

Adder Stone

inspired by 'Adder Stone' in Dalby Forest

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Many years ago on a cold stormy night when the trees rustled like they were trying to keep warm and the grass below was frozen creating a bed of sharp spikes. An adder slithered out of its nest as it heard a strange sound. When suddenly, a slice of silver lightning stretched towards the adder like an old witch's finger. The adder cried out in pain as the lightning laughed through its thin body.

The adder fell to the ground in pain, where it lay twitching its skinny body. As it slowly got up its small fangs evolved into mighty blades as sharp as daggers tips, its skin transformed into a layer of diamonds, its eyes turned red like dark blood and its tail combined into a big scaly knife.

This strange creature stretched up and slithered off heading towards the nearby village. Its aim was destruction. On its way it ripped down trees like they were only twigs causing animals to desert their burrows and run off into the wilderness.

When it approached the nearby village it stopped. The monster suddenly swung its scaly neck and hissed at the little wooden huts. The humans looked back scared as mice, before they could speak they legged it to the next village. The monster laughed inside its layer of plated diamonds, while it slivered up to the little huts and sprayed deadly poison upon them.

People in a nearby village had got a message a beast was coming. They were very frightened, so they called upon a wizard that could save the people.

The day the wizard came the air was quiet, the trees were nervous and the sky shivered waiting to snow. When the wizard arrived the monster had smashed down all the other villages, only one remained the final destination for the monster.

That night the wizard crept outside from the little village in waiting for the monster. The monster which had been a little snake was now a threatening beast rampaging the world. The wizard was going to go face to face with this massive beast. Suddenly the wizard heard a shuffle of leaves. He crouched down ready to spring into the air; just as he did the monster busted out of the trees and knocked the wizard off his feet. The wizard flew into the air and landed on a branch, then swung around down onto his feet. The monster swung its diamond plated tail at the tree and smashed it into a pile of scattered timber. The wizard jumped on the monster's head, where he then slid down the monster's back and sliced all of the plated diamonds off. The monster screamed in pain and glared into his eyes.

Just after one last scream the monster fell to the ground where it started to curl up into a ball. Slowly the ball turned into a stone, where a little adder then slipped out and slithered away.

The stone was then named Adder Stone.