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**i**N THE WORLD, ONLY TWO FORCES EXIST: POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE.

IN THE AGE-OLD STRUGGLE TO DEFEND GOOD FROM ALL THAT TRIES TO TAKE IT AWAY, TRUE HEROES MUST PRACTICE POWERFUL ETHICS, FIERCE INDIVIDUALISM, STRENGTH OF CHARACTER... ALL ARE COMMON TRAITS TO THOSE THAT SUCCEED.

AND YET, FOR ONE YOUNG WOMAN, THESE ARE NOT ENOUGH.

A THOUSAND FEET UP, LOOKING FOR A PLACE THAT PROBABLY DOESN'T EVEN EXIST!

IF ONLY MY PARENTS COULD SEE ME NOW!

HEALTHY HEROES PRESENTS  
**SHAKTI WARRIORS** IN

# The Hero's Journey



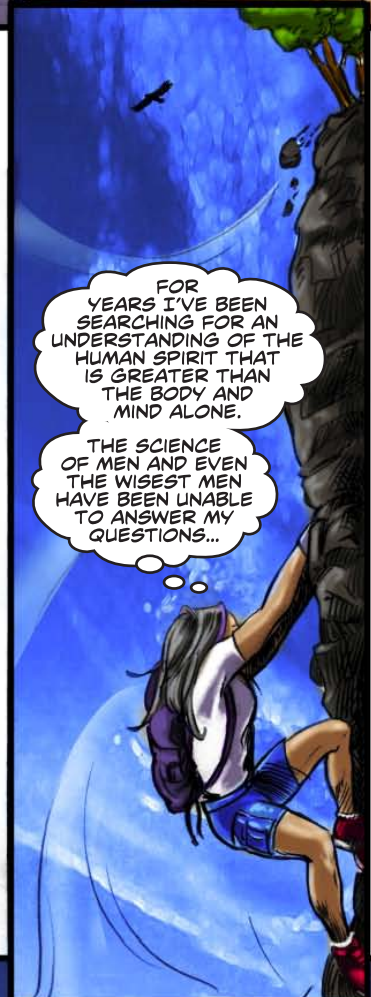
**h**ER NAME IS SHAYNA BODIN...

...AND SHE DOES NOT GIVE UP EASILY.

THE WISE MEN IN THE MARKET WHISPERED THE TALE OF THE HIDDEN BANYAN TREE.

...A TREE WHOSE ROOTS SPREAD SO FAR THAT AN ENTIRE CITY COULD LIVE UNDERNEATH IT.

COULD IT POSSIBLY EXIST?



FOR YEARS I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT THAT IS GREATER THAN THE BODY AND MIND ALONE.

THE SCIENCE OF MEN AND EVEN THE WISEST MEN HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ANSWER MY QUESTIONS...



**ROCK SLIDE!**

**RRRUUMMBBLE**



ONLY SECONDS TO SPARE!

GOOD THING I KEEP MYSELF IN GOOD CONDITION TO DO THIS SORT OF STUFF. IT SAVED MY LIFE!



WOW! IT'S NOT JUST A LEGEND AFTER ALL...!

**m** EANWHILE...

... AS ONE TRAVELLER NEARS HER DESTINATION ANOTHER HAS YET TO BEGIN HIS JOURNEY.

MOTOR OIL GOODRIDE TIRES

C'MON.. C'MON!  
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO WIN THE FINALS BY SHOWING OFF!!!  
CONCENTRATE!!



LANDED IT AGAIN!  
PERFECT AS ALWAYS!

**THUMP**



"AND IT IS OVER FOLKS! SEAN LANDERS WINS AGAIN!!!"

YOU'RE TOO COCKY, KID! THAT'S GONNA COST YOU SOME DAY!



TONIGHT ARE THE FINALS.

YOU CAN'T AFFORD ANY SCREW UPS. MEET ME AT THE ARENA AT 6:00 SHARP. DON'T BE LATE.

YOU WORRY TOO MUCH. I'LL BE THERE!



GET THE VICTORY PARTY READY FOR ME! SEEEEE YA!

