

# The Defeat of Yan Long

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Once every 3 years,  
In the Gobi Desert.  
The sun turns a crimson colour,  
Yan Long is on the prowl.  
Far off there is a howl ,  
You know he has taken a beloved one.  
If you venture near,  
Remember each darkness has a weakness.

I have the most interesting story to tell. A story of bravery, relationships and technology.

A great forefather from the year 2014, Ren Song, recently visited a small village on the outskirts of the Gobi Desert in his time machine. The year was then 3094, where hovercrafts, time machines, and teleportation were part of everyday life. Ren Song was amazed to see that this sort of technology was common. You see, when Ren invented his time machine, he was a loner in this field. He invented the machine secretly in his basement.

When Ren arrived, he met there a family that consisted of a Dad, Mum, and twin boys who were 17 years old. The family quarreled all the time but they stuck together in times of crisis. Ren noted quickly that the two brothers, John and Luke were dead competitive. There was an annual competition where partners competed against each other for the bravest act of the year. Now the brothers always tried desperately and were eager to win but never had. One of the rules of the competition was that you had to have proof of the brave act, so the brothers held conference to combine their forces to win.

One day their Mum and Dad went to tend their farm. As soon as they stepped out the door there was a ferocious sandstorm and a wind like a dog howling for the dead, magnified by a million surround speakers, swept them up and they were lost in the desert. John and Luke were GOBSMACKED! They just saw their parents as tiny specks as if they were grains of sand. All of a sudden it stopped, as if it were a curse meant for their parents.

“What do we do now?” queried John.

“I haven’t the faintest idea,” wailed Luke.

This then was their test of bravery. To journey into the unknown parts of the Gobi Desert in search of their parents. Slowly, slowly one step at a time they ventured out into the perilous desert leaving Ren Song to care for the farm. They searched high and low, but to no avail. At sunset of the 3rd week, John looked up and gazed into the sky. He suddenly called for Luke as the sun turned a crimson blood-red colour. Luke whispered, “What is that squiggly dragon? And who is that riding on its back?”

John and Luke ran with all their might towards the dragon Yan Long. A cave appeared before them. It was so complex and completely rigged up with even more advanced technology than theirs, and most people perished trying to get their beloved back. There were 4 gates with riddles above them, and each answer unlocked every gate.

They came to the first gate which looked like it was made of very weak wood, but turned