Warrior of Peace by Lily Thomas

*When Aldie discovers her past she gets sucked into a world of adventure and fighting for what is right. Will Aldie survive or from the moment she steps foot on the planet, is her fate sealed?*

**Chapter 1 – The kidnap**

Aldie Thompson was young, 10 year old girl. She lived with her mum, dad and Grandma in an old cottage at the edge of the village, Elon. She had blonde, golden hair, brown eyes and a tall body. She had a best friend named Akazan. One day Aldie’s family were killed and she was left all alone. She eventually adapted to life without them but the murderer’s identity remained a mystery.

Aldie moved in with Akazan but they weren’t safe yet! The murderers were coming back for Aldie and now Akazan too. Day by day the murderers waited and day by day they grew more impatient. Then they saw it. Aldie and Akazan were alone in the house. Then they struck. First Aldie then Akazan got taken. Where to, they did not know. But they did know something. They were prisoners!

**Chapter 2 – Questions and answers**

“Who a-a-are y-y-you?” stammered Aldie to the kidnapper, who seemed to be a monster.

“That is not your concern” answered the thing as it lowered its black hood. Then she saw it. Nine horrid eyes, four gruesome arms, eight spider-like legs, black slimy skin.

“Come with me, Princess” it said.

“B-b-but, I’m not a Princess, who are you?” replied Aldie.

“You work with Emma, don’t you?” replied the thing.

“No, I don’t know who you are talking about!” pleaded Aldie. Then she remembered. “Where’s Akazan?”

“You have seen too much, girl. Time to die. What is your dying question?” asked the thing.

“What and who are you?” questioned Aldie.

“I am a Mall-num” answered the thing.

“Help, Aldie!” shouted someone. It was Akazan!

“Akazan!” shouted Aldie back.

“Leave them alone” shouted someone. It was a masked figure.

**Chapter 3 – Saved by the masked figure**

“RUUUUUNNNNNNN!!!” shouted the Mall-num. “Here, you are, you have them” he said, holding up the girls.

“C’mon” said the masked figure to Aldie and Akazan.

“Who are YOU?” asked Aldie.

“I am Emma” said the masked figure. “Thank Sebara you are alive, your Majesty.”

“Why does everyone keep calling me Princess?” asked Aldie.

“I will explain later” Emma replied. “We need to get to Enchantiess, now!”

**Chapter 4 – Enchantiess**

“What’s Enchantiess?” asked Aldie.

“It’s a planet where I come from. Girls only” replied Emma. “Look – here’s my ship.”

“Oooh” said Aldie and Akazan together as they slowly climbed aboard the space ship.

“Emma, was it mission accomplished” said a small device.

“This is Emma reporting. Mission success, Oula” answered Emma.

“Good” began Oula but she was cut off by an excited Aldie who said “Who’s Oula, Emma?”

“I’ll call you back” said Emma into the small device. Then she turned to Aldie saying “Oula is my partner. This is my com. It allows me to talk to Enchantiess without me being there. It is kind of like a telephone I suppose but more secret, disguisable and it’s a lot smaller. Very useful.” Aldie nodded.

Emma suddenly shouted “Akazan, come in to the bridge. Aldie, you too. We’re here!” Aldie and Akazan came running into the bridge. As they looked out of the front window their mouths dropped open. A pinky purple planet with lots of vegetation was outside the window. “Welcome home, your Majesty” said Emma.

**Chapter 5 – Where you are meant to be**

“Taking her down” said Emma. Suddenly something in the ship said “Clearance code”.

“LS725” said Emma.

“Access granted” said the voice again.

They took the ship down. When they landed there was a huge crowd and as they came out everyone clapped. People came running up to Aldie and they were all girls. Emma wasn’t kidding – girls only! They were saying stuff like “welcome back, your Majesty, welcome back” or “good to have you back” and “this is where you were meant to be”.

