. The dark grass stretched away and in the far distance could be seen the dark shape of the forested hills rising in the quiet distance.  
  
It was covered with manicured grass and stately trees spread off into the distance. The night air was still warm and pleasant and bright stars pierced the night sky.  
  
Elsie looked up oh the stars look beautiful tonight, and they look closer and younger.  
  
Wanna lay in the grass and watch them Susan asked  
  
Elsie was surprised that didn't sound like something Susan would suggest when she was dressed up but she just said yes that would be lovely.  
  
Here wait Addie Elsie said as she slipped off her sweater and laid it down you can lay on that so you don't get your pretty white dress dirty.  
  
Addie smiled that's so nice but I don't want to get dirt and grass on your pretty sweater.  
  
I'm pretty sure I've seen Elsie rolling around in the grass and wrestling blaze in that sweater Susan said wryly  
  
Hey Elsie replied  
  
 Well maybe a little  
  
Oh you don't have to do that  
Addie said.  
  
It's ok Elsie said we can both lay on it.  
  
Elsie and Addie both laid down on the sweater Elsie sat mostly in the grass without Addie noticing since she didnt want her pretty white dress to her stained.  
  
Susan laid out her sweater and snuggled close to the other side of Addie.  
  
They stared up at the stars as the gentle night breeze washed over them.  
  
Silence came up from the earth and spread around them.  
  
Eventually Elsie broke the silence I still don't know how he did that trick.  
  
Yes Susan replied it really was incredible, but I was thinking there really could only be two options.  
  
What are they Elsie asked.  
  
Well either the bird was dead and he did in fact being it back to life.  
  
Or it was alive all along and he just pretended it was dead.  
  
Yes Elsie said but a bird wouldn't play along with a trick  
  
Ya that's what I don't get Susan mused  
  
Oh I thought if a third option Elsie said  
  
What is that Susan asked  
  
What if there were two birds he shows the dead one then at some point he slips the live one out.  
  
Oh that makes a lot of sense Susan replied  
  
But she started then hesitated  
  
What Elsie queried  
  
Well it may have been my imagination but I had a strange feeling when he did the trick and for some reason it felt very real to me.  
  
Me too! Elsie blurted out I felt very strange and, well it seemed very real to me.  
  
What do you think Addie she asked.  
  
Well Addie said slowly it Felt real to me to, but it was so unexpected that maybe I was just surprised  
  
That is true Susan said it was surprising we could just be imagining because we want it to be real.  
  
Yes, also do you know what I was thinking  
  
What  
  
I was thinking we should go back to our table and have dessert.  
  
Oh I would love that Addie said. They got up and walked slowly along the back of the massive estate. Eventually they found their way back to the beautiful party spread out beneath the night treess.  
  
Tye lanterns sure look pretty Elsie said.  
  
Yes Susan said and the though of all those deserts made me hungry again.  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
Elsie felt nervous. She felt relieved when she saw they were mostly younger children. They all looked wealthy and were well dressed.  
  
He was a giant of a man muscular and athletic. He moved With Careless grace. There was something wild about him, he had the look of a fighter or athlete.  
  
There were caterers and a band playing.  
  
Some of the houseguests children were there. They are being watched by their nannies.  
  
  
Elsie Susan and Addie sat at a small white table underneath a tall tree, lanterns hung down casting a soft light everywhere a small orchestra played on a light stage and most of the guests were dancing or other sat talking at different tables.  
  
the caterers were bringing trays of desserts around and Elsie watched eagerly barely able to contain her excitement.  
  
Oh they look delicious which one so you want she said grabbing Addie's arm in excitement.  
  
I can't see them yet but I want something with chocolate and strawberries  
  
At that moment a caterer had come up with a tray of delicate wafers that had one end dipped in chocolate.  
  
She was young and pretty and blond, all the caterers wore black slacks a white dress shirt and a black apron. They added to the elegance of the whole scene.  
  
She smiled at Addie, well these have chocolate would you like one?  
  
One?  
  
No I wouldn't like "one" Elsie said roguishly under her breath to Susan  
Susan smiled  
  
The caterer heard her and smiled as  
She lowered the tray and Addie and Susan both politely took one.  
  
May I have two Elsie asked  
  
Yes of course the caterer said smiling take as many as you would like.  
  
Elsie grabbed two then remembered to say thank you mam.  
  
I'm not sure if she is a mam she seems a little young Susan whispered  
  
and ill be right back  
  
She came back with a fresh tray of chocolate covered strawberries  
  
Oh lovely! Addie examined clapping her hands in delight.  
  
The caterer was young and had bling hair.  
  
Do you like catering Elsie asked  
  
Oh yes I love it my mother is over there she is one of the caterers I started last year when I was 18.  
  
Your mother is very pretty Susan said  
  
Yes she had me when she was young and she doesn't seem to age.  
  
How long have you been catering  
  
Just six months now  
  
Well your very good Elsie said  sure I would be awful spilling the trays and eating whatever I didn't spill.  
  
Hey do you know Anthing about this place, it's very mysterious only certain people can work here I begged and begged but they never let me.  
  
Finally I had an interview with one of the staff here and they approved me, but well it is a fantastic place and I'm sure some mystery hangs about the place.  
  
It's our first time here Susan said and we all feel the same.  
  
But sometimes I think maybe they are so selective because its so wealthy and the guests are always so important.  
  
That seems the most logical susan said.  
  
But I also feel like I have been at other nice events and places and this seems different.  
  
Elsie kept wanting to explore but I told her it would be very rude.  
  
I feel like if magic was real this would be the place that would convince me.  
  
You look like we could all be related  
  
Yes she laughed I thought the same thing when I saw you all over here.  
  
My name is Eleanor but everyone calls me elly  
  
I like her Elsie said  
  
Me too said Addie  
  
Well Elsie said you should keep reconnoitering and you can tell us if you find anything interesting.  
  
Ok she said and you should do the same maybe you'll see something strange during the party.  
  
Well I did see one strange thing Elsie said with a roguish look in her eye as she looked at Susan.  
  
And it was how  
  
How  
  
  
  
Much Susan ate Susan said finishing her sentence.  
  
