

Legend of the Red Sea

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On the instigator's side of a cold war against sea creatures a conscientious young woman must risk her life to prevent an absolute war that threatens her family.

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EXT. FISHING VILLAGE - COAST - MORNING

KAVERI (12) is on a small fishing boat with her father, PAPA, both wearing equally raggedy clothes. They are kneeling over a net with a few fish flopping in it. Papa picks up one fish.

PAPA

The sooner you can catch the little ones the sooner you can catch the bigger fish.

Kaveri watched Papa with wide, curious eyes. Papa winks at her, waving the fish in her face playfully.

PAPA (CONT'D)

Remember, big fish will always go for the smaller and weaker fish. Such as life. But some smaller fish have sharper teeth than the bigger ones.

Papa scoops Kaveri in his arms. Kaveri squeals with delight.

PAPA (CONT'D)

That's what I hope for you when you are older. My small fry with the sharpest teeth in the world.

He gently tosses her into the air. Kaveri squeals again when suddenly a sea beast breaches the water in the distance. Papa cradles Kaveri protectively as the sea beast cries out loudly before crashing back into the water. Papa stares seriously at the sea beast as it dives under the water. Kaveri tugs on Papa's clothes.

KAVERI

Papa?

PAPA

Don't worry small fry, those beasts tend to stay away from this village. Greedy things. The sooner they are gone the sooner this village can prosper and we won't need to worry as much for you and your brothers.

Kaveri stares out at the sea where the sea beast had breached.

PAPA (CONT'D)

Never get close to them, they will kill anyone they see.

EXT. GOLDEN SANDS KINGDOM - DOCK - SEA BEAST BOAT - DAY

KAVERI (17) is standing in dirty clothes with a rug-sack, smiling. PENNY, in a clean sea beast hunters uniform, stares at Kaveri, baffled.

PENNY

Let me get this straight. You came from a small fishing village, a two day trip to the west, to get a job as a Sea Beast Hunter here?

Kaveri licks her lips and glances around confused.

KAVERI

Yes I am ma'am, my parents are needing a bit of help money wise and I was practically raised on the ocean.

Penny rolls her eyes in disbelief. She stands up and abruptly opens one of the crates next to her.

PENNY

You are crazy to start here looking for money, but hey, if you survive the trips it is worth it.

KAVERI

(excitably)

Do I get the job?

Penny pulls out a clean black rug-sack and tosses it to Kaveri who catches it and hold it against her chest. She abruptly smiles widely.

PENNY

Sure kid. Since you just started you will be on General Kumara's brig, just so you can understand how we do things around here. I have a bag for you with everything you need to get started.

Penny glances around the dock. Kaveri does the same. More SEA BEAST HUNTERS arrive on the dock with crates.

PENNY (CONT'D)

You might want to get ready now. The boats are going out...

Penny pulls out a sun dial, she smiles and motions to a boat with red sails.

PENNY (CONT'D)  
In a solid five minutes.

Penny stares at Kaveri for a moment. Kaveri frowns before she jumps in realization. Her eyes jump from the dock to Penny.

KAVERI  
oh? Oh! Ah, Thank you!

Kaveri bolts down the dock. Penny watches as Kaveri looks around confused and lost.

PENNY  
Crazy girl.

INT. RED SAILS BRIG - CREW QUARTERS - DAY

Kaveri puts on the sea beast hunters jacket, completing the uniform. She hesitantly ties up her hair.

KAVERI  
(to herself)  
I'm no small fry anymore.

She takes the time to look at herself. Tugging on the clothes unsure.

KUMARA (O.S.)  
All hands on deck!

Kaveri jumps with fright and bolts away.

EXT. RED SAILS BRIG - DECK - DAY - CONTINUOUS

Kaveri emerges onto the deck. OTHER SEA BEAST HUNTERS are running around the ship, some on sails, some holding weapons and waiting. KUMARA looks out to the deck, his eyes lock onto Kaveri, he smirks and slowly approaches her.

KUMARA  
Youngling?

Kaveri freezes in place, staring back at him.