**Chapter 6 – The battle of the worlds**

That evening, Aldie, Emma and Akazan sat down together.

“What do you look like without your mask?” asked Akazan.

“I’ll take it off if you like” replied Emma.

“Yes please!” shouted the girls at once. So Emma slowly removed her mask. She was beautiful. She had black hair and brown skin. Her hair was straight, long and silky and her skin was smooth and shiny. She had sky-blue eyes and a pretty nose. Her ears were perfectly lined up as well.

“You said you would explain about the Princess thing” said Aldie to the now mask-free Emma.

“Ok. Akazan, please can you leave?” said Emma. Reluctantly Akazan left.

“Right, here we go. You used to be our Queen. You were a Warrior of Peace, a Destroyer of War, a Defender of Love. An Enchantiesser! One day there was a war at Earth. You rushed to help the humans. Luckily we won, but Earth had seen your skills so they stole you away for protection and forced you to forget who you were. The Mall-nums were never going to kill you. They were going to make you remember everything but forget you were an Enchantiesser. Instead they would say you were a Mall-num.”

“Why didn’t I know?” asked Aldie.

“Because” answered Emma, “they wouldn’t have wanted you to know. And, well, because we call it the battle of worlds.”

**Chapter 7 – Settling in**

“Now” said Emma, “time to go to bed”, as she led Aldie back to Akazan and together they went to a hall. “Akazan, this is your room” she said, while pointing to a door on the right. Akazan went in.

“Wow!” they heard her shout.

“And Aldie, this is yours” continued Emma, as she pointed to a door on the left.

“Wow. Wow, wow, wow, wow!” shouted Aldie as she entered. There was a king-sized four poster bed in one corner. The fluffiest white duvet and pillow were laid across the bed. There was a pink carpet and an oak cabinet. Also there was a huge wardrobe and a birch dressing table with a golden mirror hung just above it. There was an oak desk with the comfiest leather chair Aldie had ever seen. She sat down on the bed. It was super comfy, the comfiest thing she had ever felt! Then she noticed a lump just near the pillow. Cautiously she pulled the duvet back and there was a pink spotty nightie with white frills to match the spots. She pulled it on. “Best. Day. Ever!” she muttered before drifting off to sleep.

**Chapter 8 – the Jewel Gang**

“Yeah!”

“Ha!”

“Ha Ha!”

“Ooh, good one!”

“What’s going on?” muttered Aldie, as she walked out of her room into the hallway. It was morning and there were four girls standing in front of her, each wearing a necklace. At the end of each there was a different jewel: ruby, emerald, amethyst, and diamond.

“Your Majesty” said the one with the emerald, as they all bowed down to Aldie.

“Who are you?” asked Aldie.

“We are the Jewel Gang” replied the one with the ruby. “These are my friends. You can recognise them by the colour on their necklace” explained the one with the ruby, as she gestured towards her friends. “For example, Emerald is called Emerald, but her jewel is also an emerald. Same for Amethyst, Diamond and me, Ruby. You could join us if you want. Topaz would suit you, here” she said, holding out a necklace with a topaz on it.

Aldie took it and put it on. She felt a great surge of energy.

Diamond suddenly said “Your jewel allows you to do something like this.” Aldie’s jaw dropped. Diamond had put her arms straight out and hands forward like she was pushing something. But instead of something moving she shot diamond coloured flames out of her hands! “We can all do stuff like that” said Diamond.

“Can I see?” asked Aldie.

One by one they all showed their powers. Emerald put her arms out and span round. Emerald coloured lasers shot out. Ruby shot red lasers from her eyeballs. And Amethyst shot purple, sharp, unbreakable knife like icicles out of her legs!

“What does mine do?” questioned Aldie.

“Copy me” answered Amethyst. She did what Diamond did and put her hands out straight in front of her. Aldie copied her. Then Amethyst clenched her fists into balls. Again Aldie copied. But instead of a harmless reaction she shot orange fireballs out of her fists.

