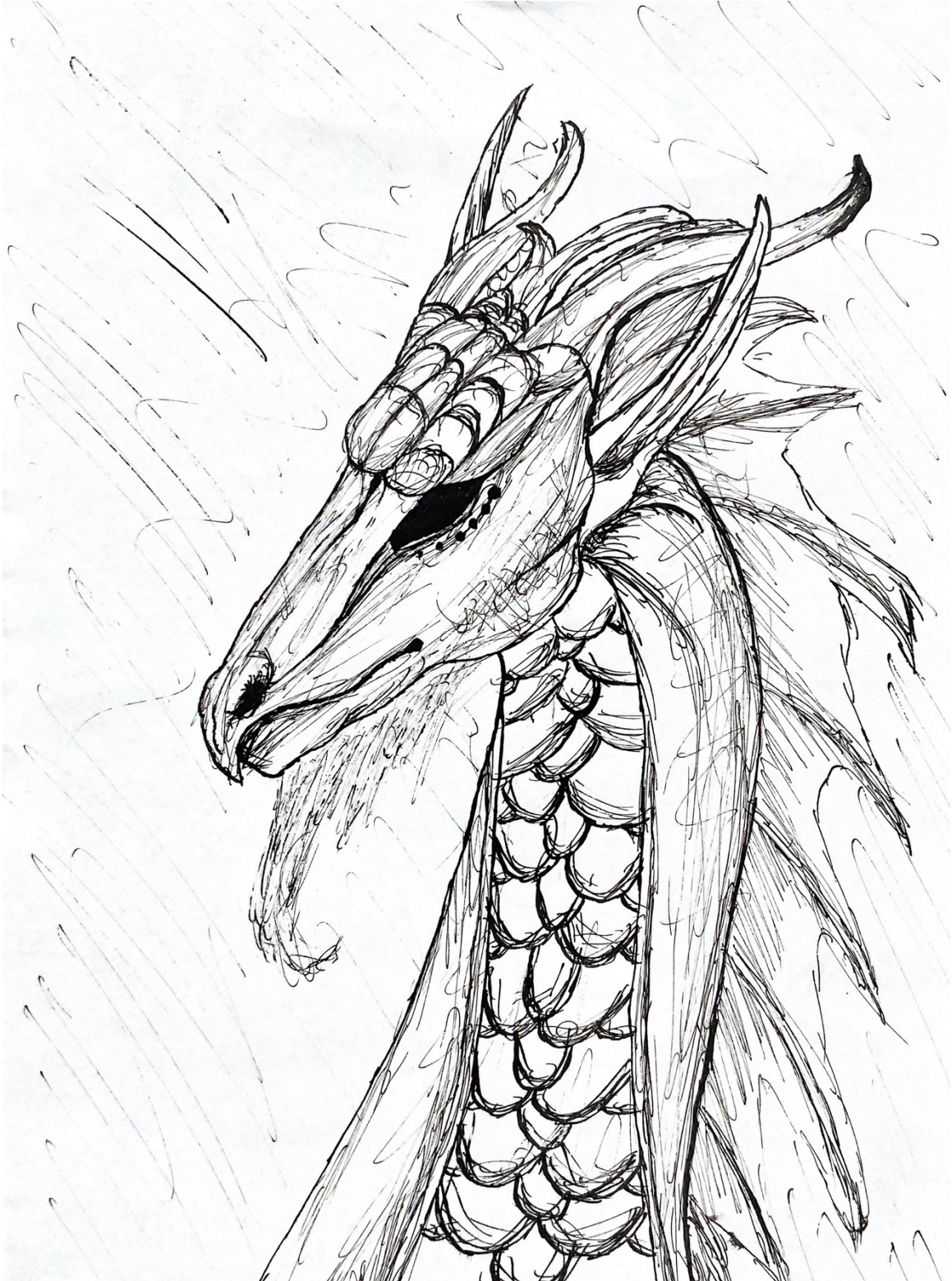


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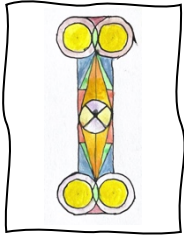
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1. The Sounds from the Forest



It was already dark when I heard the noise. At first it was soft, but it grew louder and louder. Everyone else was out on a trip but I wasn't allowed to join. Ethan

had said that there was a troll or some other monster down there, but I don't believe in ghost stories. So, I decided to check where that noise was coming from...

