

DRAGON SPIRITS

(THE LEGEND OF SHAN & RAILA)

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What started as simple bedtime stories gradually grew into Dragon Spirits. Every question they asked and every new adventure they wanted to hear became the spark that brought this story to life.

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Characters Of The Story

Shan – Hero

Raila – Shan's Girlfriend

Raila's Friend

Carrie – Girlfriend of Raila's Friend

Dharma – Shan's Father

Yona – Shan's Mother

Chan – Village Head

The Old Witch

Dragon Spirits

Volume 1

About the Spirits

Long ago, five Dragon Spirits protected the balance of the world.

They are the eternal guardians of nature, air, sky, fire, and water. Hidden from the eyes of mankind, they remain in a deep spiritual slumber.

Whenever darkness threatens the world and the balance of nature is disturbed, the Dragon Spirits awaken once again.

Together, they fight to restore peace, protect all living beings, and preserve the harmony of the world.

When their mission is complete, they return to their sacred eternal sleep, waiting for the day they are needed again.

Spirits of the dragons

All Dragon spirits

All dragon spirits were created by God to protect the world from darkness and to preserve the balance of nature. Each Dragon Spirit receives its divine power directly from its own element of nature. Together, they stand as the eternal guardians of peace, harmony, and all living beings.



Sun Dragon

The Elder Brother

- The Sun Dragon was the first dragon created by God.
- He is the elder brother of the five Dragon Spirits and the Spirit of Fire.
- His immense divine power comes directly from the Sun, giving him extraordinary strength and wisdom.
- The Sun Dragon possesses the sacred power of divine healing. Whenever another Dragon Spirit is injured during battle, he can heal their wounds and restore their strength with the divine light of the Sun.
- He is wise, courageous, and compassionate. His sacred duty is to guide the Dragon Spirits and protect the world from darkness.

Element: Sun and Fire

Special Ability: Divine Healing

Role: Elder Brother and Leader of the Dragon Spirits

Mission: Protect the world from darkness

Air Dragon

- The Air Dragon is the spirit of air.
- It controls the power of wind and the sky streams.
- Its mighty wings carry the force of freedom.
- It protects the world with the invisible power of air.



Sky Dragon

- The Sky Dragon is the spirit of sky.
- It has a thunder power. It gets angry quickly but calms down just as fast when it realizes the true reason.
- When it strikes in a battle, thunder energy is released.
- It makes rain fall on the earth in the right time.
- It is the guardian of endless skies.



Earth Dragon

- Earth Dragon represents the mother of nature.
- It is very kind and gentle spirit
- It protects forests, plants, animals and all living beings on earth.
- Its power brings growth, balance and harmony to nature.
- The Earth Dragon is the guardian of the natural world.



Water Dragon

(It is also known as the Moon Dragon.)

- Whenever dark magic begins to rise or the world starts to fall into darkness, the Water Dragon is the one that responds the fastest among all the dragons to stop it. It acts quickly to prevent dark magic from rising again.
- It rules the waters, rivers, lakes, and all flowing waters.
- It has the power to create waves.
- When it gets angry, it rises as high as it stands, and the water behind it rises to the same height.
- It ensures that pure water reaches everything so that all living beings and all things never go thirsty.
- It is the guardian of the endless seas and the source of life.



WATER DRAGON'S POWER

- During the Full Moon, the Water Dragon's power becomes stronger.
- When the moon turns into the Dark Moon, the Water Dragon's power becomes weaker.

Jiangsu Village

Hidden Sanctuary of the Dragon Spirits

ABOUT JIANGSU VILLAGE



Jiangsu Village is a peaceful and ancient village located in China, hidden deep within majestic mountains, crystal-clear rivers, and vast forests. It has been protected by the Dragon Spirits for thousands of years.

The village is built in a circular shape. In the center stands the Village Head House, a symbol of wisdom, unity, and protection.

Around the Village Head House, there are four special huts. Three huts are used by trusted families, while the fourth hut remains unused for many years, holding a deep secret.

Many other huts are spread around the village. All the roads from every corner of the village lead to the Village Head House.

