

A New World Of Magical Possibilities

Chapter 1: The Path To Survival

Everyone has a different life, a different dream, and a different nightmare. Every day was a nightmare to Alice, but one day she went to sleep inside of her nightmare and woke up into a dream that others would consider a nightmare.

Alice wasn't her actual name, it was actually Alizandra but she went by Alice, she was 19. She woke up in another world and started thinking while looking around.

"...This could be a prank, but it seems too tame to be one. They would've taken away my gun, knife, and phone too if it was a prank... No wifi, that's fine. If it's not a prank then perhaps a dream? It would make sense, the tree's orange... and glowing? And the grass it was pushing against me, it was light but I could feel it... How strange, the grass around me is pointing away from me, well fuck you too I guess. Anyways, time to test this dream theory."

She then grabbed her knife and removed her glove and cut her hand.

"I'm still awake. Guess it's not a dream, ha, this is getting interesting. I should put my gloves on, don't want any animals to smell my blood and get hungry. From the position of the sun, it's daytime. I might as well look around a bit first."

She looked and saw things she had never seen before. She hated the view, it was too pretty. She smiled for a second imagining everything around her being destroyed, and then stopped because it hurt too much.

"This doesn't look like my Earth, though it shouldn't be possible for me to have gone to another planet, though these creatures and plants shouldn't exist either. Oh well, better to just assume that I got sent to another world... if I'm wrong then that sucks."

"Whenever I'm somewhere new it's always best to look for the necessities: food, water, and shelter. It's too risky to look for food and water, I could get a virus or food poisoning if I eat one of these animals or plants. It's probably best to look for shelter, if I find a city then I can probably find a cafe or something,

the food there is likely edible."

She started walking in the opposite direction of the sun, towards where she hoped the moon would be. She always loved the night. While walking she hid the knife in a pocket of her jacket where she could quickly access it and decided to hold her gun in her right hand while keeping it hidden in the sleeve of her jacket.

"A bird? Ha it's on fire... it doesn't look hurt, I think I could fix that." She aimed the gun at the bird but it shot a fire ball at her and flew away before she could shoot it.

"Ha, next time then. At Least you left me a present." Alice thought this while grabbing a feather that fell off the bird, it was still on fire.

"Interesting, why don't you hurt me? I guess that doesn't matter for now, at least you'll give me heat if night arrives, though if I reach a town before then, then I could sell you though it might be better to keep you to study. Anyways remember Alice, until you reach a city try not to kill anything, it could be illegal and the last thing you need is them doing a background check on someone that shouldn't exist in this world... and the animal could be bulletproof."

She put it in the pocket of her jacket so no one would see it and kept walking until she came across a group of people next to a wagon attached to a broom.

"That's... strange, a floating broom. Maybe the technology is more sophisticated here? Maybe the creatures I saw are robots or genetically modified? Better not to focus on that. There's 4 people talking next to the wagon and 1 person next to the broom. They look happy... great... probably best to just put on a smile and act excited."

Alice walked up to the man next to the broom.

"Hi- I-I'm...Alice. What's your name?" Alice said terribly. She had always had trouble talking outloud for years. Her throat was usually sore and hurt whenever she tried to talk. She forgot about that after

waking up in the new world.

"Are you okay? The name's Tim by the way, it's nice to meet you..."

"Do... y-you know sign... language?"

"Yeah, yeah I do! Let's use that!"

"Lucky me..."

"So what is all this? It seems so cool!" Alice said in sign language.

"This is my travel service, I know teleportation magic is on the rise but nothing beats the view of flying in the air to your location!"

"I agree! This world is so amazing! The creatures, the plants, everything is so beautiful! So how does your traveling service work?"

"...The same as everyone else's, ha ha. I use the broom to fly and since it's attached to the carriage, the carriage flies with it into the air and a spell that I had put on it keeps it horizontal so no one falls out."

"Teleportation magic and flying brooms... so this is a magical world... I should stab my hand again, though I should first confirm that flying with a broom is actually possible."

"That's amazing! Can I try it?! Flying with the broom I mean..."

"...Sure. Let me just unhook it... there you go. I have some magic in it so it'll stay horizontal and float in the air, try to maintain your balance for now."

Alice swept her legs under it before getting on top of it, she then looked around it while moving her arms, she was looking for strings to something that would make it fly but couldn't find anything.

"Interesting, I wonder if this is magic or just science being really advanced."

"Yay! I'm able to balance on it, I thought it'd be tougher! How do I make it move?"

"The same way you use other magical objects, just put your magic into it. It's very similar to how you do some spells too. Also it's very impressive that you're able to stay on it without using both hands!"