I went into the forest and the noise was now so loud that I got very scared, but I really wanted to know, if there was a troll or something in the forest, so I went deeper into the forest. There were probably thousands of thoughts in my head about where that noise was coming from. There was a lot of fog, and the ground was very soggy.

After ten minutes of walking straight, there was a big cave. At first, I didn't want to go in. But then I decided to go in because I didn't want to be so scared. I went in and the sound was getting louder and louder. I got goosebumps and stayed at the same place for a while.

When the noise wasn't so loud anymore, I went deeper into the cave. I was going deeper and deeper and now I saw bones of dead bodies on the floor, so I really wanted to go back - but too late!

I still don't know why but it seemed like there was a trap because suddenly there was a big wall behind me. I really thought that this was going to be the end, so I tried to destroy the wall, but the wall was too hard!

"Raaaaawwwrrrrr!"

The screams of a troll! The troll had to be only a few meters behind me.

Then suddenly something was grabbing my foot and I screamed as loud as possible:

"neeeellllppp meeee!!!"

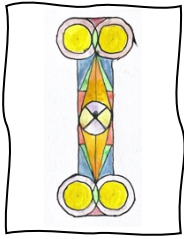
Then I heard a sound which was very familiar to me. It was the laughter of my friend Ethan. They didn't allow me to come on the trip with them because they planned to troll me. At first, I was very angry that they made me feel so scared, but then I was very happy that there wasn't a real troll.

At the end we all went for dinner together and ate a steak. Now, I think the joke wasn't so bad for me because now I know that there are no trolls out there.

By R.B.



2. The Rise of the Dark Side



It was already dark when I heard the noise. At first it was soft, but it grew louder and louder. Everyone else was out on a trip but I wasn't allowed to join. Ethan had said that there was a troll or some other monster down there, but I don't believe in ghost stories. So, I decided to check where that noise was coming from...

When I was outside, I saw nothing, but I heard some noise coming from the woods. I ran into the direction where the noise was coming from.

In the middle of the forest, I saw a wizard with his student. The wizard taught the student some magic. When the two realised that I was watching them, they acted scared, but I said that I wasn't going to do anything. The wizard whose name was Gandalf trusted me and explained to me that he was teaching his student how to fight the dragon Jake, who was really powerful. I

