

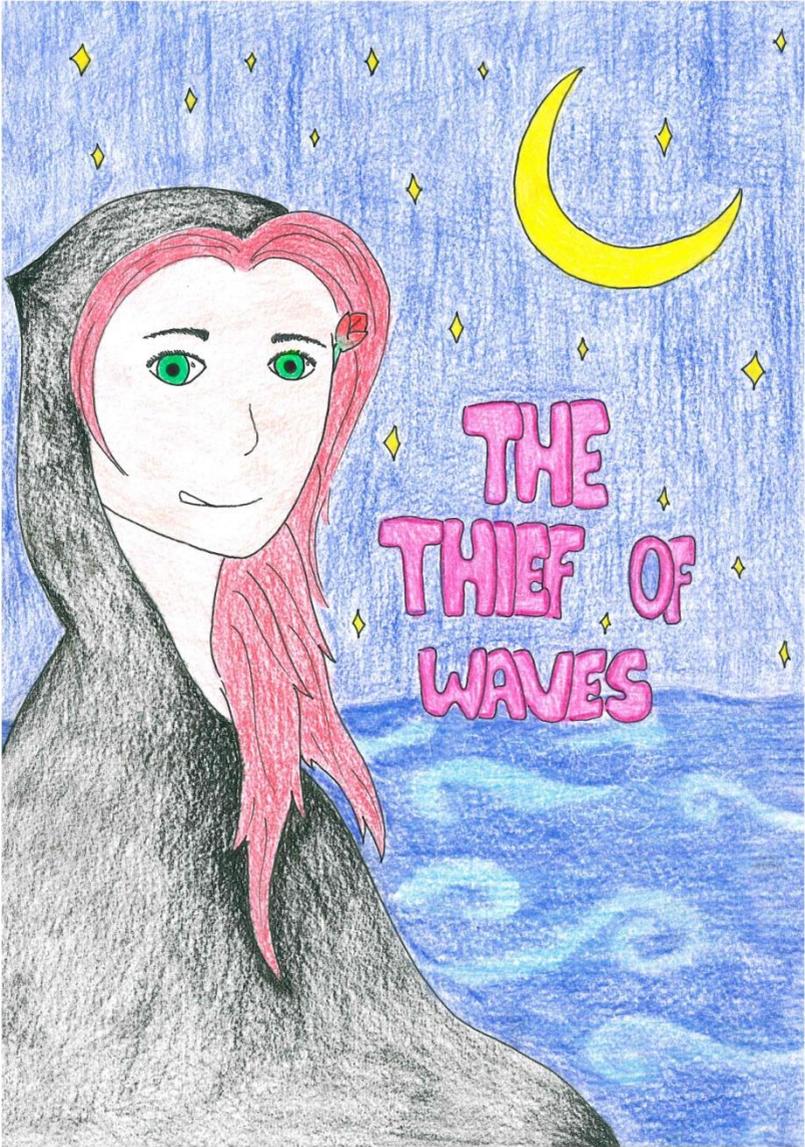
# The Thief of waves

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## **HISTORY**

Wave's Island has always been a peaceful island. Humans, Ladchi and Tineth have always lived in peace without discrimination or problems, even if they were from different races. Everything changed when the Ladchi began to be seen as a threat. Humans and Tineth began to kill Ladchi people, until they were almost alone on the island. When the slaughter ended, Fwoben, who was the human husband of a murdered Ladchi woman, assembled an army to kill the Tineth in the same way they had killed his wife.

He had three children. Derek, the eldest, Axil, a girl who had inherited Ladca's genes from the mother and Kait, who was only 10. Derek joined the father, while the other two tried to stop his folly leading a rebellion. It took nearly a year and ended with Kait's capture and with his banishment to a little island in the east. After a while, Fwoben died in a little village in the mountains, and Derek proclaimed himself king. He didn't want to take up all that responsibility, so he divided the island into two kingdoms, the Shout one and the Silence one, which was ruled by Axil thanks to the anonymity she had kept during the rebellion.



## **Races of the Island**

**Tineth:** They are small; they look like humans, but tineth live longer than humans. Their peculiarity is their hair, which changes into the seven colours of the rainbow every 20 years. For example, children have red hair.

**Ladchi:** They live 500 years and when they turn 500, they die usually due to old age. During their entire life, their appearance does not change, in fact it is as if they were always 20 years old. They are usually very beautiful human beings; on their head they have a flower thanks to which they can do magic. This is their strongest part, but also their weakest: if the stem is cut, they die instantly.