“What just happened?” asked a confused Aldie.

“That” answered Emerald, “was the power of your jewel.”

**Chapter 9 – Back to School**

“What’s happened?” asked someone. Emma had come running down the hallway, clearly attracted by the noise. “Aldie, I was looking for you. You need to start your training” she said.

“With you?” asked Aldie.

“No” answered Emma. “With the famous trainer, Choran.”

“Wow, Choran” Emerald suddenly blurted out.

Emma looked up. “Jewel Gang” she said in an official sort of way.

“Emma” they answered back, equally official.

Aldie thought it was like an official contest about who could be more official!

“You know, you can’t show off to a Queen, even with the amount of respect you guys have” scolded Emma.

“No” answered Ruby. “We have just been showing Aldie how to use her jewel.”

Emma’s jaw dropped. “You got the last jewel?” she said. Her voice was full of amazement. She smiled, but it didn’t quite reach her eyes. “This way to Choran’s classroom, Alide” said Emma. They walked there in silence. “In here” smiled Emma, pointing at a door. Aldie went in.

“Good morning, Aldie” said a harsh voice. “Pay attention, this will save your life. As you know, my name is Choran. I am worthy of only a few people. You are one of them. But soon you might not be” she shouted, walking over and hitting Aldie gently on the head. Aldie stopped gazing around the room and looked directly at Choran.

“Sorry, Miss Choran” said Aldie apologetically. “I was just marvelling at the splendid room”.

“So, you were not paying attention” said Choran, clearly marvelling at her own cleverness.

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Five hours later Aldie sank into her leather desk chair, back in her bedroom. “Why does everything lead back to school?” she muttered, shutting her eyes and stretching. She felt exhausted. She looked over at her clock, it said 10pm. She decided that it was time for bed. She got changed into her cosy nightie and fell fast asleep.

**Chapter 10 – The Dream**

A legend that the people of Enchantiess had always and still did talk about was the legend of the Cursed Warrior. They would tell it to their children and would write it down in books. Books that said long ago there was a handsome young man. He was called Leathon. His family had been killed and he knew of one way to bring them back. He had to go to the Castle of Evil. So, he set off on a journey to the Castle of Evil. When he got there the Evil Master was dying. The Evil Master filled him with darkness and called him the Dark Lord.

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That night Aldie had a dream. She dreamt that a hooded figure was walking towards a black throne.

“Master” he said in an awful, croaky voice. “The Queen of Enchantiess has returned.”

“Good work, Elit” spoke a worse voice. “She is no match for my powers, yet. Bring her to me so I can turn her and train her.”

“Yes Master” said Elit.

“Hu” said Aldie. She had woken up. “What is it is Aldie?” asked Akazan. She had come at the sound of the noise. “It was just a bad dream” said Aldie.

“Hey Aldie” shouted someone. It was Emerald. She had come running past Aldie’s door. “If you are in the Jewel Gang you have to practice before school. You also have to do that if you want to be a warrior of peace.”

“That’s what we’re fighting for?” asked Aldie.

“Yes” answered Ruby, who was chasing Emerald.

“Join after Diamond” yelled Amethyst. So Aldie did, Diamond ran past after Amethyst and Aldie followed her. It was the most fun Aldie had had in years. She finally started to control her jewel.

“I’ve got to go” said Aldie urgently, as she realised she was almost late for school. She arrived just on time. Choran started to teach Aldie how to do toe kicks.

“Concentrate” came Choran’s sharp voice. “You seem distracted. Get focussed. Now!”

Aldie had been thinking about the dream she had had. “It’s just a dream” said Aldie to herself, although she really thought that she ought to tell Emma about it.

**Chapter 11 – What’s happening?**

Aldie started to feel dizzy.

“W-w-what is happening?” stammered Aldie as the world around her faded. Everything went black. She shut her eyes. When she opened them again, she was floating through the air. She suddenly realised she was floating through the throne room from her dream. Her golden hair was flowing behind her.

