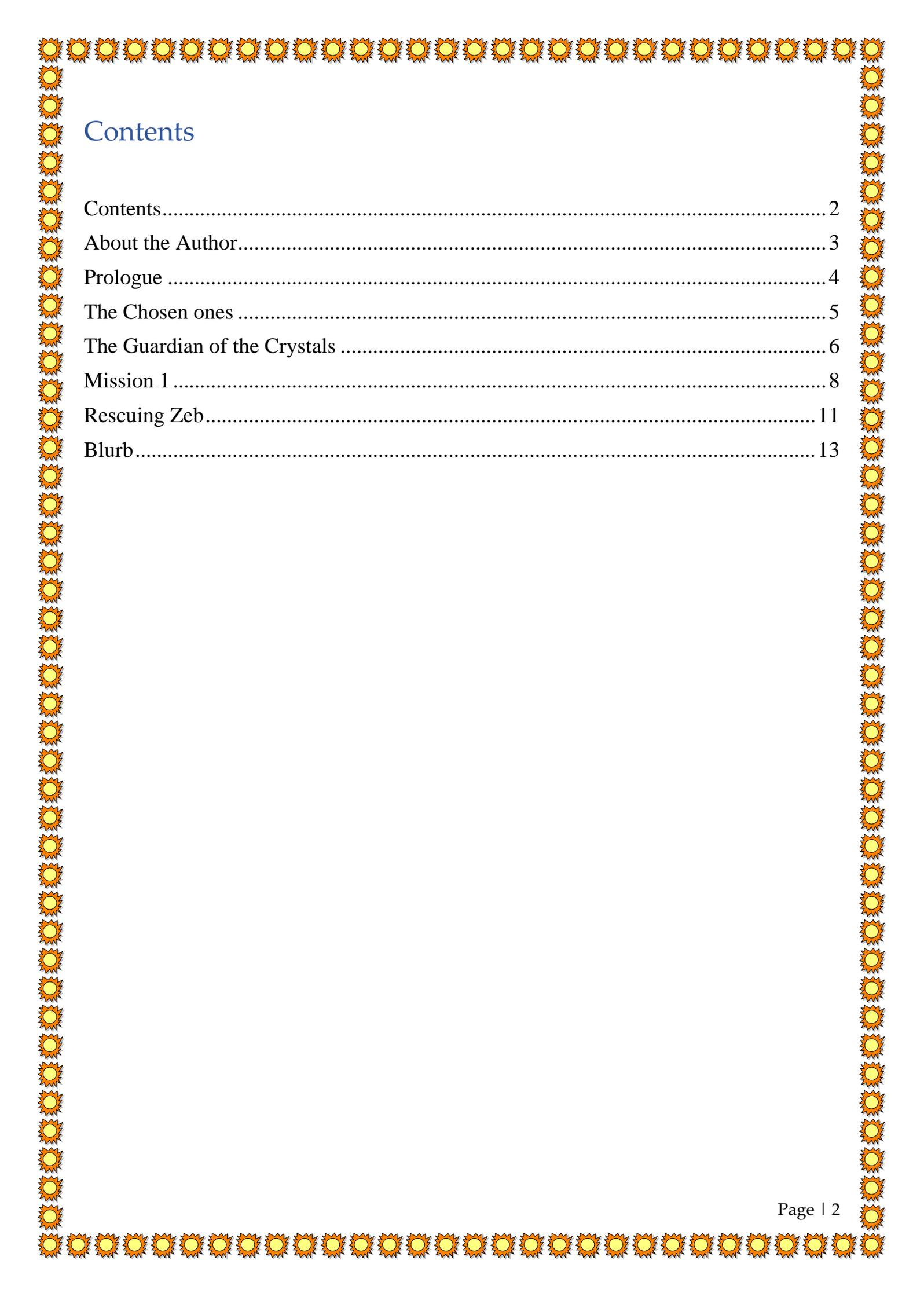




# THE POWER CRYSTALS



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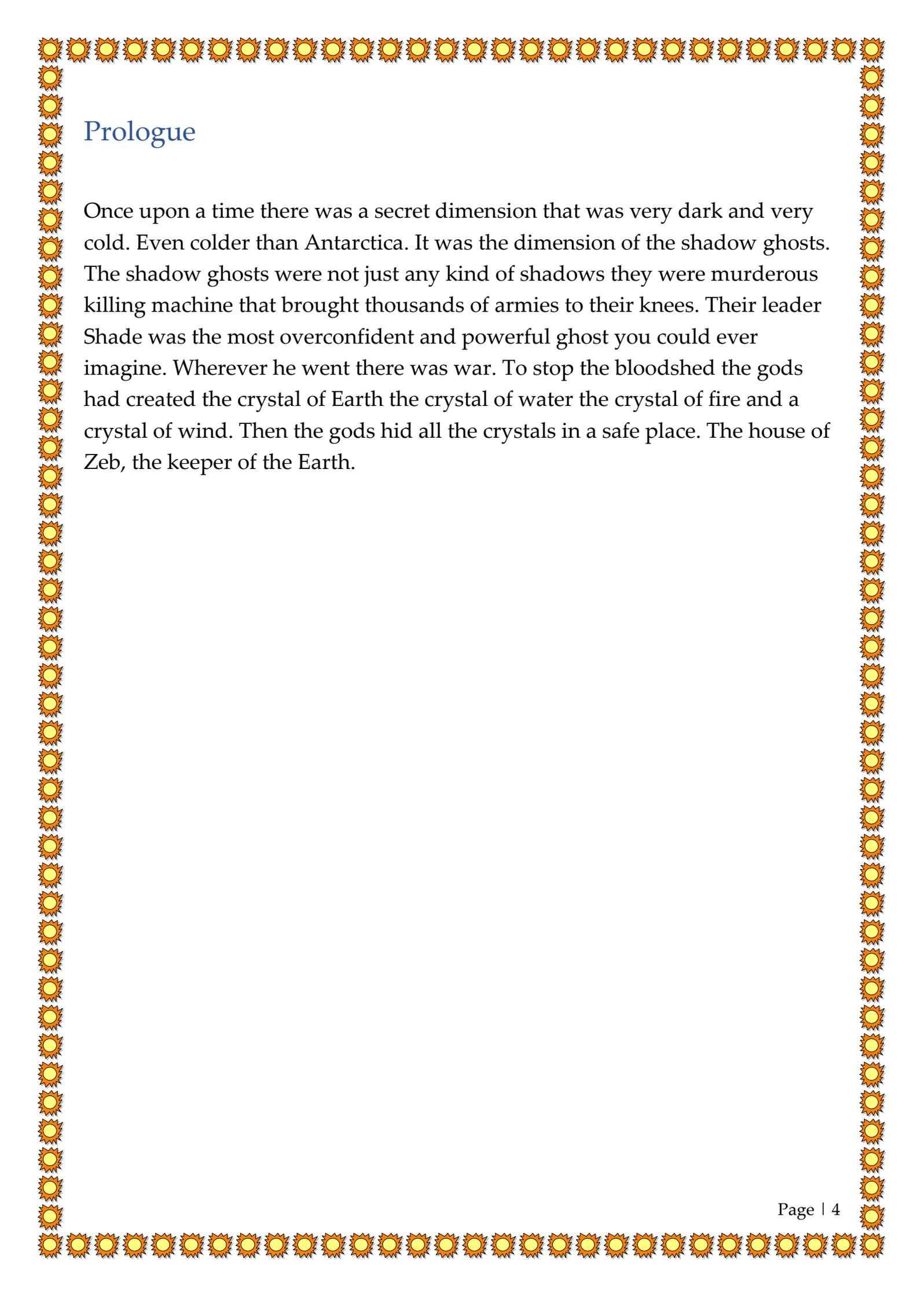
## About the Author

Aarav also called Piko at home is a smart 9 years old kid.

He is interested in Indian Mythology, sci-fi adventures like Star Wars and Mandalorian, and spell binding adventures of Harry Potter.

Ever busy in creating war stories and characters through his sketches and Lego blocks, this is his first written story.



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## Prologue

Once upon a time there was a secret dimension that was very dark and very cold. Even colder than Antarctica. It was the dimension of the shadow ghosts. The shadow ghosts were not just any kind of shadows they were murderous killing machine that brought thousands of armies to their knees. Their leader Shade was the most overconfident and powerful ghost you could ever imagine. Wherever he went there was war. To stop the bloodshed the gods had created the crystal of Earth the crystal of water the crystal of fire and a crystal of wind. Then the gods hid all the crystals in a safe place. The house of Zeb, the keeper of the Earth.

