

Spirited



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Noon fell on the ground after falling through this darkness.
While she was in pain, she sat looking around her scared
"Where am I? What is this dark place?
I can hardly see anything". Noon cried heavily as she yelled
with her trembling voice **MAMA**
BABA
but no one replied.
She cried and cried and cried.

MAMA
BABA
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A moment later, a circular spirit
appeared in front of her laughing.

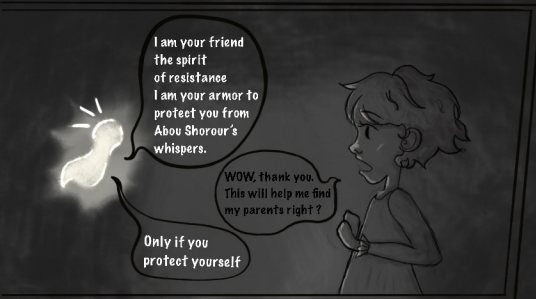
HAAA, silly little Noon you
Your parents will never come here
I made you stuck in this place
full of darkness
Because, I'm Abou Shorour
Your negative inner voice
In my dark world, I destroy
your happiness
I make you hopeless and helpless
The more weak you become
The stronger I get
There is no escaping from here
But, here there is definitely fear



N-no, my parents love me and I love
them. If they won't come, I will find
them to save me. They will save me,
they always do. I will not listen to you,
go away go away



Abou Shorour giggled upon hearing Noon, then disappeared. Suddenly, a spirit of light came out of Noon's heart.



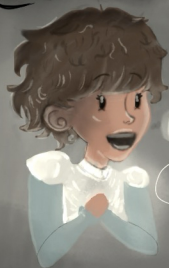
Noon really wanted an answer, but the spirit of resistance turned into a glowing armor

With Noon's armor she could see a little now in the darkness, so she began to walk slowly. However, she felt scared and worried, because she has neither an idea where to go nor what is waiting for her in the darkness.



Then she closed her eyes and imagined herself with her parents. "Mama, Baba, and me at home safe and sound," she said smiling. After that, she opened her eyes and continued: "Yes, I believe I can find my parents, I will try to, I will find them."

Then two spirits again came out of Noon's heart.



We are the twin spirits of light

I am the spirit of imagination,
your wings to reach
your dreams

And I'm the spirit
of hope,
also your wings
to give you hope

both when
darkness takes
over

Noon jumped joyfully and thanked them both, then she asked anticipating an answer:

-"Will the wings help me find my parents?"

-"Only if you wish and dream for yourself,"
replied the two spirits.

Then they transformed into Noon's shining wings!



Noon still didn't understand the answer to her question given by neither the spirit of resistance, nor the twin spirits. She tried to solve this mystery while she was flying around. At the same time, she tried to look for a way out of Abou Shorour's dark world. Minutes later, he reappeared, but with his minion spirits of darkness.




Haha, no matter
how much things
you get that
surround you with
light, you will never
escape this darkness.
You will always be weak.
Minions attack her!!




The fight between Noon and Abou Shorour's minions began. Noon was only able to knock out one minion, since they were strong. The rest of the minions fought together against Noon. She tried to protect herself with her amor and tried to dodge them while flying. Unfortunately, the minions sneakily managed to push her down.


As soon as Noon was done refighting the evil minions, a third spirit came out of her heart.



Maybe I'm outnumbered, but I am strong too, and I won't give up. I can fight, and I will get out of this place

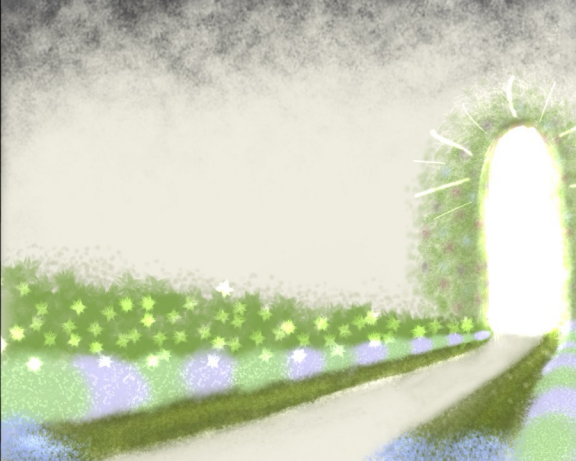


I am the final spirit, I'm braver y. Your sword to fight with in this darkness. This is your reward for being brave.



That's amazing, thank you! But, will the sword help me find my parents? Please tell me

Only if you are brave for yourself



When the spirit of bravery turned into a shining sword, much more light surrounded Noon. The darkness was almost gone by the light. Although Noon was extremely happy, she still was annoyed that not one spirit gave her a clear answer to her question. She thought over and over again of what each spirit meant, and she tried to connect them to all the events that had happened. At last, the mystery was solved. "AHAAA, I finally know what the spirits meant!," exclaimed Noon. At that instant, a path lined with flowers was formed, and at the end of it a door of light was waiting Noon. "AAAA, I can't believe my eyes. This is definitely my way outttt," she screamed with exuberance!!

