

# THE JADE QUEEN



## The Pride of the Silent Jungle

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*A Tale of Zara, the Tiger Queen*



In a vast world where animals rule, there are one hundred and ninety-two independent jungles, each with its own secrets. While most are governed by powerful tigers, one special jungle flourishes under the wise and gentle leadership of a majestic tigress named Queen Zara.



Queen Zara's jungle is a paradise of vibrant greenery and sparkling streams where every creature lives in perfect harmony. Peace is not just a rule here; it is a feeling that lives deep within the hearts of every animal, from the smallest insect to the largest elephant.



The leaders of neighboring lands look upon this small jungle with awe and envy, wondering how such a place could become so prosperous. They whisper among themselves about the mystery of its success, unaware of the deep bond between the ruler and her subjects.



Far away, in a dark and jagged territory, a pack of ruthless hyenas watches with greedy eyes. They are masters of chaos who invade weaker jungles to steal their precious golden liquids, leaving nothing but ruin in their wake.



The hyenas try to invade Queen Zara's borders many times, but her strength and the unity of her people prove impossible to break. Realizing they cannot win by force, the hyenas retreat into the shadows to hatch a much darker and more deceptive plan.



The hyenas summon a cunning fox and offer him a wicked deal: if he can drive Queen Zara away, the jungle will be his to rule. The fox, driven by ambition and greed, smiles and agrees to use his silver tongue to dismantle the peace from within.



The fox hides in the tall grass, observing the habits of the goats and monkeys who live in the jungle. He approaches them with a sly grin, showing the goats succulent jackfruits and the monkeys bundles of ripe, yellow bananas, promising them a life of endless feasting.



*THE FALL OF QUEEN ZARA*

Influenced by the fox's lies and the promise of easy riches, the goats and monkeys turn against their noble protector. Through a series of clever tricks and loud protests, they force a heartbroken Queen Zara to leave her home and walk into the lonely wilderness.



With the tigress gone, the fox takes his throne and reveals his true nature to those who helped him. Instead of the promised feast, he gives the goats two tiny, thin fibers of jackfruit and tosses empty, bitter banana peels to the disappointed monkeys.



The goats look at the meager scraps in their hooves, finally realizing they have lost everything they once cherished. Yet, they stand in the fading light of their once-beautiful home, refusing to admit they were fooled, for to admit the truth would be to admit they were only ever goats.