

The Little Angel

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Once upon a time there was a little angel. She had short, blond curly hair and beautiful blue eyes. She always wanted to go down from the clouds and see the world. But some other angels said she was too little. She was very upset, so she sadly sat by the fountain and cried. Luckily another angel about her age saw her and asked her what was wrong. The little angel said, "I've always wanted to go see the world but I'm too little," she said in a shaky voice. The other angel said, "My name is Heather. What's yours?" "My name is Linda," replied the little angel.

Linda looked at Heather, who had long black hair and dark hazel eyes. "I've wanted to see the world also," said Heather. Heather was trying to think of something that might cheer Linda up. Finally she thought of it. "Let's go get some ice cream!" exclaimed Heather excited. "Okay, sure," replied Linda. She was still pretty sad though. "Come on!" said Heather, "Let's have a race!" But Linda didn't run, she just walked.

When they go to Angeline's Ice Cream Shop Heather gave the shop lady ten flower petals, just enough for two ice cream cones. Heather got chocolate and Linda got cookies and cream. After they got their ice cream they went to Butterfly Park, but Linda was still sad. Heather was trying to think of another thing that would cheer her up. Finally she thought of one: she thought that maybe, just maybe, she could go talk to Christopher the King Angel about it! "I'd do anything for a friend," whispered Heather.

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She told her plan to Linda; she was amazed. "Wowzers, I hope it works!" shouted Linda. "Shh!" said Heather. "There are other angels here," said Heather. "And they are staring at us..." whispered Linda. "We probably should go now 'cause we are almost late for a... a.... practice, a... ballet practice, yeah, yeah, ballet." So we got to run!" yelled Heather.

They ran as fast as they could towards a gown store, ran inside, and peered out the window. "No more staring angels?" "No more staring angels." "Okay, let's make our way up to Cloud Kingdom," said Linda. "But first can we please try on a couple dresses, pretty please?" asked Heather. "Okay... I guess." "This will be fun!" exclaimed Heather.

After they tried on nearly all the kids dresses they each got a pretty dress to wear to the kingdom! "Okay, let's go now," said Linda. "Okay!" answered Heather in an excited voice. So they flew all the way up to Cloud Kingdom. When they got there they opened the door and saw Christopher sitting on his throne. "Why are you girls here?" he said in a gentle voice. "We are here to speak to you about something," answered Heather. "Would we be allowed to go see the world?" asked Linda. "Yes, why not?" "Well," answered Linda, "because some other angels said I was too little." "Do you know who they are?" asked Christopher. "Yes I do. They were Lucy, Lucky, and Liza," answered Linda. "You should never trust bullies; now, go see the world!" said Christopher. "Yes, yes, yes! We will, we will!" exclaimed Heather and Linda eagerly.

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As soon as they flew down they saw everything – flowers, people, and animals. It was amazing! While they were out exploring King Christopher gave Lucy, Lucky and Liza a punishment for lying to Linda. After everything was over, everybody was happy.

# The Magic Mirror

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I sat staring at my sister counting blocks, waiting for my parents to get home from a party.

**Were they ever going to come home?** I thought, **I'm not sitting here with my annoying little sister, I'd probably ditch her if they're not back in 3 hours.**

SCREECH! My parents pulled into the driveway, a moment later they walked through the door.

"Hi honey sorry we took so long," said my mom putting down several bags. "What is all that?" I asked. "Oh just stuff for the new house." "Oh, wait new house?" I asked

"Ya right you don't know, we're moving tomorrow, better get packing **"TOMORROW!"** I screamed. I ran upstairs got 5 garbage bags, 3 suitcases, 2 baskets and a banana, just in case I got hungry. I packed all of my stuff including 2 moldy sandwiches, 3 carrots, and a chunk of cheese ( I didn't mean to pack that stuff).

The next day we moved to the new house and it was HUGE. My siblings and I called it a mansion. After we all unpacked, we played the game called crazy frenzy. When it was time for bed we all went into our parents room and read a book called *The Giants Cave*. Everyone but Austin fell asleep so our parents used the guest room and Austin slept in his own room.

When we woke up, Austin said his bed was lumpy so we went to go see what was wrong. Our parents were still asleep so they didn't know anything that was happening.

We went into Austin's room which still wasn't fully unpacked and looked under his mattress. We saw dead flowers, a calendar from 2014, rocks, and dried oranges.

"Well no wonder your bed was lumpy," I said. "Ya, no doubt, answered Callie, who is the second oldest of us kids. First is Austin sixteen, second is Callie, thirteen, third is me, Josh, ten,, and fourth is Clair seven. So there are four of us kids and together we like to pretend we're a superhero team saving the world from bad guys -- we are the Mighty Monster Fighters.

This would be the perfect opportunity for a Mighty Monster Fighters mission.

"Guys you know what this means, this is the perfect Mighty Monster Fighters mission, better go get our gear," I said.

Using high tech gear (also known as safety glasses and a magnifying glass) we looked over the calendar very closely, there was nothing but the same sentence on every page -- **Go to the attic** it ordered. So we did exactly that. When we got into the attic there was nothing but dust and concrete. We turned the light on and saw an old crusty coffin and on it there laid a letter that read: **Those who seek will not leap what lay inside a tigers eye, the key to your heart is not just art.**

We decided to open it and we found ... a tigers eye. "Wow this tigers eye stone is really cool". We grabbed it and went to wake up our parents. We showed them the tigers eye. "We found it in the attic in a coffin," I said. "Sure you did," said our dad. We all went into the attic and the coffin was gone! "See I told you there was nothing in here," said our parents as they left the room. "What where did it go," asked Austin. We went downstairs and had some lunch. When we we went into our Mighty Monster Fighters hideout which

was just an old shed that we decorated and painted. We talked about what was happening in the house, like the bed being stashed with stuff. Until further notice Austin's room was off-limits, so he had to share a room with me. I didn't mind sharing a room with him except that it would always smell like farts and cheese, and I wouldn't sleep at night because of his snoring.

That night I was sitting out on the balcony thinking about the coffin when my sister Callie came out, "Hey little bro," she said. "Hey," I said back to her. "I was--HEY! Look! A shooting star," she interrupted. "Make a wish." I wished that nothing creepy would ever happen to us again.

That night I heard weird noises. I thought it was my dishwasher, but when I went down to check, it wasn't. I thought it was our washing machine but it wasn't. I checked our dryer, sink, every bedroom, bathroom and even the garage. It was none of them. It was dark, so I decided to go to bed. I told Callie about the noises and she said she would help me investigate. We checked in every closet in every room in the house and the garage again. We didn't find anything. We decided to get our Mighty Monster Fighters Gear and go to the place we feared the most: the attic. When we finally reached the top of the stairs, and after ten minutes of hesitating, we opened the trap door and peeked inside. We looked around and in the furthest corner we saw a creepy, hunched-over figure. We screamed and ran down the stairs and in two minutes were in my bedroom hiding under my blankets. Then, with a hiss, our door opened. Callie and I both screamed as loudly as

we could. We started kicking and punching the figure while my sister and I were screaming.

"STOP! STOP!" screamed the figure.

We stopped and took a good look at our victim. He took off the cloak and revealed that he was a old man. "Hey aren't you Count Loft? The old owner of this creepy mansion?" asked my sister. "Shhhh! They might hear you," whispered the old man. "Who?" I asked. "I'll explain later" answered the old man. "Now where is that tigers eye?" asked Count Loft.

Callie pulled it out of her pocket and gave it to the old man. "Show me the princess," he said into the tigers eye. It showed a picture of a girl locked up in chains.

"That's the girl that we have to save; her name is Abigail and she is the Princess of Kandell. She has been captured by the worst person you will ever meet...Alex the Android. We have to get rid of him or else he will take over the world. Now, come with me into the attic," Count Loft told us. He took us up to the attic where he pulled out a mirror.

He looked into the mirror and said, "Amla ta lavi sto".