**KRRROOO**

SUCH GREAT POTENTIAL... WASTED BECAUSE HE LACKS DISCIPLINE...

**m**EANWHILE, BENEATH THE SHADOWS OF THE SECRET BANYAN TREES...

LOOK AT THIS PLACE! IT'S AMAZING! FULL OF POSITIVE ENERGY!

I FEEL AT PEACE HERE. HMMM, FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME.



VISITOR! WHY HAVE YOU COME?



YOU ARE REAL!

I, UM, I HAVE COME SEEKING... UNDERSTANDING.

BUT HAVEN'T YOU STUDIED THE BOOKS OF THE WORLD TO LEARN THEIR TEACHINGS?



YES! BUT I SEEK SOMETHING MORE... SOMETHING DIFFERENT...

I SEEK A KNOWLEDGE THAT GOES BEYOND THE IDEAS OF BOOKS.

I WANT TO UNDERSTAND MY TRUE NATURE AND UNLOCK MY DEEPEST POWERS.



ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT THIS UNDERSTANDING?

NO ONE CAN ACCEPT THIS POWER WITHOUT ACCEPTING THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT COMES WITH IT - AND THEN THEY MUST ACT ON WHAT THEY KNOW.

YES. I AM SURE. PLEASE SHOW ME.



VERY WELL. COME WITH ME! WE SHALL SEE.

FINALLY! AT LAST MY JOURNEY IS AT AN END...



WHERE ARE WE?  
SOME SORT OF  
TREE?

YES, THE  
GREAT BANYAN  
TREE.

WE SENSED  
YOUR ARRIVAL  
FROM FAR  
AWAY.

YOU HAVE MANY  
GIFTS, BUT ONLY  
THOSE WHO LEARN TO  
DEVELOP THEIR GIFTS  
WILL UNDERSTAND  
THEIR TRUE  
POTENTIAL.



BEFORE ONE CAN  
HELP THE WORLD  
THEY MUST HELP  
THEMSELVES BY  
UNLOCKING THEIR  
POTENTIAL.

EVERYONE  
HAS ALL THEY  
NEED WITHIN  
THEM TO REACH  
GREATNESS.  
BUT THERE IS  
A CONSTANT  
STRUGGLE TO  
CHOOSE BETWEEN  
WEAK AND  
STRONG.

SO THE  
CHALLENGE  
IN BEING HUMAN  
IS TO LEARN  
TO CHOOSE  
POWERFULLY  
AND ACCEPT THE  
RESPONSIBILITY  
OF YOUR  
ACTIONS.



HERE IN  
THE BANYAN  
TREES THERE IS  
A CONNECTION  
BETWEEN THE  
NATURAL WORLD  
AND THE WORLD  
BEYOND.

THIS IS  
A WORLD OF GREAT  
WISDOM, VISION AND  
POSSIBILITY...



I SEE  
DARKNESS.

THAT IS **CHAOS**.  
HE IS A NEGATIVE FORCE  
WHO USES PEOPLE FOR HIS OWN  
GAIN AND GIVES NOTHING  
BACK TO THE WORLD.

HIS POWER COMES  
FROM THOSE WHO ARE WEAK, WHO  
TAKE THE "EASY WAY OUT". BECAUSE  
THEY DEVELOP NO TRUE SENSE OF  
THEMSELVES -- THEY FOLLOW  
HIM BLINDLY.

NOW HIS GAME  
HAS TURNED EVEN  
WORSE. HE IS TARGETING  
KIDS -- TAKING THEIR ENERGY  
AWAY. HE LEAVES THEIR  
BRAIN DULLED. THEY  
ARE POWERLESS.

HE LAUGHS WITH  
DELIGHT TO SEE THEM  
FIGHTING IN SCHOOLS,  
ARGUING WITH THEIR  
PARENTS, EATING UNHEALTHY  
FOODS THAT LEAVE THEIR  
BODIES HEAVY AND  
WEAK.

IT'S ALL PART OF  
HIS PLAN... TO KEEP EVERY  
CHILD FROM REALIZING  
THEIR POTENTIAL.

