Bjornar – a tale from the Northern lights-series!

Summary:

The Northern Light-series is a portal fantasy based on Norwegian folklore. One of the oldest superstitions in ancient lore is that animals could speak. This is certainly true in the series Northern Lights, and the book about Bjornar will reveal why some animals do speak, while others do not.

But the tale about Bjornar is first and foremost about the fight to live freely in the woods. The Vikings are coming closer and are moving further into the vast woods of Jotundale, hunting down and killing animals as they go. Worried, the animals come together for a forest council. The elders believe it’s time to flee.

But Espen ­– a well-known character from the Northern Lights-series – interrupts the meeting and advice the animals to think twice. He believes that the animals can speak because of the magic in Jotundale. And if they decide to leave, the gift of speech will be lost!

The elders refuse to listen as they believe him to be a troll! So, all the animal-families are left to themselves to decide if they should leave or stay behind and hide from the Vikings.

Bjornar’s father is very reluctant to leave the woods, and while discussing the matter with Bjornar’s mother, she stumbles into a Viking-trap and falls headfirst down a ditch! The Vikings attack holding their spears high. Among the attackers we are introduced to a very young Hjalmar, the very same Viking Earl, that we have met in the Northern Lights-series.

Bjornar’s father sends his son on the run, while he himself fight the Vikings. Bjornar is running through the woods desperately crying for help when he meets Espen. He wakes up the gigantic, two-headed troll, Steinur and Steinar, and sends them to ravage the Viking camp.

Bjornar’s father is still fighting for his life and trying to protect Bjornar’s mother when one of the Vikings come to close and stab him with his spear. He has no choice but to defend himself. He bites the Viking and he dies. Unfortunately, this Viking is Hjalmar’s uncle. And in rage, the young man raises his spear and kill Bjornar’s father.

Bjornar’s mother has been released from the trap. Bjornar has arrived just in time to witness his father die. While the Vikings are fleeing from the humongous troll who just arrived, Espen has caught Hjalmar. He is just about to stab young Hjalmar. But instead he lets him go.

And this is how the lifelong animosity between the forever young Espen and The Viking Hjalmar, started. Eventually the animals regained control over their woods and a lifelong friendship began between Bjornar and Espen.