On the left and right sides of the village, two majestic waterfalls flow, bringing life and purity to the land.

On one side lie tall mountains that guard the village like ancient sentinels.

On the other side, a deep forest begins. A small hut at the edge of the village marks the path that leads into the unknown deep forest.

The people of Jiangsu Village live in harmony with nature and believe that the Dragon Spirits are always watching over and protecting them

The Dragon Festival Night



In the peaceful village of Jiangsu, China, lived Shan and Raila, who cared deeply for each other.

That night, the village head Chan organized the sacred Dragon Spirits Festival. Five Dragon Spirit statues were placed in front of the Village Head House.

The villagers lit incense sticks, sang traditional songs, offered prayers, and celebrated the festival with great joy.

While everyone was enjoying the celebration, Shan and Raila happily played together.

As Shan playfully chased her, Raila became shy and ran into an old abandoned hut that no one had entered for many years.

Neither of them knew that this moment would change their lives forever.



The Forbidden Box



The Dragon Festival reached its final celebration. Lanterns floated across the river as fireworks lit up the night sky.



After Shan left, Raila carefully removed the protective talismans from the forbidden wooden box. She slowly opened it and gently lifted the mysterious Crystal Ball into her hands.

Hearing that the villagers were coming toward the forbidden hut, Shan quickly turned back and told Raila to put the Crystal Ball back into the ancient wooden box. Raila carefully returned the Crystal Ball to its place and closed the lid. Together, they quietly shut the forbidden hut as if nothing had happened and escaped before the villagers arrived.



Raila saw the wooden box & went near to it in forbidden hut. Shan warned Raila not to open the ancient wooden box. Hearing frightened villagers shouting outside the forbidden hut, Shan rushed to the main door and told Raila not to open the box before leaving.



Suddenly, a massive bolt of lightning struck the ancient tree, setting it ablaze and filling the village with fear.



1. The Village Meeting

Village Head Chan called a meeting and spoke to all the villagers.

“Last night I saw a dream. The Red Dragon appeared in the sky and warned me that a great danger is coming to our village. The dragon said we must guard the forbidden hut .

No stranger must go near it.

And our children must stay away from there.

Let us all be careful and protect our village.”

2. SHAN AND RAILA

That night, SHAN and Raila met beside a quiet river under the bright full moon. Looking at the moon, SHAN smiled and said,

“The moon looks beautiful tonight. Even the tiny marks on it can be seen clearly.”

Suddenly, seeing the beautiful moon reminded Raila of the mysterious Crystal Ball. She looked at SHAN and said,

“The Crystal Ball is so beautiful. I want it.”

SHAN replied,

“We should not touch that Crystal Ball. It has a dark symbol on it. My heart tells me that taking it is not the right thing to do. That is why I cannot bring it to you as a gift.”

Raila became angry and said,

“If you bring me that Crystal Ball, only then will I talk to you. Otherwise, I will never talk to you again.”

She walked away in anger, and SHAN quietly returned home.



The next morning, when SHAN saw Raila, he tried to talk to her. But Raila walked away without saying a word.

The same thing continued for the next three days.

SHAN felt that something important was missing from his life.

Even when his friends tried to make him laugh with their jokes, SHAN could not smile.

His mother cooked his favorite meals, but he did not feel like eating.

That night, SHAN tried to sleep, but Raila was the only one on his mind.

He kept thinking about her all night and slowly began to fear that he might lose Raila forever.

Shan's Broken Heart

1. SHAN SEES RAILA WITH ANOTHER MAN

The next morning, Shan stepped out of his hut. His heart was already filled with fear. Suddenly, he saw Raila walking hand in hand with another young man. Shan stood frozen in silence.



2. CARRIE AND THE RED CRYSTAL RING

A young man gently stopped a girl who was walking toward them.

He took a beautiful Red Crystal Ring from his pocket and placed it on her finger.

Smiling proudly, he turned to Raila and said,

"Her name is CARRIE. She is my lover."

Raila smiled as she looked toward Shan.

Seeing this, Shan silently lowered his head and walked away with a heavy heart.