A big flash of light came and suddenly we weren't in the attic anymore....

We were outside of a dark tower and a car was headed right at us. Count Loft pushed my sister and I into a bush as the car came into the driveway. Someone got out and grabbed the Count. He threw something at us before the man had grabbed him, so when he was gone we got out and picked it up. It was a mini mirror and a piece of paper. We opened up the paper and saw a bunch of time traveling spells.

We looked for the one that said **Inside of Dark Tower** and when we found it we said the magic word which was "ra mae laviomo." The mirror suddenly got really big. Big enough to fit us, and so we stepped in immediately found ourselves in a dark room where I could only see little bits of colour. After five minutes of searching we found a light switch. There before us was a girl and Count Loft locked up in chains against the wall with tape around their mouths. We ran towards them and ripped the tape off. "How are we going to get these chains off?" asked my sister. "The mirror," whispered the Count.

I grabbed the mirror from my pocket and looked for the right spell.

"Ma stal *wanter?*" I tried to say the spell properly but I didn't know if I had the last word right. There was a big flash of light and the chains broke right open.

The girl had gave me and my sister a big hug and said, "Thank you so much and by the way I'm Abigail, the Princess of Kandell."

The door handle started shaking like someone was going to come in.

"Stand back. Aco neston sea!" The door blew up and there was a big army of androids.

"Oh, did I ever tell you how much my sister LOVES robotics?" I said.

Right as I said that my sister began shutting down all of the androids, we jumped in to help. "Now what?" I asked. "I know," said Count Loft and grabbed the mirror and said

"Meno lase cap!" Within a minute all the androids had disappeared.

"That was easy!" said the Count. "It's almost four-o'clock; we better be getting you home before your parents find out what you were doing." "Wait-- can we tell our siblings?" I asked. "As long as you tell them not to tell anyone." "Asta can lop," Abigail said into the



mirror. The mirror grew big and when we stepped through it we were under my blanket again, and my dad was in the room instead of Count Loft.

"What are you guys doing?" he asked. "Oh just playing a game," my sister said.

"Well the rest of your siblings want to talk to you in your hideout." Everything turned out.

Callie lived her dream of being a fashion designer, Austin became one of the most amazing authors in the world, Clair got to be a teacher, and me? I live my dream every day -- I am the *King* of Kandell.

Love Burns

Harry sat down on his couch wondering about love,he never had experienced love but, he was willing to find some.

Harry took out his phone from his bag and started reading through all the girls who have liked his profile on, Love Highlight. None of them looked interesting enough. They were either too smart,too tall,too short, or just plain nothing to him. Until he found her,the perfect girl.she was beautiful!

With long curly blonde hair,rosy cheeks,ocean blue eyes, and a amazing smile. Just his type.

"Bonus!" Harry cheerfully laughed.

"Mmm, Oh her name is Melody? She must be really sweet!"

Harry has found love but, it felt kinda weird. He swore that he would just...ignore it

-Hi Melody!This is Harry V. You look gorgeous, could we hang out maybe?I would just love to see your face!<3-

2 minutes later, no reply...

5 minutes later, still no reply...

10 minutes later,still no reply... Until Harry heard the little "Ding!". Harry rushed to his phone. A reply,

Love Burns

-Hey Harry! Sure. Meet at Pizza lovers asap! Xoxo -Melody-

Harry couldn't believe it! He rushed to get his coat and sneakers and disappeared out the door.

At Pizza lovers...

"There she is! I can't believe it! I have love!" Harry thought.

Melody was dressed in a white dress with rose vines all over it that had roses on them.

She had a white purse and some gorgeous looking sunglasses.

"Oh hi Harry. Wanna take me in?" Melody asked with the most beautiful voice Harry had ever heard.

"Yeah, um sure, yeah!" Harry gulped.

"Hello my lady and gentleman. I am your waitress, Jake." Jake greeted.

"Um, Hi Jake I am Harry. Nice to meet you! This is-"

"The name is Melody!" Melody interrupted.

"Ok then... Come this way!" Jake somehow politely explained.

"Is this good Harry?"

"Yes it is Jake, thank you!"

"No problem and would there be anything to drink from you two?"

Love Burns

"Tea!" Melody quickly answered,

"Same here!" Harry answered.

"Geeze. Why is Melody being so rude?" Harry thought,

After dinner..

"Thanks Harry! See you tomorrow!" Melody waved goodbye as she started skipping to her car.

After a year of dating Melody, Harry thought he will propose.

-Hey Melody come over I want to show you something!-

-Ok Harry!-

After Melody came, it was still morning so they did some dishes, tidied up a bit, and washed the floors.

"Melody! Could you pass me the sponges?"

"Sure... Why are we even cleaning up?"

"You'll see!"

"Ok, here!"

"Thanks Melody! Oh pass me the bucket as well please!"

"K!"

Love Burns

After a hour of cleaning, decorating, and washing, Harry and Melody got right to business making phone calls to everyone they knew. The first person who showed up was of course Harry's Mother. Then Melody's parents. And it kept going like that until everyone was there!

"Oh my gosh why am I even here?" Harry's (bratty) sister, Carol complained.

"Be quiet Carol!" Harry's mother hushed.

"Everyone! Hush hush! Today is a very special day, Melody." Harry explained,

"Yes, It is our 1 year anniversary!" Melody cheered.

"Now everyone! Eat!" Harry yelled excitedly.

Melody was dressed in the same dress of when they first met. Harry was dressed in a black suit and tie with his hair slicked back with, Men's Hair Gel.

"I am so excited to see what the surprise is!" Melody screeched

"Oh I know you will love it!" Harry teased.

"Ugh, I can finally get rid of this slump!" Melody mumbled,

"What was that Melody?"

"Oh nothin' Harry!"

Love Burns

"Everyone is so excited honey!" Harry's mother exclaimed as she walked by Harry,

"Still not Happy! Why do I even come to these events?" Carol grunted,

"Harry! Oh there you are!! have been looking for you everywhere!" Harry's Aunt, Matilda cheered,

"Oh hi Aunt Matilda!" Harry mumbled, "So glad to see you!"

That is when Aunt Matilda dropped her matches she was hiding from Harry's Grandma.

"Mmmmmm perfect!" Melody grabbed the matches and headed to the kitchen, she lit one, then another one, and another one, until she got three burning hot flames. Melody rushed to the door, dropping the matches one by one.

"THERE'S A FIRE! THERE'S A FIRE!" Melody screamed with "horror".

"Oh my gosh! Everyone out, out, out!" Harry yelled as every single person ran out the door.

Harry was coming when Melody stepped in the doorway,

"I never liked you Harry. And this is how I end you life!"

Melody pushed Harry into the flames and watched him burn to death. Then Melody ran out the door "in tears". And told her family about what "actually" happened, and went home looking threw, Love Highlights, liking boy's profiles.

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## The sleepover of horrors.

It was a Friday morning Madison just woke up and went to the washroom.

When she finished going to the washroom Madison got dressed and went downstairs and said hi to her mom and stepdad Jon, then went to pack her lunch and eat breakfast. While Madison was eating her breakfast her mom Nicki reminded her that her friends and her teacher miss Kalan were having a sleepover at school. Madison was so excited It was finally time to go Madison and her sister Summer were about to leave her mom said I will drive you because you have your pillow and blanket also your bag Madison said ok and got in the van. When Madison and Summer got to school Madison ran inside like the Flash and then her principal Mr. Glass told Madison to slow down.