KAVERI  
Yes? Sir?

Kumara stops a breaths away from her. Kaveri awkwardly looks away from him. Kumara studies her.

KUMARA

Have you ever hunted demons before?

KAVERI

Uh, no sir.

He points at her and then out to the sea.

KUMARA

Don't hesitate when you have one in  
your sights and you will be fine.  
Don't worry kid, you are currently on  
the safest ship here.

Kumara turns to walk away. Kaveri's eyes follow him.

KAVERI

What makes a ship safe sir?

He turns to look at her, he motions to his chest.

KUMARA

Me, kid.

Suddenly, at the front of the ship, a HUNTER 1 points out to  
sea.

HUNTER 1

General Kumara!

Kumara darts to the front and Kaveri curiously follows. On  
the horizon a sea beast breaches. Kumara laughs  
enthusiastically.

KUMARA

There is our prize for the day! Ha!

Kumara rushes back to the wheel and starts moving towards the  
sea beast.

KUMARA (CONT'D)

Everyone to your stations!

Kaveri glances around as the crew moves to the sails and some  
arming themselves. The Hunter 1 gently tugs on Kaveri's  
shirt, catching her attention.

HUNTER 1

Don't worry, just follow me and I'll  
show you what you need to do.

Kaveri nods understandingly. The pair rush away.

EXT. RED SAILS BRIG - DECK - DAY - MOMENTS LATER

The sea beast has cornered itself in a reef. Kaveri and Hunter 1 are tugging and adjusting the sails. Kumara laughs triumphantly.

KUMARA

Ready on the harpoons!

Kaveri watches on as the sea beast almost beaches itself on the reef in an attempt to run. The sea beast is stuck and crying out. Kaveri eyes widen as Kumara points at the sea beast.

KUMARA

Now!

The once blue water is slowly stained in blood. The sea beast lies dead. Kumara and the rest of the crew celebrate. Kaveri stares at the sea beast.

KAVERI

(to herself)

It was defenseless.

Suddenly Kumara grips Kaveri's shoulder enthusiastically. She jumps with fright.

KUMARA

That's a decent pay day kid. Enough to support your family for a month.

He laughs waiting for Kaveri to agree. Suddenly his smile fades as he studies her guilty expression. He sighs.

KUMARA (CONT'D)

I know it is a tough sight first hand, but this is our job. You either get used to it or you get lost.

He motions to the dead sea beast.

KUMARA (CONT'D)

Just be glad this was an easy one.

Kaveri stares at the sea beast. She bites her lip, unsure.

EXT. GOLDEN SANDS KINGDOM - DOCK - NIGHT

The crew is unloading the ship. Kaveri jumps off the boat onto the dock. Penny creeps up next to her with a pouch of coins in hand.

PENNY  
Evening crazy girl.

Kaveri gasps with fright and Penny laughs at her. Kaveri sighs with relief.

PENNY (CONT'D)  
How was your first day out?

Kaveri pauses.

KAVERI  
A bit more brutal then I expected.

Penny frowns for a moment.

PENNY  
That's unfortunate. I did say it pays well. Have a look at this.

She tosses the pouch to Kaveri. Kaveri catches it and eyes Penny in confusion. Penny motions to the pouch and Kaveri hesitantly opens it, revealing a large amount of gold coins. Kaveri's eyes widen at the sight.

KAVERI  
(breathlessly)  
What is this for?

PENNY  
Your first pay, everyone gets the same amount after successfully killing a sea beast.

Kaveri pauses. She stares at Penny then back at the coins.

KAVERI  
(slowly)  
But it was not moving.

Penny shrugs.

PENNY  
No one here cares how they die, just as long as you kill them successfully.

EXT. GOLDEN SANDS KINGDOM - CAMPSITE - KAVERI'S TENT - NIGHT

Kaveri is curled up on her mattress with a pen and paper in hand. Her hair is loose and she is in baggy grey clothes with an embroidered sea beast hunter's crest. She writes on the paper.

KAVERI (V.O.)