Shan And His Friends Visit the Forbidden Hut



That night, Shan and his friends went to the forbidden hut to check the place.



They saw three guards around the hut. One at the main entrance and two on other sides.



One of Shan's friend's father was at the main entrance. He called them over to chat and took them with him, diverting their attention.



While his friend and his father were busy talking, Shan quietly slipped inside the hut.



Shan went inside the hut quietly.



Shan opened the wooden box and the crystal ball glowed brightly.



He took the crystal ball and slipped it safely inside his clothes.



Meanwhile, the friend's father noticed that Shan was missing. "Where is Shan?" he asked.



Shan raised his hand and said with a smile, "Uncle... I am here!"



The uncle smiled and said, "Okay, okay Shan."



He then said, "It's not safe to stay here. If the village head sees you, he will scold you. You should all go back now."



He said goodbye to them and sent them away.

Shan Gave the Crystal Ball to Raila



1. Shan walks toward Raila, who is still sitting alone by the lake, lost in her thoughts.

2. As Raila tries to walk away, avoiding Shan, he gently holds her hand. With his other hand, he takes out the Crystal Ball and shows it to her.



3. Seeing the Crystal Ball, Raila becomes so happy that she hugs Shan. Shan: Are you happy? I brought what you asked for. Now we must return the Crystal Ball and lock it back inside the ancient wooden box in the Forbidden Hut.



Raila: No, Shan... I don't want to return it. I want to keep it.

4. Suddenly, Shan hears the villagers calling from the village:
"Someone has taken the Crystal Ball!"



But Raila doesn't hear them. Her eyes remain fixed on the Crystal Ball, where a mysterious black butterfly flutters inside

The Black Dragon Returns



1. The Village Head announced, "Someone has opened the forbidden wooden box and stolen the Crystal Ball." He ordered, "Search everywhere and find the Crystal Ball as early as possible!" The villagers spread across the village, shouting the news and passing the information while searching for the Crystal Ball. From the lakeside, Shan heard the shouts of the villagers.



2. While Shan remained focused on the voices coming from the village, Raila looked at the Crystal Ball. Believing the butterfly trapped inside deserved to be free, she smashed the Crystal Ball against the ground. As it shattered, a black butterfly rose from the broken crystal into the moonlight.



3. The butterfly rose higher into the sky, and its form began to change, growing larger and larger until it transformed into a giant Black Dragon. As it became the Black Dragon, it looked once at Raila and Shan.



4. The Black Dragon opened its jaws and breathed black fire toward the moon. The moon turned completely black. As the darkness spread into the water, the once clear blue river slowly turned black.

After witnessing the Black Dragon, Shan and Raila were terrified. Without saying a word, they returned to their homes that night.

The Weight of Guilt

The next morning, several children gathered outside Shan's house, waiting for him to teach them as usual. But Shan quietly said,

"I cannot teach now."

The children left silently.

Shan sat alone, blaming himself.

"This happened because of me... I made a terrible mistake."

Just then, Raila arrived.



Raila: "Don't blame yourself, Shan. It wasn't your fault. I made the mistake. We must fix it together."

Shan: "I warned you from the beginning... but because you asked for it, I went and stole the Crystal Ball. Because of me, the Black Dragon came out. I made the first mistake. I will be the one to fix it."

Without another word, Shan left Raila and walked towards the Forbidden Hut.

Village Head (Chan): "Shan... what are you looking at? What are you thinking about?"

Shan: "Nothing..."

"I just want to know..."

What is the secret of the Crystal Ball?

Why was it locked away inside the Forbidden Hut?"

The Untold Story of Dharma



Shan: I want to know the secret of the Crystal Ball.

Chan: Come, Shan... sit here with me.

They walked to the stone bench facing the Forbidden Hut and sat down together.

Chan: Now... I will tell you

the secret. But first, where is your father?

Shan: Don't you know? My father died.

Chan: Do you know how he died?

Shan: No... My mother never told me.

Chan: Your father died after he was consumed by Black Magic.

Shan: What? My father was an evil person... a bad man?

Chan: No, Shan. Your father was not a bad man. He was a great doctor. His name was Dharma. He came from India and settled in this village after falling in love with your mother.