## The Chosen ones

Along the foothills of Parvati hills, three kids were practicing fencing.



**Aadit**

“Draw again!!” Aadit shouted as the match came to an end.

Aarav and Anvi were puffing and panting after an intense match.

Aarav was frustrated and asked “Why doesn’t someone win?”

Anvi said “If you want, we can settle the scores with another match.”



**Anvi**



Aarav took his usual attack position while Anvi took her defense position. When Aadit blew the whistle, Aarav charged forward and started attacking, while Anvi kept blocking and dodging all the attacks.

Suddenly Aarav leapt into the air performing an air strike, and at the same time Anvi jumped trying to off-balance Aarav. Suddenly blew an extremely strong gush of wind and pushed them into an opening in the hill, while Aadit followed them in. All three were brave and loved adventure, excited they walked inside the cave.



**Aarav**

## The Guardian of the Crystals

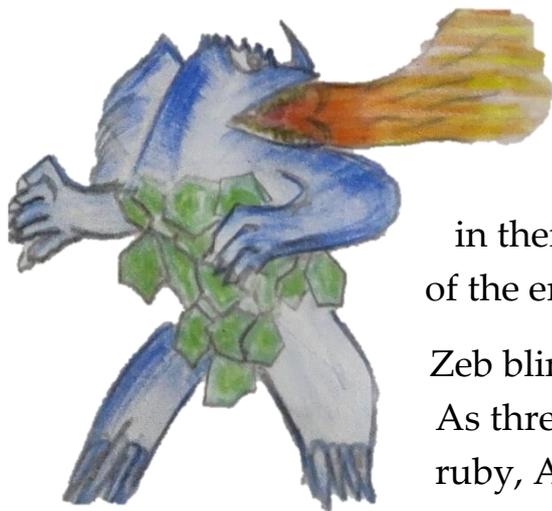
Inside the cave the ground suddenly started to shake and Aarav shouted, "Grab onto something, now!"

As there was nothing except huge blunt spikes sticking out of the walls, children grabbed the closest spikes available to them. After a few minutes the ground stopped shaking.

Two huge eyes, one green and another blue, peered out of the darkness. And a roaring voice boomed out "Who are you? and Why have you come here?"

Aadit said "Hello there, my name is Aadit and a strong wind blew my brother and sister into this cave. I followed them in and then the ground started shaking."

"And I am Aarav. My sister's name is Anvi." Aarav added.



The voice introduced himself as Zeb, the protector of the power crystals. He mentioned that if they were the chosen ones, the right power crystals would appear in their hands. Then Zeb asked them to bring one of the empty fists to front.

Zeb blinked and three shiny small stones appeared. As three children opened their fist, Aarav had a ruby, Aadit had a jade and Anvi had a blue sapphire.

Zeb in his loud voice said, "You are the chosen ones. You must eat your crystals and it will give you power. Also remember to say "Morph" after eating it."

Aadit was the first one to eat the jade and said "Morph," suddenly with a blinding flash of green light a boy appeared in a green and black armor carrying a gun.





Aarav and Anvi both popped their crystals in their mouth and said "Morph". And there stood a boy in red armor with a red laser sword hanging on his back and a girl wearing a dark blue cloak holding a blue laser sword.



The three warriors were now ready for their adventures.

## Mission 1

Inside the cave, Zeb told the warriors about their powers, how to use them and adventures of the earlier chosen ones. He also told them about an evil named 'Shade' and all his atrocities through his scary army of 'Shadow ghosts.'



Now the young warriors knew more about their crystals, the colors and how those related to everyone's powers.

Suddenly they felt the ground shaking violently again. All four could feel acute pain and hear screams in their heads. Like listening to a war going on a distance they could hear battle cries, and clanging of weapons. There were explosions.

Zeb said, "Your first mission has already started." The three children were both excited and scared.

Aarav said, "Yee ... haw ... this is our first mission!"

"But what if we die?" Aadit said shivering.

Zeb said "Go now! Time is running out. You better hurry!"