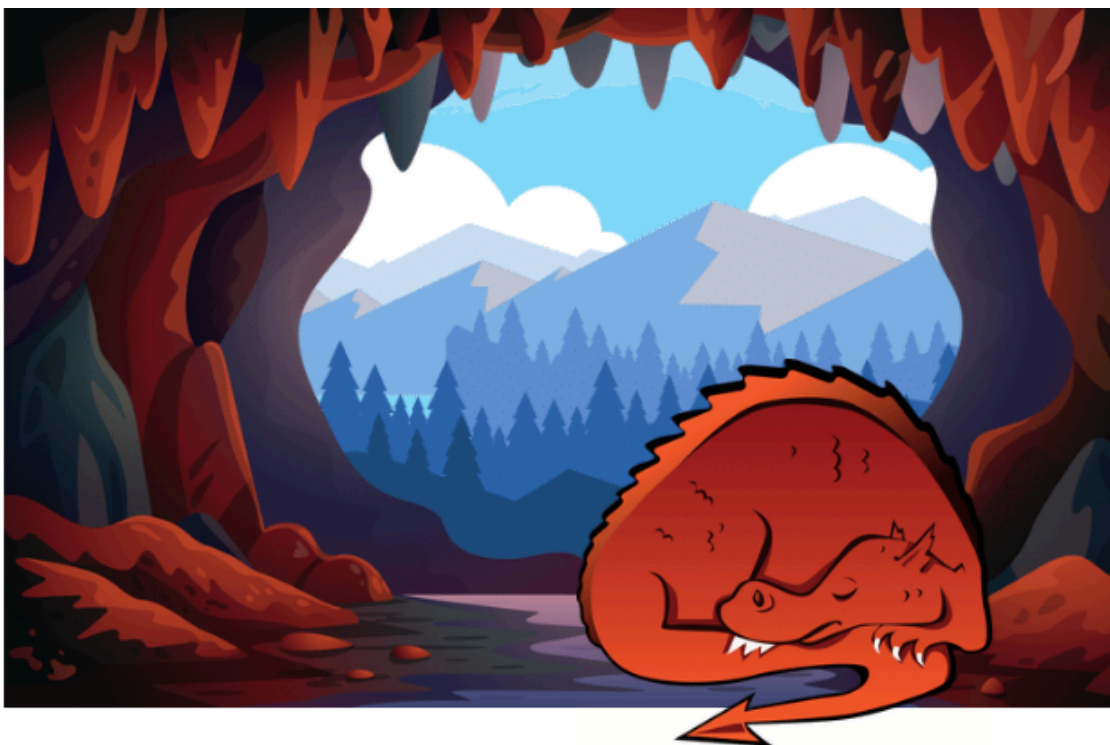


By J.N., 7d

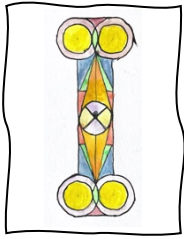
wasn't really surprised when I heard about the fight with the dragon because in the world of magic this is typical.

After the student had finished the lesson and his exercises, the three of us went to the Dragon Mountains to fight the dragon. When we arrived there, the dragon was sleeping in his dark cave. We sneaked behind the dragon, but when Gandalf was stumbling over his foot, the dragon woke up and spit fire on Gandalf and killed him. The student and I were able to hide behind a stone just in time before the fire would have hit us. The dragon thought that he also killed us and got back to sleep. When the student realised that his teacher was dead, I promised him that we would take revenge...

By S.D.



3. My Wardrobe



It was already dark when I heard the noise. At first it was soft, but it grew louder and louder. Everyone else was out on a trip but I wasn't allowed to join. Ethan had said that there was a troll or some other monster down there, but I don't believe in ghost stories. So, I decided to check where that noise was coming from...

My wardrobe! How was that possible?! I was a little scared. What could it be? I was sure it wasn't a ghost or something like that. Maybe just a mouse, I thought. Slowly, I opened one of the drawers, and the noise was getting louder. Suddenly, I could see something green in a corner of the drawer.

"What is that?!", I thought.

I was getting even more scared. When I opened the drawer completely, I saw it! It was crazy!

"No way, that this is real", I thought.

In my drawer lay a dragon. A little, green dragon. It had big brown eyes and didn't look dangerous at all. But I was so shocked, I couldn't say anything. It just looked at me and suddenly I wasn't so scared anymore. The dragon looked kind of cute, I thought. I looked at him and he looked at me and then he started to talk!

"Could you help me out of here?", he asked a little anxiously but with a nice voice. The dragon could speak?! I really thought this was a dream!

"Of course, I can!", I answered and carefully picked him up and helped him out of the drawer.

"So, how did you get into my wardrobe?", I asked him, still a bit shocked.

"Oh, I had to hide in here because in my city there are dragon hunters", he answered. Now I was confused.

"So, you're a real dragon?", I asked him.

He said yes, but told me that I wasn't allowed to tell anyone about him because of the hunters. The dragon's name was Bob and after we talked for a while, it turned out, that we weren't that different after all. I told him, that he could live in my drawer for a while.

So, he lived there for two whole months. At first it was really difficult for me not to tell anyone about him. Once I was at school talking with my friends about a video game. Suddenly - and I don't know why - I said:

"Yeah, my dragon Bob would like this!". They were all staring at me.

"You've got a dragon?!", my best friend Jacob asked me.

I knew that they all believed in dragons because it was written in the papers that dragons had been seen in our town, and we would all have to catch and kill them. I'd never do this to Bob, of course! In the last two months it turned out, that he was a pretty great friend. I liked him. I tried to explain to my friends that I was just kidding, but they didn't believe me. Now Bob and I got into big trouble, I thought.

When I was back home, I told him about what had just happened. We both didn't know what to do. Suddenly, someone was ringing at our house. I was alone at home this afternoon. I went downstairs and opened the door. In front of our house was a film team! They asked about Bob! At first, I told them that it was just a story I had made up. I really couldn't believe that my friends had told everyone!