Shan: (smiles softly) Oh... so my mother and father had a love marriage?

Chan: (smiles warmly and nodded) Yes.

Chan: It's time to know about your father.

Chan Remembers Dharma

Your father was a truly good man. His name was Dharma, and he was the village doctor. He was kind, compassionate, and always willing to help others.

Your father was not from this country. He came from India. He traveled from village to village, treating sick people wherever he went. One day, he arrived in our village. After seeing the peaceful atmosphere here, he decided to stay.



Your father was a great devotee of Lord Shiva. Every day, before treating his patients, he would worship a sacred stone.

One day, I asked him, “Why do you worship this stone?”

He smiled and said, “This is not an ordinary stone. It is a Shiva Lingam. By Lord Shiva’s command, this universe exists and moves forward. Even the smallest blade of grass cannot grow without His will. It is by His blessings that I have been given the gift of healing.”

After offering his prayers only, he would treat every patient with care and never expected anything in return.

Dharma Marries Yona

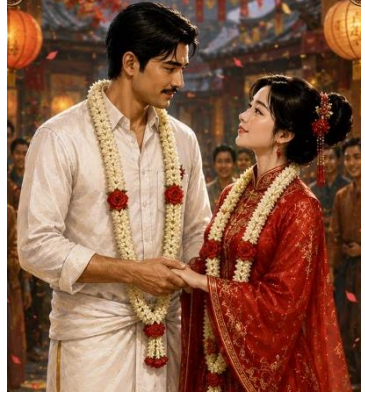
Chan: As time passed, your father continued treating the villagers with great kindness.

One day, Yona (your mother) saw your father while he was treating a patient. She was deeply touched by his kindness, compassion, and selfless service.

At the same time, your father also saw Yona and fell in love with her. Soon, they were married.

Chan: After their marriage, Yona helped your father every day. She would go into the forest to collect medicinal herbs and bring them to him, so he could treat the sick villagers more effectively.

The two of them lived a happy life together for two years.



The Birth Of Shan



Two happy years passed. Soon, Yona became pregnant.

Then one night, a fierce storm struck the village.

Strong winds, thunder and lightning filled the sky.

On that very night, Yona gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, as radiant as the moon.

Chan: Do you know who that baby was?

Shan smiled softly.

Shan: Was it... me?

Chan: Yes, Shan... it was you.

Because of the terrible storm that night, the next morning the village was in ruins. Trees had fallen everywhere, many huts were damaged, and the entire village was devastated.

As the village doctor, Dharma went to every place where he received news. He found out what had happened in each and every house, and treated all the injured villagers wherever he went.



Dharma Treats the Old Witch



Chan continued, "After treating every injured villager affected by the terrible storm, your father Dharma finally returned home.

Just then, an unknown villager came running to him and said, 'Doctor! Please come quickly. An old woman living in the last hut at the edge of the village has been badly injured.'

Your father immediately picked up his medical kit and prepared to leave.

I stopped him and warned him, 'Dharma, don't go there. That old woman is no ordinary person. She is an old witch. It is dangerous.'

But your father smiled and replied, 'As a doctor, it is my duty to save every life. No matter who they are, I cannot refuse treatment while someone is suffering.'

Your father went to the lonely hut at the edge of the village and began treating the old witch.

For the next three days, your father continued to visit the old witch and cared for her with kindness and dedication.

The Old Witch Gives Dharma a Magical Crystal Necklace



For three days, Dharma treated the old witch with care.

On the third day, when he visited her, the old witch smiled and said,

"I am so happy with your kindness and compassion. I have nothing to give you in return."

Dharma replied, "I am a doctor. Saving lives is my duty. I don't expect anything from you."

The old witch was very pleased.

She took a Magical Crystal Necklace

from around her neck and said,

"Please accept my request close your eyes."

Dharma closed his eyes in respect.

The old witch gently placed the Magical Crystal Necklace around his neck and said,

"Keep it inside your shirt. Never let the crystal's light fall on your eyes. If it does, it will be dangerous."