Father, my first trip out was not as dangerous as I thought it would be, but unfortunately it wasn't as pleasant either.

Kaveri hesitates.

KAVERI (V.O.)

It feels so wrong to hunt these beasts. I haven't come across one that wanted to fight back, which is concerning to me. Maybe I should pursue something else.

Kaveri frowns, reading it over. She abruptly crumbles the paper and tosses it into the corner. She frustratingly combs through her hair.

KAVERI

This is stupid, everything is fine, it is good money. I need to grow up and just do it.

She crashes into the pillow and groans loudly.

EXT. GOLDEN SANDS KINGDOM - DOCK - MORNING

Penny is standing with her clipboard taking stock as the crew loads up the ship. Kaveri sees Penny and rushes up to her happily. Penny sees her and smiles.

PENNY

Morning crazy girl.

KAVERI

Question, Penny.

Penny smirks, turning her attention to Kaveri.

PENNY

Fire away.

Kaveri smiles widely.



KAVERI

If sea beasts were completely harmless  
would we still hunt them?

Penny pauses to think for a moment, she shrugs.

PENNY

That is a good question, probably not  
why?

KAVERI

I had a dream where we lived with them  
peacefully.

PENNY

That is some dream.

Kaveri leans in enthusiastically.

KAVERI

And then--

Penny laughs and cuts off Kaveri.

PENNY

You can tell me all about it when you  
are back, the ships are ready to go.

Kaveri glances at the ships and nods understandingly.

KAVERI

Oh okay, promise?

Penny winks.

PENNY

Absolutely.

EXT. RED SAILS BRIG - DECK - DAY

Kaveri is looking out to sea as the crew moves around the  
deck slowly and patiently. Kaveri sees Kumara in the corner  
of her eye, she perks up and hesitantly approaches him. He  
notices.

KAVERI

How long have you been hunting them  
for?

Kumara shrugs casually.

KUMARA

A good twenty five years of my life.

KAVERI

How often do you encounter aggressive ones?

Kumara pauses. He stops at the back of the ship and stares down at Kaveri cautiously.

KUMARA

Not as often, why are you asking?

KAVERI

Been thinking about if it was necessary to kill them.

Kumara's eyes twitch. His gaze turns serious.

KAVERI (CONT'D)

Why not drive them out of the area?

Kumara grits his teeth. Kaveri notices and takes a step back.

KUMARA

Kid, listen here, those monsters have done a fair share of sinking ships. They have killed and they have orphaned a lot of people on the ships in the fleet.

Kaveri glances around the crew and notices that there aren't other ships around their ship.

KAVERI

(whispering)

Would it not be cheaper and safer to drive them out?

Kumara cocks his head to the side, getting agitated. He leans towards Kaveri, intimidating her with his size.

KUMARA

(whispering)

You are asking too many questions kid. I'm not fond of it. It could get you into trouble.

Kaveri pauses and looks up and Kumara with wide curious eyes.

KAVERI

I don't understand why asking  
questions is bad.

There is a long pause. Kumara closes his eyes in thought. He  
straightens and glances out to the sea from the back of the  
ship.

KUMARA

I think you have just become a  
liability.

Kumara glances around the ship, no one notices that Kaveri is  
with him. Kaveri looks around too, unsure and nervous.

KUMARA (CONT'D)

Go chum the water.

Kaveri glances up, shocked.

KAVERI

But sir--

KUMARA

That is an order.

Kumara stares down at Kaveri seriously. She stares back and  
hesitantly nods her head.

EXT. RED SAILS BRIG - BACK OF THE SHIP - MOMENTS LATER

Kaveri is hunched over the water, throwing chum into the  
water. She looks up at the sea and notices nothing.

Kumara is in the far back corner, shrouded in shadows,  
watching her and patiently waiting.

Suddenly a sea beast breaches the water. Kaveri jumps up  
quickly and turns around to get to the main deck. She  
freezes, finally noticing Kumara. She watches intensely as  
Kumara emerges from the shadows and slowly creeping to her.

KAVERI

Sir?