**Scimmialcute:** They are a cross between a raven and a monkey and they are ridden by the Flying Warriors. They have curved beaks and talons, and they spit out corrosive acid onto their adversary.

**Dogib:** They are dogs the size of polar bears, they are used for personal defence and transport.



## Characters

**Ahlena:** there is both Tineth and Ladca blood in her; she's just 15. She's thin and puny, with long red hair and deep green eyes. She was abandoned when she was still a baby. A murderer has brought her up and has taught her how to kill. When she grew up, she went to live with her cousin Fangriv and she started her career as a notorious thief. She always wears dark clothes and she can use every type of weapon. Her favourite one is a dagger that she always carries on her side. She will learn to fight with the strength of the tulip that grows on her head.

Ahlena



**Fangriv**: he is a 21- year- old Tineth. He's slim and tall, he has got silvery eyes protected by thick work glasses. He has curly orange hair like every 21- year- old Tineth. He makes clothes out of the material that Alhena stole.

Fangriv



**Shalo**: he is a 16- year-old boy. He is slender because in his life he has always been a butler and he has got black hair and eyes just like tar. He was abandoned when he was little in front of Count Hidburg's house because his mother couldn't keep him.

Shalo



**Axil:** she is a Ladca and she is the queen of the Kingdom of Silence. She is blonde and she has got blue eyes. She has a violet on her ear that lets her protect herself. She is in a difficult situation because she is being chased by the army of Count Hidburg.

Axie



**Jonathan**: he is 14 years old and he fights in Hidburg's army as a flying warrior. He has got very fair hair and brown eyes.

Jonathan



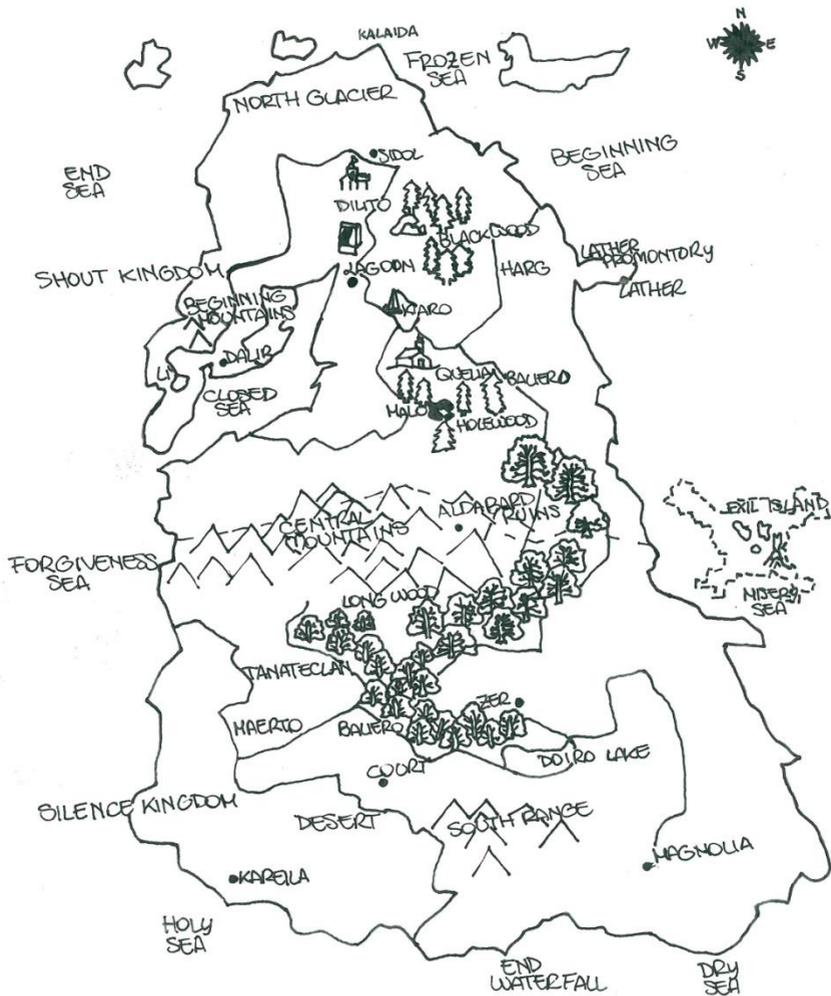
**Hidburg:** he is the most powerful man in the Kingdom of Shout after king Dereck. He lives in the house of Quelia. He is overweight and he has got black hair and eyes. He pretends to be loyal but he only wants to conquer the whole kingdom.