Hey Elsie said that was my joke  
  
Susan smiled sorry I couldn't resist and I have eaten more then you which means I'm on target to win unless you pick it up.  
  
Elsie responded by pushing an entire wafer in her mouth and marking  
 Another tally on the scorecard she was keeping. I'm ahead of you on desert she said.  
  
Yes but I have had more dinner by one roll and a chicken skewer.  
  
Elsie made a face of pain, oh and I'm full but I gotta catch up. She reached over and ate another roll.  
  
The girls continued to watch everyone dancing and listened to the music playing.  
  
The music really is beautiful Susan said, the while party is lovely.  
  
At that moment elly came back hi she said I brought some cookies these are my favorite it's a thin wafer with chocolate filling  
  
Oh that sounds delicious.  
  
Ok guess what we saw Elsie said  
  
We did see something strange.  
  
Oh what she asked?  
  
Susan preceded to tell her all about the magic trick they had just seen.  
  
Elly was excited oh I wish I could have seen it!  
  
  
The cute little boy with brown hair and big eyes was starting at them from the table next to them, his mother sat best to him she was very elegant looking in a black dress and an expensive looking necklace of pearls. She wore a think gold amulet on her arm.  
  
I'm sorry she said politely is he bothering you, I told him to play with the other children but he insisted on coming out here.  
  
Oh it's ok Elsie said politely  
  
Yes we don't mind at all Susan said  
  
He whispered in his mothers ear  
  
He wants to know if he can sit with you she asked with some hesitation in her voice  
  
Oh of course Elsie said warmly  
  
He came over shyly and sat at their table  
  
His name is William she said then whispered to Susan who was closest to her he probably won't say much he just liked to feel like a big kid.  
  
Hello Elsie said giving him a smile  
  
I know how he did that trick he said its magic  
  
She scooped him up he sure has an over active imagination.  
  
  
  
  
The girls sat quietly at the table watching everything it sure is an elegant party Susan said  
  
Yes I know Elsie sighed I want to go more parties and weddings.  
  
Heu, You know Elsie said, I haven't seen  
  
Then out of the trees behind them came  
  
Psst Susan  
  
All three girls jumped  
  
Byron Susan exclaimed as all three girls turned around to stare at the trees and bushes behind them.  
  
what happened. He was covered in mud and his suit was torn.  
  
Shhh he said I will tell you all later I'm gonna wait in the carriage tell its time to go  
  
All three girls had stood up and were rushing towards him.  
  
Shh, wait, sit back down, I don't wanna cause a scene he said urgently  
  
Ill tell you what happened when we leave  
  
Ok Susan said but are you ok, did you get Hurt.  
  
We can leave now Elsie said  
  
No take your time it's a nice night ill just relax out there, but hey would you mind making me a little plate of desserts I can bring with me.  
  
 No not at all Susan smiled  
  
All three girls quickly began putting desserts on a plate for him.  
  
I'm fine he smiled a little banged up he moved gently towards your carriage. Your leg Susan exclaimed your cut its bleeding here let me take a look at that.  
  
I'm fine he persisted you should enjoy the party and wait on second thought you can do something for me I'm starving can you grab me some hordervius and punch, the raspberry kind.  
  
Yes yes of course Susan said still looking at his leg with concern.  
  
  
Well now I'm not hungry at all Elsie said to curious about what happened.  
  
Me to Addie said  
  
Well I think we were all getting a bit full anyways.  
  
Should we get going?  
  
Yes well I don't know where James is lets just go back to the carriage and talk to Byron and we should bring him some desserts.  
  
Yes and some punch Addie said with a smile.  
  
They got a cup full of raspberry  punch and some pastries and cookies and walked slowly up the path that ran up the gentle hill towards the estate.  
  
The front of the house had a large circular driveway with a giant fountain in the window.  
  
There valets had parked all the expensive cars and carriages.  
  
Should we ask where they are Elsie ask  
  
well I don't think so cause they might go get it and they might see Byron he probably wants to lay low.  
  
That's a good point hey look over there  
  
All three girls agreed  
  
Hey look over there Elsie said there are some cars and carriages. They hurried the through the night which was now growing chilly. Through the now chilly night.  
  
Then began to make there way through the rows of cars.  
  
I don't know a lot about cara but I know these are fancy Elsie said  
  
Yes I agree Susan replied oh and look that's a rolls Royce  
  
It's very beautiful Elsie said.  
  
We think these  what people are our friends but there are a lot of strange rumors about this place.  
  
Hey look there is our carriage I think there are a lot so it's hard to tell lets walk over that way.  
  
Hi girls they heard a voice say  
  
Oh there you are! Elsie exclaimed  
  
Hi he said he sounded tired  
  
Where were you  
  
What happened they asked.  
  
Well he said we should talk on the way home just in case anyone is listening  
  
Are you ok  
  
We brought you some snacks  
  
Oh thank you some chocolate and punch sounds amazing.  
  
His voice sounded tired and a little hagard he definitely seemed exhausted by whatever had taken place.  
  
They all piled into the carriage. It was growing cold and Elsie was glad Susan had grabbed a blanket. Her and Addie and Susan sat in the backseat of the cab covered and snuggled under te blanket.  
  
It's like an interview Elsie said, now tell me young man why would you be right for this job.  
  
Byron laughed well does your company offer anything in the way of perks like food?  
  
Yes Elsie said  
  
Well I can at them  
  
Did you have fun Susan asked I mean before whatever it is happened.  
  
Oh yes he said it was a lovely party.  
  
A breeze had picked up lighter clouds had begun to blow in covering the darker night sky in between the pieces stars shone, the moon hid behind a larger cover of clouds.  
  
What time is it Elsie asked  
  
1230  
  
Oh my that's getting late.  
  
Something strange came at me a dark shadow it was horrible my blood ran cold as I.  
  
  
  
  
  
The carriage rolled gently back down the carriage grounds Elsie laid back watching the night sky thick clouds played across the darker spots where the stars were illuminated around the moon a halo of light hung. They winded back down through the trees the wind blew stronger, and it grew colder they cuddled beneath the blanket.  
  
On the opposite side of the carriage Facing them James and Byron both sat quietly each lost deep in their own thoughts.  
  
Eventually they made their way past the gate and out into the lane.  
  