But suddenly I had an idea! What if I could prove that dragons weren't bad at all? I asked the team to wait a minute and got Bob. So, I made sure Bob appeared on TV. It was the first time he left my bedroom since he started hiding. And I think, at first, he didn't like to be filmed. But when I told the TV team that he wasn't dangerous, they carefully asked him some questions. After some time, the whole team loved Bob. Bob told everyone that dragons were not dangerous at all and that it was just the humans

getting scared because they didn't know them. And this was all live on TV!

From now on, everyone loved dragons and they didn't need to hide anymore. Bob is a pretty cool film star now and lives in his own 'dragon box'. So, he doesn't need to sleep in my drawer anymore. And from now on dragons and humans can live together in peace forever - just because of me and Bob!

By M.G.



4. The Troll Attack



aniyah was standing in front of the door. Her hands were trembling. So that was the day she had waited for so long! She opened the huge wooden door and felt the cold air on her skin.

"It must be a magical world", she thought, when she landed in the new world. She was a little afraid because she didn't know if there were any evil creatures. After she had passed the forest in which she had landed, she saw a small child.

Saniyah walked towards him because she wanted to know where she was. After she had asked him, he answered that this was the fantasy world, and he was an elf named Luke and he talked about all the creatures which live in this world. There are unicorns, elves like me, fairies, dragons, mermaids, wizards, people like you and trolls. But the trolls only live in caves in the mountains, he said. Luke was a smart and happy child, but Saniyah was a bit shy at first. Luke said: "Do you want to see the world? I can show you all the interesting things."



By L.N., 7d

Saniyah answered with yes and so Luke and Saniyah went on a cool trip around the country. They saw huge and small lakes, big mountain ranges, the castle of the king, beautiful corn fields and other things. After a while Saniyah wanted to live in this new world because all people were so nice to each other.

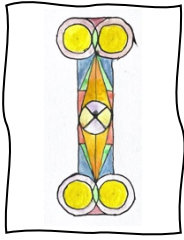
One day she and Luke wanted to have an adventure, so they went to the mountains where the trolls lived. When they were at the entry of the cave, everything was dark, but the deeper they went into the cave, the brighter it got. It had to be the campfire from the troll. After a while, they got to the troll but when they stood one meter away from the troll, he opened his eyes and yelled. They ran but the troll was faster. He threw stones at them, and one almost hit Saniyah. The only way how they could escape was to run. Finally, they saw the end of the cave, but the troll was still chasing them. But at the end both could escape. After that adventure they swore that they wouldn't do this ever again. At the end they both lived happily in the fantasy world and when they didn't die, they live today.

End!



By T.H.

5. The Rise of Walidus



It was already dark when I heard the noise. At first it was soft, but it grew louder and louder. Everyone else was out on a trip but I wasn't allowed to join. Ethan had said that there was a troll or some other monster down there, but I don't believe in ghost stories. So, I decided to check where that noise was coming from...

It was dirty and cold in the cave and it was very hard to see anything in this incredible intense darkness. I was really scared and I felt very uncomfortable. Slowly and trying not to make any loud noises, I sneaked through the cave.

A deep grunt made the cave tremble and for one moment I regretted being so curious. I walked for a long time towards that scary noise when suddenly - right in front of me - a dim light appeared. I stopped and listened in the darkness. The grunting was gone but only a few seconds later a loud snoring began and I walked towards the light.

A candle flickered through a crack in a thick stonewall and the light fell on a gigantic creature in the corner. It was a troll! Well, I mean that's how I have imagined a troll would look like ever since I was a child. The creature had a green skin with many bumps, big dirty teeth and huge hands with sharp claws. He was wearing nothing but trousers with holes in them and next to the troll lay a crossbow.

He was leaning against the wall and sleeping. I shivered! How was this possible! Trolls didn't exist! They were mythical creatures and not real. But this thing in the corner was definitely not a human!

I had no idea what to do right now. It was hard to go through the cave and I didn't know if I could find the way back out, but if I screamed for help, the troll would wake up!

Before I could come to a decision, I heard something right behind me. Then someone grabbed my arm and pulled me into the darkness of the cave. I wanted to scream, but my kidnapper pressed a hand on my mouth.

"Sssshhh!"

I stopped struggling and listened.

"It could wake up!", whispered a deep voice into my ear. I turned around and right in front of me stood a little man with a torch in his hand. He had a long, red beard and wore heavy armor. He looked at me very grimly and I was completely confused.