“Come, come, come to me” spoke that awful voice.

“No!” yelled Aldie back. “I won’t”.

“Yes you will” answered the voice, “for I am the Dark Lord, the Mall-nums are no real threat”.

“Aldie” yelled a worried voice, as the world around her swam back into focus. Akazan’s anxious face looked down at her. Her sapphire eyes were overtaken by worry and her skin was as pale as chalk. “Thank goodness you are alive, we have been worried sick” she exclaimed, pulling her friend into a tight hug. Akazan’s bushy blonde hair was the last thing Aldie saw before she passed out.

**Chapter 12 – My, my, time does fly**

Six months had passed since Aldie passed out and she was as good as new. Her training with both the Jewel Gang and Choran was coming on nicely (she could now beat Choran, who was her friend, in combat, and she had mastered her jewel). She was out exploring the woods one day with no idea that she was being watched by someone uninvited.

“Hello Aldie” whispered someone quietly in her ear.

Instinctively Aldie drew her weapon. “Who’s there? I command you to show yourself. I am Queen Aldie.”

“I have something to do show you” said a figure as it walked out of the shadows. It was Emma.

“It’s just you!” said Aldie, breathing a huge sigh of relieve. “I’m coming”.

They walked for five minutes before they arrived at a beautiful golden tower.

“Wow! Wait, how come I’ve never seen this before?” asked Aldie.

“It is a very secret place” replied Emma. “This is the Time Tower. It controls time on Earth, here and on every other world in the Universe. Except the Mall-nums. They have their own Time Bird.”

“Time Bird?” asked Aldie.

“I’ll show you” replied Emma. She walked up to a box and entered some numbers. Aldie memorised them: 1 – 7 – 6 – 3 – 8 – 5. She thought “I might be needing that later”. The doors swooshed open. They stepped inside a small room and Emma led her through another two doors. They stopped in the third room. It was huge. It was also as tall as the tower itself and as wide as the palace.

Suddenly Aldie realised they were not alone. Billions of tiny transparent birds were flying above, each with different gas inside them and different patterns. It was like looking at a sea of stained glass. Something caught Aldie’s eye. One of the birds had a patter that looked like Earth, and when it turned she saw big, black, bold letters which said “Earth”. She looked eagerly around, hoping to find more she might recognise. Yes, there was Jupiter, and Saturn (the Saturn bird even had rings around it!). Emma followed her gaze.

“Saturn” she said. “Notice how the words are in gold, not black”.

For the first time Aldie realised, it was true. Instead of being in black letters, like Earth and Jupiter, the letters on Saturn were golden.

“Yes, that is the lead planet” said Emma. “Your ancestor, Great Shneellat, was fascinated by Saturn. Eventually she went there and discovered a mist. It is the same mist that is inside the Time Birds. There was a cave inside Saturn’s core but the mist was blocking the way. Shneellat wanted to get to the cave so much that she stepped into the mist. That instant she was transported to the past and present and back again. Shneellat kept her mind focussed and walked straight into the cave. There, she found magical birds, these same ones you see up there. She decided to put one on every planet in the Universe, to give it an order. But first she let the birds drink the mist. Eventually the birds started to look like the planet they were on and even have the name of their planet as well. Then Shneellat moved the birds here. One bird had a special connection with her. It was Saturn. Saturn is bonded to your family.”

“Wow” whispered Aldie. Then she shouted “Saturn!” The beautiful misty bird fluttered down to Aldie. She stroked it and it twittered. Suddenly its beautify glassy texture became feathery.

“You made the connection” whispered Emma.

“The connection?” questioned Aldie.

“When a Time Bird feels enough love it turns into a phoenix. The others are just spirits waiting, watching” said Emma. “You are a very gifted girl, Aldie.”

**Chapter 13 – Traitor and desperation**

“So, shall we go back then” asked Aldie, heading for the door.