I think we can talk now James said were far enough away.  
  
The ragged tatters of the clouds had blown away leaving a clear space around the almost full Moon which shown brightly down on them, the warmth from the autumn sun had fled far away and now the chill of the night pressed down on them as the cold night air blew across them.  
  
James broke the stillness So what happened in their Byron he asked.  
  
Scarlet chatted happily with everyone she seemed very interested in Byron but he seemed tired and distracted  
  
Byron sighed and shivered at the memory Coming back.  
  
Well he began slowly I snuck off probably around 1030 and headed towards the forest behind the house.  
  
But why did you do that Elsie asked  
  
Well I should probably come clean I wasn't actually totally sure I would find anything there had just been a lot of rumors about this place.  
  
One of them that the woods behind the estate had some strange phenomenon going on.  
  
  
There was an inner wall quite giant really but I climbed it and say perched on top I had the strangest sensation sittings  there almost like I was slowly moving through time, it's difficult to explain and maybe it was my imagination.  
  
Well first the torn dirty suit is from a number of spills I took but as I made my way through the forest I saw strange lights flickering and made my way cautiously towards them.  
  
  
  
  
  
Humans have been drawn into darkness  
  
Prime minister is on there side but they find out he is going to he assassinated they try to stop and it fails and they are blamed  
  
They pulled up to the beautiful hotel in downtown London a doorman hurried over to the carriage.  
  
The hotel was elegant and modern  
Elsie felt tired and sleepy  
  
Can't we just sleep in the carriage she said I don't want to get out of these warm blankets.  
  
The nights grew cold in Copenhagen quickly.  
  
  
Oh this place is lovely Elsie said as she took a running dive onto the bed messing up the covers and almost tumbling off the other side.  
  
Well since you messed it up looks like that's your bed now Susan said. That's fine Elsie replied ill sleep in this one and put my things on the other bed.  
  
Oh no you won't Susan shot back if your not careful you'll be sleeping in the hall.  
  
Elsie laughed at the thought.  
  
Well Addie and I can share a bed and you can have your own Elsie said I'm not sure the bed can handle much more weight after your on it Elsie said doing her best to keep her self from smiling.  
  
Why you little wretch Susan said I get you weigh more then me.  
  
Do not Elsie said  
  
Well Susan paused your probably right we are pretty similar body size but I'm taller.  
  
  
What a fancy place  
  
Yes and comfortable I like it.  
  
  
  
  
The world leaders make situation worse.  
  
Elsie woke up. She could tell from the sun slanting in through the window that she has slept late. She lay contentedly in her bed wrapped in the soft bedding glad it was Saturday. It was probably going to be warm today but the mornings were starting to have a crisp cool fall feel to them. This morning was particularly chilly and she contemplated wether getting out of the warmth of her bedding was worth it.  
  
Eventually she woke up and got dressed and brushed her hair. She left her room and walked Down the stairs. Susan? Addie? Father? She queried.  
  
Everyone must be outside she thought. She realized she was hungry and went to the kitchen.  
  
  
Vampires good ones rob blood truck  
  
  
A mastodon! A love mastodon preposterous! I wasn't born yesterday you know.  
  
Elsie's face had lit up at the thought and she had clapped with joy.  
  
But James skepticism made her smile fade a little but she still felt excited and she could tell by the way James stood up and began to pace that he was too.  
  
Well lets hear the evidence you might as well do your best to take me for a foo.  
  
A life mastodon in Antarctica forgive me if I seem a little skeptical but it all seems a little to fantastic. It is and I never would have believed it but these are very reputable scientists.  
  
They walked into his office he was younger then Elsie expected and had a look of a well to do businessman. But he also had a rugged look About him like someone who could explore the remotest corners of the globe.  
  
But what stood out most was he had an air of trustworthiness not one to make up fanciful tales and stories.  
  
Come in come in he said warmly. But Elsie noticed he seemed a bit nervous and his next words confirmed her thoughts.  
  
You know I was a bit reluctant to speak about this I told a few people when I got back and had recovered but they all assumed it was the extreme conditions and me almost freezing to death but what happened was real. I believe it firmly and really have nothing to gain by telling my short. If I had proof it would be a different matter.  
  
What about the photos?  
  
Ah yes ill show you but their blurry most of the film was ruined.  
  
I assumed I would be scoffed so I kept it to my self m  
  
  
The boat drifted aimlessly everyone sat to numb and devastated to speak. All their friends all the people the rich culture the beatific buildings and palaces and parks and libraries sunk beneath the cold dark and uncaring sea.  
  
  
The tidal waves had pushed them far and fast spinning into the great abandoned oceans.  
  
What now? The question hung heavy on them all she thought of Julian and her pretty smiling face who had sacrificed her self to save them.  
  
The had been adrift now for days. Hopelessness growing like the thirst inside them.  
  
Happenings in artic enjoy is connected to other world.  
  
  
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It still might Susan replied we mustn't give up hope.  
  
I suppose your right Elsie said as she pulled Addie and Susan tightly into a hug.  
  
He was tall and powerful Elsie had never seen someone so wild or savage looking. And yet he was dignified.  
  
  
  
Mother mommy she clutched her beautiful blond mother tightly as the tests streamed down her face. She was totally overcome by emotion and joy.  
  
  
It doesn't mean anything, other then that you should try to enjoy your life just like everyone else here. He smiled gently at her. Your mother chose the path she wanted when she married your father and everyone that knows the joy she radiates knows she wouldn't change it for the world.  
  
Elsie definitely felt like she didn't belong. She liked Copenhagen but it felt so foreign and now they were downtown going to the top of a beautiful skyscraper. It was beautiful but also wealthy and austere. It was full of business men and business women and it was clear they were important and successful.  
  
There were also a lot of police and security officers.  
  
They reached the top floor and the elegant doors opened to a bright room with a wall of beautiful windows.  
  
Elsie rushed over and gasped at the view it's beautiful she said as she looked at the city and the ocean that touched the horizon.  
  
  
  
  
  
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CHAPTER  
  
They walked slowly beneath the warm autumn night through the path with its stately trees blowing  gently in the wind. The stars shown against the night sky piercingly bright and the dim glow of the city lights shown faintly ahead of them.  
  