KUMARA

Remember when I said asking questions  
will get you in trouble? This is  
trouble.

Kumara is inches from her. Kaveri steps back, scared. Kumara

forces Kaveri on the edge. He stops inches from her.

KUMARA (CONT'D)

I want you to know that you are not  
the first person to ask such questions  
and I doubt you will be the last. It  
is not personal, I just don't want the  
trouble.

Kaveri's eyes go wide with fear. Kumara stares at her, a cold expression caved in his face. Kumara suddenly and violently pushes her into the water. Kaveri screams as she hits the water.

EXT. OPEN WATER - UNDER - CONTINUOUS

Kaveri is charged at by the sea beast, when suddenly a smaller sea beast protects her and takes her to the surface.

EXT. OPEN WATER - UBOVE - CONTINUOUS

The ships are long gone and Kaveri cries as she was nearly murdered. She talks to the sea beast and tell it what happened to her and if it can understand and help her.

EXT. OPEN WATER - UBOVE - MOMENTS LATER

The sea beast travels with Kaveri on its back. Kaveri asks where it is taking her when suddenly the sea beast launches itself into the air to dive. Kaveri quickly hold her breath as the sea beast dives deep under the water.

EXT. OPEN WATER - UNDER - CONTINUOUS

The sea beast travels straight down. Kaveri struggles to see as it gets darker and darker the deeper they go. The sea beast takes Kaveri to a underwater desolate kingdom with religious paintings on the walls revealing the origin of the sea beasts and how they were once worshiped as gods.

INT. UNDER WATER CAVE - MOMENTS LATER

Kaveri gasps for air as she reasons with herself about what she has just found out. She demands know more.

EXT. OPEN WATER - UNDER - CONTINUOUS

The sea beast takes her to an alter where a glowing blue gem stands. The sea beast ushers her to take it. Kaveri takes it and find that the gem created a breathable bubble around her and allowed her to be invisible for a limited time.

EXT. FISHING VILLAGE - COAST - MOMENTS LATER

The sea beast discreetly drops Kaveri on the shore. Kaveri thanks it and promises to find out the purpose of the sea beast and how to stop their slaughter.

EXT. FISHING VILLAGE - KAVERI'S HOME - MOMENTS LATER

Kaveri rushes to the door, but suddenly stops as she hears her family crying. She hears that her family had been told that she had died out to sea. Kaveri flees, scared and unsure of what to do.

EXT. FISHING VILLAGE - ALLEYWAY - CONTINUOUS

Kaveri pulls a cloak over herself to hide her identity. She stares at the gem and tells herself that she has to work along and infiltrate the Golden Sands kingdom to find information.

EXT. GOLDEN SANDS KINGDOM - DAY

Kaveri weaves in and out of alleyways. She bypasses the guards to get to the castle. She can't find a way in.

EXT. GOLDEN SANDS KINGDOM - UNDER A BALCONY - MOMENTS LATER

Kaveri sees a balcony, the gem times out and Kaveri impulsively tries to climb up to the balcony and as she climbs up SITA DEVI (17) climbs down. They make brief eye contact before Sita Devi interrogates Kaveri. They both climb up to the balcony.

INT. GOLDEN SANDS KINGDOM - BALCONY - CONTINUOUS

Kaveri vaguely tells Sita Devi her story and what she needs to find. Sita Devi hesitates but agrees to help and introduces herself as the princess. Kaveri is shocked by this but is grateful for her offer.

INT. GOLDEN SANDS KINGDOM - LIBRARY - MOMENTS LATER

Sita Devi agrees and shows Kaveri the library and specifically mentions that all sacred texts are kept by the palace's bishop. Kaveri and Sita Devi briefly explain what their lifestyles taught them and they bond while flipping through books and avoiding other castle personal. Sita Devi is called, she thanks Kaveri for the conversations and runs off.

INT. GOLDEN SANDS KINGDOM - HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER

Kaveri, using the gem, continues alone. She hears guards gossiping about Kumara appealing to the royal family to hunt down a migrating pod of sea beasts. Kaveri is scared, but bravely and impulsively find the bishop's study.

