Avneet and The Witch

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Once upon a time there was a witch who lived in the dark forest of Kaboom. The witch was evil and cunning. She used to attack the passersby travelling through the forest and eat them up. However as the years passed by the witch started getting old. Now she was not able to catch people for her food and had to go hungry for many days.

When she could not bear the hunger, she thought of a plan to maintain constant supply of food for herself. She prepared a treasure map that hinted towards a possible discovery of a gold chest hidden somewhere in the forest. Then she distributed the map in the nearby villages from where people traveled through the forest road.
The people of the village were surprised to see such a treasure map. They could sense that something was not right and warned everyone against using the forest road for travelling to other villages. But a boy named Avneet was fascinated by the treasure map. The idea of going on a treasure appealed to him very much. He had read about treasures in stories and now was the chance to find a real treasure.

Avneet discussed the idea of going on treasure hunt with his friend Ankur. But Ankur was wise enough and tried to explain to Avneet that this could be a dangerous trap. But Avneet was engrossed with the idea of treasure hunt and was in no mood to listen to Ankur. And thus he set off to find the treasure on his own.
The map led Avneet to the witch’s castle. As soon as Avneet entered the castle, the witch trapped Avneet and locked him up in a small dark room.

When Ankur got to know that Avneet was missing he guessed that Avneet would have gone after the treasure. Ankur informed the villagers about Avneet’s absence. They decided to the village wizard and told him the whole story. The wizard knew about the witch who lived in the forest and promised to help the villagers. He taught them a few magic mantras and gave his precious stone ring to Ankur. He asked Ankur to use the ring on the witch only if absolutely necessary.
The villagers along with Ankur reached the witch’s castle by following the treasure map. Ankur called out to the witch to leave Avneet but the witch was in no mood to let him go. After all, she had got some food to eat after so many days. How could she let go off her savoured meal?

By now, Avneet’s cries for help had fallen on the ears of the villagers and they attacked the castle collectively. The witch had not expected such a storm of people to come in her castle at once and she was shocked. Ankur used the wizard’s ring to throw powerful magical rays on the witch. The witch was trapped by the rays and could not get up again.

Avneet thanked his friend Ankur and the villagers for saving his life. He swore never to believe such things again and to listen to the advice of wise people around him.
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Avneet is all set to discover a treasure with the help of a treasure map. But will he succeed? Let’s find out...

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