Hidburg



**Amleto**: he is a Ladco. He has got blonde hair and golden eyes. He is the one who controls the moves of the count to accomplish his terrible plan.





## **SEVEN YEARS LATER**

What is going into Count Hidburg's house looks like a shadow. It's black, fast and almost invisible. She is climbing the wall apparently effortlessly, but with such quickness that it would make a sportsman envious. Then, she enters through one of the windows. She runs along the corridors looking for the Count's room and his precious clothes. The house is as enormous as a maze, so she gets lost. She's so desperate that she has to ask for help from a butler and threaten him with a dagger. At last she's able to leave the house with her prey. She goes away from the city of Quelia, nearly running. She goes quietly into the wood and arrives at her hide, which is protected by a series of secret passages and by a rocky wall. There, her cousin is waiting for her; he needs the Count's clothes to sell them. When she takes off her hood and her long black cloak, he understands who she is: Alhena, a young fifteen-year-old Tineth.

Fangriv goes into his laboratory to sew new clothes to sell and the next morning he goes to the market in the town with his cart of goods. -Good Luck. - says Alhena, knowing who the fabrics the boy is going to sell belong to. -I don't think I need them- he answers back smiling.



But when he arrives at Quelia the soldiers recognize the clothes as the Count's, and the Tineth is forced to run away through the streets, to save himself. Fangriv isn't fast enough for them, so he is captured by the guards. It's time for Alhena, who has never lost sight of him, to try to save him. After a long negotiation, Alhena manages to let her cousin escape; she is kidnapped and then taken to the prison of Sidol. There the girl finds herself imprisoned together with the butler who she threatened in the count's house and she discovers that he has been locked up because of her.

-What's your Name? - She asks him.

-Shalo. - his voice is weak because of all the tortures in the prison.

-Great, Shalo, I'll release you and you'll escape with me. - promises Alhena, feeling guilty for what happened to him.

After a week spent behind the bars, the two guys manage to break out miraculously and they head for Dilito, where there's another of Alhena's hideouts and where she hopes to find Fangriv. But when they arrive, it's not her cousin waiting for them. Axil is in the cave, the queen of the Kingdom of Silence. She knows that Fangriv has been taken away by the soldiers and brought to the Exil Island, so she proposes her a pact.



-I'll help you if you help me. - She says. -I must come back to my Reign, because my brother Derek is dead and Hidburg took the lead of all the Kingdom of Shout. He wants me dead, I need to go home. -

Even if the decision is difficult, Alhena convinces herself to accept. The three leave and go south. The following morning, they steal a horse on an abandoned farm and they start their trip. On the road, however, they are stopped by a group of soldiers who wanted to capture Axil and they are forced to separate. Shalo, who doesn't know how to fight, escapes with the horse, while Alhena and Axil face the enemy and they succeed in surviving. They all meet again along the banks of Lake Kiario, and thanks to costumes they succeed in boarding a boat, which following the stream of the river Baliero, is bound to the Silent kingdom. On the boat, Alhena is drawn near Jonathan, who looks like a smart alec boy, although he's actually a fighter of the enemy army that has the task of capturing them. When the border is in sight, the boat is attacked by the Flying Soldiers and Jonathan's identity is revealed. However, he lets them go and he sacrifices himself instead of catching them as he has to. The three boys escape on the scimmialcuta just before the boat goes under the river's impetuous waters.



They finally reach the Kingdom of Silence, but their journey hasn't finished yet; they have to arrive at the Exil Island to find Fangriv. After buying a Dogib from the nearest livestock to be able to move faster, they head quickly towards the coast. The journey seems to be going well, until Axil decides to reveal a secret he has kept hidden for the past 15 years. Alena is her daughter, so the princess of the Kingdom of Silence. Although the news could seem extraordinary, the girl can't understand why she has been abandoned and has been lonely all that time. Axil explains to her that she belongs to the two most hated races on the island; so if she had stayed with her and her father, they would have killed her. Some days pass before Alhena speaks to the queen again; at last they can be reconciled and their research can finally continue. They board a ship of merchants to reach Exil Island, but during the night the ship is attacked by a marine monster and everyone has to escape on lifeboats. It's a wonder that they reach the shore alive. After another exhausting day of research, Fangriv appears among the trees like a mirage. Ahlena cannot believe that he is really in front of her after all that time. She runs to him and hugs him tightly.

-I missed you so much- she says.  
He smiles and squeezes her brotherly. -I missed  
you too-.