"Pretty sure I know what's going to happen but let's give it a try... yep, it's not working. At Least I can now assume that this world has magic and isn't just futuristic, it's a shame though that since I'm from another world I can't use magic. If I study these people's blood then I might be able to learn how to use magic, I would just have to- Stop Alice, be smart. No one is fighting you right now and you know nothing about this world, it'd be stupid to kill someone. You should probably say something to Tim, he's just been staring at you while smiling."

"I guess I used too much magic earlier, ha ha ha, I did get into a couple fights with some animals..."

Tim knew something was off. The broom only takes up a tiny bit of magic and if she used all her magic already then she wouldn't be awake.

"Oh, so that's why you look so dirty!"

"What?!" Alice said out loud trying to make him feel guilty, though she immediately regretted it since it hurt her throat.

"You just have a lot of dirt on you, that's all I meant!"

"Sure..." Alice said using sign language while trying not to smile.

"H-how about I give you a ride, it's on the house!"

He hoped that this would make up for his comment. He liked Alice and didn't want to ruin his chances with at least being her friend.

"Thank you! That'd be great!", Alice motioned with a fake smile. "Oh! I completely forgot to ask, why are you all stopped here?"

"Someone had to make a quick stop to go pee."

"I could probably ki-, nevermind."

Alice and Tim talked for a while until the guy finally showed up again.

"Looks like everyone is here. We're heading to The Mystical Palace, is that alright with you?"

"That'd be amazing! But what is that place?"

"Are you serious?! It's the best and most renowned school in the entire world! Those who enter it and complete their education there are likely to do amazing things in their field!"

"That's so cool! How does someone get accepted into that school?"

"Today they're doing a challenge to see who gets to enter the school. You sign up at the front office and then fight someone, if you win you get accepted into the school. Are you thinking of trying it out?"

"Is the 'challenge' only today, or is it done on other days?!"

"The challenge only begins once a year and will sometimes go on for weeks depending on how many people compete. You can sign up on the first day of the challenge, and any days before and after it. You're pretty lucky since you don't have to wait a whole year to compete, I hope you win!"

"Thanks!"

"We should probably get going now, get in the wagon with everyone else, we can talk more later if you'd like."

Alice then got into the wagon and started thinking about the academy.

"I need to get into that school. If it's a non-magical fight I'm pretty sure I can win, but if it includes magic then I'm at a severe disadvantage. What if there's magic that makes you go to sleep? That paralyzes you? That- Focus! The academy likely had dorm rooms that can supply shelter, staff to help me find a job, a cafe that sells food and water. Even if I lose the fight I might be able to sneak into the school though I'd rather try out other options before that if possible. The most important thing though about the academy

is that it'd supply me with knowledge. There's likely a city nearby and I can find shelter, food, and water there but the academy might be able to help me learn how to use magic, and after I learn how to do that, ha ha ha I can probably bring this beautiful world to its knees!"

She was so lost in thought about everything that she didn't even notice the wagon going into the air. After thinking for a while, she decided it'd be best to wait until she's at the academy to think of strategies to make sure she gets in and gets stronger and that no one finds out her secret.

"There's not many strategies I can think of without knowing about magic or the academy, so it's best to just relax for now. I could take a nap for once, though it's probably best to not close my eyes, I could look outside- Oh, ha, I guess he wasn't lying, this thing really can fly."

She sat on the edge of the carriage and looked at the new world she's been dragged into.

"How interesting, so many new things to see, use, and destroy. New creatures, new plants, new everything. Is that bird teleporting? Ha, that'd be useful to study, teleportation huh, I could use it to teleport to a hidden base or transport banned things, or to steal secret files... that'd be great. A dog with two heads and two tails... Maybe its sense of smell is increased? That could be useful for tracking... maybe. I should probably record all this, I can later review it and write it down in a journal, if I can eventually afford one."

She was shortly interrupted by a guy named Rinth. He was well dressed in white noble clothes, though he also wore a black robe that covered a bit of him. He also wore several rings with gems of various colors.

"It's quite an amazing view, isn't it?"

"Ah!" Alice acted surprised and punched him and then grabbed her throat. "I am so sorry! You surprised me!" She motioned with her hands.

"Ow! You're quite strong, sorry for- What are you doing with your hands?"

Alice then pointed to her throat and gave a thumb down.

"I think I understand... Here put this on, it's already infused with some magic so you don't have to worry about it using up your magic. It's a telepathic ring, I'm already wearing one and by you putting that one on we should be able to hear each other's thoughts. You can mute your thoughts by taking the magic out of it and unmute your thoughts by putting magic back into the ring."

"How important is this? It'd be really risky to put this ring on since I won't be able to mute it... I think I can control my thoughts long enough, it should be fine."