“Why don’t we just teleport” asked Emma. “I know you don’t know how to, but I can help you”.

“Sure” said Aldie.

“Just hold my hand, and I will teleport us both to the palace” said Emma.

Aldie took Emma’s hand, there was a small “pop” and they arrived in Aldie’s bedroom.

“Goodnight Aldie” said Emma, as she left the room.

Aldie went to sleep extremely quickly that night. Then, in the middle of the night, she thought she heard a noise. She reached over and switched on her bedroom light. Nothing was out of place. She leant over to turn out her light when something caught her eye. Her chair was not tucked in. “That’s strange” thought Aldie, “that chair is always tucked in”. Aldie went over to investigate. Before she got there there was a small “pop” and nothing except a note remained when Aldie arrived. It said “*Aldie Thompson. The Dark Lord is coming for you. He will turn you to his team. And there is nothing you can do to stop him”*.

“The ‘Dark Lord’, where have I heard that name before” thought Aldie, as she wracked her brains. “Yes, I remember! My dream! The one that I haven’t told Emma about!” Aldie was very frustrated with herself, so the next morning she went and told Emma.

“The Dark Lord is just a myth. Don’t concern yourself with matters that do not concern you” answered Emma, as soon as she had heard Aldie’s description of what had happened.

“If someone is trying to capture me, I concern myself!” argued Aldie.

“If you wish to concern yourself, find the traitor” Emma told Aldie.

“I know who the traitor is, Emma. Or should I say Elit!” said Aldie.

“How?” asked Emma.

“Well” answered Aldie, “you were very secretive to me. Also, getting me and Akazan from the Mall-nums didn’t seem very hard from what I have heard about them. Oh and you sound like Elit from my dream. Not only that, but I heard a noise that sounded like you when you teleport”.

“There is no escaping me. Unfortunately the Dark Lord wants you alive” spat Emma, who really was Elit.

Aldie summoned her jewel power. It did no hard to Elit but it stopped her attacking Aldie. “Help” thought Aldie. Her jewel began to glow. It was a move the Jewel Gang had taught her. She could pass her thoughts along to them through her jewel.

Bang!! A door exploded in white flames.

“Woah, she looks creepy” said Diamond. Elit had turned herself into the creature from Aldie’s dream who was under the hood. She had eight slimy legs. She stood on six of them while she used the two as arms. She had black greasy hair that fell down to her legs.

The Jewel Gang started blasting at Elit but she started moving towards Aldie.

“No!” screeched the Jewel Gang as they tried to grab Elit, but it was too late. Elit snatched Aldie up in her slimy arms and ran to a space ship. She threw Aldie into a small hole, tied Aldie up and took off.

**Chapter 14 – the Castle of Evil**

Aldie did not know how long they were travelling for but she knew they had definitely left Enchantiess. It was dark and creepy in the hole. Aldie remembered all the times she had trusted Emma and now this. A silent tear fell onto Aldie’s beautiful dress. Emma had given it to her. Finally after what seemed like hours the ship stopped.

“Your time has come!” screeched Elit joyfully as she untied Aldie.

As they climbed out of the ship Aldie noticed a small device on the side of it. A tracking device! Aldie had barely realised where they were going. Elit was leading Aldie up some stone steps, through some huge iron doors, and into a cold dark castle.

“Aldie Thompson” screeched an unbearable voice. “Work for me!” Aldie saw someone running towards them.

“Never” screamed Aldie.

“Yes!”

“No!”

“So be it, girl” screeched the awful voice. A dark shadowy figure rose from a throne made of skulls. It raised a sword a ready to plunge it into Aldie’s heart.

Aldie closed her eyes, ready for a final breath. It never came. Aldie opened her eyes. The sword was inches away from her chest, but it hadn’t pierced her. Instead, the figure that Aldie had seen running towards them, had run in front of Aldie and had been stabbed instead of her. With a jolt of horror, Aldie realised who it was. It was as if all time had stopped. “Choran” muttered Aldie, taking her teacher’s hand. Dark hair swaying in the slight breeze, the look of pain on her face, Choran had sacrificed herself, for her Queen.

A single tear dropped onto Choran’s cold face. Aldie realised something that didn’t make her feel better. Choran was wearing the training suit that Aldie had bought her only five months before. Tears trickled down Aldie’s face. She grabbed Choran’s body and ran. She ran down the stone steps ignoring the shouts of annoyance from the Dark Lord. She jumped into a ship, which she recognised as Choran’s (and which Choran must have followed her in, using the tracking device Aldie had seen on Elit’s ship), and flew back to Enchantiess. She collapsed on the ground, sobbing.

“Choran” whispered several people, as they saw the dead body. The Jewel Gang and Akazan rushed forward. They scooped Aldie up and took her to her room. They laid Aldie down on her bed and they call cried, as they had all liked Choran even though she was strict and firm, she was also kind and funny if you knew her in the right way.

Suddenly Aldie stood up and screamed “I’m gonna kill him!” Then she sat back down again, panting, as if she had just run miles.

Then Akazan solemnly said “my best friend and my Queen, I shall be glad to eventually fight and die beside you. After all these years, we have remained friends.”

“We shall fight with and for you, our Queen” said the Jewel Gang, in unison.

**Chapter 15 – We are Enchantiess**

They left the room and Aldie called a huge meeting of all of her armies.

“My friends” said Aldie through the microphone. “My sisters, today is the day we end the war. If the Dark Lord is destroyed the Mall-nums will die.” Then she shouted “WE ARE ENCHANTIESS!” and started singing in a beautiful voice:

“*We are Enchantiess, striding onwards ever onwards*

*To a greater future*

*Peace is all we need and love and the Universe has stolen*

*So we will fight for what is right and will return it one day*

*Risk our lives to wash war away*

*For WE……ARE…….ENCHANTIESS!!”*

That was the national song of Enchantiess.

**Chapter 16 – The fight begins**

Two hours later, Choran had been buried, swords had been sharpened, last minute training had been done, ships had been boarded and they were now getting out of their ships; they had arrived at the Castle of Evil.

The Jewel Gang took out the guards while Aldie and her army snuck in. Suddenly someone crumpled and died next to Aldie.

“Arrows, incoming” shouted Akazan. Everyone ducked. Enchantiess archers fired back.

“Go!” screamed Oula, the leader of the archers, “get revenge on my old traitorous partner Emma!”

Aldie led her troops further into the palace. A sword hit someone. “Everyone, get down” shouted Aldie. Everyone followed her command. Then they all jumped up and Aldie crept through the now raging battle.

**Chapter 17 – The final battle**

Aldie arrived in the dark, creepy throne room.

“You are alone” spoke the Dark Lord. “You have no friends to save you now”.

Aldie jumped. “Really?!” said Aldie. It sounded braver than she felt.

The Dark Lord said “Yes, I will now des-“

“Shut up!” yelled Aldie, as, using her jewel power, she shot a fire ball at the Dark Lord’s head. He toppled backwards, crushing his own throne. Aldie ran up to him and grabbed his sword. “This is it” muttered Aldie, as she plunged the Dark Lord’s sword into his own heart. “Choran” whispered Aldie “you have been avenged”.

**Chapter 18 – Yes!**

As Aldie ran back she saw all of the Dark Lord’s fallen armies and then she saw her own fallen army. “Take these bodies back for burial” commanded Aldie as she made her way back to her own ship. She looked around. She couldn’t see Akazan anywhere. Someone tapped her on the shoulder and then hugged her.

“You’ve done it, you’ve done!! Yes, I knew you could!” said Akazan.

That night there was a lot of partying at Enchantiess. Aldie truly was a Warrior of Peace!!

**The End**

Aldie will return