

synopsis:

Once, long ago, the world was full of magical creatures.... Unicorns, griffins, fairies, dragons.....

Fairy tale creatures roamed the land, and many a tale was told of them, by the humans who had seen them.... But..... As the mythic past became the modern-day present, they seem to have vanished.....

Slain perhaps, by the knights and heroes of long ago? Perhaps they went into hiding? In those few places left, where humans couldn't find them?

Or maybe they just moved to the city.....

Join a kid named Jake Long as he takes us inside our own world to discover the secret places where magical creatures still thrive.... those hidden places known only to elves, fairies, trolls, and of course.... Dragons....

The most powerful of the magical creatures, dragons were long ago appointed Guardians of the magical world and all it's inhabitants. There are stories of dragons in every country around the world..... except one...

America, the only place left with no history of dragons.... until now.... The time has finally come for this land to have its own dragon.... a 14-year old kid from New York City.... American Dragon: Jake Long....

But, dragon though he is... he still has much to learn....

Jake Long is the very first dragon born to America, which gives him a huge responsibility. It is his duty to act as Guardian, Champion, and protector over the magical creatures of America, though his main territory is in New York City.

Thankfully, he has his Chinese Grandfather and Dragon Master, Loa Shi, to train him in the ways of the dragon; as well as his Animal Guardian and faithful sidekick, Fu Dog.

Jake lives with an extended family at home. His mother and younger sister Haley are also dragons (though the dragon power skipped his mother's generation.) His All-American, human father is completely clueless to the fact that he married into a family of magical, shape-shifting reptiles.

And of course, where would Jake be without his trusted friends, Spud and Trixie? Both normal humans who skateboard with Jake and know about his secret identity. Though they didn't know it at first, once they found out about his dragon powers; they became his sidekicks and have helped him out greatly during his many adventures.

And as you might expect, this young hero isn't without fighting his share of villains. The most dangerous of which, is the Dark Dragon... A being so powerful, that Jake and his grandfather are the only two dragons to have ever faced him and survived... Jake has battled the Dark Dragon twice, and defeated him during their last encounter...

But Jake also has a love in his life... A girl named Rose, who goes to his school.

But... unknown to Jake... she also has a secret...

Rose is also the Dragon-Slayer... one of an ancient clan of magical creature hunters; the Huntsclan, A persistent thorn in the American Dragon's side. She is the Huntsgirl, protégée to the leader of the clan, the Huntsmaster...

But all too soon, Jake discovers her secret... and not long after... he reveals his to her...

But, instead of slaying him, as was expected of her to become a full member of the Huntsclan; Rose spared his life, then disappeared without a trace...

Months later... she returned... Rose came to him in a dream to warn him of

the Huntsmaster's plot to destroy all magical creatures. Later, when Jake and Spud went undercover at the Huntsclan's training academy for more information; Jake found her again... trapped at the academy until she had slain her first dragon... she agreed to help them.

During that time, Jake was captured while he and Spud were trying to escape with the information about the Huntsclan's plot. The information was destroyed and Jake was sentenced to a fight to the death... by Rose's hand... The night before the battle, Rose came to see him, trying desperately to talk him out of it; to let her free him before it was too late. But Jake wouldn't have it. He would give his own life rather than have Rose come to harm for releasing him. And so, they had their battle at dawn the next day... and Jake was slain by Rose... or so it seemed...

The night before the battle, Jake had Rose make a special potion and hide it in the battle dome for him to find during their fight. This potion was special, because it would give Jake the temporary appearance of death...

And so, the Huntsmaster believed she had slain the dragon and Rose was reinstated and sent back to New York; while Jake and Spud also returned safely.

But, the Huntsmaster wasn't so easily fooled... He kept a close watch on his young charge, with the help of his two new apprentices, numbers 88 and 89. It was only with a shed dragon skin from Jake, that Rose was able to ease her master's suspicions. During that time, she learned that his plan to destroy all magical creatures, involved the use of 13 magical Aztec crystal skulls.

With Rose helping the dragons in secret, they were able to recover three crystal skulls, where the Huntsmaster already had ten. However... things were about to take a different turn...

During a previous adventure, Rose had given Jake a magical charm bracelet, identical to the one she wore. These were dream charms that would allow them to visit each other, as well as go on literal "dream dates", without fear of the Huntsclan finding out that they were together.

