

Lifesaver Dragon **By Nicholas L. Rollins**

Chapter One ***The Mysterious Cave***

Once upon a time there was a boy named Jason. He lived in a forest with a ton of his animal friends. His life, he thought, was boring until one day everything he knew turned upside down. It all started when he was going to visit his animal friends; since they were the only ones he could truly depend on. While he was visiting he ran into a giant cave he'd never seen before. "Strange" he mumbled under his breath.

Jason decided to check it out and he went into the cave and upon entering the entrance vanished behind him making it very dark. Jason couldn't see anything. He reached to his hip and removed his Spirit Sword from its sheath. It had a deep emerald blade with a sparkling gold handle. Using his inner power he willed the sword to glow. He cautiously walked around in the cavern. As his eyes adjusted to the low lighting he was able to make out a door close by. He opened it and was briefly blinded by the bright light that radiated into the cave. Was this the exit? ... Could this be it? ... Or could this be a passage way to bigger things?

Before he ran through the door he felt his foot step on something that didn't feel like a stone. As he looked down and lifted his foot up he noticed it was some sort of a control button. Click ...

The exit doors came crashing down as spikes grew out from every wall. The spikes catapulted from the walls like bullets from a shotgun. As quickly as Jason could he flipped his Diamond Shield off from his back and secured it to his arm. Its sapphire rim projected a protective force field around him. The spikes from the walls were unable to penetrate the shield. Unfortunately, the explosive impact made the floor crumble from beneath Jason's feet. He fell down a slope of plummeting rocks bumping and tumbling. Jason was able to turn his shield down and step onto it and he started sliding down the giant mountain of rubble, dust and darkness. When he finally came to a stop he was standing at the edge of a mountain high above what appeared to be a village of some sort. Jason decided to work his way to the bottom into a field of enchanted creatures. These creatures were dragons.

Chapter Two ***Gem***

Before Jason could even blink an eye a large shadow cast over him ... it was the Guard Dragon. His body was a dark greenish color from head to toe except for his stomach which was a large pink crystal. The crystal was his Life Force.

"Leave this place before you suffer a most painful death ... you pathetic human" yelled the dragon with rage like nothing known.

"First of all" announced Jason.

"I'm not going to die a horrible death. Second, what's wrong with you?"

Your acting like you went through something with the humans and they ended up ticking you off permanently. What's with that?"

"I will only tell you if you defeat me in battle" said the dragon agreeably.

"Bring it on scaly face"!

As the battle began, Jason remembered that dragons were weak against water. Jason took out his sword and willed the forces of a mega tsunami at the beast. Unexpectedly, the dragon conjured a lightning bolt from the sky shooting towards the fierce wall of water. The giant wave of lightning jolted Jason backwards into a large boulder. Shaking his head to regain his senses, Jason realized that this was no ordinary dragon. Maybe it was a Lightning Dragon. But Jason was wrong. No matter what he used to attack with, the dragon could always counter it. It was almost like he had ESP or something. That just wasn't normal.

"You're pathetic." Laughed the dragon.

"I've faced humans like you before but c'mon, you're no different then the rest of the toddlers they were".

The taunting from the dragon made Jason mad. His eyes started glowing red and his pure heart practically sunk into a dark abyss. He lost control of the darkness within and all of his elemental powers became one giant attack of destruction.

Chapter Three ***Foes to Friends***

The elemental beam Jason shot was equally matched by the dragon's elemental beam. Suddenly Jason's beam started glowing red and all the rage that he had, turned into power and backfired the two beams at the dragon. Now Jason's face sneered with a devilish grin. The dragon was blasted backwards crashing into the roof of a stone hut and was knocked unconscious. When Jason returned to his pure hearted self he saw what he had done and he went over to the dragon and picked him up. He started to cry and suddenly a mystical force teleported him back to his house. With the dragon still in his hand, Jason looked over him. "Don't die," Jason whispered in sorrow.

He wrote a letter to his animal friends saying that he couldn't come and he explained why. He asked if they would help him, with their healing medicines, save the dragon. The animals did just that ... they immediately went to aid the dragon with nature's medicines. They said that he should awaken soon ... but, to Jason, it seemed like an eternity. As the sun set, the dragon stirred ... "Thank goodness you're alive" sighed Jason.

"You saved me? Thank you." the dragon said with question in his voice.

"Why did you do that ... after all the things I did to you"?

"Just because"? Jason shrugged.

"I guess I had you wrong, human ... you're nice" complimented the dragon.

"The name's Jason" Jason responded as he offered his hand to shake.

"My name's Gem," introduced the dragon.

"Sooooo ... why do you hate humans so much?" asked Jason.

To be continued ...