

# KWAME'S MAGIC QUEST

## RISE OF THE GREEN FLAME



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**To my two sons, Papa-Kow and Jojo, who inspire me every day  
to be the best I can be. I love you and I am so proud of you!—BM**

**To my family who have always supported me in my artistic journey.  
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## CHAPTER 1

# READY FOR SCHOOL



**K**wame woke with a wide grin on his face. Today was going to be *awesome*. He was finally going to learn calabash magic!

Everyone had magic inside them. The first day of Nkonyaa School was when eight-year-olds were given their magic calabashes and discovered their magic type.

Kwame danced over to the mirror and picked up his school robe. The blue fabric rippled with magic. The trim shimmered, flashing shades of gold.

Kwame struck a pose. *Woohoo! I'll finally have a real calabash!* he thought. *I can't wait to find out what kind of magic is inside me!*

He raced downstairs. "Let's go, Dad!"



"You're in a hurry!"

Dad chuckled.

Mom ruffled his hair.

"He's in a hurry to be a Weather Handler like his mom."

Dad clapped Kwame's back. "No, he's going to be a Time Bender like me."



"I don't know what type of magic I'll have," Kwame said, tapping his foot. "But I don't want to be the last one to the Nkonyaa Tree!"

Calabashes came from the Nkonyaa Tree, which matched the magic inside of you to a magical calabash fruit.

"Alright, alright," Dad said, gulping down his tea. "I'll prepare the spell so you can transport with me."



Dad pulled out his calabash. Its round edges were black with soot. A few

streaks of copper could be seen.

He crushed purple tiger nuts into the bowl of his calabash, and the room filled with the scent of marshmallows and cinnamon. Then he sprinkled in flakes of momoni, and Kwame held his nose. The fishy mixture smelled rotten.

Dad stirred until the mixture became gloopy.

Kwame gave his mom a big hug. He wouldn't see her again until the school term ended.

“Be brave, my dear!” Mom said.

“Hold on tight, Kwame!” Dad said. He muttered the spell into his gloop-filled calabash: “Kor sukuuu hor!”

Colors flashed around Kwame. He felt like he was falling as he and his dad vanished with a *whoosh*.