The three young warriors magically floated in the air and reached the location of the attack within seconds. They saw shadow ghosts in the city, making a ruckus. While they were at it, many people were resisting them with whatever they could at home. The warriors could easily clean the city of shadow ghosts.

Aarav noticed and asked, "Why are there very few shadow ghosts in the city?"

"I thought the bad guys were merciless," Aadit was curious about the strange behavior of the shadow ghosts.

"Ever heard of a diversion?" Anvi asked. She explained, "Oh yes, the part where the villains send a few bad guys to distract the good guys and then send a lot more bad guys to get something they really want from their base. I think we should go back to Zeb's house and check."

As three reached back Zeb's place, Anvi rushed inside the house. And they found a note.

*"Took your master Zeb  
– Shade"*

"What a bad handwriting" Anvi said looking at the note.

Suddenly another voice boomed, and they noticed a girl walking towards them.

"Hello, I am Zeb's sister Sunshine. I saw Zeb being taken away. It was Shade."

Hmm ... but we do not know where to find Shade" Anvi told her.

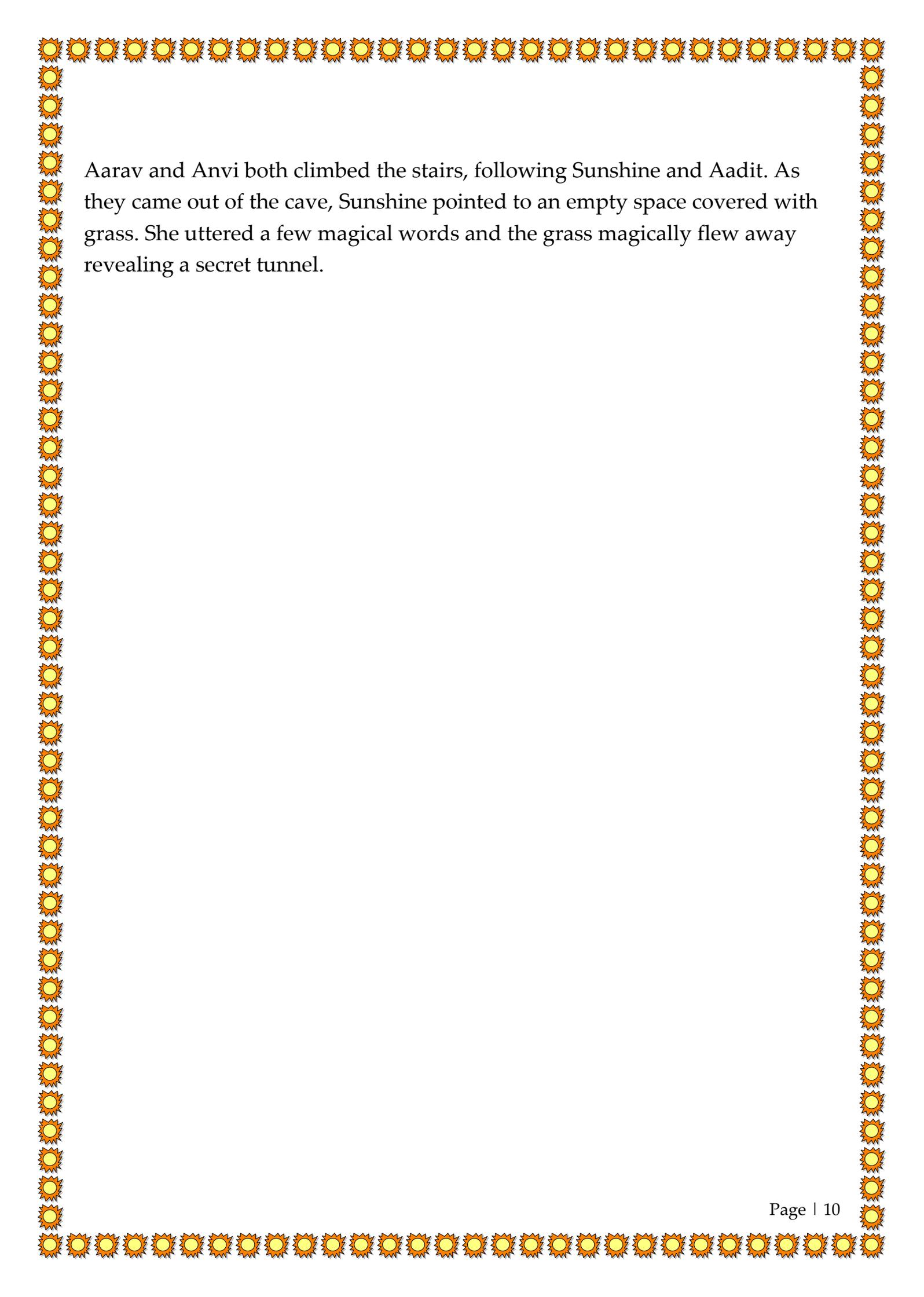
"Shade lives in another dimension known as the shadow dimension. It is not far." Sunshine told. "Actually, it is right beside this cave." Sunshine continued. "Let me take you there. And then she stepped outside the base."