Alice then put the ring on and they started to have a conversation in their heads.

"I'm so sorry for hitting you! So... sorry, focus! Um, I umm have a problem with my throat I can't talk without it hurting a lot so I use sign language usually, once again so sorry for hitting you, you just surprised me!"

That was a lie, she just really wanted to hit him, things have been too peaceful since she woke up.

"You were right, you know, it is an amazing view..." Alice thought this while trying to not imagine all the devious things she could use the animals for.

"...Yep... it really is an amazing view, and not just you, this was an awful idea, nope nope shut up lalala, ha ha ha...My name is Sir. Reswold, but my friend's call me Rinth. What's yours?"

"Alice." She thought that while trying her best not to laugh at Rinth's stupidity.

While still recording the view, she started focusing on Rinth. She felt like something was off.

"That's a lovely name, so lovely, please like me, ha ha ha. Are you heading to the school to compete in the challenge too?"

"Of course, it is the best school after all!"

"I'll be attending too, good luck in the competition, I'm sure you'd need it."

"Thanks! Hopefully we don't end up fighting each other!"

"Ha ha, don't worry we won't, I already-" He then removed the magic from the ring so Alice couldn't hear him and started talking outloud "and even if we did I would surely win!"

"I doubt that, ha ha ha! Are you strong?" Alice thought.

"The strongest." Rinth said angrily "There's no one in the world that's stronger than me."

"Then why do you want to attend the school?"

"I may be the strongest, but there's still much I could learn."

"Prove it" She thought this while serious and trying to hold back harsh words "prove that you're the strongest. Do a spell right now."

He then shot a giant ball of fire towards the ground.

"Wow! That's incredible! So are most of your spells fire types?!" Alice was trying to get as much info out of him as possible, including the different types of spells, and after thinking that she took off her ring.

"I hate him, I hate him, calm down Alice, take a deep breath, remember if you can't handle things just take the ring off for a second." She then put the ring back on.

"I'm well versed in several types of spells, but my main is wind types. If you'd like I could show you some

later, perhaps at-"

"Really? Then why aren't you using it to fly to the school?" Alice asked before he could finish his sentence.

"O-oh because... I want to conserve my energy for the competition, I may be the strongest but that doesn't mean I want to waste my energy!"

Alice then took off her ring.

"So that means that magic is connected to energy. What happens if your magic runs out? Do you die? Do you faint? If they're connected then the more exercise you do then the more magic you can do, it might be the same the opposite way too, the more you use magic, the more your going to increase your energy capacity, this will probably then allow you to do tougher spells or do them more often. Though that doesn't help me come up with an idea of how to use them. Well, at least it helps me understand this world better. Wait, so if I ever lie about my magic running low, I should act tired. I didn't act tired in front of Tim... it's probably fine... probably."

"So what's that thing you're holding?"

Alice put the ring back on.

"It's a phone! I'm using it to record the area so I can look at it later and study it!"

"That's amazing... Can you really do that with such a small object?"

Alice then stopped recording and took a photo of them, and then showed him the video. She was still suspicious of him and thought it might be useful to have a photo of him.

"That's incredible! How much did you pay for this?! It must have cost millions, there's no way a peasant

like you could've-

He stopped talking as soon as he realized what he said.

Alice removed the ring "I wonder why he stopped talking... Does he think I'm insulted? Or does he not want me to think he's a noble? If he doesn't want me to think he's a noble then he's doing a bad job at hiding it, it's pretty obvious based on the clothes and rings." She then put the ring back on.

"It was actually a gift from my grandparents." That was a lie.

"Oh look! It's other wizards, they're currently on brooms, we must almost be at the school."

"Yay! I can't wait to get there and look around! Though I guess I'll have to sign up for the competition first..."

"If you'd like I could show you around."

"That'd be great! Thank you!" Alice said after getting her wish. "C'mon let's sit in the seats until we land."

Not long after they reached the school. It looked more like a giant fortress than a school. There were people everywhere doing all kinds of magic. Eventually the wagon landed on the ground and Alice and Rinth got out. Alice took off the ring and told herself to only put it on to communicate with Rinth. Alice thanked Tim for the free ride, and Rinth gave him a bit extra money. Tim also gave Alice his contact info to use later.

"Oh, so does this place have wifi?" Alice motioned.

"What is that?"

"...How am I supposed to contact you with this?" Alice signed while remembering that Rinth didn't know what her phone was.

"Use the Boxius to do it. I'm guessing you don't own one yet, but if you get accepted into the school, you get one for free!"

"That's amazing! Thank you so much!" Alice motioned while giving him a hug. Rinth then waved bye to Tim and they both started to walk to the front office while watching different people practice fighting in the air.