

Draco Swim

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Waterclaws sighed as the coach ran screaming out of the room. This was happening way too much now Waterclaws thought. She had wanted to be a professional swimmer. But the problem was she was a dragon, so every swim lesson she tried to jodragon, soches and swimmers screaming. She flew home in tears. "I'll never become a professional swimmer now." she thought aloud. "Why?" asked a voice from behind. Waterclaws spun around to see that the voice had come from a flaming bird fluttering a few tails away. "What do you want from me?" she sobbed. "Nothing," he responded "My name is Red, I'm a phoenix. But you still haven't answered my question," "All the coaches are scared of me because I'm a dragon," she responded, "Why don't you find a dragon coach?" he asked "There aren't any except for the legendary 'Div-e' but no one knows anything about where it is except that it is a hidden island," she said "What if I told you that us phoenixes have a way to find any thing is. But it is on the coldest place on earth, the floating Mt. Sky and is guarded by seven ice monsters," " Can you take me?" Waterclaws asked Red "Sure," he responded. As the pair flew off, Waterclaws thought she saw a spark of gold out of the corner of her eye.

Later, Waterclaws was out collecting firewood, when seven gold winged creatures descended from the sky. " Your coming with us!" The leader yelled. There was a intense pain in her left wing and everything went black. But before everything went black Waterclaws saw a glint of Red.

When Waterclaws awoke her mind was fuzzy. Her eyes cleared to see, nothing. Waterclaws was in a pitch black room hanging upside down. When she craned her head she could see tiny dots of light dancing below her. She started to propel herself back and forth like a pendulum. Until her jaws clamped shut on the rope holding her up. Her bite sliced through the rope like butter. Just before she hit the ground her wings broke free and shot outward. It was just enough to keep Waterclaws from plummeting to her death but not enough to prevent minor injury. When Waterclaws stood she saw the room was light up by a

flying red flame dancing closer and closer. It was Red. “ I came to rescue you, but it doesn’t look like you need it”. He stated while landing gracefully on the ground. “Who were they?” Waterclaws asked. “Gold Winged Griffins.” he responded, after looking at Waterclaws’ face he added "Assassins". “Who sent them”? Waterclaws asked, her voice cracked with fear. “Some one who doesn’t want us to find Dive and has a lot of money”. Red responded and then added in a worried tone, “Are you okay?” “Just a few cuts and bruises,” she responded. As the pair flew out of the room, Waterclaws knew one thing for sure. Something was up. “At least the griffons hideout is close to Mt. Sky,” Red stated as they reached the surface. “I can see it up there.” He pointed to a large cloud. Waterclaws noticed that, unlike the smaller cloud, the big one did not seem to move.” The pair started to flap toward the mountain. “The height from the peak to the ground is 750,000 feet, but the mountain is actually 250,000 feet,” Red informed Waterclaws. “Why is water drizzling down the mountain?” Waterclaws asked Red. Either someone made the ice guardians mad or the Phoenix Council is up there, “Red responded. I’ll bet the first one. Waterclaws said, “I’m going to swim up it. You can fly.” Seven minutes later, Waterclaws was at the peak of the mountain. Red said, “That was fast.”

Seven spheres sparked in the light. The spheres created the outline of an oval. The plaque underneath the floating spheres read, “Seek out a person or place in time. Ask if you wish to find.” “I wish to find Dive, the legendary dragon swimmer,” Waterclaws blurted out before Red could say anything. The spheres started to spin and a phoenix appeared inside. But, the thing was there was a dragon behind the phoenix that looked exactly like Waterclaws. Then Waterclaws realized it was herself.. She spun around to face Red but he was not there. In his place was an old looking dragon. “Hello Waterclaws. I’m Dive and I’d be happy to train you.”