"Wh-What are you?", I stuttered.

He rolled with his eyes. Suddenly, I recognized something on the floor. It was a big foot with claws and silver scales. I looked up and one meter behind the little man sat a real dragon. He shined silvery and looked at me very calmly but I was too shocked and a loud scream came out of my mouth.

I ran! My feet just began to move, far away from these strange people, far away from this world, out of the cave.

There! There was the exit! I could see bright light again and the green mountains, but suddenly something stood between me and the exit. It was the big dragon, but now he no longer looked calmly. His eyes were angry and smoke came out of his huge nose. His wings were spread and they filled the whole cave. For a moment I stopped breathing and my body felt heavy. I fell down on the hard rocky ground.



By P.K., 7d

"You can't go!", thundered the dragon's voice.

"It is not your destiny to leave us now!"

The dragon folded its wings and bowed his head to mine.

I backed off and kept my eyes on the huge animal.

"I-I don't know what's happening!" My voice was very quiet but I was too stunned to speak normally.

"You're the first human who has entered this cave for almost a 1000 years! It's not that what it seems. This cave is the entrance to a new world! A world completely different to yours, a world of wonder and fantasy."

By L. J.

6. A Magical Trip



Saniyah was standing in front of the door. Her hands were trembling. So that was the day she had waited for so long! She opened the huge wooden door and felt the cold air on her skin.

She followed the path to a small village. Suddenly an elf crossed her way.

He asked: "Hi, I am Jake. Who are you?"

Saniyah answered: "I am Saniyah. Would you like to come along with me? I want to go to the village where the mythical creatures live."

He answered: "I have never been there before, so I will come with you."

On their way to the village they had a lot of fun together and became friends.

When they arrived, they saw some unicorns, fairies, dwarves and wizards, who were very friendly. One of the dwarfs asked them: "Have you heard about the magical castle? A lot of cool dragons and many mermaids live there in the lake. But you must go through the dark forest to get there."



By A.W, 7d

Saniyah and Jake discussed what to do and decided to go there together. They said goodbye to the dwarf and the creatures of the village.

The forest was dark and they heard scary noises. But they continued their way. They saw a shadow and suddenly a troll jumped out on the path. He shouted something in a foreign language that sounded very strange. Then, many other trolls appeared. Saniyah was very scared. But Jake stayed cool.

Saniyah asked him: "How can you stay so calm?"

He whispered in her ear: "I have a secret. I have magical powers! I can teleport myself to the village to get some help. Climb up this tree and hide yourself in the treetops! I will be back soon!"

Jack teleported himself back to the village and loudly screamed for his friends. It took only a few seconds but for Saniyah it felt like an hour. Saniyah looked down on the trolls and thankfully saw Jake coming back with many dwarves and giants. A short fight started but then all the trolls ran away.

Saniyah and Jake continued their path together with the dwarves and giants. They had a lot to talk about. After a while they left the forest and reached the castle. The castle looked very beautiful and the magical creatures were very friendly. Saniyah and Jake were happy, enjoyed their trip and forgot the scary path in the forest.

By L. K.

7. Saniyah's and Flynn's Adventure



anayah was standing in front of the door. Her hands were trembling. So that was the day she had waited for so long! She opened the huge wooden door and felt the cold air on her skin. Then she could hear it.

The sound of the huge wings.

And then she saw him. The huge black dragon, her dragon. He landed right in front of her. In this land, it was a tradition that some special elves got their dragon for their 15th birthday. Suddenly she heard his voice.

He said: "Hey, what's up? I'm Flynn, 16 years old and from now on your companion. Do you want to fly for a bit, so you can tell me something about you?"

Of course, she said yes and a few moments later they flew over the lake and the trees of the forest. Saniyah told him that her parents had died two years ago and that she had been living with her uncle and her aunt since then. She also told him some more things about her life and the rules of this country:

1. Don't use magic for bad things.
2. Don't kill anyone.
3. Don't go outside after 10 p.m.

"You can't go out after 10 p.m. because of the werewolves and other bad creatures!" Saniyah warned him.

Then Flyn told her about where he grew up and some more things. After like an hour they flew back because it was almost 10 p.m. He slept in the cave right next to Saniyah's little house made of wood.