INT. GOLDEN SANDS KINGDOM - BISHOP'S STUDY - CONTINUOUS

Kaveri's gem times out, but perseveres and steals the ancient texts, she frantically flips through it while being pursued by the bishops. She finds pages relating to the sea beasts and rips them out, dropping the book and feeling out the study.

INT. GOLDEN SANDS KINGDOM - HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Kaveri sprints down the hallway, but suddenly Kumara sees her and aggressively chases her down. Kaveri sees a window and bolts towards it. Kumara violently throws a bolas at her, causing her to fall hard to the ground. She frantically struggles to free herself, but Kumara is already on her. He threatens her and takes her to the royal chambers.

INT. GOLDEN SANDS KINGDOM - ROYAL CHAMBERS - MOMENTS LATER

Kaveri is accused of theft and treason by Kumara before the KING and QUEEN. Kaveri pleads for her innocence's but the King and Queen don't listen. Sita Devi enters and sees Kaveri, she is shocked and asks what has happened. Kumara explains and Sita Devi is disgusted and disappointed. Kaveri pleads and begs, but Sita Devi orders the guards to imprison her. Kaveri is taken away.

INT. GOLDEN SANDS KINGDOM - DUNGEON - MOMENTS LATER

Kaveri is tossed into a cell in the dungeon. Kumara locks her in and requests a private conversation with her. He tells her that he has no idea how she survived, but is glad that she is to watch the extinction of the sea beasts. They argue and he tells her that he has his fleet and even all the other kingdom's ships at the ready to hunt the pod.

EXT. GOLDEN SANDS KINGDOM - DOCK - MOMENTS LATER

Kumara is yelling orders for everyone to hurry up. Sita Devi is there too, as she has a fleet of ships of her own. She explains that she was told by her mom and dad to assist in the hunt. Penny rushes up to Kumara and asks if it was true that Kaveri is alive, he says yes and that she will be sentenced to death for treason. Penny is horrified as she

watches Kumara and Sita Devi leave. Penny sprints towards the castle.

INT. GOLDEN SANDS KINGDOM - DUNGEON - MOMENTS LATER

Kaveri screams and cries, apologizing for not being good enough to save the sea beasts. She paces and slumps hopelessly on the floor. She feels paper in her pockets and pulls out the ancient text, shocked she quickly reads it and finds out that sea beasts are life givers to the ocean protect the shores where they live and if they were to disappear more deadly beasts will appear, meaning everything and everyone on the coast will be doomed. Kaveri now has proof.

She yells for the guard and before they see her she uses the gem. The guards arrive, shocked to see an empty cell. They unlock it to investigate the inside. Kaveri sneaks past them and locks them in the cell and runs away.

INT. GOLDEN SANDS KINGDOM - HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Kaveri runs through the hallway towards the royal chambers, she sees Penny running in that same direction too. Kaveri reveals herself to Penny. Penny hugs her, relieved. She explains that something is off with Kumara and that she is on Kaveri's side.

INT. GOLDEN SANDS KINGDOM - ROYAL CHAMBERS - MOMENTS LATER

Kaveri and Penny burst through the doors with the ancient text in hand. She shows her findings to the king and queen who reveal that the Kumara had already left with the princess's personal troops to hunt a pod of sea beasts. Kaveri and Penny devise a plan to get to them before the slaughter. The King and Queen write a royal letter to order Kumara to stop the attack. Kaveri takes this letter and runs. The King explains that himself, the queen and Penny will take the royal ship to catch up to Kaveri.

EXT. GOLDEN SANDS KINGDOM - DOCK - MOMENTS LATER

Kaveri sprints down the dock and is immediately greeted by her sea beast friend. She jumps on its back and they swim at full speed.

EXT. OPEN WATER - ABOVE - MOMENTS LATER

Kaveri sees the fleets and encourages the sea beast to go faster. The sea beast dives under the water before launching out the water and over the red sails ship allowing Kaveri to

jump onto the main deck of the ship.

