

The Betrayal of the Taniwha



Cast & Crew:

- Ben, Andrew, Jack, Matt D.
- Katie, Beth, Megan, Maryann



Main Characters:

- **The Taniwha -** a snake-like water creature who is outgoing and has a talent for blowing bubbles.
- **The Simurgh -** an old, wise creature. They have lived a long time, and have seen a lot. They live in the air, but are also a very powerful swimmer.
- Storytellers a group gathered around the campfire in the dark forest



Settings:

- The Special Salty River a fun and magical place river that winds through Mexico. This is Taniwha's home and he desperately wants to get back there.
- **Gryffindor Land** a peaceful place high up in the clouds.



Plot:

Our storytellers gather in a cave near a dark lake and share the story of how the lake's protector, The Taniwha got there.

The Taniwha didn't always live in the lake. Once upon a time, they lived in the Special Salty River. The river was a magical place full of activity and talking animals. The Taniwha spent their days welcoming people to the waters, singing songs, and blowing bubbles. But one day, they blew a very large bubble. So large that it floated them out of the water and up into the clouds to Gryffindor Land.

In Gryffindor Land, the Taniwha meets the Simurgh and begs for help to get back home. The Simurgh is old and skeptical. They have many questions for the Taniwha. But eventually, they agree to help.

The two try many things to get the Taniwha home. They take a hot air balloon, but it only floats them higher. They try to take the elevator out of Gryffindor Land, but it is out of service. At last, the Simurgh comes up with a plan - they must pop the Taniwha's bubble. Then the Taniwha will fall down through the clouds to the ocean. The Simurgh can swim alongside the Taniwha and show them the way back to the Special Salty River. As they backstroke across the ocean, they enjoy looking at all the fish, and exchange swimming tips.

But, in the end, the Simurgh doesn't take the Taniwha back to the Special Salty River. Instead, they carry them to a closed-in lake. The lake is a freshwater lake, so the Taniwha cannot blow the same bubbles as before. They will never be able to return to Gryffindor Land nor to their home on the Special Salty River. They spend their days burrowing tunnels and caves in the lake trying to get out.



Theme:

"Be careful who you trust"



Genre & Styles:

- Adventure
- Action
- Movement