

Excerpt from “The Sorrow of Sorjaey”

By Tannara Young

The vibration in the stone got stronger and stronger, until it became an audible hum. The cold intensified. As they came to the barrier, it seemed as if it would repel them. Like a lodestone repelling another lodestone, it felt as though she would slip to the side and go flying across the rock. Gritting her teeth, Heldaya set her heels into the stone and pushed. All at once there was a jerking sensation. They were through, immersed in the heart of the storm.

Wind swirled mist and sea spray around them. Above, lightning arched. The shaking in the stone threatened to drive Heldaya to her knees. She tried to turn her head, but it felt as though it were in a vise. From the corner of her eye she could see Ingre raising her flask of water. Lifting the sword was like lifting a giant anvil. All at once there was a flash of light and Ingre screamed. Before Heldaya could respond there was another flash and lightning struck the sword, ran down her arm and filled her body with a powerful shock. Spots danced before her eyes as she struggled to stay upright. Then the light was gone and darkness settled over her.

About Tannara Young



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