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# Julian and the Glowing Compass

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## The Secret of the Glowing Compass



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CHAPTER 1

# The Last Empty Star



It was a peaceful Sunday evening. Outside, the setting sun painted the sky orange and pink. A few birds flew over the rooftops, and the scent of freshly cut grass drifted in from the garden. Julian sat on his bed. In his hands he held the glowing compass.

Nine golden stars sparkled on its face. Nine adventures. Nine magical worlds. And nine important things he had learned. Julian gently touched the first star.

“Courage,” he whispered. He remembered the mysterious forest and how he had met the Shadow King. Then he touched the second star.

“Listening.” He thought of Brumo, the old stone by the river. And of all the voices no one wanted to hear any more. The third star reminded him of honesty. The fourth of gratitude. The fifth of self-confidence. The sixth of inner calm. The seventh of togetherness. The eighth of hope. And the ninth of trust. Julian smiled.

“So much has happened.” But then he looked at the last hollow. It was empty. Dark. And completely still.

“Just one more,” he murmured. Suddenly the compass began to tremble. Only a little at first. Then harder. A bright beam of light shot out of its centre. Julian gave a start.

“What’s happening now?” Golden words appeared on the compass face:

“You have found nine stars. You must understand the tenth.” Julian frowned.

“Understand?” A familiar voice spoke behind him.

“This will be your greatest adventure.” Julian turned round. Lio was sitting on his windowsill. The silver fox wore his little blue scarf. But this time he was not smiling. He looked thoughtful. Almost a little sad.

“Lio?” The fox jumped onto the bed.

“Hello, Julian.” Julian held out the compass to him.

“Is it time?” Lio nodded slowly.

“Yes.”

“The last adventure?” Lio looked at him.

“The last adventure of this journey.” Julian swallowed.

“And what happens afterwards?” Lio looked out of the window.

“Even the compass doesn’t know that yet.”

CHAPTER 2

# The Light Disappears



Suddenly it grew dark. Not slowly, like a sunset. All at once. As if someone had switched off the light of the whole world. Julian jumped off the bed.

“Lio!” Outside, the streetlights had gone out. The sky was black. Even the moon was nowhere to be seen. Julian pressed his light switch. The lamp came on.

“At least that works.” But then he noticed something strange. His compass was no longer glowing properly. The nine golden stars flickered. One after another, they grew dimmer. Julian gasped.

“What’s happening to my stars?” Lio studied the compass. His face grew serious.

“The light of the magical worlds is disappearing.” Julian swallowed.

“All the worlds?” Lio nodded.

“The Forest of Brave Hearts.” Julian thought of Nela.

“The River of Whispering Stones.” He remembered Brumo.

“The Lake of Quiet Stars.” Julian thought of the beautiful water.

“The Valley of Lost Songs.” He remembered Mira.

“And all the other worlds.” Julian gripped the compass more tightly.

“Why?” Lio replied:

“Because the heart of the compass is growing weaker.” Julian frowned.

“The compass has a heart?” Lio nodded.

“Yes.”

“Where is it?” The fox looked at him.

“At the place where all the magical worlds began.” Julian thought for a moment. Then he stood up.

“Then we have to go there.” Lio gave a small, cautious smile.

“I was hoping you would say that.”