The path winded slowly thought the soft lamplight next to stone benches ahead and to their left past the great trees that arched above them the campus lawns stretched.  
  
In the distance they could see the soft glow of the campus lights.  
  
They walked slowly, each lost in their own thoughts.  
  
The stars shown above them piercing the nights sky.  
  
Finally Elsie broke the silence, what do you think this all means.  
  
James came out of his reverie  
  
It's difficult to say he said slowly. It's like trying to catch the moonlight it shines and shimmers but you can never grasp it.  
  
Elsie but her lip she felt troubled. I wish things could go back to the way they used to be.  
  
James felt his heart stir with pity for her.  
  
Well we sure will try.  
  
This Incan manuscript describes a women that sounded just like your mother it says they tried to talk to her but she fled though the jungle and left this necklace.  
  
But that was so long ago it must be some hoax.  
  
Why didn't they take me  
  
I don't think that you interests them at the time.  
  
  
I think we may finally have a lead James said excitedly. He went to Japan, Japan why Japan he seems far to ancient to travel.  
  
There was many advanced civilizations long before us. Great beings gods if you we were unleashed some sat they came from another world. They destroyed or buried most of this world. For a time the world was barren devoid of any living things.  
  
  
We're drifting further from the sun. They sealed them with blood. DNA  
  
  
She felt like she was standing by the ocean on a windy day where it's a struggle even to walk across the sand. But she was aware that nothing was moving she also realized her perception seemed far greater, it was a strange duality of both chaos and calm.  
  
Are you ok he asked?  
  
Yes I definitely feel something  
  
Two giant men they had hideous masks and were clad in black and red they had giant pulls that seemed to be charged with electricity.  
  
Your world is in far graver danger then our world.  
  
What  
  
What do you mean  
  
Why?  
  
  
They walked slowly down the hall  
  
Earths original inhabitants been in hiding  
  
  
  
We think they might be magicians from a culture we thought long since lost.  
  
  
I don't think you want to do that he said calmly and gently, yet there was a surprising power to his words.  
  
  
They walked through the gentle breeze of the late summer night. Tall stately trees lined the path and lampposts shown on either side in regular intervals giving just enough light. The moon hung silently overhead watching the quiet world.  
  
Across the grass on the left they could see the lights of te great university and on the right the soft glow of the city lights below.  
  
It's beautiful up here Elsie said almost afraid to break the stillness.  
  
Yes I love it, I was an undergraduate here, he sighed and Elsie looked at him, he was lost in thought of some memory of the past.  
  
Elsie didnt want to interrupt it was a look of bith sadness and joy.  
  
You know he said with a slight smile, I wasn't always so, how shall we say dignified.  
  
Elsie cut in you were very handsome when your were young, she stopped herself not wanting to be rude but he didn't seem to notice.  
  
He went on I was vey shy. My father was a coal miner and a good man, very hardworking but we were poor, very poor and rough. I shared a room with my five brothers and sisters.  
  
They kept walking as Elsie listened to the crickets.  
  
After I finished my degree I felt quite lost. I worked a lot of odd jobs and just drifted for a number of years, I really had never done very well in school i never had much confidence.  
  
A girl! It was a girl what happened if you don't mind taking about it.  
  
Yes, me smiled love is a driving force in this world and a good one. And not just romantic love but the love between friends, the love of a mother the love that binds you and your sisters and the love for a warm fire on a cold night.  
  
And food Elsie chimed in,  
  
Yes that too he laughed especially that.  
  
And those things are worth fighting for, it's those who have forgotten what love is; their pride or hurt has blinded them. Those are the ones who want to steal the love of those who have it.  
  
They foolishly believe that others don't matter that is they have enough power or money then they will feel happiness or love.  
  
When in fact it's others and caring for thise around you that brings joy.  
  
But some have grown so dark they only want to hurt. I pity them I don't think anyone is born that evil.  
  
Do you think some people are beyond hope,  
There are some deeds that are unforgivable  
  
Her friends told me she like me but I could never quite believe it.  
  
Eventually I got a job in the mines. It was a very dark time.  
  
  
  
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She also felt he was capable of not doing terrible things but of making others do them as he sat in the distance holding his followers in disdain.  
  
He had a beautiful girlfriend  but Elsie felt she might be good just fooled by his supposed kindness. He seemed very controlling of her. It made Elsie smoulder I wouldn't let any man .. Or. Women treat me like that.  
  
  
Elsie sat on her bed biting her lip and pondering. She wondered if she had misjudged him. As the others had been leaving her room and conversing in the hall he had slipped it briefly I'm on your side I'm gonna get you out of here.  
  
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Chapter  
  
  
  
  
She said in her sickly sweet voice.  
  
Elsie sat disconsolately on her bed. Wondering if perhaps it had been a dream.  
  
Chapter  
They wandered through the dense jungle. Sunlight filtered down through the leafy green canopy that spread above them, like a giant parachute.  
  
Drat these insects Elsie exclaimed slapping at a mosquito. I think I would like this place better in a picture I never knew that bugs could be such a pest.  
  
Almost as bad as little sisters Susan replied, well expect for you Addie your far too cute and sweet.  
  
Elsie couldn't think of a reply so she just gave Susan a look.  
  
Lord Byron noticed the interaction and sat waiting he never knew Elsie to not have something to say back to Susan. He didnt have long to wait.  
  
Hey! Are you wearing make up?  
  
Maybe Susan replied.  
  
It's either yes or no  
  
Ok so what if I am, just a little and it seems to keep the insects away.  
  
And the boys.  
  
Susan rolled her eyes there are no boys in the jungle all I see is trees and bugs and, well more bugs.  
  
Lord Byron cleared his throat.  
  
Your not a boy Susan said, your a man she laughed, a young man.  
  
Anyways how long do we have to walk through this stupid jungle. Elsie asked.  
  
Yes Byron joined in, do you know lord Williams.  
  
Oh yes quite right, well about two days tell we get to a small native village then will hire some natives to sail up the amazon.  Then probably about a four days march. I apologize the mosquitoes have never been this bad before and I've spent a good part of my life in these parts.  
  
They marched on thought the canopy of jungle, it was like a wild cathedral built of living things.  
  
