

Chapter 1

A cool afternoon breeze pushes through the soaring trees growing proudly from the rich earth, the coloured flowers covering the trees and making a thick carpet on the ground as the boys walked along the path listening to the sound that the leaves make as the wind blows through them, the birds move above in noisy groups often brawling and disputing with each other as they fly by, distracting the boys.

Jordan, a tall boy with an oval face with a ruddy complexion and large laughing eyes, lustrous brown hair and lips that always smile, is casually attired in blue jeans with holes in the knees and a grey hoodie and sturdy hiking boots and carrying a backpack.

Nathan, slightly shorter than Jordan. With a round face tanned and healthy, round dancing eyes, full lips and his hair is a dirty ash blond which is buzzed and coarse. He is simply clad in brown cargo pants with the odd rips in the legs and a brownish-green pullover that had seen better days and is also wearing sturdy hiking boots and carrying the camping gear.

The boys push and shove each other playfully along the path, neither noticing that they were going in the wrong direction, going deeper into the bush. Sometime later Nathan noticed the difference, but as usual Jordan didn't seem to worry.

“Nothing to worry about, we're just taking the scenic route”

“We always take the scenic route, and it's never the same one.” replied Nathan.

But it was getting late and the sun was melting into the distance and darkness was creeping over the bush.

Soon they came to a rocky outcrop, which they had never seen before, and decided to explore. Jordan scanned the bedrock surrounding them

on all but one side. He noticed, what looked like an opening in the rock wall.

“Looks like the only way in is the opening there.”

He pointed to the entrance and at the pile of stones that lay nearby, taking a short walk around the area he looked for any other places that had been disturbed, and found nothing.

“Don’t see much, it’s getting to dark to explore now.” Nathan said

The boys decided to wait until the next morning to explore, so they set up camp nearby and settled in for the night.