Madison saw her friend Emma and Emma told Madison her parents said she could go to the sleepover we were so excited and they put their stuff away and walked in the classroom. When they walked in the classroom they saw their friends Rhya, and Anna also Rousey They walked up to us and we started talking and then a minute later Miss Kalan said can I talk to you girls they said ok and we walk to her desk and said yes Miss Kalan and then she asked if we were ok little Bakes to eat for dinner we said that is fine and then they went to go play on our chromebooks. Miss Kalan said time to get off the chromebooks so we got then we did science then recess then we ate we had to do math and if we were finished we could free time then outside we went on swings then lunch we ate lunch we went in to to show and tell then we were learning about the brain we did clean up and everyone went home but me Rhya, Emma, and Rousey, Anna. So after everyone went home we got in Miss Kalan's car we went to get pizza so before we got in Kamloops Miss Kalan called the pizza place and ordered so by the time we got to little Bakes it would be ready to pick up. When we got to little Bakes Miss Kalan asked if we well go get the pizza me Rousey, Rhya, Emma and Anna said yeah we well go grab the pizza Miss Kalan gave Emma the money so we walked in and waited we saw a clown Rousey, Anna and Fall were freaking out but me and Rhya were not because we thought it was nothing and then the pizza man came to the counter and Emma and Madison gave him the money and said have a good night then he give us the and he gave us the pizza then they left. When they walked outside we did not see Miss Kalan all we seen was a clown face looking out a window we ran and then they found Miss Kalan they told her what we they saw but she did not believe them before we enter Pinantan Anna asked if we could stop at the little yellow store Miss Kalan said ok we all said yes we got to the store we all went in but miss Kalan did not come she was going to wait in the car so we walked in picked what we wanted and went to the car we got in miss Kalan wasn't there but someone was. The person sitting in the front was a clown they all screamed and ran out of the car they ran to the school. When they got to school they ran to their classroom and saw Miss Kalan tied up we all untied her who did that do her and Anna said the clown and Miss Kalan said are you nuts there is no such thing as a evil clown then Miss Kalan

said now eat some pizza and we will watch a movie and fall asleep ok they all said ok. They all fell asleep and then Madison woke up and saw something she was walking toward the hallway just when all of her friends woke up and said where are you going Madison I heard something why don't you tell miss kalan well if you haven't noticed Miss Kalan is not here I wonder what happened to her I do not now she just disappeared then Madison started walking towards the hallway again but then Fall said I am coming with you and then all of the friends said i am coming but one Rousey was sleeping so they went in the hallway. They walked in the hallway and Rhya said lets go to the office saw they went when the were about to leave they heard a car pull in and then they they heard a honk and then they ran to the classroom and Rousey was not there and then they heard Rousey screaming. They saw Rousey dead on the floor well me and Rhya were looking at it anna said omg then passed out and the clown caught her then Madison said rhya come here i have an idea you well distract him I will go behind him and kick him and he will let go of her and then you grab her and go to the computer lab ok so they did it and it work. Rhya and Anna had a idea so they did they led him to the other class so they did it and then Rhya and Madison went behind him and hit him then he passed out and the cops came and they took him but they could not find miss kalan said the cop. saddle then the next day they went to see Rousey when the friends opened it and looked and Rousey wasn't there the clown was.

**THE END.**



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### 3 Times Special

Nora Audrey Pam entered the back door of her foster home, hung up her violet vest, and placed her backpack on the bench behind the door. Today Nora had finally finished her project on the evolution of a bear, and she still has rugby at 5 tonight.

She guided herself through the dining room into the kitchen, and grabbed a chocolate pudding cup. As she opened the pudding she got interrupted by her foster mother, Kelly.

"Hey, how was your day at school. What did you get on your project?"

"I got 5 out of 6. I didn't get to finish one page, but everything else I did well." Nora replied. "I'm going to Syd's house for the night. Just needed to drop of my bag. And she's taking me to rugby after too"

"Hey Nora, can you please bring your little brother, Josh to play with Syd's little brother Logan, and take him back home after rugby. Stay safe and watch your brother. Love you bye."

"Bye mom."

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Paige McIntock, Grade 5, 3 Times Special

Nora went to Syd's house with Josh. They hung out for 2 hours then went to Nora's rugby game (which her team won), and then they stopped at A&w, and all got a combo for dinner.

"Hey Nora," Logan was saying. "My friend Cole heard that your mom was so dumb, she named you three names instead of one."

"LOGAN!!! I told you never to say that!" Syd hollered. "Nora I'm so sorry. I told him to never tell you that."

"Syd that's ok. You know I hear that a lot."

They headed to Nora's house to drop off Josh. From when Nora and Syd arrived at Syd's house and 10:00 at night, they watched movies. They could only stay till 10:00 because of school tomorrow, but it's later than they usually stay up to.

"Ok goodbye you two." Anna called as she dropped off Nora and Syd at school. As Nora was entering her locker she got pushed out of the way by a bully, Harris.

"Hey Nora Audrey Pam. I was just thinking about you. I was thinking how dumb your mom is for naming you three names. You probably just realised that, so you stay at your friends so you don't have to stay with the lady who adopted the girl from the crazy mother." Harris hissed. Nora walked away from him, but with fright.

"Hey Nora did I give you permission to leave."

"Sorry." Nora cried.

Paige Mclintock, Grade 5, 3 Times Special

"Love you. Nora, if you get bullied run home immediately."

" Ok. Bye mom"

"Hey wimp." Harris snapped.

" I not a wimp." Nora mumbled.

"What did you say!" BAM! Harris punched Nora. Nora punched him back.

"Fight,fight,fight." a whole bunch of kids chanted around Harris and Nora. " Oh no. What have I done". Nora exclaimed. Nora ran to the principle. " I'm sorry Mr Roberts. Me and Harris got in a fight. I don't care if you suspend me. I did something wrong, and I'm sorry.

Nora did suspended from school for a week, and grounded to her room too.

" Why would you punch him?!" Kelly bellowed. " That's what you do instead of just staying quiet. Shhh I don't want to hear you talk. Your grandma is here. She wants to talk to you. Ok. "

" hello Nora let's go to your room." Grandma said.

"Ok grandma." Nora replied.

" So Nora you punched this kid back, but before you were scared to."

" Yes grandma."

"Oh I get it, you thought this would be better than being scared. Well Nora If you just be strong you can fight him. When you walk away and he gets mad keep walking, and if he hurts you stay strong and in control. Nora your mom told me to give you this note when you are twelve, but I think your ready now.

Paige McIntock, Grade 5, 3 Times Special

Dear my twelve year old Nora Audrey Pam

Sorry it took so long to tell you, but I wanted to tell you when you were mature enough. You were so sweet and joyful when i first held you. You were so many good things I thought I should name you three special things instead of one. Nora means honor and light. Audrey means noble and strength, and Pam means sweetness.

Love you, mom.

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### The Little Coconut

One day, a little coconut, sitting in her tree, thought, "I wonder what snow is like." She asked her family, and her mom and dad said, "It is a horrible, horrible thing." But still, she set out on her travels to find out if her mom and dad were right. When she got to the ocean, she went to her friend the whale named Sarah. She asked Sarah to bring her to the South Pole. Sarah said, "I can't bring you all the way, but I can bring you to my friend Katie the seal." When she got to the South Pole, she met Pearly the penguin. "Whoa!" said the little coconut. "I know!" exclaimed Pearly. "I will give you the grand tour!" said Pearly happily. When they were walking, the little coconut said, "My real name is Sam." Sam only took pictures, and left footprints and a little love for Pearly. She told him she would visit him soon. When she got home, Sam told her mom and dad she went to the South Pole. The parents were very happy she was back, and she hoped to see her friends soon.