But the dream charms would soon serve another purpose... All her life, Rose had been raised by the Huntsmaster and told that her real parents had died right after she was born. Then, while helping Jake and his friends battle a creature called a chimera in the dream realm, Rose stumbled into her own subconscious memories... It was there that she learned the shocking true about her past...

Her parents hadn't died, and she had a twin sister! Rose had been stolen from her mother at birth, by the Huntsmaster himself... She had been taken, because of the dragon-shaped birthmark on her hand. It was this same special birthmark that all of Huntsclan were born with. "The mark of the Huntsclan" assured her that she was born to do one thing: slay dragons! But rose had something else in mind...

From that moment on, Rose had been more determined then ever to help Jake defeat the Huntsclan and destroy the crystal skulls. But even then, they had to be careful around each other. If Rose was caught, she would be found guilty of high treason, and Jake would be slain...

More then once Jake tried to convince her to leave the Huntsclan for good, but each time, Rose had refused. After all, where could she go that clan couldn't find her? Jake had even offered to help Rose find her family, once the Aztec skulls had been destroyed. But it wasn't meant to be...

When the final skull had been recovered, it was learned that whoever possessed all 13, would be granted one irreversible wish. The only problem was that the skulls could only work, or be destroyed, when all 13 skulls were together.

It was then that the Huntsmaster discovered Rose's betrayal through a security tape that showed her talking to Jake in his dragon form. 88 and 89 were sent to spy on the two; and when Rose returned to the Huntslair that

night, the Huntsmaster revealed that he knew what she had done. He then told her that he knew the location of her parents, and he used that information to blackmail her. He threatened their safety if Rose didn't agree to betray the dragons and bring him Jake's crystal skulls. And so... having no choice... she led him the Loa Shi's shop where the skulls were kept...

Jake was waiting for her at the Homecoming ball, on top of the Pantheon Building decorated with 13 stone gargoyles... when Fu Dog returned to the shop and found it ransacked, he called Jake and told him what had happened. The shop's security cameras had caught Rose giving the skulls to her master... Fu Dog also told Jake, that in order for the skulls to work, they needed to be inserted into the Gargoyles of Pantheon (and guess where those were).

Meanwhile... on their way to the building, Rose demanded to know where her parents were; but the Huntsmaster refused to tell her before his plan was complete. When they arrived, Jake and the others were waiting for them.

And the final battle began...

In the end... Rose fought Jake for the final Aztec skull... She defeated him, chaining him up and giving the skull to the Huntsmaster, while the others were held down by the Clan members. Helpless, Jake pleaded with Rose, begging her to stop this; but she ignored him.

The Huntsmaster got ready to make his wish, confident that no one could stop him now... He strode into the middle of the ring of gargoyles and held up the final skull, so that beams of light connected all 13... "By the Pantheon of Aztec Skulls," he proclaimed, "I hereby wish for the destruction of all-
AHHHH!"

In that moment, Rose shot him with her hunting staff, knocking him unconscious... then she took the skull in hand and finished, "-the destruction of all Huntsclan!"

Then... the wish took effect... the Clan members' birthmarks began to glow, and they were lifted into the sky and vaporized... until only three remained... 88 and 89 being first year novices, invoked their right to resign from the clan and so were spared from the vortex... Rose, wouldn't be so lucky... After freeing Jake from his chains, she too was lifted into the sky, doomed to meet the same fate as her clansmen.

Jake, seeing this, did the only thing he could think of to save her life... He used the skulls' power to wish she had never been taken by the Huntsclan...

Rose vanished, and Jake, enraged at the thought that his wish had failed, smashed the skull he was holding, with only 12 of the thirteen remaining the skulls could not be used and the remaining skulls shattered as well

But his wish hadn't failed... The following day, he found Rose; safe, and with her family... but Jake's wish had come with a price... Rose had no memory of him, or her life as Huntsgirl... But Jake didn't seem to mind it. As long as she was happy, that was good enough for him. That was the last time he saw her, since her family moved to Hong Kong the next morning.

But now, Jake has other things to worry about...

Dark forces are rising again... The Asian Dragon, Chang, once a member of the World's Dragon Council and now servant to the Dark Dragon; has escaped from prison and is plotting revenge against Jake and his grandfather for imprisoning her... but underneath this... a deeper evil lurks... waiting for its moment to strike...

And that is where our story begins...