EXT. RED SAILS BRIG - DECK - CONTINUOUS

Kaveri lands on the ship, she locks eyes with Kumara who is steering the ship. She shows him a letter and he convinces her to talk privately in his captains quarters.

INT. RED SAILS BRIG - CAPTAINS QUATERS - CONTINUOUS

Kaveri tells Kumara that he is ordered by the king to stop, he ignores the order and belittles Kaveri, claiming it is his destiny to extinguish all sea beasts. He rips the letter before her eyes and locks her up in his quarters. She screams and kicks at the door to get free.

EXT. RED SAILS BRIG - DECK - CONTINUOUS

Kumara sees the pod in the distance and orders everyone to prepare for battle. Suddenly two larger sea beast divert from the pod towards the ships. He orders them to prepare to fire.

INT. RED SAILS BRIG - CAPTAINS QUATERS - CONTINUOUS

Shots are fired and there are screams and sounds of ships being torn apart. Kaveri screams as she tries harder to break out. Suddenly a harpoon is shot through the back of the captains quarters, it pulls away taking the wall with it. Sita Devi is on the harpoon telling Kaveri to jump to her ship. Kaveri does.

EXT. SITA DEVI'S SHIP - DECK - CONTINUOUS

Kaveri lands hard on her deck. Sita Devi hugs Kaveri, apologizing and telling Kaveri that she was right and that Kumara has lost his mind. Kaveri sees blood in the water and a few debris of other ships littering the water. Sita Devi orders her personal troops to defend the sea beasts against Kumara.

EXT. RED SAILS BRIG - DECK - SAME MOMENT

Kumara sees Sita Devi's troops move towards his fleet. He accuses them of all being traitors and orders his crew to attack her fleet. The crew is hesitant, but do as they are told.

EXT. SITA DEVI'S SHIP - DECK - CONTINUOUS

During the battle Sita Devi and Kaveri fight alongside one another. Kumara jumps onto her deck and starts fighting



Kaveri.

EXT. ROYAL SHIP - DECK - CONTINUOUS

The royal ship arrives on the scene, they see Kumara and Kaveri fighting. The King orders loudly for Kumara to stop.

EXT. SITA DEVI'S SHIP - DECK - CONTINUOUS

Kumara hears and stares at Kaveri, saying it is all her fault that he won't be able to fulfill his destiny. He fights harder. He strikes hard and tries to kill Kaveri, but Sita Devi purposely gets in the way and is fatally wounded. Kaveri screams and she holds Sita Devi as she falls. Kumara is shocked and freezes in place.

EXT. ROYAL SHIP - DECK - CONTINUOUS

The king and queen scream and frantically order for the arrest of Kumara. The sea beast flee as the ship stop attacking and turn around.

EXT. SITA DEVI'S SHIP - DECK - CONTINUOUS

Kaveri cradling Sita Devi in her arms telling her that everything will be okay. Kumara is escorted away. The King and Queen arrive on the deck and weep over their dying daughter. Suddenly Kaveri's sea beast calls out from the water. Kaveri and the sea beast stare into each other's soul. Kaveri has a realization and picks up Sita Devi and dives into the water with her.

EXT. OPEN WATER - UNDER - CONTINUOUS

The sea beast approaches them and heals Sita Devi with magic. Sita Devi hugs Kaveri as they swim up to the surface.

EXT. OPEN WATER - ABOVE - CONTINUOUS

Sita Devi, Kaveri and the sea beast emerge from the water. The king and queen see Sita Devi and are relieved that she is alright. The king and queen are overjoyed.

INT. GOLDEN SANDS KINGDOM - ROYAL CHAMBERS - DAY

The King and Queen declare the Sea Beast Hunters disbanded. Sita Devi is appointed as the new militant general and Kaveri as head researcher and defender of sea beasts.

EXT. GOLDEN SANDS KINGDOMW - OPEN WATER - UBOVE - CONTINUOUS

The sea beast breaches the water and cries out happily.

FADE TO BLACK: