Shadow

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My name is Shadow. I have long brown hair. And I'm pretty tall and fit. I'm 23 years old. I live in a huge fort next to a bank in Calgary. I have a friend whose name is Zan. He is 23 years old too. It was a stormy night when it happened, when the Darkness came. Darkness is like a beast, it's unbeatable (but you can still banish it). But the worst part is, it summons Dark Skeletons. Dark Skeletons can have any weapon they want. Me and Zan have a huge secret fort with an army of robots and samurais (with a lot of small forts). I didn't know about the Darkness until July 10th, 2034 when it struck.

It was a normal day until 12:01 a.m. It's started off like this:

Street lamps flicker off and then the ground started shaking. A humongous crack appeared in the middle of the street! And out of the crack came the Darkness with an army of Dark Skeletons. Immediately I called Zan.

"Come to the fort now", said Zan. So I came in my blue and black hover car.

"Should we attack?" I asked.

"Yes", said Zan.

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We didn't know how strong the army was. We sent 1,000 robots and 500 Samurais. The Darkness and the skeletons were 5,000 times stronger than us. They blew up all of the robots and the Samurais retreated. We went to the old man (the old man was the wisest man in the world!).

He said, "the only way to defeat the Darkness is to banish the Darkness to the Forgotten realm."

"How do we banish the Darkness?"

I said, "You need the Staff of Power!"

The Staff of Power was in the Pyramid of Death. We couldn't wait much longer because each day we waited, the Darkness destroyed a building. We had two choices: 1. attack with all of our army 2. retreat. We chose number 1. We made an announcement "ALL ROBOTS AND SAMURAIS GO TO WAR!" I said.

We put a robot making machine up to Max power. Now the robot machine can make 10 robots a second!

"All robots and all Samurai's go to war!" said Shadow.

All 500,000,000 robots and 100,000 samurais went to war! All of them got blown up in 30 seconds! We evacuated all of the people and then we evacuated! We went to a nearby village. We evacuated the village too. We walked for miles and miles until we came to a mountain. The mountain was huge. There was one of our small forts. We started training the people. The people were pretty good. We trained the people for a long time. BOOM! The fort's main tower blew up! BOOM, BOOM, BOOM! The fort is getting blown up. BOOM!

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"EVACUATE"!

All the people ran away! But I wanted to know who was doing it. It was the Darkness! How did it get here! I ran to Zan!

"Zan, we have to go now"! I shouted.

"No", answered Zan.

It was too late. CREEK. A secret trap door opened on the floor. I fell down and hit the ground with a thud! I was in a secret lab. I saw something terrifying. I saw a portal machine.

"Soon I will summon 1000 Darkness", shouted Zan.

POOF. Zan vanished. Zan forgot something. I can teleport too. POOF. I vanished too. POOF, I reappeared not too far from the fort. I ran until I got to another village. I built with the villagers until it was done. It was small but inside it was huge. Zan would never guess it was a huge fort. When I went to bed I heard the sound of the Darkness. It was close. We needed the Staff of Power. The Pyramid of Death was very dangerous (hence its name). No one that went in came out. But I had to go in to get the Staff. That night I went to the Pyramid of Death. There were five rooms. The first room was a math test. You could only step on the prime numbers. It went up to 12. I stepped on 1,2,3,5,7 and 11. In the second room was a parkour test. You had to jump over lava from post to post (it was easy). In room 3 you had to answer all of the questions. The questions were: what's your name? (Shadow), 1255x39? (48945) and do you want to continue. I said yes. In room 4 you had to hold on to a disc that spun at 500 kilometers an

hour for two seconds. It was very hard but I did it. In room 5 (the most dangerous room of all!) you had to get through a maze with traps. Like arrow launchers and blades that come out of the wall. At the end of the maze there was a big room. The room had designs on the wall. In the center of the room there was the Staff of Power. The Staff of Power is a gold stick with the gem of power on it. I climbed up a staircase . I went to a nearby forest. I did some stuff with the Staff (that includes burning down a forest and blowing up a mountain). I learned that the Staff is very powerful. And if the Staff falls in the wrong hands, we are dead. I started walking to the village but then I remembered that the Darkness was there. What should I do? I thought. **THE PORTAL MACHINE IS STILL RUNNING!!!** I remembered. POOF. Now I'm back at Zan's HQ.

“How do you shut off this machine”?

“30 seconds left,” said the machine.

BEEP, BEEP, BEEP, the alarm went off. 10 darknesses came out of the portal. ZAP, ZAP, I shot lasers out of my Staff. **BOOM** Then I blew up the machine. POOF. I teleported away. Poof, I was in the city.

Where is the Darkness? I thought.

Crack a building fell over. I ran towards the Darkness. **BOOM, BOOM, BOOM**! I blew up 3 skeletons. I saw the big Darkness. ZAP. The Staff does nothing. I needed more power. But how do I get more power? In the bank there is a big gem. Crack. The door of the bank cracked. 10 skeletons came out of the bank carrying the gem. I took the power out of the gem with the Staff. Now I can

banish the Darkness. *ZAP*. A huge portal appeared and sucked the Darkness in. Where the Darkness was standing was Zan! But it wasn't Zan he was different. He said that robot Zan turned him into the Darkness. But when we teleported back to the fort there was no robot Zan. We went back to Calgary and rebuilt the city (it took a long time). And then the city was done. They lived happily ever after (for now).

THE END!