## *The Unicorn* by Adrianna Mathieson

In class we were learning about animals it was so boring Adrianna started to day dream. After school, Adrianna went to her old tree house, she started to throw rocks at the ground. She heard someone say, "Ouch that hurt!" Adrianna went down her ladder with an ice pack. She saw a unicorn; she was about to scream. The unicorn's eyes sparkled like glitter, her fur was as soft as a cloud, her horn was as gold as a gold bar that just got polished. She was so pretty and her mane and tail was as pink as cotton candy. The unicorn said in a weird voice "You get one wish, but you can not wish for more wishes." "Ok," Adrianna said in a sad voice. "I wish for a best friend," she said in a happy voice. "Who do you want to be your best friend?" "You," Adrianna said in a happy voice. "Your wish is granted." The unicorn said in a happy voice. "What is your name?" said Adrianna in a happy voice, "My name is Sparkliffybutt, I know you are going to say, 'Cool! But you can call me 'Sparkles'." said 'Sparkles' in a happy voice. They walked for a long time. "Hey, do you want to come over for dinner?" "Sure," said 'Sparkles' in a happy voice. Adrianna and 'Sparkles' walked to Adrianna's house. Adrianna came into her house happy "Mom, Dad I have a new friend." "Is she imaginary?," dad asked? "No she is not dad she is real." "Is she human honey." asked mom. "No, she is not, she is a unicorn." "Ok what do you want for dinner." "Can we have ice cream." "Sure honey cause you did awesome in class." So they went for ice cream. When Adrianna got home she was so happy to eat ice cream. "Mom, Dad can my unicorn sleepover." "Sure honey the unicorn can sleep over." "Mom I love you". I woke up it was time to go to school. I just got alerted about my arch enemy moving away her name is Mily Joeson; I was so happy. "We should go for ice cream." Adrianna said to her mom in a happy voice. "Sure we can". In classroom learning about karate I was so happy. I got paired up with Darren he's so cool. "She wants to flip people over my head." I said in a happy voice. Miss Granite gave me an A+. I was so happy in math class A+ and in gym I got an A+ was so happy. I got a new toy when I got home. I got so much ice cream today I started to think I actually wanted to eat vegetables. My mom also got me a whole bunch of new clothes for school. Also my little brother, Carlo got to go to a sleepover so I got to stay home and not get annoyed! It was the happiest day of my life. My mom took me out from McDonald's for dinner. I went to sleep I started to dream of me and my unicorn started to have a dance party with all my friends. There were a whole bunch of snacks chips, fruit, juice and popcorn. All my friends were there Holly, Sadie, Faithy, Jammy. It was so cool my unicorn was dancing with all my friends. Me and my unicorn threw confetti everywhere. My Mom and Dad came in and I thought I was going

to get in trouble, but I was not. The next morning I woke up "I don't want to go to school." said Adrianna in a sad voice. "Ok you do not have to go to school." "I woke up and noticed that It was all a dream, Mily didn't move away and I was late for gym class. I failed gym and the unicorn wasn't real and I had no friends.

*The End*

### Hidden In the Overworld

Steve, Alex, Pink Sheep and Dr. Trayaurus were sitting in their tree house. Steve said, "we will mine for diamonds tomorrow and make some armour and swords". "Okay", said Pink Sheep. Tomorrow they went outside and found a cave. Alex said, "shall we go in?". They all started to decide and finally said "okay".

So, they went inside the cave which was very huge. They saw two big giant holes. In two of them it was written "N&e". Pink sheep started to wonder, "what does this mean?". He thinks it is a kind of secret code. But this was the short form of the secret. Alex said, "we should all go in N". When they all went inside they were in a mysterious place. At that time, Steve just remembered the meaning of N&e code. In this code, e stands for the dragon portal and N stands for a type of mysterious villain that can fly. They also remembered that this place is also a fortress and we need to search for the villain. If they don't, they will all be stuck in this whole maze with treasures.

Inside the treasures, there are armour, swords, and healing potions. "What shall we do first?", said Steve. Alex said that, "Let's find the treasures first! We will get many other things, so we will be stronger for the battle". "Yes", they all said and then they started searching. Then there was a problem that there were four ways to go. "Lets all get separated", said Pink Sheep. "Ok! Let's go", said everyone. So, they all went in four separate ways. Steve found the villain and shouted "he is over here. Please come fast!". Everyone came running towards Steve. Steve said to them "Attack!". They took out their stone swords but the villain was very tough. Their swords broke at that time. Alex shouted, "Pink sheep build a very safe house". "Ok", said pink sheep. He started building the house. "It is done. Come on guys, please come fast over here", said pink sheep. "Ok, we are



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coming. You build a bed and a sofa", said Alex. Pink sheep said "I already built it, o.. umm.....". "Stay there", said Steve.

Everybody ran and came inside the house. They were exhausted and said that they need a doctor to heal us. They all stared at Dr Trayaurus. He said "ummm..... guys, why are you staring at me? Now it's getting creepy. "You are a doctor, right?", said Alex. "Yes! But why?", said Dr. Trayaurus. "Can you please heal us?", said Steve. "You have healing potions, but we are saving that for the battle said Steve Okay??' I will heal you with my tools", said Dr. Trayaurus. He started healing them now. "We are ready for the battle but first sleep as it is 12'o clock in the night", said Steve. Everyone replied "Okay!!". The next day, pink sheep said to everybody, "GO.. GO... GO.. guys" and they started battling. They won the battle. Alex said, "yes, guys we defeated the villain". He remembered the villains name. "It is nether", said Alex. Everybody said to them "okay!", so they all went inside the portal. Everybody said, "goodie, now we are in in the normal world. Yes we are, so what shall we do now? Huh... what about the dragon portal? hmmm..... Let's see. We will go and defeat the dragon", shouted Steve.

Alex said, "we will go inside". Pink sheep said, "what? We will go inside to battle?". Alex replied, "Yes, we will go. Humm... I thought this was the end of fighting". Then Steve said that "No, it is not the end. Do we have all the requirement?". Pink sheep replied saying "No, we don't have all of them". Steve said, "so, what might we need? A dragon can fly. Hmmm...". Pink sheep said, "we need a bow and arrow. But, how will we get it by killing a skeleton". It was night and they were all hiding. They had camouflaging costumes. Steve

shouted, "Attack!" and they killed all four skeletons. Pink sheep was very happy and said, "we got their bow and arrow. Now let's sleep. Ok now? Shall we go?". Everybody said, "No!! let's see. Hmmm....". Pink sheep said, "No, we need a diamond sword and we also need a diamond armour".

So, they all had TNT now and were thinking what shall they do next? Pink sheep said, "let's go to the same cave and explode TNT and blow up the cave. This way we can get diamonds". "Good idea!", said Steve. Everyone made their shelter and then exploded. "See, so many diamonds... Wow!! Now we need to get the diamonds", said pink sheep. So, they build what they needed and then went inside the portal. "Oh my God! This dragon is huge. I just remembered the name of this dragon and the name is The Ender Dragon", said Steve.

The entire group started attacking. "Our power is very low. Hey, let's use our potions!", said pink sheep. They all were healed up and they finally defeated the dragon. "Yeah... we defeated the dragon. Now let's go to the normal world", said Alex. So, they all went to the real world. They went to a village and celebrated. They all ate pizza and burgers. It was night, so they went back to their home. "It was a long and tiring night", said Alex. There was a man who said, "I am the one behind all of this evilness". He did a wicked laugh and vanished forever. Pink sheep remembered his name. It was Daniel.

Silent  
By Jordyn Peace  
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Hi, my name's Nora Heights. I'm eight years old and I'm in grade three. I go to a small school called Lander Elementary. I have one best friend named Michelle. My favourite subject in school is Art. Today we were drawing and colouring self portraits in art class.

"Make them very detailed," Mrs. Caner, our art teacher reminded us. I was working on making my green eyes shine.

"Great job on that hair! You blended the colours beautifully. It looks like it's the exact colour of your real blonde hair!" Mrs. Caner smiled.

"Thank you!", I smiled back.

After I said that I started to get a weird ache in my ears and I heard a loud ringing sound.

"Ow!" I whispered to myself.

"What?" Michelle asked as she was walking to the back of the classroom to get a sharpener.

"Oh I... My - My ears are aching and ringing really bad," I put my hand on my ear.

"Oh no! You should tell Mrs. Caner," Michelle suggested.

"Yeah," I sighed.

I didn't want to go home though. I wanted to keep working on my self portrait. I decided to wait a few minutes to see if my ears were still aching and ringing then..... Well guess what? They were! I slowly walked to the front of the classroom with my head down low and my hand on my ear.

"M - Mrs. Caner?" I stuttered.

"Yes dear?" Mrs. Caner asked looking up from the self portrait she was drawing.

"Umm..... I... My ears are aching and ringing really badly," I explained.

"Oh no! Do you think it would help to go down to the office and call your mom? That way if she can bring you home you can have the rest of the day plus the whole entire weekend to rest?" Mrs. Caner asked.

I - I don't..... Yes, that will probably help," I said realizing she was right.

"Okay then. Here is the phone pass. I really hope your ears get better! Make sure you rest them!" Mrs. Caner reminded me.

"Thanks!" I smiled.

I walked down to the office passing classrooms, storage rooms, and the cafeteria.

I slowly and quietly walked up to the front desk.

"Umm... Ms. Lofa?" I quietly called out to our secretary.

"Yes dear?" she turned around smiling.

Ms. Lofa is the oldest staff member at our school! She's seventy! Teachers keep telling her she should retire but then she just goes on and on about how she loves all the kids and how it was her dream to work at a school and meet tons of kids.

"My ears are aching and ringing really bad," I explained, for what felt like the fiftieth time today.

"Oh no!" Ms. Lofa exclaimed.

"Mrs. Caner said that I should call home," I told her.

"Yes, yes. Go home so that you can rest your ears," Ms. Lofa said.

Ms. Lofa grabbed the phone and passed it to me.

“Do you know your parents’ numbers?” she asked.

“Yes,” I replied. “But I’m just calling my mom today.”

“Okay,” she smiled.

I took the phone from Ms. Lofa and dialled my mom’s phone number.

After four rings she finally answered.

“Hello?” my mom talked into the phone.

“I need you to come pick me up because my ears hurt a lot!” I told her.

“Okay, I’ll be right there. Bye!” mom said

“Bye!” I said.

A few minutes later my mom showed up in the office. She took me home as quick as she could. She covered me with questions when I finally got annoyed so she stopped.

“I’ll take you to the ear doctor if they still hurt on Monday. Okay?” mom said filling up the silence.

“Okay,” I agreed.

The whole weekend went by but my ears still hurt! My mom booked me an appointment Sunday night at the ear clinic for Monday at noon.

It was Monday morning when something horrible happened.

My mom told me I didn’t have to eat in a rush today because I wasn’t going to school since I was going to the clinic. I was glad because that meant I could eat my Cheerios peacefully and not in a rush.

A few minutes later I heard my mom digging through the cupboards and laughing.

“What?” I asked.

“Oh... I just remembered that I bought Lucky Charms your favourite cereal, but now you’re already half done your Cheerios!” she laughed.

Right as she finished talking the phone rang. It was the ear clinic..... They said that there was someone who needed to come at noon because they had a huge problem with their ear. (My mom wouldn't tell me what though.) They said we could come tomorrow morning instead, so my mom agreed. After my mom explained that to me I was very mad about the cereal.

"Mom!" I yelled.

"Ow!!!" I cried because my ear made a loud cracking sound.

I screamed it again because I didn't hear myself do it the first time. Then I realized something..... I couldn't hear anything!!! I cried and yelled. I could see my mom saying something.

"Mom! I can't hear anything!!!" I screamed.

She grabbed a pen and notebook and for the rest of the day that was how we communicated with each other.

Finally it was Tuesday morning. Me and my mom went straight to the clinic and explained the whole story. They got us in fast and tried as hard as they could to find some hearing aids that would work for me. Finally the fifth pair worked! I could hear again!

I never realized how thankful I should be that I can hear, but now I definitely know, and so should you!

Be thankful for what you have while you have it.

# THE RANDELL BROTHERS

By: Lucas.Randell in A.E.Perry Elementary School, Grade 4

The dim sunlight rose over Toronto. Roy and Nye Randell were walking down the street going to Tim Hortons. They saw a person speeding on a motorcycle down Seymour Street. Roy and Nye ran after the strange man in a black hood. He rode into the foggy dark forest. Roy heard a sound in the forest. They started to run into the forest as the wind howled. The man was holding a bag of money and a map. He accidentally dropped the map and Roy picked it up. It was a treasure map. It looked like someone hid the rest of the map because it was ripped at the edge.

The first clue looked like it was a picture of the junkyard. Roy and Nye jumped on their bikes and headed to the junkyard. The guy with the bag of money also looked like a spy. He was wearing dark shades and a black leather jacket. The Randell brothers started to look for clues. They found a light coming from a bag in a smashed up car. On the bag there was a dollar sign, but when Nye looked in the Bag there was no money. Instead he found a part of the map, but one more piece was missing. The Randell Brothers bought tape from the gas station. They fixed the map and saw where they needed to go next.

The picture on the map looked like it was the spooky graveyard near the Golfing Range just outside of Toronto. They grabbed their bikes and started to pedal down the road. They got to the graveyard at 9:00am. When they arrived they looked for more clues. They looked at every gravestone. One gravestone had writing on it, it said "*beware of the cougar*" Nye and Roy went silent. As they left the graveyard they thought about the writing on the gravestone. The Randell brothers stopped in the middle of the road. In front of them they saw a cougar. In the cougars tooth they saw the last missing piece to the map. Nye distracted the

cougar and Roy snuck behind and grabbed the piece of the map. He ran away as quick as he could.

They taped the last piece to the map. The missing picture was of the dock near the boathouse on Lake Superior. They went to the dock at 1:00pm. They found a hidden hatch in the boathouse and went in to it. Under a broken boat they found a secret chest. Roy went back up to the boathouse and looked for something to open the chest. He saw a steel axe on a shelf. He grabbed it and gave it to Nye. Nye used the axe to wedge open the chest. Inside the chest they found three bags of gold and six bags of rare gems. Roy and Nye took the precious gems and gold to the bank. They cashed them in for 735 million dollars. The Randell brothers took their money and started their own detective agency just outside of Toronto.

**THE END**



# THE CONQUERING OF THE EVIL SCIENTIST

(the very short version)

By: Myles Ray

Grade 4

Bert Edwards Science and Technology School

## Chapter 1: The Beginning

Dad was cooking eggs and bacon for dinner. Bob and I could just hear it sizzle on the frying pan. My name is Frank. It is pretty boring at our house; we don't do much here. We spend six hours of our day at school like other kids our age. Did I mention Bob and I are 15 years old? We have a special talent in robotics so with scraps we made our robot, Gears. The first time we tried him he overloaded and blew up in our backyard. We were just about to go to bed when we heard a scream and we looked out our window and...

"There's nothing there," Bob said.

"But I heard a scream" I protested.

"What's all that racket up there!?" Dad shouted from down stairs.

"Gears fell out of bed," Bob lied. Dad shouted

"Okay!".

As soon as we stopped talking, we fell through a trap door. "AHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!!" we all screamed in terror. We suddenly saw a big, ugly scientist sitting in a large chair right in front of us.

"What do you want with us?" I yelled.

"Keep your mouth shut or I'll shut it for you." growled the scientist. Suddenly he walked away. I whispered to Gears

"Don't you have a saw attached to your body?"

"Certainly sir" Gears told me.

"Can you use it on these ropes?" I asked.

"Certainly sir." So Gears started to saw away the ropes. They broke and we ran for the exit. We made it outside and we ran to the closest house possible. It was our Uncle Fred's house! He pulled us inside as if he knew what had happened, and he did. He told us he worked at this super secret spy place called the C.E. (that stands for Criminal Exterminators).

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## Chapter 2:

Uncle Fred told us that the evil scientist's name was Jake. The scientist wanted us because he knew we would become spies for the C.E.

"We better hide before he co-." We heard the door open! We all ran for cover. The scientist came in and said

"Where are you little brats?!" A few seconds after that it was silent. Completely silent.

"Is he gone?" Bob wondered.