Susan was more perceptive and noticed a slight change in the air a sense of anticipation. Of worlds drifting.  
  
The thought fled away again as Elsie burst out, my bag is heavy how much longer are we gonna go today?  
  
Well for how much you tease me for being a delicate flower it seems your the one getting tired.  
  
Elsie felt annoyed and realized it was sort of true Susan was turning out to be far more rugged and athletic then she ever thought she was capable of.  
  
Well she said I bet that your bags lighter then mine. Probably full of make up.  
  
Susan laughed we can trade if you like.  
  
No thanks Elsie said I don't need any makeup but all the same she follows up quickly with we should weigh our bags when we get to camp.  
  
And just where would we get a scale Susan asked.  
  
Ill hold them bith and be the judge Elsie said.  
  
That sounds fair Susan laughed.  
  
Not to take sides Byron said but I think all three of you girls bags are probably pretty close in weight.  
  
He knew that they had out less in Addie's since she was still the smallest of any of them but he didn't think it was worth mentioning.  
  
  
  
Clouds had rolled in an a gentle breeze blew. They walked though the park lamps illuminating the path and tall elm trees towered on either side l.  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
Te sea folk  
  
  
Like eerie shadows haunting the dark night.  
  
Evil never goes away it just hides when good men drive it out.  
  
Men? Elsie queried  
  
James laughed  
  
And women, and girls anyone with good in their heart and courage.  
  
But vigilance is always needed,  
  
I guess you will just have to go on being ordinary just like the rest of us.  
  
  
  
  
  
  
it's an Incan calendar and it describes the end if the world  
Aren't there a lot of those then thru pass  
  
I don't mean to be skeptical, but well I am rather skeptical. I mean isn't someone always sharing Is gonna be the end of the world and then it doesn't happen, they make a big deal about it and then when it doesn't happen kinda disappear for a while then come back with some new claim,  
Oh we miscalculated but you still better be afraid cause we were only off by a year so it's about to be the new end is the world in a short peridot of time.  
  
Elsie and Susan both laughed and Addie smiled,  
  
That sounds about right Elsie said.  
  
  
  
  
  
Chapter  
We have picked up strange repeating signals.  
  
Really?  
  
Yes they are coming from a distant galaxy but they are strong and they repeat.  
  
We feel almost certain they contain some signal.  
  
Now here is where it gets louder. You remember the ill fated lindgriff expedition in Antarctica?  
  
Yes  
  
Well the diary we found was written by one of the members. He claimed to have been lost in a cave and heard strange sounds. He marked them down  
  
  
It was a late Indian summer day in early September. The trees still held on to their green leads but bright patches of reds and golds were beginning to shine through.  
  
  
You need to leave he said earnestly, please head to the airport and catch the next plane out of here.  
  
But why James said whats going to happen?  
  
I'm not certain of anything but I just have a feeling it's not safe here and the closer you get to me the more you put yourself in danger.  
  
But please promise me you'll leave  
  
  
Susan and Addie are both gone.  
  
The words hit Elsie like a crushing wave of despair.  
  
It's my fault James said we should have done something sooner.  
  
  
We have to get them back  
  
We will once we find out where they are.  
  
James thought it better not to mention the disturbing rumors he had been hearing.  
  
  
  
Chapter  
Elsie walked into the Quiet study and noticed everyone looked somber and serious.  
  
Even Byron stood by the windows his face serious and drawn.  
He gave Elsie a thin smile.  
  
James seemed distracted.  
  
What's up Elsie asked  
  
James seemed to snap out of his reverie  
  
Hello Elsie he said kindly  
  
You should sit down he said  
  
A shock of panic ran through her  
  
Is father ok?!  
  
No no ok sorry to worry you we don't have any bad news at all about your father or sisters, he paused but we do have some news.  
  
He looked up questioningly at Byron  
  
He smiled tiredly well you've started you might as well go on, but Elsie i didn't want to raise any false hope but well James you should explain.  
  
It's about your mother James said  
  
  
Mother!  
  
Elsie jumped up what do you mean?  
  
Elsie we almost didnt tell you because it's so strange we weren't sure what to make of it, but it's gotten stranger and we decided well I decided Byron was opposed yell we know more to full you in.  
  
  
Well please, fill me in!  
  
It's sort of a long story but it starts with an archaeological expedition searching for a lost city in South l  
America quite romantic and all that.  
  
  
The rain soaked skies covered the ground, the night world was full of tears and sorrow. The dark clouds that covered the night sky finally parted giving a reprieve from the dark clouds that had haunted the evening. A chill wind blew and a few faint stars emerged.  
  
Elsie shivered and drew her sweater tighter and pulled her sleeves over her hands then wrapped her arms around her body.  
  
They walked silently each lost k. Their own thoughts finally they came to a place where the trees cleared, the clouds across the night sky had finally parted and above them the cold hard stats shone piercingly bright.  
  
Oh it's beautiful Elsie said.  
  
They all stopped to admire the sky  
Staring upwards into the heavens.  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
Chapter  
Elsie was practically jumping out of her seat as they slowly sailed over the mighty Pacific Ocean she had never been to Japan and it all seemed so exciting and foreign.  
  
She peered happily out the window staring at the tops of the white clouds and far below them the gentle blue of the ocean. Then she stared up  
At the light blue sky so peaceful and endless as it stretched above them.  
  
She likes Tessa a lot she was so gentle and kind and she was always so happy. Elsie was very perceptive though and she knew some mystery and sadness hung about her, but perhaps it made her even more like able and a little bit vulnerable at times.  
  
Tessa smiled Mind of I lean over for a look  
  
No you should look at this it's wonderful and oh so lovely.  
  
Tessa leaned over and watched the quiet world floating by below them.  
  
Hey you smell nice Elsie said  
  
Thank you Tessa laughed it most be my lotion do you want some  
  
Yes please maybe ill dip my pretzels in it,  
  
Tessa laughed Im not sure how good that would taste but I have never taster it, it seems like if it tasted as good as it smelled it would be quite delicious.  
  
Tessa was pretty and athletic a combination of confident and humble and sweet and kind.  
  
Elsie had never seen anyone move so gracefully.  
  
