

The Magical Gazelles

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I was standing on top of the cliff, peering down at the forest. Other than the magical gazelles that I was looking at, there was another sign of movement. I took a closer look through my binoculars and saw that they were my kind, humans but they were carrying nets to capture something. I didn't know what the 'somethings' were but I knew it couldn't be good. I focused on the humans and saw them yelling and pointing in the direction of the gazelles.

I had to find a way to warn the Gazelles. The humans were coming for them and quickly! I raced down from the cliff stop, careful not to make loud noises. No one knew I was here and I needed to keep it that way. But long before I even reached the bottom of the cliff, the danger had the gazelles frightened and they separated. How was I ever going to find them now? Suddenly, I came up with an idea. Every single particle of my mind was working and focused. I would go find the leader and from there, we would gather the rest of the herd. I scanned my surroundings, making sure no enemy was there. Then, I set off.

I encountered a series of unbelievable events on my way to find the gazelle leader. Angry bees swarming around my head, prickling bushes that scraped at my legs and stinging ant bites that swelled up my body like boulders. Although many made me hesitate, I kept on persevering. I went on. Walking through the thick scrub I kept searching desperately for clues as to where the gazelles had fled to. Suddenly I stopped. In front of me I

saw shimmering fresh footprints that could only belong to the magical gazelles. I scanned the ground in front of me, trying to work out which direction the prints led. I couldn't bear to take my eyes off the footprints, which would be risking losing the path. So I barely blinked the whole way and unnoticingly, I walked into a cave. A stone-like object hit me, and for a few minutes, I became unconscious.

When I woke up, the first thing I saw was a person with an apron, a straw hat, and a torch shining in my face. Though when she saw clearly that I was a human and not a monster, she gave a kind smile and helped me up to my feet. "Hello there, I see that you are also a fellow human" she said. "There are not many of us living here, but my dad and I have a farm not far from here. You follow, I'll lead the way." As I was following, the farmer's daughter took a strange look at me then asked. "By the way, how did you end up here anyway?" I explained about the missing gazelles, the two shadows and the hoof print trail. For a second I thought I saw a smirk from the girl but then her face returned to hope and compassion. I knew this girl had a secret I needed to know but how would I find out?

That night I decided to creep along the hallway into the girl's room; to look for any clues or notes about the missing gazelles. But when I opened the door and walked in as quietly as I could, the girl wasn't in there. I checked the rooms near hers but they were all empty. If she wasn't at home, then where was she? I was beginning to be a little suspicious of her. Maybe she was the one that had captured the gazelles, and that was her secret. I needed more information. I crept into the farmer's room, he wasn't there either. Just as I

expected. Though I found a tooth like a shard of something on his bed. It was polished, smooth and had no scratches. It had been taken care of very well. For a split second I thought I saw it glow a bright yellow.

I must have been dreaming, but no. I pinched myself and found that I was very much awake. I suddenly remembered the glow of the gazelle horns I saw on the top of the cliff. It was the exact same glow and color. This must be a particle of it. I knew who had kidnapped the gazelles and they were going to pay for what they did. I took some security cameras from my backpack and hung them up around the house. I set up an alarm for whenever there is movement in the rooms. At exactly 12:00 midnight I heard the alarm beeping on my phone. I raced into the room and saw the girl from the farm holding the particle in her hand and trying to escape through a secret doorway. "STOP!" I screamed. The girl spun around and glared at me before slipping through the door and locking it behind her. What was she doing? I wondered, I had to stop her before she got away with the particle of the gazelle horn.

I rip open my backpack and search for something to help me unlock the door. I found a paper clip. This will work, I said to myself. I open the door and go inside. The girl was standing in front of a staircase, I raced towards her and slipped between the railing, getting myself in front of her. I moved towards her and managed to grab the particle out of her hand before she realised what I was doing. "This does not belong to you" I screamed at her. I turned around and ran back down the stairs and out the front door. Once I was outside the particle began to glow and suddenly a portal opened up in front of me and dragged me inside it. I was teleported to the place where the gazelles were being held by the evil humans.

I spoke to the leader and he told the rest of the herd to line up and escape the place. I took out a pocket knife, cut the ropes that were tying the gazelles to a pole and opened the gates. "You are free to go now," I told them. "If anyone captures you again like that, they will need to face me.

The gazelles told me to hold onto the magical horn particle in case they ever needed my help again. They didn't tell me where they were going but I hoped they would be safe from the nasty people forever.