"Guess there's only one way to find out," I said. I walked down the stairs and looked around and then slowly Uncle Fred and Bob came down. My uncle told us he'd better take us to the C.E. We walked down a dark alleyway across town and he stopped, turned to a wall, and said "C.E." A door suddenly slid open. We went through, then there was a staircase and then we were there. Then we heard sirens going woo woo and a voice said

"A breach in Sector 9!". We turned a corner and there he was, Jake the evil scientist! He slipped through a trapdoor as soon as we saw him.

"What's with him and trap doors?" I said.

"I don't know," said Bob. My uncle told us we were assigned to a mission to find and catch Jake. We slipped through the same trap door Jake had. Right away we saw him and quickly slipped around a corner but he saw us and threw a couple ashes on his head and then he was gone. We found the ashes where he had been standing and tried the same thing and it seemed like we were teleported to an alien planet with a huge high tech castle on a huge white hill! We saved some of the mysterious ashes inside Gears, just in case.

"Don't you think a high tech castle like this would have some defences?" Bob asked.

"Guess not," I said. We walked in and the place was so big it seemed like a maze.

"We better find a way out of this place before we get gray haired!" We turned another corner and there he was, Jake again, but this time he didn't see us.

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Jake the evil scientist was talking with someone, although we couldn't see who. After he finished talking he stomped away. We decided to make a trap using the tables around the castle (I bet they were just to make the place look better). So we used the tables to make a cage and we found a rope so we could make a pulley to haul the cage up. When he walked in the cage to get the bait (which was an expensive looking vase) the cage would fall on the floor.

"If this works, I'm Bugs Bunny!" I whispered. Jake walked around the corner and saw the vase on the floor. He walked up to it looking confused and BAM! The cage fell on him.

"What's up doc?!" I yelled as I had promised. Jake was furious, so as quick as lightning we threw the ashes we had saved all over us and it teleported us back to the C.E. Uncle Fred and the rest of the C.E. were very proud of what we did and we had fun all the way and that's our story. Jake vowed revenge on us, too...but that's another story.

THE END

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### Penelope and The Talking Cat

It was the night before the first day of school and Penelope was very anxious. She is 12 years old, going into 7th grade and starting junior high. It's scary. People make fun of her at school; not only is Penelope awkward but she also lives in a poor part of New York City. Penelope hates it when people call her Penny, she likes to be called by her full name or Pepper, not Penny, not that any of her schoolmates cared.

Pepper's parents died when she was 7 years old in a horrific car accident. The only family member that Pepper had was her Aunt Tara, so she went to live with her. Her parents could afford a car but her aunt didn't have very much money. Without money, Pepper could not buy all the material things that the other kids had so she stood out and looked awkward in all her thrift store clothes, and that is why the trouble started. Pepper has long dark brown hair, glasses and legs so long and lanky that her jeans have gotten so short they barely cover her knees. She doesn't have many shirts to choose from and is usually in a dark green, mustard yellow, and maroon red long sleeved shirt. She has the most beautiful bright green eyes, but no one saw the beautiful in her, because they never cared to get to know her and look past what was on the outside.

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As Pepper got out of her messy bed in her small bedroom, she grabbed her books and sloppily put on her glasses that were crooked on her adorable freckled face. She ran very fast in her old, dirty looking pajamas, put on her clothes and brushed her teeth. Pepper grabbed a granola bar and ran out the door and went to her stop to get on the city bus. As she arrived at school and she was very apprehensive and she didn't want to get bullied here. She ran to the principal's office and got the floor plans of the school so she doesn't get lost, her locker number, and the classes she was in. Pepper knew for a fact that Junior high was going to be worse than elementary school. She left the principal's office and as she was gazing at the piece of paper looking for her locker when she ran into a girl texting her best friend. Pepper fell on her butt and heard, "Hey! You! Watch where you're going freak!" from the girl holding the phone. "Sssorry... I wasn't looking where I was going." Pepper stuttered. "Yeah, you better be sorry!" snapped the other girl as she went away with her hand on her hip. Pepper stood up watching her walk away with a confused look on her face, " I wonder why she's so...mean...?" Pepper knew this was going to be a bad year.

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Pepper carried on, found her locker and her first class. After a few minutes the bell rang for class. It was Science and the teacher, Mrs. Brown, asked Pepper to introduce herself, “Hi my name is Penelope, and my parents died when I was 7 years old.” Pepper’s eyes started to water and she ran to her seat, the girl that she bumped into earlier smirked and whispered sarcastically to herself “how sad.”

“Ok, so today we are going to be dissecting a frog so I want you to slowly put your knife into the frog...” Mrs. Brown said as Pepper was daydreaming about a perfect life, such as her parents still being alive, and having friends, maybe even living in a mansion. As she thinks about these things, she also does what Mrs. Brown is telling her to do. After school she walked home instead of using the city bus, as she walks down the street she hears footsteps behind her, she turns and sees the girl she bumped into earlier as this girl chuckles “You’re crazy you know?!” Feeling hurt, Penelope turns back around and heads toward home when suddenly something said, “Hi there!” she looks around but she can’t see anything but a small fluffy siamese cat, “I am crazy aren’t I?!” Pepper asked “No, you’re not.” said the little cat. HUH?! Pepper thought for a minute then picked up the cat and brought it home while it purred and rubbed its head on her

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chin and jaw. When she got home she ran straight to her room and slammed the door, so her aunt didn't see. She told the cat that she got picked on at school and the cat calmed her and also helped her. It became her best friend forever and Pepper named the cat Whisper. They were very adventurous with each other. Sometimes she even snuck out with Whisper after School and walked on some trails with Whisper, went to the park, and even snuck her into her backpack and took her to School. She also helped her cat hunt for food, since she didn't have Kibble. Eventually she introduced Whisper to her Aunt, her Aunt was kind of disappointed in Penelope, because she didn't tell her sooner but she forgave Penelope and didn't mind Whisper being around. Aunt Tara actually grew to love the cat more and more. But how I'm going to end this story is saying that Penelope and Whisper loved each other very much.

## **“The Thief”**

By Emma Rugolo

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Where was it? We couldn't find it? Nyla, Shalom and I were on vacation for summer break in Rome, Italy. The three of us were just about to leave the hotel we were staying in, but I couldn't find my favourite hat. It was gone. I couldn't find it alone, so I asked my friends if they would help me search for my desperately needed lost hat.

“Hey! Nyla, Shalom!” I yelled down the hotel room hallway. “Can you come help me look for my favourite hat?”

“Sure thing!” They both yelled back down the hotel room at the same time. We all began to search for my lost hat. But we couldn't find it, so I had to wear a regular, boring hat.

On the way to the restaurant Shalom said, “Sorry that you lost your favourite hat. It has to show up someday.”

“Shalom's right,” Nyla said with confidence. “It's gotta be in the hotel somewhere.”



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“Aww. Thanks for helping me look for my hat and for supporting me,” I said with a lovely smile on my face.

“No problem Emma,” they replied back with a big smile. Then the three of us all started to burst out into laughter.

Later we were at the restaurant paying for our food and the cashier had a lovely white fur fashion vest and a beautiful necklace covered with diamonds. “I love your shoes,” she said pecking over the counter, staring at my shoes.

“Thanks, I guess?” I said suspiciously since she was staring at my shoes for quite awhile. After we finished paying we all went home to grab our bathing suits and towels, because we were just about to go to the beach. Right before we all left my white, fluffy, small dog named Casper, jumped up on my lap while I was sitting on the couch putting my flip flops on. I gave him one last cuddle before we had to go. As I closed the door I caught a glimpse of my dog laying down on the couch, sleeping.

As we got back from the beach my dog charged at me with excitement. But before I went to play with him, I slipped my flip flops off and put them in the shoe closet. Then my friends did the same. After my friends put their shoes away I had

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remembered that I didn't see the shoes I wore to the restaurant in the closet. I also had remembered that I forgot to close the shoe closet before we left to go to the beach.