  
  
I know it's difficult to talk about Charlotte her father said  
  
Elsie bit her lip struggling to respond, instead she just hugged him pulling him close  
  
I miss her terribly she said  
  
She felt sorrow crushing upon her as she began to cry pulling her father close he hugged her back.  
  
They found it in the artic  
  
What I don't understand l  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
CHAPTER  
On a crowded street in France Tessa sat nervously. She felt in turmoil  as she waited and tried to blind in. She was tall and pretty and tended to attract attention but she wore glasses and a hat to hide her appearance and to avoid bring recognized.  
  
He was tall and athletic and carelessly handsome both rugged and refined but he had a haunted look in his eyes.  
  
He was tall and commanding and powerfully built heads turned in awe as he passed it was like a god had descended amoung mortals.  
  
A careful observance if his manners would show that he was shy and reticent  
  
  
Jamison I'm over here her pretty voice rang out lightly.  
  
He smiled when he saw her and she stood to to hug him.  
  
What about the girl  
  
She is in a lot of danger  
  
You know I'm supposed to kill her  
  
They mean well  
  
We should stick with my plan  
  
I sent her away I don't want her or her sisters to get dragged into this, what ever this is. But it's too late they are dragged in now all we can do is protect them.  
  
There planning to strike again  
  
  
We north to stop them  
  
I don't want you to come its to dangerous  
  
I can handle myself Tessa said  
  
Chaunt Ella illay  
  
I don't want to use her I don't want her to go through what I've had to go through  
  
  
Winston and two other members of parliament sat in a private room  
  
Have you learned any more about the missing children?  
  
Well yes and no  
  
We might have something but it's strange and we discovered it quite by accident  
  
A physics was conducting a highly specialized experiment at a particle accelerator the same day the a child was abducted it was close by Ming you.  
  
They detected something not baryonic it decayed so quickly they really  
  
Well that's not much to go on. Sounds like spooks and ghosts to me  
  
after the earthquake a lot of clocks went out of sync  
  
He is just a boy there is no way I can bring someone so young into danger like that no offense meant if course.  
  
He is very powerful  
  
Yes but he is a child  
  
I just want to protect her and her sisters  
  
She was pale with jet black hair and skinny  
  
Super power Against normal  
  
So what have you been up to all these years Tessa asked  
  
Jamison robbed his hands through his hair, well trying to figure things out.  
  
Alex meets girl a coffee shop  
Is going home and excited family getting ready for festival  
Attacked and house burned down  
Moves to apartment with sister  
Security cameras and phones everywhere  
  
German comes in shop repeatedly he hates him  
  
Is told about resistance in woods tech guy rigs phones  
  
The prophet wants to meet him says he is the chosen one  
  
They go to a meeting  
  
Side story  
generals parents  
  
His father falls in love with his mom but she loves someone else  
  
His soldiers are offended he is spurned and tell her they will kill her family if she doesn't Marry him  
  
She does and moves to the empire  
  
Later find out about them to save her kids the mother writes a note like its from him denouncing  her  
She is captured  
  
Side story  
Young men find strange city that is abandoned in our world realize what happened and are trying to pull the time lines the way it's supposed to be  
  
He is the prophet he has dreams of both worlds and a book that he left for himself  
  
Side story  
Soldiers are sent to assassinate h and it works  
  
On the way to visit the prophet  
  
England 1942  
March 2  
  
Albert was far more clever yes but I thought he was a decent person  
  
Yes he was but he turned the war efforts around he also started to stop the atrocities and he never invaded russia but once victory was close he was assassinated by the Gestapo.  
  
They are experimenting with biological camps  
  
Conquered and colonized Africa  
  
  
I Just want to keep them safe  
  
The server came over hello what can I get you  
  
  
She was pretty and small Almost delicate with jet black hair she hid behind.  
  
  
The great ice crusher ship sat before them everyone sat huddled In a small and dirty cafe near the harbor it was old but out of the bitter cold artic winds that blew in and ate their way through your clothes and seemed to find its way into your soul.  
  
Elsie felt nervous she had no idea what the ice breaker would be like and they had over 230 miles to sail that is if they could make it sometimes the ice was too great even for the shops.  
  
The only one that seemed cheerful was Byron, but he was an experienced campaigner used to roughing it.  
  
Susan also seemed to be doing well Elsie was surprised she had expected her to be more demanding but she hadn't been at all, in fact Elsie knew she had been more demanding then Susan and Addie was always sweet. Susan was out with James and they walked in both looking like Eskimos with thee great fir coats on.  
  
  
  
CHAPTER  
We're going to meet a member of parliament three members actually and two senators from the us.  
  
  
CHAPTER  
What's that, look over there do you see it?  
the strange blue light hung in the distance  
  
  
Oh my Elsie felt in total shock and awe as they all stared at the massive floating rock above them.  
  
This can't be real she whispered  
  
The bottom was shrouded in clouds  
  
  
  
  
It was a strange noise difficult to make out, but it sounded like whispers.  
  
We slowed it down and applied a lot of filters to it.  
  
  
They found a child alone wandering barefoot in the snow  
  
Elsie can see the spirits  
  
Elsie woke up she had had a strange dream but it strayed on the edges of her memory  
  
The only way will be able to follow is if we take Elsie, at least that's what we believe  
  
I refuse to use her that's what our enemies attempted to do how would we be any better then them if we do the same.  
  
Yes but this has far reaching implications  
  
What implications so far it's just been vague warnings nothing concrete and don't get me wrong I believe them I just want to be careful.  
  
Maybe we should ask her  
  
Oh blast you know she will say yes!  
  
I want to help her get her family back and go back to being a child  
  
Byron smiled if she was here I don't think she would like being called a child.  
  
  
The soldiers were brutal Elsie felt sure they were capable of anything and as warm and charming as o tried to be she realized he gave them the authority to practice their brutality.  
  
  
you can speak freely in front of her  
  
Well people have noticed the strange weather  
  
  
  
The stones finally began to abate but the world stayed a formless mass of white and the moody dark gray of an angry sky.  
  
They trudged along silently each list in their own moody thoughts. Elsie was to tired to tease Susan though she knew that would help the tedious minutes pass more quickly. Time had no meaning here just ice and snow and rock and biting cold and wind that came uninvited through coats and scarves and winter boots.  
  
But then there was something Byron's voice rang out sharp with excitement, up ahead look at those mountains! They look dark, is they trees?  
  
Oh blast that's strange to far to see though  
  
  
Leif  
  
  
Elsie sat outside in the grass, the gentle afternoon sun rained down on her, the shadows grew longer. They crept from the places where they had laid dormant waiting for the dark.  
  
She had Cried so much she couldn't cry any more, she had always tried to be brave around her beautifully her but today was to much. She knew she wasn't going to get better she had laid on the white sheets hugging her frail body as her beautiful blond hair spilled around them both.  
  
It was hard for her mother to speak but she had smiled her warm smile and whispered I love you. It was to much she buried her face into her warm body and cried until the sheets were soaked. Her mother wrapped her arm around her.  
  
I love you mommy  
  
She had said  
  
Her mother fell asleep and she ghosted from the room.  
  
Now she sat in the grass the sun sank behind the hills and darkness grew. The stars came out tragedy walked the night and stalked the joyful, looking to steal away hope and plunge the world into darkness.  
  
She aimlessly played with the grass growing beneath her feet.  
  
Elsie you are not going to believe this! His face was pale and wide eyed.  
  
Dragon  
Becomes girl  
  
  
  
  
Hi Tessa  
  
Hi Elsie she replied warmly  
  
Did you sleep well yes I did these beds are so comfortable I feel like a king or maybe more like a queen I think I would need a beard to look more kingly  
  
the carriage rolled gently through the warm autumn twilight.  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
Chapter  
They walked through the oak grove. Sunlight filtered gently through the leaves onto the green spring grass beneath their feet.  
  
The whole place felt sacred and still and timeless. New and yet old as ancient as the oldest stars and as young as the blossoms in spring.  
  
as she walked began to feel  
Elsie felt she had left both time and space all together and was and was someplace ancient that never changed.  
  
She looked over at Byron and his face was set and serious but he also seemed to be In a daze.  
  
Elsie wanted to speak but it felt like to great an effort or if it would be somehow wrong to upset the sacred stillness.  
  
her mouth seemed closed.  
  
She realized if she was here on a different occasion the suspense full hanging feeling might be one of quiet peace but not today.  
  
They walked for what seemed like ages she felt worlds were being born empires raised and brought low kings were born and lost their crowns as the lines on maps shifted forwards and backwards.  
  
Empires grew and fell  
Then the empires fell and were replaced with silent grass and trees grew covering the memory of men. Then silence and darkness came the end.  
  
Verve  
  
Elsie startled awake someone was touching her. Susan's gentle hand was on her arm her look was full of  concern she realized everyone was around her her back resting against the firmness of an oak tree it's green cover spread above her.  
  
She could tell she was concerned she tried to smile and she fought to say the words I'm fine but nothing came out.  
  
She realized somehow Susan knew and they kept walking hand in hand.  
  
It was the strangest site she had ever seen she stood taking it all in. There were diplomats dressed in suits all their faves ashen and grave. She saw kings and and the prime minister and soldiers from many countries but the strange thing the soldiers carried swords and tall metal poles that looked like spears but a blue flame like lighting flickered on top.  
  
But even stranger were tall blond solders that looked like gods in full armor their helmets had wings and their armor shone in the sun.  
  
There was a small circle of people that looked like Druids or wizards go cloaked and clad in gray cloaks.  
  
But most impressive was three figures that towers above all else one was muscular and young his face seemed full of joy and fearless perhaps the only one who seemed untouched the mood.  
  
The next was an older one who liked like a wise and ancient king.  
  
There was a beatify lady that stood tall and proud her bare arms taught with lithe muscle.  
  
With them stood a tall and stopped figure his face covered by a black hood. He was small while the other four seemed to tower over seven feet he seemed like a frail and crumpled  old man.  
  
Elsie gasped and pointed the president of the us was speaking the Russian resident.  
  
She stated in awe her eyes shifting from the lady to the man.  
  
There were so many sights she couldn't decide what to look at  
  
Addie grabbed her arm and pointed there were some of the fiercest wildest looking people Elsie had ever seen they struck her as almost wild animals and yet fair and noble.  
  
 Elsie  
  
i know that this is a serious and solemn moment but it is truly a time for rejoicing and joy.  
  
L was responsible for great death and sorrow he was close to releasing au from his mighty prison and we all know the darkness that world usher across Both our worlds.  
  
After we will have a feast and a time of rejoicing.  
  
the place was  
  
they walked slowly through the place the grass was light under there feet the great fall trees towered above them, the leaves were brilliant shades of greens but also looked to be turning to shades of reds and golds. It felt like early autumn or late spring.  
  
There were strange stone structures that reminded her of Ancient Greece but they seemed new.  
  
  
Chapter  
They walked slowly down into the dark fastness of the prison it was dismal and hopeless with an air of dispair. Elsie couldn't help but feel sorry for the people incarcerated and wonder how many we're innocent struck by a cruel twist of fate.  
  
The prime minister stood out even more with his crisp suit.  
  
Lord Charles is still alive I've told everyone but well let me stop that he was alive when I left him but that was what now feels like many lives ago.  
  
but you left him in the artic, dead so don't play you don't know what happened. You got back and took up the life of a wealthy man you were even impudent enough to move into his estate.  
  
Winston went on patiently that was to figure our what happened to look for clues I think he may have known something and that  
  
Chased by bad guys  
  
Stop the dark matter  
  
It was a map we found buried on the walls someplace deep in the jungles of South America  
  
Of course we didn't bring a boat but we crossed the adonirak adonorak mountains it was bitter cold we all thought we were he paused  
  
Elsie was sure he was about to day all die but realized he didn't want to make that connection  
  
He went on well we began to feel we were being watched strange sensations and dreams came upon all of us.  
  
What is this place? Look look at the wall he gasped breathlessly.  
  
We fought the snow and bitter cold all he way over those strange mountains.  
  
We were north of the Valkyrie when things began to change as we descended the slopes we notified a warming the snow began to grow less and eventually began to be mixed with mud.  
  
  
Oh Susan I'm just so tired and I miss mother so much sometimes I wanna give up it all just seems like to much.  
  