HAHAHA!!


**You thought you will finally escape
You foolish little girl, that's a big mistake**

**Even if you defeated my minions
I'm still the master of this darkness**

**While I'm still around
Forever here you will be bound**

**But, I-I'm
stron-**





NO!
I'm stronger
I'm bigger
You're smaller
You're weaker
Ha Ha Ha

Noon looked at him with her eyes wide open, her pupils jittering, and her body shivering. She took a step back, then another. She thought to herself: "what if I can't defeat him, am I really weak? Will I stay here forever?" Her eyes slowly started to close, and Abou Shorour was about take her in with his dark powers.



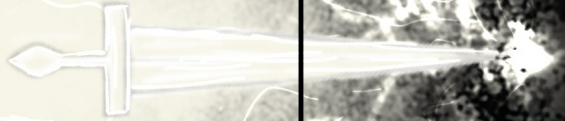
Noon started flying , up and up and up. She smirked and confidently said "You know About Shorour, you are wrong. I have already figure the truth. The message that the spirits were trying to tell me when they said only if you fight, wish, believe, and be strong for **YOURSELF**. I should do them for myself, to save myself. I was too caught up with finding my parents for them to save me, while I was all along saving myself by myself. I will save myself from your dark world About Shorour. All the darkness will vanish, so it's time for you to save yourself!!"



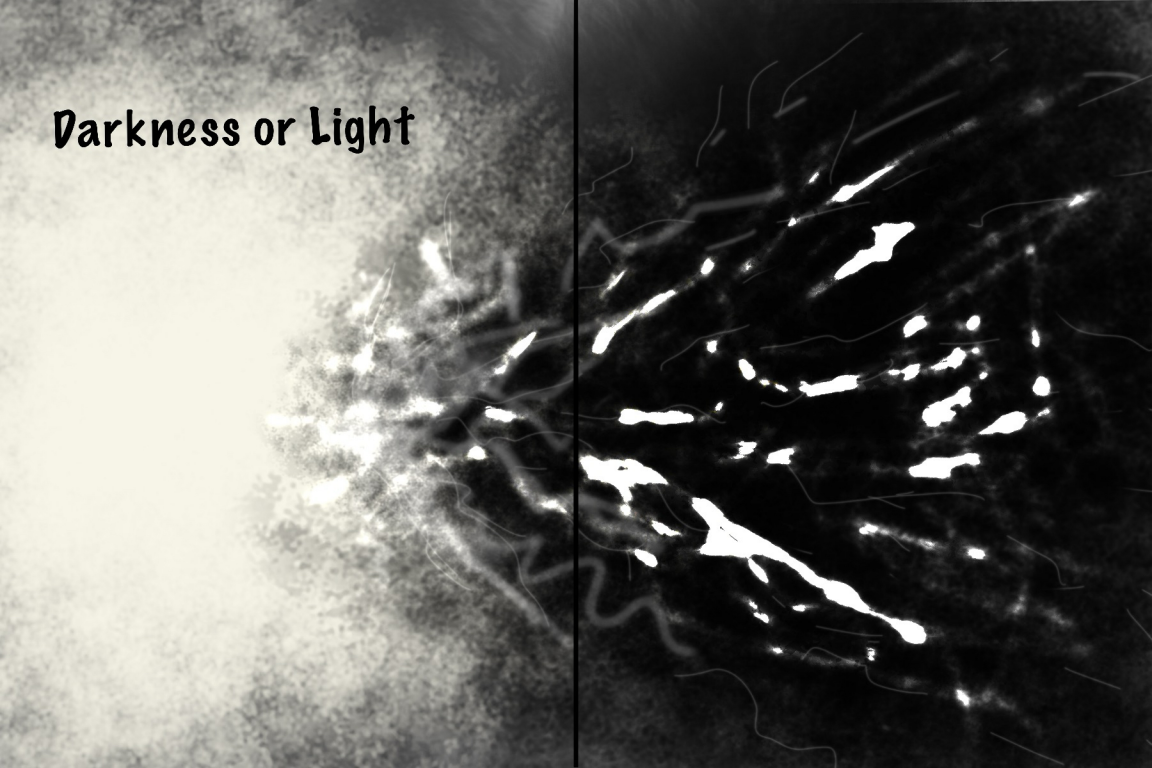
She flies at him swiftly with her sword extended bravely and her armor healed confidently. The darkest spirit felt challenged, so he too charged at her with his full power

Who will win

Light or Darkness



Darkness or Light



**"Nooooo" screamed Abou Shorour as Noon's light took over his dark powers, until he perished away.
"Wooooo Hooooooo. He's gone!". Then she fled towards the path thrilled : "Mama Baba I saved myself,
I saved myself!!!!!"**

