

Issue #1

Prologue: The Argument

Three birds named Sebastian, Dorabella and Edward argue about the meaning of life and whether it's a good idea to leave the nest to explore.

Chapter 1: The Mysterious Creature

Sebastian, the youngest bird, tells his brother and sister about a new mysterious heroic creature who protects weaker animals from predators. They debate whether it really exists. Suddenly a gang of apes enter the tree, with three young captives from another tribe.

Chapter 2: The Black Beard Gang

The gang leader, Old Black Beard, orders the execution of the kidnapped captives with the intent on making an example of them. The birds and other animals in the tree watch helplessly, wondering if the mysterious hero creature will come.

Chapter 3: The Battle in the Life Tree and the Very Severe Beating of the Ape Bullies

The mysterious hooded and masked hero arrives just in time and beats up the ape gang.

Chapter 4: Old Black Beard Surrenders

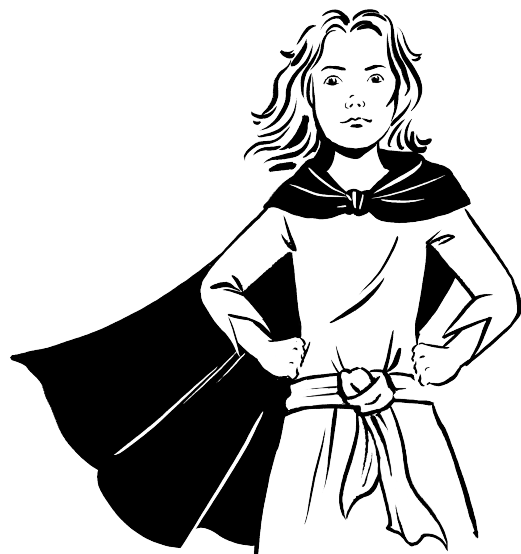
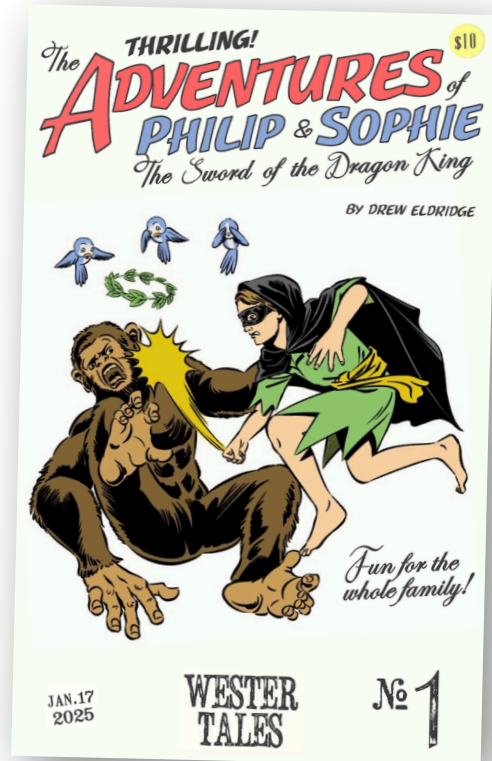
The mysterious creature arrests the gang leader and unmask himself. It's a ten year old boy. The animals in the tree marvel at his handsomeness and bravery.

Chapter 5: The Journey Home

The boy (who is nameless at this point in the story) and his wolf companion (who found and raised him in the wild) return the kidnapped apelings to their family.

Chapter 6: Lumpy's Family

The boy talks with the father of the apelings about the importance of family and how it's something worth dying for. Comically, the father of the apelings tries to set the boy up with his cousin, who the boy politely rejects. The boy's wolf companion, Ava, tells him it's time to leave because winter is approaching.





Chapter 7: Henry the Bear

On the way back to their cave, the boy and wolf find Henry the Bear, a seemingly goodnatureed friend of the boy's. He asks if he can join them on their walk home. Ava is suspicious, but the boy is too innocent to anticipate a trick.

Chapter 8: The Tunnel to Snake Mountain

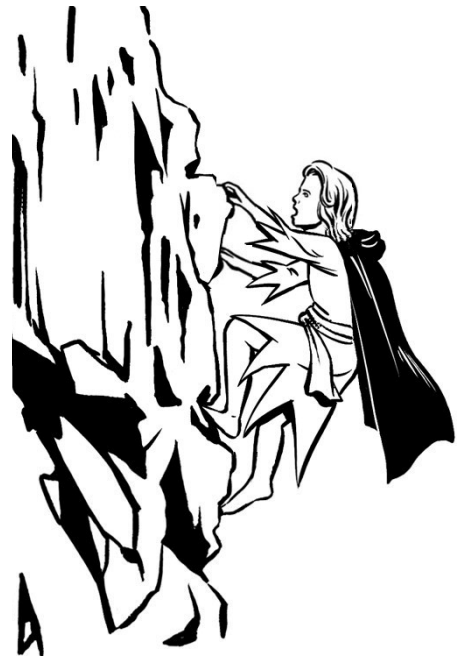
The boy, wolf and bear journey through a hidden tunnel that leads to Snake Valley, which is close to where the boy's cave is. At one point, the bear gets the boy alone and tells him that he's been lonely, that the boy has been like a cub to him, that he's worried the wolf might almost starve again this winter and that he has a surprise for him.

Chapter 9: Henry's Surprise

The bear reveals a fruit tree growing off the side of Snake Mountain. All of the deadly snakes suddenly leave the mountain when they feel winter's first gust of wind. The bear tempts him to climb and get it, saying that the extra food for him would prevent the wolf from starving. All he has to do is cut the branch and it will fall into a pool of water at the bottom.

Chapter 10: The Fall

After the wolf fails to persuade the boy to leave the fruit alone, he begins to climb. A storm cloud suddenly emerges when he's halfway up, giving him a choice to turn back. He chooses to keep going. The storm knocks him off when he reaches the top. He falls, breaking most of his bones.



Chapter 11: Henry Changes

The bear betrays the boy and tries to eat him, but the wolf defends him. The bear nearly kills them both, but stops and flees when he hears the wolf's former pack coming. The wolf's former pack hates her and the boy intensely and is even more dangerous than the bear. The wolf carries the boy back to the cave with her old pack chasing them, barely escaping.

Chapter 12: The Cave

The boy is hurt badly and on the verge of death. As the wolf cleans his wounds, she tries to keep him from passing out by talking about his childhood. The reader learns how she found him as a baby in the snow, what life was like in the cave and the first time he crawled out. After talking about this, he decides he wants to leave the forest in spring in search of a real home. The wolf promises to accompany him as he follows the sun, hoping that it will help him survive winter.