WHO ARE THOSE PEOPLE?

THEY ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE CONNECTED TO THE POSITIVE.

LIKE YOU, EACH OF THEM HAS A SPECIAL GIFT THEY ARE DEVELOPING - AND THEY ARE USING THEIR GIFTS TO DO GOOD THINGS FOR THE WORLD.

THERE WILL COME A DAY WHEN YOU WILL BRING THEM TOGETHER AND MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE FOR CHILDREN.

AND WHEN YOU DO, YOU WILL BE STRONGER TOGETHER THAN YOU ARE APART.

WHAT? ME? WHY ME? I - I DON'T FEEL READY FOR THIS MISSION. THERE IS SO MUCH I DO NOT UNDERSTAND.

THIS PLACE HAS BROUGHT ME PEACE. I WANT TO STAY AND LEARN ALL THAT YOU CAN TEACH ME.

YOUR UNDERSTANDING WILL COME IN TIME. YOU HAVE LEARNED STRONG HABITS OF A HERO'S BODY, A HERO'S MIND AND A HERO'S HEART.

YOU ARE MORE READY THAN YOU REALIZE.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE, SHAYNA BODIN. STAY AS LONG AS YOU NEED... BUT THERE WILL COME A DAY WHEN YOU MUST LEAVE.

YOU MUST RETURN TO THE WORLD FROM WHERE YOU HAVE COME. THE WORLD WHERE YOU AND THE OTHERS WILL LEAD THE CHILDREN.

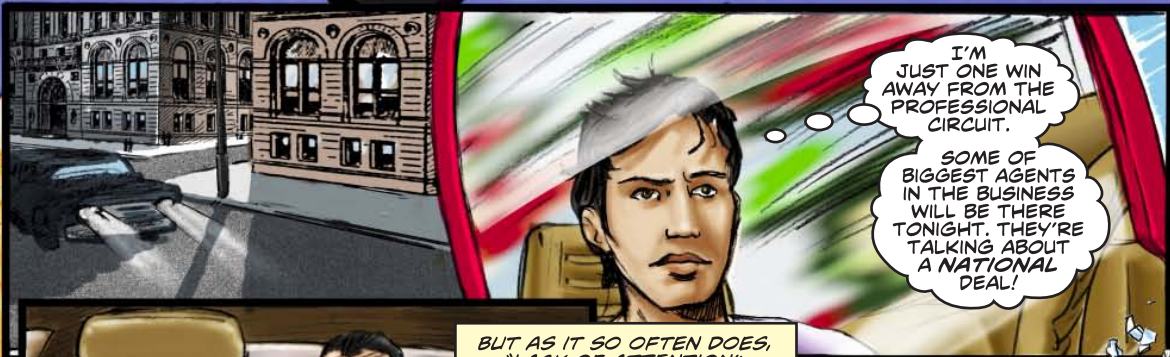


**a**T THAT VERY MOMENT, SEAN LANDERS THINKS ABOUT HIS PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.



TRAINING IS OVER-RATED. WHO NEEDS IT.

I'M THE FAVORITE FOR TONIGHT'S RACE. THE MEDAL IS MINE!



