

(The Beautiful Garden...)

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Gavin and Gwen both worked by helping out their dad, whose current career was as an Archeologist and, along with a team, was looking for the location of Noah's ark... The start of their search was to find where it was located or more believed to be where Noah landed on the Mountains of Ararat "Gwen, how long are we going to continue this shoveling for? I think we should take a break then we can continue helping dad." Said Gaven, for they had been shoveling on the mountain since early that morning with few breaks. "Hm, I guess we can go take a tiny break. Let's go look for some shade." Said Gwen back to her younger twin. And like said they both soon walked into the pine forest. They were particularly looking for a nice tree to eat their treasured lunch made earlier by their mother ... and then they both stumbled upon a Huge tree taller than all of the others and so wide that ten large men could not even put their arms around it. And as they both looked in amazement at the unearthly size, they noticed a narrow crack down the middle. Soon after investigating the other parts of the tree, Gaven put his eyes to the inside of the crack; there was nothing but darkness, even with the light from the sun shining in it. "WOAH!" Said Gaven in amazement. "What Gaven? What is it?" "Look" he said back, still looking in the crack. "Ok then move aside Big brain." said Gwen, and then after looking, she also exclaimed. " Oh well," "Just oh well? Gwen! Come on, I think we should go inside the crack." "Go inside of the crack. What are you? Crazy! You do realize the chances that we get stuck in there forever and die Or there's an animal that will eat us, ah nah Gaven, let's just eat the Lunch mom made." "Oh come on don't be such a worrier I'm going with or without you, and I'm not even too hungry anyway." Said Gaven, beginning to climb in. "Oh fine! I'll come." Then they both continued into the crack... As they kept walking and walking they believed that surely it should've ended by now and then three minutes later of walking just when they were going to give up and turn back they saw sunlight. "What, Where are we Gaven?" Said Gwen freaking out at what they saw before them... A patch of grass and even some trees but then in front of them was a huge gate Of black and wood with iron bars that would never be able to break. And then they both saw in the distance a creature with Huge wings and Such a fiery sword as to make you not want to be within a hundred miles of the Heavenly creature. "I think it's cherubim..." Gaven whispered to his Sister. "A Cherubim? What do you mean a cherubim aren't they the angels that supposedly guard the Garden of Eden?" said Gwen who had recently done her homework on the Story of Adam and Eve. "Not Supposedly Gwen, they do. That gate most definitely leads to The Garden of Eden." Said Gaven back with a look of excitement and fear on his face. "No, no, no I think we should leave. I get what you're getting at Gaven and I'm not trying anything." "Shouldn't we even try to get in... I mean think! we could even end up being like dad." "If we ever get home, Gaven! And I don't think we should test the limits. There's a reason that no one has been in the Garden of Eden. It's because it's protected By the CHERUBIM they will most likely kill us if we even try." "Yah maybe, Oh come on Gwen you can come or not you're not going to hold me back." Said Gaven But before he could make any sudden moves one of the Cherubim's Appeared before them, "do you believe you can get into the Garden of Eden?" Cherubim said with a quiet and silky voice.. "Uh, Well Yes?" Said Gaven, While Gwen just looked up at the Angel With a look of shock not understanding on how it could talk unless it was through God but put the thought away and believed it was God's voice

instead... “Well Children, You must first do my quest to get into the Gates, And to do that you must obtain the answers to my riddles. Gaven, with his cocky nature, replied, “Alright, Give me your best.” “Shush you Idiot.” whispered Gwen. “Now Children...” The Angel said ignoring their whispers then continued on. “Here are my riddles,” and then the Cherubim In his Silky hollow voice began his game of riddles...

Riddle One:

“I spoke to a prophet but was ignored,
I warned of the wrath yet none endured.
Find what I left behind that day,
When the waters that reigned drained away”

“Hm, spoke to a prophet but was ignored, Wrath none endured, Find what I left behind that day... Wrath? Prophet, Ignored Water...” Gaven said thinking aloud. “Wait! I think I have it! I warned of Wrath..Wrath that’s it a storm! And what he left behind.. Gaven! It’s Noah’s Ark!” “Wait what.” He said back. “ No you see if we go back and have dad give us a piece then we complete the first riddle!” “If dad has a piece... Hm let’s go see if they found any by now... Uh, Cya mister Cherubim we’ll be right back.” Said Gaven to the Heavenly Creature who had the same expression as before the riddle and only stayed in place. Then with a movement of a run the children went back into the doorway of the crack and back to their father. “ Dad you won’t believe what just happ...” said Gaven but was cut off mid sentence by a bump in the side from Gwen to indicate that they were going to keep it a secret. “Oh hey guys! Hm how bout I hear about it later Why don’t you two go take another break we found some parts of wood from the ark and they’re getting some researchers out here to check it out.” said their father to them also focusing on a tablet he had in his hand for work. Gwen gave her brother another bump with her arm to her brother but this time to indicate that he was the one that was going to ask. “You did! Well dad, do you by any chance have any extra pieces, just tiny ones like maybe even a sliver I could have??” Asked Gaven. His father raised an eyebrow. “Hmm, fine you two can each get a piece but a super tiny one, and only if you do it before the researchers arrive Ok?” “yes sir!” Then the two of them, seeing a piece of a block of wood cut two tiny slivers. “Cya later!” They both said then quickly returned back to the “Good, I see you have cracked my riddle, give me the piece and now are you ready for your second Riddle?” Said the same Cherubim in a praising tone. “Yes.”