Susan paused and glanced over at her sister her heart welled with concern for both get and Addie.  
  
  
  
Addis Accor  
  
  
Chapter  
The great ice breaker tossed and churned in the great ice sea. The whole wide was gray skies and ice mixed with the angry bottomless sea. Elsie went on deck only after bundling up and wearing her great hooded coat her and her sisters looked like pale Eskimos.  
  
Addie Susan and Elsie staggered out onto the deck of the great ice breaker as it churned and crashed through the great seas. The deck heaved beneath them icy spray blew over the rails in great rhythmic gusts. Elsie looked over at Addie and Addie smiled at her, her face buried in her great furry coat.  
  
It's like an amusement park Elsie yelled over the icy wind.  
  
Except we might die here Susan shouted back  
  
I'd take my Chances here anyway Elsie replied  
  
Whoa!  
  
She yelled as a huge wave slammed into the ship almost knocking them over as the ship swayed.  
  
James saw them and hurried over his face was crusted in ice he had been on deck a while.  
  
You girls be careful out here he said!  
  
Something's stalking us  
  
The seas grew calm and the angry night sky began to clear the moon came out and a blue glow covered the night time world.  
  
Elsie sat on her bed enjoying the feel of the ship not heaving under her like a wild stallion. She opened the window and looked out oh it's so beautiful tonight she said to Susan  
  
Oh wow we should go out on deck we can get really cold then come back and all snuggle under the blankets and have some boy chocolate cocoa.  
  
Elsie clapped her hands in delight yes let's do it you wanna come Addie?  
  
Of course Addie smiled  
  
  
Girls come over her do you see that it's a strange blue light.  
  
Is it a ship  
  
We don't think so  
  
  
  
  
Chapter  
I think there is a map in my bag if you want to see where we are going, and some chocolate if you want a snack. Oh yes I would love that Elsie said as she turned and reached into the backseat and pulled Tessa's elegant bag up onto her lap.  
  
You don't mind if I open it she asked?  
  
No not at all and I would love some chocolate we can share one  
  
Oh how about the raspberry one  
  
  
  
chapter  
Elsie was laying in bed when she heard it, a faint whisper; she clutched at get blankets terrified as If those could somehow save her.  
  
Whose there she whispered.  
  
  
  
These are the people trying to destroy your world, they seem fair and well spoken but don't believe it there using you.  
  
  
Chapter  
They trudged and toiled up the deep snow and Rocky Mountains.  
  
Oh my gosh Elsie said breathlessly she suddenly knew why everyone was standing at the top  
Speechless. The mountains fell before them abruptly into a soft valley and beyond the eh was the ocean.  
  
What was shocking was the colors the stone and whites gave way to greens, the green of living things small shrubs and bent alpine trees struggling to survive but even further Down there was grass and at the bottom of the valley that was sheltered on all three sides by the monstrous mountains there was a green dell with a small Forest in the northern corners. But that was not the most shocking site.  
  
At the Bottom was a small ullage village with modern looking houses and labs and facilities and what even looked to be a small store.  
  
Bad lab further north  
  
But that want even the strangest site further north past the forest was a massive stone pyramid it looked ancient like it had spring to life when the foundations of the world were laid.  
  
  
They take the three girls from the base to a strange Island.  
  
Members are crushed killed they leave the island and are on ship.  
  
Hit who wants to kill them is a vampire bad god pale and scary.  
  
Find out they plan to kill one of them but a nice sailor helps them escape.  
  
They see a dragon  
  
Sail adrift to very strange island on summit they see them coming.  
  
Are saved by an old man (a god) who helps them but tells them they must leave. He is good but is trapped oh island.  
  
They have guns it use powe to help them.  
  
They leave and dolphins pull them to Atlantis.  
  
chapter  
  
well he said to timidly I don't think that's necessary, I have a girl of my own  
  
The gray one went over to him you know we don't need you would you like to take her place?  
  
he seemed quiet  
  
Well this is a pretty pickle, yes at least it warm here  
  
What a strange place this is Elsie whispered to Susan.  
  
Yes silent and peaceful  
  
I don't mean to be impudent, but well who are you? People don't just live out islands by themselves.  
  
He smiled gently, yes I didn't see my life going quite like this  
  
they walked though the silent woods tall trees towered above them like a green cathedral roof elegant and astute.  
  
They walked the small dirt path up and down at one point they came upon a cool clear stream tumbling noisily by them.  
  
  
He was a young man, weel more a boy With jet blavk hair he was handsome and regal and Elsie at once thought of a prince. While his appearance was haughty his manner was carefree and friendly. That could have been because he was chained to the wall.  
  
  
  
Sweat poured into her eyes and panic gripped her she could feel her self sliding down into that empty nothingness her hand began to slip. She heard a crashing noise and dirt and rocks cascaded down on her one large one hot her head she could taste the blood and feel it mixing with the dirt blinding her eyes.  
  
  
Elsie felt nervous the great ship had started to feel like home and outside its warm walls was a great dangerous works of ice and danger  
  
  
Chapter  
They hiked through the silent woods the pines and oaks spread around them the clouds began to burn off as they saw traces of blue coming out from behind the clouds. Everything seemed fresh and alive awakened after a long slumber.  
  
They lay in the cold dead forest, his bright red blood slowly dripping into the white snow. Darkness hung over them, both overwhelming and conforming. In the stillness he began to slip away his bright smile shining out one last time.  
  
  
  
  
Chapter  
There is a list of strange murders or attempted murders  
  
Jamison took a sip of his tea not sure where this was heading  
  
Two years ago twelve people were found dead they were wearing strange clothes that day two large earthquakes shook the coast  
  
Yes but what does that have to do with an earthquake those are clearly two unrelated events.  
  
Well there have been a lot of strange and seemingly unrelated events that are beginning to show a pattern.  
  
  
  
  
  
  
Chapter  
They stopped to camp in a dark forest sheltered by rugged dark mountains. The place felt dark and the pines seemed to crouch over them.  
  
They rode in on black horses with hideous skull masks covering the great chargers faces, they were cloaked in black remote, threatening and menacing. They seemed to suck what little light and warmth remained Addie pressed closer to Elsie and they sat watching in fear pressed as close together as their bonds would allow.