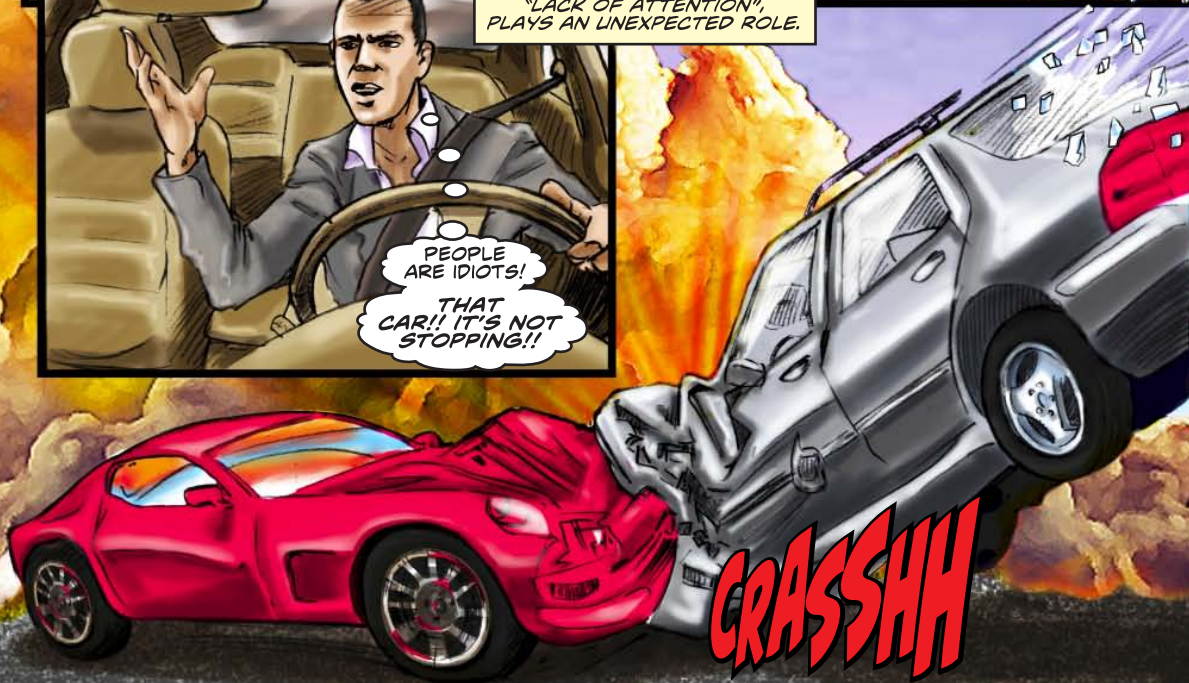
I'M JUST ONE WIN AWAY FROM THE PROFESSIONAL CIRCUIT.

SOME OF BIGGEST AGENTS IN THE BUSINESS WILL BE THERE TONIGHT. THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT A NATIONAL DEAL!



BUT AS IT SO OFTEN DOES, "LACK OF ATTENTION", PLAYS AN UNEXPECTED ROLE.

PEOPLE ARE IDIOTS!  
THAT CAR!! IT'S NOT STOPPING!!



SOMEONE HELP US...

NEWS STAND

FWOOSH





THIS IS SOMEONE WHO HAS GREAT STRENGTH WITHIN HIM, BUT HE DOES NOT KNOW IT YET.



BUT HE IS BADLY INJURED. HE IS NEAR DEATH.

NOW HE MAY NEVER REALIZE HIS POTENTIAL.



NO. BECAUSE OF THIS - HE WILL REALIZE HIS POTENTIAL. THERE IS STILL GREAT HOPE FOR HIM. HE WILL BECOME A FORCE FOR GOOD.



OUR FUTURE IS NOT DETERMINED BY THE EVENTS WHICH OCCUR AROUND US, BUT BY THE RESPONSE WE MAKE TO THEM. THIS IS MINDFUL BEHAVIOR.



HE MUST COME TO UNDERSTAND HIS TRUE STRENGTH...

HE MUST FIGHT THE CHAOS OF LAZINESS AND IRRESPONSIBILITY THAT IS CLOUDING HIS POWERFUL MIND.

I WANT TO HELP HIM SEE THIS. I WANT TO HELP OTHERS SEE THIS TOO AND REALIZE THEIR TRUE POTENTIAL -- AS YOU ARE HELPING ME TO UNDERSTAND MINE.



SHAYNA, LISTEN TO ME. YOU ARE BEING GIVEN A SPECIAL MISSION. ONE THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE WORLD.

I MUST GIVE YOU A SPECIAL NAME THAT BEFITS YOUR WISDOM, COMPASSION AND POWER...

...AND PURPOSE IN LIFE.



FROM NOW ON, YOU WILL BE KNOWN AS **SHAKTI** A WARRIOR FOR GOOD!

**T** O BE CONTINUED...