THE ELEMENTALS



PEO SAVES THE TREES

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CHAPTER ONE
FROM SEA TO SOIL



"Ready... Set... GO!" Peo shouted, as she started the race on the sea between her twin brother Elu and their friend Wanzu.

It was Wanzu's first day staying with the twins, and they were straight into the fun and games. Wanzu lived on the other side of the island with his grandma Jjajja, and the twins didn't get to see him much. So Peo was determined they weren't going to waste a second of his visit!

"That's not fair, Wanzu! You're using the wind to help you," Elu shouted, as he fell behind.

"Come on, Elu! Don't let the family down," Peo teased.



Each child on Sealand, their island home, had a special power that connected them to nature. Peo and her twin brother Elu were children of the soil. Wanzu was connected to the wind, which helped him to win the sea race.

"Sorry, Elu. I didn't read the rulebook!" Wanzu grinned.

After the race, the three friends played for a bit longer, then eventually sat down on the beach for a rest.

"It was so much fun being on the water again with you!" Wanzu said. "I can't believe the last time we were together was during our epic adventure with Maali and Kikay to save Sealand."

"Next time we're having a race on land. Let's see how fast you can build a tunnel or climb a hill," Elu challenged.

"Hopefully not at the same time!" Wanzu joked, and they all laughed. "So, what's the plan for tomorrow?"



"Well, Wanzu," Peo said, pulling him to one side. "I need your help."

"That sounds mysterious! What is it?" Wanzu asked.

"I'll show you tomorrow," Peo replied. "Now it's time for dinner – let's head back home for some roasted roots!"

"I hope you're ready for your first feast with us, Wanzu," Elu shouted from behind them.

Wanzu grinned. "I am. All that winning has made me hungry!"



Peo couldn't help but smile as she showed Wanzu their home. Their friend was totally in awe!

"I've heard about these cathedrals of earth, but I can't believe they're real and that your grandparents built them! How does the house come out of the ground, but also seem part of it? Look at those curves and bends – they're like mini hills!"

"I always thought Grandma and Grandpa's house would make a great skate park!" Elu joked.

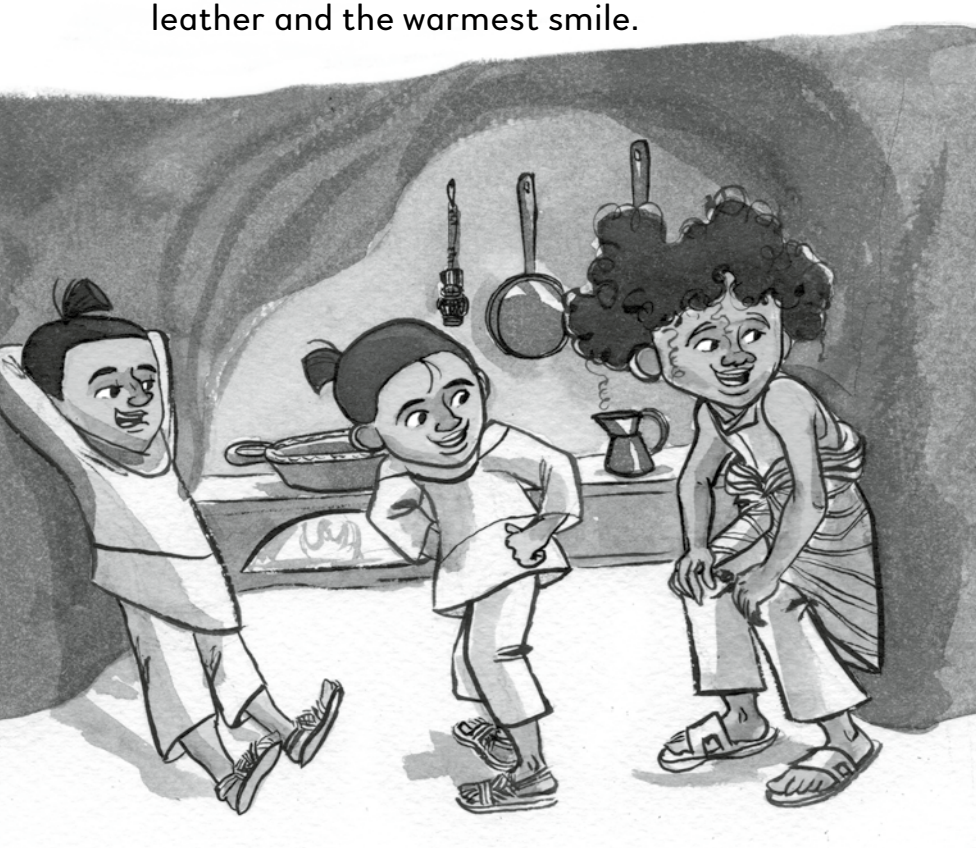
"It's called 'rammed earth'," Peo explained. "These houses are stronger because the soil is packed really tightly. The amazing thing is that if we need to

move, or change anything, we can just knock the wall down and start again."

"That's how circular living works!" Peo and Elu's grandpa boomed, as he joined them.

"Hello, Grandpa Terra. I love your home!" Wanzu said enthusiastically.

Peo and Elu's grandpa was a strong, solid man, with hands like sturdy worn leather and the warmest smile.



"Who can I hear in my kitchen?" Another voice came from further inside the house, and Peo smiled as her grandma approached.

"Grandma T!" Wanzu cheered. He was so happy to see her.

"Welcome, Wanzu. How was your journey here?" Grandma T asked.



"It was fine, thank you. I sailed my raft over the Near Sea, where the twins met me by the water, and we've just been playing there. It was really fun!" Wanzu replied.

"I'm sure it was! These two bundles of energy are always ready for a game," Grandma T said, gesturing to the twins. "Now who wants to pick a game for us to play this evening?"

"Me, me, me!" Peo and Elu shouted.

"I don't know... Wanzu, how should we decide?" Grandma T asked with a cheeky twinkle in her eye.

"Rock, paper, scissors!" Peo and Elu cheered before Wanzu could even respond.

"I'll count you in," Wanzu said with a laugh. "Ready... One... Two... Three!"

They showed their hands and Elu's face scrunched up. "Noooo!"



"Peo wins!" Wanzu declared. "Paper beats rock."

"You get to choose, Peo," Grandma T confirmed. "And don't worry, Elu, you might win the game itself, which is going to be...?"

"Charades!" Peo shouted. Any worries in her head from earlier could wait until tomorrow. For now, they were all just focused on having fun.