

Chapter 4

Breaking

command bottom nothing animals collapsed
happened present problem victims convinced
angry hungry distance confronted Demon

R Family

several monster dinner lantern raptor desert
cluttered slither rumors whisper ranchers

Diphthongs

doomed caused stood outskirts paused around

Phrases

saw some movement and touched it at the sand
she could think of something moved in front of her
to the entrance into a panic through the rocks

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Confronting the Demon

“It is Bill and Bob hanging by weeds,” screamed Beth. “Quick, cut the weeds.”

Three of the men went to cut the weeds, but as they looked up the ground collapsed beneath them! There was a quick red flash, and all three men dropped into the sandy bottom of the tunnel. “This is a trap,” yelled Beth. “This monster is setting us up to be his dinner over the next several months if we are not careful.”

No sooner had Beth yelled this command than there was another red flash. Three other men dropped to the bottom of the tunnel. All six men, including Bill and Bob, were sleeping in the sand. Beth didn't panic, but kept her eyes looking at the sand. She spotted the lantern that had not been smashed so she made a plan: *This monster wants blackness. Maybe it is scared by fire, as many animals are.*



Beth ripped some cloth off of her shirt and dipped it into the gas from the lantern. She had a pack of matches. She grabbed a match, and then paused to find the monster. Something moved in front of her. She lit the match and then lit the cloth. The big fire caused the raptor to go into a panic. It ran from the tunnel into the blackness of the desert.

Beth had to get the men up, but they were in such a deep sleep that nothing seemed to help. She had to get them up quickly. If the monster could slip back into the tunnel and adjust its eyes to the fire, they would all be doomed. She did the only thing she could think of. She took the fire and touched it to the men's arms. All of the men jumped up from the sand screaming. They did not yet understand what had happened and their present problem.

Beth told them what had happened and stressed that they must follow her now, or be doomed. They rushed to the entrance of the cavern. As soon as they



exited from the cavern, Beth saw the raptor slither back into the tunnel to find its victims.

Beth whispered, “Jeff, do you have that bag of gun powder with you?” Jeff nodded yes. “Good, let’s wrap it in cloth and make three bombs.” They wrapped the gunpowder in cloth to make bombs, and hung cloth strips from each bomb. They entered the cavern and stuck a bomb at the entrance. They then moved to the smaller tunnel. They stuck the other bombs there. They lit the bombs and sprinted out of the cavern to the desert.

As they jumped into a sandy ditch, the bombs went off. The entrance to the cavern and the tunnel collapsed, trapping whatever had entered. They all stood up and cheered. They looked around the cavern entrance and were convinced the raptor was doomed. They walked cheerfully back to the ranch. They had confronted this monster and lived. After a long campfire talk, they all drifted off to sleep.....