And suddenly appeared a flight of steps that weren't there before.

Aarav asked, "Do you remember seeing the steps?"

Anvi shook her head to say no.

Aadit added, "No, last time we magically floated out of the base."



Aarav and Anvi both climbed the stairs, following Sunshine and Aadit. As they came out of the cave, Sunshine pointed to an empty space covered with grass. She uttered a few magical words and the grass magically flew away revealing a secret tunnel.

## Rescuing Zeb

Sunshine asked the young warriors to step into the tunnel and rescue Zeb. While the warriors entered the tunnel, Sunshine flew away and disappeared into the clouds.

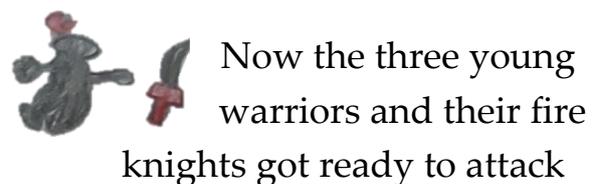
Aadit, Anvi and Aarav trudged inside the tunnel for a long time, and they only found darkness surrounding them. This tunnel was a way of entering into another dimension – away but so close from our normal three-dimensional world. The three young warriors had entered the shadow realm.

Every house of the shadow realm was filled with explosives and artillery. The whole area looked like a battle station. The three children walked for miles and reached a hill.

“Let’s make a camp over here,” Aadit suggested. “We are the superheroes with powers, let us use them now.”

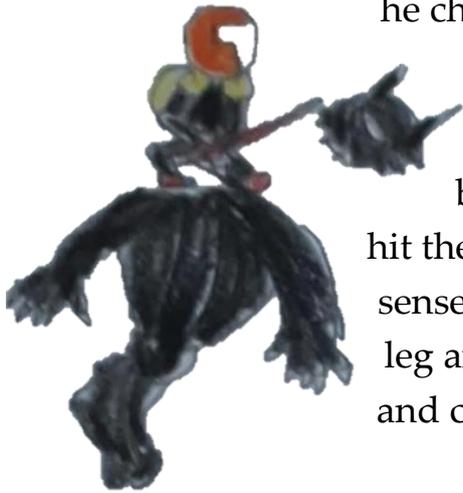
All three used their superpowers to create a basecamp. Through element fire, Aarav made soldiers called ‘fire knights.’ Anvi using water element, made defense protocols for emergencies. And Aadit made the tents using earth element.

Soon Shadow ghosts spotted them and charged with all their strength. As soon as attack started, water gushed in and flooded the area around the basecamp. This instantly killed most of the shadow ghosts. And remaining were killed by the charging fire knights.



Now the three young warriors and their fire knights got ready to attack Shade’s place. As Shade saw an approaching army,





he charged at the knights like a wild gorilla and started knocking them off their horses.

Aarav charged Shade, while Shade took Aarav by the arm and threw him towards a wall. Aarav hit the wall and was knocked out. Coming back to senses Aarav saw, Anvi had already pierced Shade's leg and Aadit had shot Shade in the eye. Aarav got up and charged and cut Shade's neck off in a slash.