“Hey guys, I can't find my shoes. They're not in the shoe closet anymore,” I said to them. They both came to the shoe closet to help me look but we couldn't find my shoes anywhere. All we found in the shoe closet was a piece of white fluff. I didn't want to spend all my time in Rome searching for desperately needed objects that somehow got lost. Or spend all my time thinking about who the thief is. If there even is a thief, so the three of us girls all decided to go and get a delicious treat.

“What kind of treat do you guys want to get?” I said as I sat on the couch to cuddle with Casper.

“Umm... I don't know,” Nyla replied. “What do you guys think?”

“What about gelato?” I replied to the both of them.

“Yeah!” Shalom said with excitement. “What is gelato anyways? Is it Italian because it kind of sounds like it's Italian?”

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“Yes it is Italian.” I said to the two of them. “And in English it means ice cream!” The three of us started to laugh with craziness, then we finally stopped and we all strolled through the city to find a gelato store with delicious gelato.

Later, we were at a gelato store that had amazingly, delicious gelato. We were just about to leave to go back to the hotel, but this lady that had a white and brown dog, strut by me and as she passed me she spoke in an encouraging voice, “What a lovely bag you have.”

“Thanks, you’re so sweet.” I replied to the lady with the adorable little dog.

When we got back the three of us decided to go on a beautiful walk. So that’s what we did. But we had to go without my dog because he was sleeping and we didn’t want to wake him up.

After we got back from the lovely walk we just went on, I went to put my sweater on my bed but I urgently noticed that the bag that I wore to the gelato store, was now gone. The only that I found on the bed was a piece of white fur or hair. It was kind of like the piece of white fluff I found in the shoe closet. I would keep on searching until I’d find it. I looked everywhere. But I knew that I had one more place

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to look. It was on the tip of my nose but I couldn't think of where I needed to search. A couple minutes later I finally knew where to search. The only place I didn't look was... under my bed! So I strutted over to my bed and laid down beside it. When I saw what was under my bed I urgently knew who it was. The thief was... my dog! It all made sense because he had white fur and he was the only one that stayed home. When I looked under my bed I also saw my dog Casper hiding under their with all of the missing objects.

“You're such a little trouble maker.” I said to my dog as I scratched behind his ear. He is a little trouble maker, and he's also a little thief.

The Cruel Arctic  
Ch. 1

“The Arctic is really harsh, isn’t it mom?” Joe asked his mother. When he heard no answer his eyes went wide (Joe was a baby polar bear not an Arctic Fox in case you were wondering).

“Have you seen mom?” his sister Lucy asked.

“Nope,” Joe answered. “I haven’t seen her since we played on that snow pile back there, when it wasn’t snowing.”

“Oh,” Lucy said wide-eyed in fear, “great, now we’re lost, without mom. We’d better get digging so we don’t freeze tonight.”

“Yeah, we should.” Joe answered as he started digging in to the frosty ground.

Ch. 2

Joe was searching for breathing holes made from seals. It was for food. Lucy never left Joe’s sight, as they were quite close to the ice-cold water. “I wonder where mom is. I guess probably at home, where it’s safe,” Joe wondered aloud.

Lucy was digging as ferociously as she could. Every so often she would stop, eat some snow (after all, it was their only source of hydration), then get back to work. Suddenly she felt something different against her paws. Something soft, squishy, and green! She tasted it. It wasn’t grass. She knew what it was! It was moss and it was edible! She called Joe over, “Joe, dinner’s ready!” When she did say it, she felt a little homesick. “Mom used to call us like that,” Lucy said sadly to Joe.

“Yeah,” Joe answered glumly. They started to eat. Slowly at first, poking at it, then getting faster, scarfing it down. When they were stuffed they cuddled together for warmth, then fell fast asleep. What they didn’t know was that they had a visitor.

### Ch. 3

When Joe woke up before daylight he felt something different in the pile. Jeffery! Jeffery was an arctic fox who had been following them since the end of last week. He must have been following the two when they were playing on the snow hill! Joe nudged Lucy to wake her up, “Lucy wake up!”

Lucy rolled over sleepily, “What’s up?”

“Jeffery’s here!”

“Oh,” Lucy said, “we got to wake him up!”

So they got Jeffery up. Suddenly they heard a loud thumping on the door. It was an adult polar bear. When they saw the polar bear with his claws, they froze. Within seconds, he swiped them up (including Jeffery) and started running.

“A guy can never get some food for free,” the kidnapper growled.

Jeffery whispered to the others, “Oh geez, he’s going to eat us!”

Joe noticed the kidnapper was retracing his steps and he wondered why. The polar bear ran and ran for what seemed like forever. He ran all the way to find Joe and Lucy’s mom in her cave! The kids were so relieved. They were united again! Everybody was happy. The kidnapper got food as payment for returning the kids to safety. Joe and Lucy agreed that the kidnapper

The Cruel Arctic  
Griffin Seafoot

Robert L. Clemitson  
Grade Three

wasn't a kidnapper, he was their hero! The family was together and Jeffery was adopted by them!

**The End!**

## A Prickly Life

By Payton Shields, Juniper Ridge Elementary, Grade 4.

1

It was a hot, summer day and Prickles the cactus was suntanning outside in her pot. Lately, she had heard her owners talk rudely about her.

“What are we supposed to do about her? I heard the neighbor’s cactus sheds her prickles at a very young age ...” Mother said.

“You expect me to do something about it, Mother? I cannot even touch her without getting nicked to death,” Evangelina said.

Prickles lived in Great Britain with a British family. They were very proper, well-dressed, and spoke with great pleasure and politeness... well, not when speaking about Prickles. Prickles’ owners were a baby named Charlotte, a seven-year-old named Gwen, a sixteen-year-old named Evangelina, and two adults named Mother and Father.

“All I’m saying is ... I believe it is about time to sell her.” Mother whispered to Evangelina.

“Oh, Mother! Really?!” Evangelina said, sounding delighted.

“Now, you keep quiet!” Mother warned. “Gwen is very attached to Prickles, so don’t go around telling her about my idea.” Evangelina nodded in agreement. Prickles was very sad. She did not want to leave Gwen.

“Hello, Prickles!” Gwen exclaimed as she came outside, carrying Charlotte. “How are you on this fine day?”



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By Payton Shields, Juniper Ridge Elementary, Grade 4.

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“Hello Gwen!” Prickles hopped out of her pot. “I’m good, thanks! Guess what? Tomorrow I’ll be three! Three, Gwen, three!”

“Yes, I know! I’ll give you the best gift, promise!” Gwen held out her pinky for a pinky-promise. “Oh, I forgot. You don’t have fingers.” She sighed. Prickles thought her British accent was amazingly interesting. It sounded as though she was already an adult, but she was seven.

“No problem!” Prickles said. “Listen here, Gwen. I heard your Mother saying they are probably getting rid of me.”

Gwen’s face turned from a huge smile, to a huge frown, and then to a grin.

“Hold up here.” She said. “What if - and this is far fetched - we sent you to school! It’ll be perfect, you’ll meet new plants -,”

“*Plants?!*” Prickles interjected. “Like, other plants? Aside from a cactus?”

“Hate to break it to you, but there are barely any plant schools, so the chances of finding just a cactus school...” Gwen sighed. It seemed like it came out of thin air, but Prickles got an idea.

“Lie.” She whispered.

## A Prickly Life

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“L - lie? No, no no... I can't! Not to Mother and Father's face, I can't! Lies... lies... they'll haunt you, they will.” Gwen said nervously. “Prickles, your great, but lying?! No...”

“Oh, please!” Prickles groaned. “I meant for school! I want to be disguised as a flower!”

“Oh, lovely!” Gwen exclaimed.

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The next day, Prickles escaped being sold and went to school. The school was called Great Britain Plant School. School was scary. Prickles, (or shall we say Sunshine The Flower), didn't know anyone... yet.

“Hey girl! I'm gonna be your BFF, kay?” A four leafed clover said.

