

# LEGEND OF THE ANGEL ISLAND

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Legend has it that a mysterious island spawns on top of Never Lake every thousand years and legends believe that whoever is able to climb that island will become the most powerful being on Earth. Two curious explorers Josh and Jake, both age 11, are willing to take the risk of their lives to reach the godly power of the heavens.

"Jake, we'll be bored," said Josh. "Yeah, it'll take forever to even try to climb Mount Everest," said Jake. "Ready for the hike?" said the parents, they agreed. They got in their car and drove to the location. Even though it was summertime in their area, they had to wear puffy jackets, gloves, hats, and boots because of Mount Everest's temperature. Once they arrived, they started hiking up the mountain. "I am already feeling exhausted and tired, and we are only 17 feet off the ground. We could fall at any time!" said Josh. "I know and we still have more feet to go," said Jake. They have hiked for 1-hour already and got higher every step.

Suddenly they saw something mysterious in the air. It looked like a floating island. They were confused at first but eventually knew what it was. Jake pulled out a history book and read "Angel Island, the island that floats above Never Lake. Appears once every thousand years and holds great power to anyone who takes the risk to climb it." "We could be those legendary wielders of that power!" said Josh "Finally something interesting on this hike," "Now we should climb Mount Everest to get a better view of the island," said Jake. So, they climbed up as much as possible to get there. When it was nighttime, the parents went to sleep in their tent, but Jake and Josh climbed up the mountain. Soon at dawn, they reached the top of the mountain. "Remember, Angel Island only stays up for 48 hours. So, we better move," said Jake. "Hey, I can see Never Lake, but it's all the way down there on the surface and we're 29,032 feet (about 8.85 km) off the ground!" said Josh. "Wait a minute, there is something in my backpack," said Jake. There were paragliders in the backpack. "They only packed two. One for me and one for you Jake," said Josh. They unfolded the paragliders and took off. " Wheeeee!!! This is so much fun!!" said both brothers. It took only 10 minutes to land on the ground. They packed their paragliders in the backpack. "Well, here we are," said Josh. The water was clear, and the setting was beautiful with flowers, mountains, and grazing trees. "Now we must find a way to climb this thing," said Jake.

They looked inside their backpacks to see if there was any tool they could use. "I found something we could use!" said Josh. It was a grappling hook. "But it's too short," said Jake. "That's why we have to use it for climbing shorter things like those smaller mountains," said Josh. "Just grab my hand." Soon he attached the hook to a nearby mountain and with a click, they both flew towards the mountain. They repeated this to another mountain but a little higher. Soon they reached the very top of the highest mountain in the valley. "Next stop, Angel Island!" said Josh. When he shot, the hook could not reach the surface of the island but part of its anchors which looked like a cone piece of hard rock.

“Hold on tight!” said Josh as they zoomed toward the anchor.

They reached the anchor but couldn’t hold on for a long time. “We’re gonna slip!” said both brothers. They then fell but right after, Josh was at the perfect spot to reach the surface. As he grabbed Jake’s hand, he shot the grapple, and they zoomed right toward the island. “You, okay?” said Josh. “Yeah, I’m good,” said Jake. They gazed at the island. “So, we’re finally here...,” said Jake. “Come on! Let us find the core of this floating island.” said Josh. But before they could even take a step, the island started to rumble and soon the boys noticed that the island was rising. “Oh no! It has already been 48 hours. The island is getting higher now.” said Jake. “We gotta find the power fast!” Eventually they were rushing to get to the core of this island. “We only got 30 minutes!” said Josh. “Wait! The book that I carried earlier also mentions where the legendary power is!” said Jake. The book read “The person who manages to climb Angel Island must head toward the Hidden Palace located underneath the surface of the island...” The boys followed what the book was telling them to do.

“Okay, I think the Hidden Palace is located under this rock,” said Jake. “Luckily, they both had pickaxes in their backpacks. “We gotta dig fast!!” said Josh. They dug for 20 minutes. “We only have 10 more minutes now!” said Jake. They soon reached the Hidden Palace. They had to move fast though. Soon they reached the Master Emerald. “Here we are. The place where we get our ultimate power!” said both boys. They placed their hand on the emerald and then they felt a huge surge throughout their body. After that they were surprised by the power. They could now use special moves, fly, fight, and transform to their super versions of themselves. “What power this is!” said Josh. “I know but we have to get out of here now,” said Jake. They both flew out of the cave, but they then realized they were too late. They were teleported to a new dimension.

“Oh no! How do we get back to Earth?” said Josh. “I know! We should go at the speed of light,” said Jake. They did so and were teleported to Earth through a wormhole. They flew back home and lived a peaceful life with superpowers.