Riddle Two:

I come, from the Grass and spring
from the trees. I was used to
cease a flood of water and
brought a flood of Peace, a new life and
Hope Was Restored to mankind
For eternity..

"Hm, That one's a little tougher than the last one.. Gaven you have any smart brain ideas you can give?" Asked Gwen. "Well lets see... To cease water..Grass and Trees.. Hm It definitely has something to do with Noah's ark I mean Spring from tree's?! But didn't we already do a piece of Noah's Ark? Wait, is it a bone?" "What do you mean a bone?" "Like the bones from one of the animals?" "Gaven all of the animals were alive when they got off of the Ark." "Oh yeah. Wait wait! I think I have it. How about the olive branch." "What olive branch?" "You know the one that the dove brought Noah that meant that there was land! GWEN I think that's it." "Okay okay... Hm.. Wait, maybe it is! Ah shoot." "What?" "How are we even going to find that branch Gaven?" "Maybe this one is actually easier than we thought. Maybe all we need is to find an Olive tree and cut a branch." "Hm, Wait wait I think you're right we have eleven more hours and that's plenty of time to find an Olive tree." Said Gwen back. "Ok, Let's go." And with that the two twins left to continue on their second search. When they came back an hour later they had found an olive tree and took a branch. "Congratulations You have achieved my riddle and so now I will give you my third if you are ready." Said the Cherubim in his silky voice. "Yes." Said the twins in unison. " Here is your riddle..."

Riddle: Three

"It was taken in Haste and changed
Mankind,
It opened one's eyes but made them blind.
Find what sought and not returned,
for a snake that was warned now must be
Scorned.

"You know this one might be the easiest." said Gwen as the Cherubim finished the riddle. "How? I don't have a clue what it is." "It's a Fruit tree Gaven. Think of it, it was taken in haste and changed mankind. It opened their eyes, made them blind for a snake that was warned now must be scorned, the Devil,Think on how Eve took the apple, it's a fruit tree!" "Oh wait, maybe you're right..." said Gaven back and that's when They both noticed a fruit tree in front of them. The fruit hung from the tree suspended like a drop of molten gold, gleaming softly as the light reflected off of it. It seemed almost alive, Its smooth skin pulsing with the same divine glow as the Angel.. At the last riddle Gwen believed that they were supposed to grab the apple from Tree so just as she was reaching up to grab the heavenly fruit, Gaven grabbed her arm. "GWEN!!" He shouted "stop and think for a moment". Doesn't this situation seem offly like the story in the Bible where Adam and Eve took off the fruit in the garden by the Devil's temptations and got everyone banned in the first place...Wait a second! Maybe Cherubim isn't really the Cherubim but what if it's the devil in disguise like what he did with Adam and Eve.." Gwen also came to that sudden realization and when they both looked back the Heavenly angel no longer had his divine glow encompassing him but there instead it was replaced by a smirk of evil filled with rage that stretched far among his face. Then he spoke and shouted. "How dare you? NOT EAT THE APPLE DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT YOU COULD OF BECOME YOU COULD OF

BEEN GODS OF MEN AND HAVE POWER BEYOND MEASURE.” at this Gaven spoke up “Yeah Heard that one before.” And at that moment the real Cherubim came with his fiery sword and with a voice so powerful as to make all men fear. “Begone Devil and don’t tempt us with your vainness and False words.” And then with a stroke of his sword the Devil Vanished. The Real Cherubim then turned to the Twins. “You are innocent, and do my ways. For That I will reward you then send you back.” Said the Cherubim who in truth was God Speaking through the angel.” And then with a single movement he disappeared and reappeared with a flower so pretty that there weren’t even any words to describe the flower and that the only thing that could come close to words of description on how pure and radiant it was much like the glow of the Angel. “W...Wait a second... Is this for us? Is it from the GARDEN OF EDEN?” said Gaven as the Cherubim handed Gwen the flower. “Yes, but though you will know of its existence and will be able to see it, no other human will be able to. You being here will be only a story to them and will never be thought real except by you. Now go and continue your journey of life...” And then with another wave of his Sword the Twins disappeared. Appearing back in front of the Tree that they came from. “WOW.” Said Gwen because when they looked at the tree they knew there was no crack and looked like an ordinary huge tree. “Umm.. Gaven were we in that tree? Or did you not dream like I did?” “I mean I did think that but Nah... maybe it was just a dream....” But no it wasn’t for when Gwen raised her hand there was the flower so pure and radiant.....

The End.!

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Was it real?