“Um... hey girl! You, er... seem real lucky! Let's be friends, alright??” Prickles replied nervously.

“Girl, I gotta tell you, you've got little prickles coming out of you! Bye, girl. The name is Lucky!” Lucky shouted as she ran down the hall. Quickly, Prickles ran into the bathroom. She pulled her flower headpiece over her head more. Lucky was right. She *still* had prickles sticking out of her. She was nervous as ever. She missed Gwen, she missed her family. Slowly, she headed out of the bathroom.

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“*Oh no!*” She thought. Her costume had ripped. A tree came up to Prickles “Hey you!” He shouted. “What’s up with that?! You’re supposed to have no prickles, weirdo! Get outta here!”

Prickles gathered all the words Gwen had taught him.

“What’s wrong with that?!” Prickles asked. “I’m proud to have prickles! And my owner is proud of it too! Gwen, that’s her name! And if she caught you telling me that, then... then...” Prickles forgot what she was supposed to say.

“Then what?” The tree asked. “That girl Gwen, doesn’t seem like a threat! You must have a prickly life, huh?”

“I like my life prickly! In fact, I *love* my life prickly! You know, it’s only Great Britain that has their cactus’ lose their prickles at a young age, but guess what?! I came from Canada! So, for me, it doesn’t matter!” Prickles shouted. The tree looked shocked.

“R - really??” He asked. “Man, that’s cool! Canada! I’ve always wanted to go there!”

“Really?! Cool! Hey, want to walk to class together?” Prickles asked.

“Sure dude!” The tree said. Prickles and the tree lived their life together as best friends, along with Gwen. They had Christmas together, and everything! And suddenly, Prickles life wasn’t so prickly.

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## Food

Mmmmm...it's morning time. Time for breakfast!!! Do I smell Eggs or is it porridge! oh, and mom's taking cookies out of the storage?! Yay, we're having bacon and eggs! dad's leaving and moms putting his breakfast in bags? Oh that was so good I should've savoured it, but not to fear lunchtime is here! Is it peanut butter sandwiches or hotdogs? No, it's even better it's pasta!!! Oh no, it's time for soccer mom said fasta, fasta! When I came back it's dinner time! I said what are we having for dinner! I don't know but I know it's going to be a real winner! It's tacos were having! what fun! oh no said mom it's almost time for my nightly run!

## Friends

Do you have a friend?  
All friendships never end.  
Your friends are there when you are glad, your friends are there when you are mad.  
they care for you when you are Blue it's good to have a few  
they are there when you are hurt they share their desserts  
They like you for who you are, they like you every day so if you have a friend you  
should say hooray friends are there for you so you should be there for them to.

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### Elephant Friends

One day there was an elephant named Meg. She loved the spring! She loved school too! But she was only 8, and she had no friends! So, one day, she got a friend named Molly who she met at school. They played every day and were BFFs. One day, Molly met a new friend, and Molly never saw Meg for a year. A year later, Meg still had no friends, but she saw Molly again. So, they said hi, and Molly said sorry. Meg forgave her. The next day, it was Meg's birthday, and Molly was coming to her party. It would be the best birthday ever! So, Meg opened the door, and Molly said, "HAPPY BIRTHDAY!" Meg said, "Thank you so much!"

THE END!!!

## THE THREE FRIENDS SAVE THE FOREST

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Once upon a time there was a little puppy named Noia. Noia and her friends, Rocky and Bella, were going into the forest. They were going to play hide and seek!

"I found a place to play!" Noia said to the others. Bella ran over.

"YAY!" Bella said, running around. Rocky walked over.

"I feel this place isn't safe," he said investigating. Bella ran and bumped Rocky over.

"I'm sure it is fine," Bella said dragging Rocky over to the middle of the clearing.

"You're IT!" Bella and Noia said running off. Rocky sighed.

"Don't say I didn't warn you." Rocky said turning around to start counting. "1,2..." Rocky counted. "...9,10! HERE I COME!" Rocky wandered off into the woods looking for the others.

"Where are you?" Rocky said looking under a rock.

"ROAR!" Rocky looked behind him, but there was nothing! Rocky was worried. He looked over the rocks, behind the trees, through the bushes, but still, no one there. He heard it again,

"ROAR!"

"Hey guys I think it's time to go!" Rocky yelled.

"ROAR!" Rocky looked over to where he thought the roaring was coming from.

"A cave, that must be where they are!" Rocky whispered softly. Rocky quietly walked towards the cave.

"HELP!" A girls voice called faintly from inside. Rocky went closer to the cave. He heard a silent scream coming from deep inside. Suddenly the cave shook and knocked Rocky over into a secret room.

"Where am I?" Rocky said quietly to himself. Rocky looked up... THUMP! Giant feet came stomping down, almost crushing Rocky! Luckily the giants didn't know that he was there. Rocky got up as fast as he could, trying to dodge the giant feet. Above him there was a big pot. After all of the giants were gone Rocky climbed up onto the counter.

"Bella I really hope you are in here." Rocky said worried. Rocky looked around.

"HELP!" said a muffled voice.

"Bella?"

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“Rocky!” the voice said back. Rocky ran over to the voice. IT WAS BELLA! Rocky ran over and gnawed on the ropes to get her free.

“I told you so,” Rocky said. THUMP! Rocky looked behind him.

“Oh-no, it is the giants again!” Rocky grabbed Bella,

“I know where Noia is!” Rocky looked over to where the door was and ran.

“How are we gonna’ get in?” Rocky asked.

“Easy, watch.” Bella said as she pushed the door part way open. Rocky started to push also to save Noia. Once they got the door open they climbed up onto the counter, helping each other up.

“Where is Noia?” Rocky asked looking over at Bella. Bella looked around.

“There she is!” Bella responded.

“HELP!,” Noia yelled. “Rocky, Bella, you came for me!” THUMP!

“Oh, no. It is the giants again! Let's get you out of here!” Bella said as she ran towards Noia. Rocky bit the ropes and got Noia and hid right before the giants came in.

“Wow that was close.” Bella said as she let out a sigh of relief. Once the giants noticed Noia and Bella were gone the ground started to shake and did not stop.

“Oh, no. The thumping won't stop. How are we gonna get out, they are everywhere!?” Noia said as she looked around. Noia, Bella and Rocky were looking everywhere for a place to get out, but there was none. Rocky looked here and there but there was no escape!

“What are we gonna do, the giants are there, there, there, and...”

“Not there, follow me!” Noia said interrupting. Rocky ran for the open exit. It was a mouse hole!

“Why are we going into a mouse hole? This makes no sense?” Noia said as she started to run to it to. Bella tagged along trying to keep up, but she fell on her face, as usual. Luckily when she fell she rolled into the hole. The hole lead to outside!

“Look we are back out of the cave!” Bella said excitedly. THUMP!

“Oh, no they found us!” Noia said as she started running. Rocky followed Noia into the deeper parts of the forest.

“We can make a trap here, and after we trap them we can make a deal,” Nola

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said pointing to a clearing in the trees. "We can make it here." Bella went to grab some rope, and Noia went to get some sticks to help support the trap. Rocky went over to Noia to ask her a question.

"What is the deal that we will make with the giants?" Rocky said confused. Noia looked over at Rocky.

"The deal we will make is we let them go and they leave us and the town alone." Noia said. Rocky went back to the clearing in the trees. THUMP THUMP THUMP.

"Bella, Noia the giants are coming!" Rocky yelled back to the others. Noia and Bella ran to the clearing as fast as they could. They set up the trap super fast and just in time. After they set the trap up, they hid in the bushes until the giants came, which was not that long. Once the giants were there, the three friends pulled the ropes and the giant was trapped. Noia went out to talk to the king.

"I will let you down if you promise not to bug me or the town!" Noia said to the giant.

"You are small but you are also feisty and smart, so i will make that deal you proposed an actual deal." Noia cut the trap and all the giants went back. And they all lived happily ever after!