

# The Journey To Find The Nature Stone

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One dark, stormy night, a young koala is dangling from a scorch tree branch.

Suddenly, there is a loud crack, and the koala finds herself falling down. "Helpppp" She screams. She hits the ground, and the lightning, the trees, it all fades to black.

*Lights, very bright lights*, the koala thinks to herself. *I need to get up.* She opens her eyes, and sits up. She checks her joints and muscles, but she's not harmed badly. She looks around, and learns that she fell next to a pond. Eucalyptus trees lined the water. It was all very serene, for a moment. Then, without a warning, the pond rippled and an enormous, hungry, alligator rose out of the water. "Mmmm, lunch" the alligator announced excitedly.

"Please don't eat me!" Squeals the koala. "I'll do whatever you want, just please, leave me alone I beg you." "I suppose you can help me with something challenging if you're brave enough." The alligator replies.

"What!" says the koala excitedly.

"Well, for months, to begin with, I know that a raging forest fire has been ripping our country and wiping out thousands of animals. The only way to stop this raging fire is to find the Nature Stone, which holds its complete power over the entire natural world!" The alligator described. "If we work together, we can accomplish our mission and retrieve the Nature Stone" "But, it will be a long journey and there are lots of difficult obstacles along the way." "I can and want to help you find the Nature Stone!" The koala says determinedly. "Okay, but like I said, it will be extremely dangerous." The alligator warns.

"I don't care, what can possibly happen along the way?" Questions the koala.

"It's a deal then," The alligator states. "You help me find the Nature Stone, I won't eat you!" "Okay, what's your name?" The koala asks "I'm Kiki".

"Allie."

“Alright Allie, let’s get moving, we got a Nature Stone to find. They start walking down the stream, Kiki walking, Allie, swimming. “So where is the stone, anyway?” asks Kiki. “It’s supposed to be in an ancient temple deep in the forest!” Replies Allie. “No one ever found or reached the stone though”. “ Why not?” Kiki asks.

“The stone is guarded by box jellyfish, crocodiles, dingos and cassowaries!” “How are we going to get in without getting caught?” Questions Kiki.

“We will have to make a plan later, for now let’s focus on what we are doing now”. Allie replies. They continue to walk along, Allie occasionally spouting facts about the temple. Eventually, they came to a hidden clearing in the woods. They have arrived at the temple.

“Woah!” Kiki and Allie exclaims in unison. That was an understatement. The temple is seven stories high, with soaring roofs and walls that are made out of pure gold! Surrounding the temple was a great big moat full of box jellyfish.

Only a flimsy bridge crossed the moat.” “So let’s get going,” says Allie nervously. Kiki walks on the bridge. The bridge swings a bit, but otherwise is okay. However, when Allie steps onto the bridge her weight is too much. The bridge snaps with a twang, and the friends find themselves in the moat. “Helllp, I can’t swim!” yelps Kiki

“I’m coming Kiki just hang in th-ahh! Jellyfish!” screams Allie, fearfully. Eventually, they make it to the other side.

“Are you hurt?” asks Allie. “A bit banged up and very waterlogged, but okay. You?”

“I’m okay” Allie replies. They look to the field ahead of them. Surprisingly, all the cassowaries and dingoes are asleep.

“Lets just creep through and hope for the best” whispers Allie. They start creeping through the field. Unexpectedly, a dingo sniffed, and woke up. He started barking, and woke everybody else.

“Oh no” cries Allie. “Runnnnn!” yells Kiki. The two of them ran full tilt into the temple and slammed the door shut behind them. A light from a hole above in the roof illuminates a green emerald stone. To their surprise, the stone was split in half, each half attached to a loop of red string. Allie and

Kiki approached the stone. "You didn't say that the stone was two-parts," said Kiki.

"I didn't know." Replies Allie. The two of them each took a half of the stone, and put it around their neck. Suddenly, all the animals banging on the door stopped and the light from the roof shines on them instead.

"This is incredible!" says Allie in awe. They journeyed outside, to find a bunch of dingoes and cassowary bowing to them.

"We are forever at your service." says a dingo. "Where would you like to go?" "To the wildfire!" says Allie.

"Climb aboard!" says a dingo showing his back. The friends climb aboard.

A few hours later, they find themselves in front of a raging wildfire. They nod at each other, then hold their stones up.

Suddenly, the fire dims, and then stops completely.

"Whoo!!!" Celebrates Kiki. Suddenly, out of the fire comes a koala. Spying their stones, he gets excited.

"Great! How you just have to do that for the whole world!" He says excitedly.

"What?!" asks Kiki. He looks at her.

"You don't know? Humans have been spewing gas into the air and making the earth warmer. You two are the only ones who can stop it." Kiki and Allie look at each other and nod. They knew they could do this.