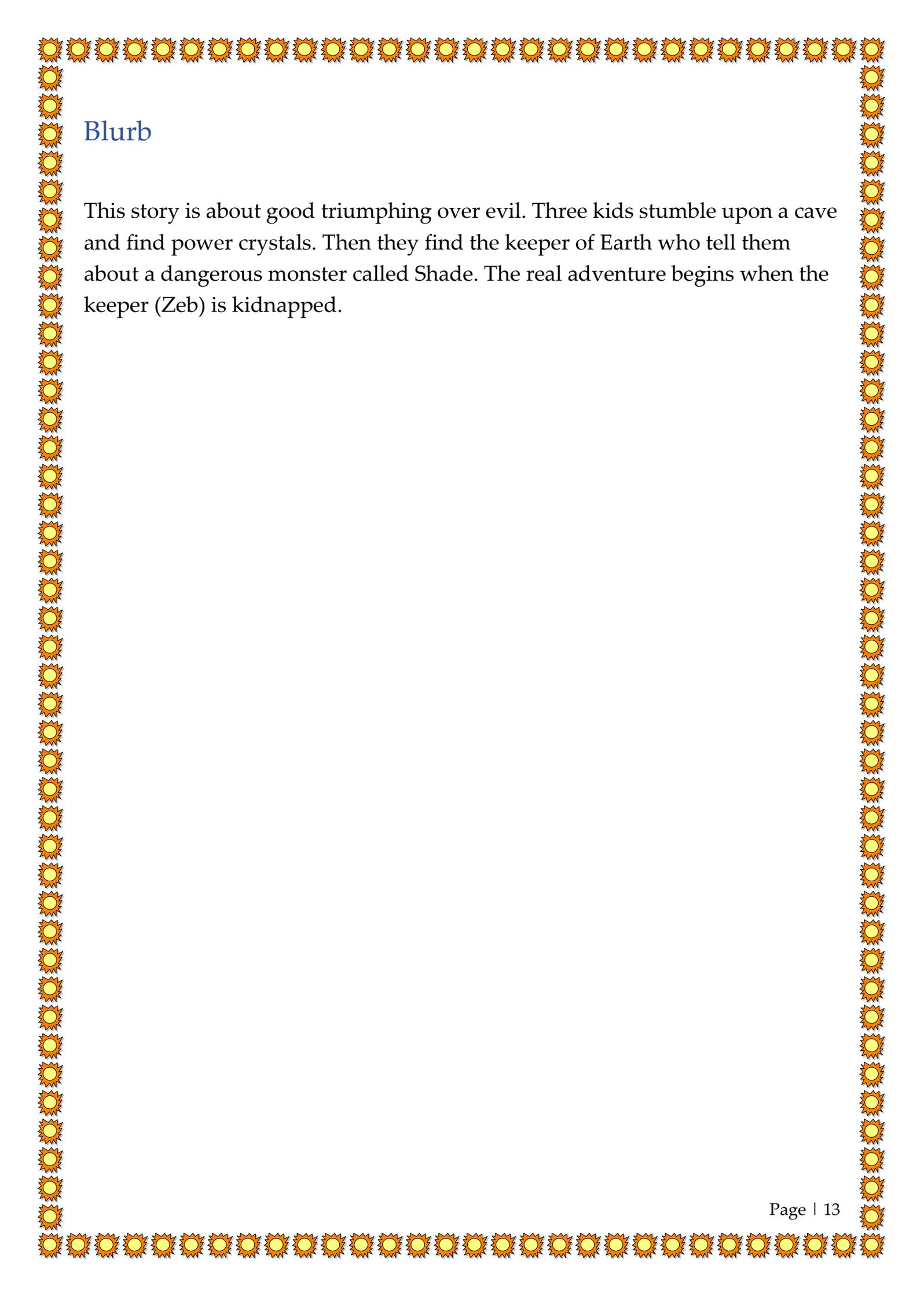
The three young warriors now started looking for Zeb and could not find him in any of the cells. Then Anvi located a door with "Special Prisoners" written on it.

Zeb was in the first cell and Aarav cut open the prison bars to free Zeb.

Anvi asked Zeb, "how do we get out of here?" Zeb then took out some sticks and laid them in a circle. Zeb asked them to stand around the sticks and suddenly all three heard a familiar voice, "Wake up now, it is time for school."



**The End**



## Blurb

This story is about good triumphing over evil. Three kids stumble upon a cave and find power crystals. Then they find the keeper of Earth who tell them about a dangerous monster called Shade. The real adventure begins when the keeper (Zeb) is kidnapped.