This necklace will help you heal even the deadliest diseases. It is my gift for your kind heart. Be careful always.

After saying this, the old witch closed her eyes forever, peacefully passing away.

With a heavy heart, Dharma left the hut and walked back home silently.



Dharma Becomes the Greatest Healer



CHAN: Using the power of the Magical Crystal Necklace, your father Dharma healed even the most incurable diseases. Soon, people from many nearby villages came to him for help.

The villagers loved, respected, and trusted your father like a living god. His kindness and wisdom touched everyone's heart.

Your father Dharma and your mother Yona lived happily with you at the time you were only two years old.

Then came the annual Dragon Festival. Your father joined the villagers at the river, holding a lantern in his hands, offering prayers with a pure heart.

Dark Magic Awakens

CHAN: During the Festival of Lights, your father walked to the river, carrying a small lamp. He gently placed it on the flowing water and bowed his head in prayer.

As he leaned forward, the Black Crystal Necklace slipped out from inside his shirt.

The light from the floating lamp reflected on the crystal, causing it to shine with a strange black glow.

The moment the light from the Black Crystal touched Dharma's eyes, Dharma's eyes turned black within seconds. Tiny dark sparks began to flicker inside them, as though an unknown power had awakened.



A Terrible Night



CHAN: Yuna and I looked at each other with fear, sensing that something was terribly wrong.

Just then, a dog standing a short distance away barked loudly at your father.

Your father slowly turned towards the dog with anger in his eyes.

Then the dog suddenly collapsed into the shallow river water and lay motionless.

Yuna screamed in fear.

You, who were afraid, your mother held you tightly in her arms.

I stepped back in shock, unable to believe what I had just witnessed.

That was the moment we realized the Black Crystal was no ordinary necklace.

It had awakened a terrible darkness within your father.

The Water Dragon Awakens

Chan:

Dharma looked at the place where he had touched the river.

The water around his handprint was slowly turning black.

Dharma thought,

"The water is slowly turning black..."

"What is happening to me?"

Before Dharma could understand what was happening, an invisible force suddenly lifted him into the sky.

Dark Magic began spreading across his body, starting from his face and slowly covering his neck, shoulders, arms, and chest.



At that same moment, the Black Magic entered the river.

Deep beneath the water, the Water Dragon Spirit sensed that the ancient Black Magic had awakened.

The river shook violently as the Water Dragon Spirit began rising from the depths to stop the darkness.

The Death of Dharma

Chan:

The Water Dragon knew that Black Magic had not yet completely consumed Dharma. His legs were still untouched by the darkness.

Avoiding Dharma's corrupted body, the Water Dragon grabbed only his legs and hurled him high into the sky.

As Dharma soared through the air, the black crystal pendant slipped from his neck and was thrown even higher than Dharma.

The Water Dragon opened its enormous jaws, intending to crush the cursed pendant before it could spread the Black Magic.

But before the pendant could fall, Dharma fell into the Water Dragon's mouth first.

The Water Dragon was horrified. It had never intended to swallow Dharma.

As it instinctively closed its mouth, the light of the flying black crystal entered the Water Dragon's eyes.



The Water Dragon Undergoes Black Magic

(The Beginning of the Black Dragon)

Chan:

As the Water Dragon instinctively closed its mouth, the flying Black Crystal became entangled in the long whiskers above its head.

The Black Crystal's dark energy spread through the Water Dragon's body. Within moments, its brilliant blue eyes slowly turned pitch black as the ancient guardian began falling under the control of Black Magic.

Although the Water Dragon was one of the most powerful Dragon Spirits, even its sacred strength could not completely resist the curse. Darkness slowly spread through its soul, corrupting its divine power.

The Water Dragon had not yet fallen completely under the control of Black Magic...

With all its remaining strength, the Water Dragon released a mighty roar. A blazing stream of blue fire shot straight upward into the heavens, serving as a desperate warning before the darkness could consume it.

The ancient Dragon Spirits heard the guardian's distress signal. They knew the fate of the world now rested on their next battle.

THE BATTLE HAD ONLY JUST BEGUN...



END OF VOLUME 1
TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 2...