In the middle of the night, she woke up to the roar of her dragon and ran out of the house. A leader of their village was standing in front of her house.

He said: "Let's go! You and your dragon must come with me!"

Five minutes later Saniyah found out that Tetrix, a woman who once lived here, and her dragon Dart used magic for bad things and killed one of the other leaders to take over the power in the village. Luckily, she only managed to kill one of them.

The village decided that they had to stop Tetrix, so all elves who had a dragon and were able to fight had to fight against them. 15 minutes later all of them were on their way to the place of Tetrix' and Darts' hiding place.

Saniyah was holding her bow and arrows in her hand while they flew to a high mountain. Then they saw it! A huge army of enchanted werewolves in front of the entrance of a large cave. And then the fight started. The elves and their dragons were

able to make them run away. It was the first time Saniyah broke a rule and killed someone even though it was only an evil werewolf and it was allowed right now.

"They must be hiding in the cave. Be careful, we can't fly in there", screamed the leader.

Before he could say more, they heard a very loud roar and a scream. It seemed like Saniyah's body was frozen and she couldn't move. And then they saw the grey dragon and Tetric flying right towards the leader of the elves' group.

But before Tetric could reach him with her sword, a man in a dark red cloak appeared and shouted:

"You and your dragon will never be able to use magic again. You will be banished to the darkest forest far, far away!"

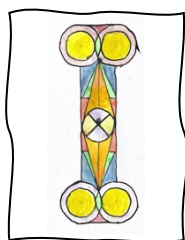
He was gone just as quickly as he had appeared and so were Tetric and Dart. The elves and the dragons were all speechless and flew back to their village. Since this day they have never seen Tetric and her dragon again.



By P.K.

By S.F. 7d

8. The Scary Cave



It was already dark when I heard the noise. At first it was soft, but it grew louder and louder. Ethan had said that there was a troll or some other monster down there, but I don't believe in ghost stories. So, I decided to check where that noise was coming from...

Ethan, Feli and I went into the cave but we didn't hear any creepy noises.

I said: "Let's go home. It's really boring and nobody is here."

But right after I had finished talking, we heard somebody or something crying. I turned on my flashlight and slowly went deeper into the cave. Ethan and Feli followed me. Feli was my best friend and she was a fairy - just like me. Ethan was a good friend, too. I had known him since I was little. Feli and I were no small fairys. We looked like normal people, but we could use magic and fly. Feli and I held each other's hands and we were getting closer and closer to the noises.

Just before we had almost arrived, Ethan stopped me and said: "Are you sure we want to go there?"

I said yes. In a small corner of the cave lay a little dragon baby and cried. I quickly walked to the dragon and took it into my hand. But in this moment two men appeared and put a bag over my head. I screamed, but suddenly I fell asleep or something like that.

I didn't know where I was when I woke up, but it was dark and my hands hurt. I wanted to call for Ethan and Feli, but there was a piece of tape in front of my mouth. Later, I overheard two men speaking with each other. It was about me and they were talking about how to get a ransom. Now it occurred to me again that I had been kidnapped and that I was probably still somewhere in the cave. But how could I get out of there?

In another part of the cave, Ethan and Feli were still in shock. They had watched the kidnapping and they were now thinking about how they could save their fairy friend. Feli suddenly had an idea. She told Ethan: "I could confuse the kidnapper by flying around in the cave and quickly changing my location again and again. Meanwhile, you can quickly run to Lotti and save her."

Ethan thought that that was a nice idea, so Feli flew into the cave and changed her location quickly, so that Ethan could save Lotti.

I am so happy that I'm free now and that I have such good friends. But before we went out of the cave, I ran towards the dragon baby and we saved it, too. It was so happy to see me and his name is Leo.

By C. K.

9. The Lonely Dragon



Today was my first day at the new school. Everything is different here. Students wear cloaks all the time and teachers use magic in classes. I thought it was going to be an easy first day but I've never been so wrong! Above all however, it was an interesting and adventurous day!

In the morning, I went to the principal's office and everyone at school looked at me weirdly. I don't know why, but I didn't feel comfortable. I felt nervous, too and looked at my mom, who walked besides me. When we arrived at the office, my mom smiled at me and we went into the room.

What they said there was very boring. I got a cloak and they explained some rules to me. What was nice is that at this school magic is allowed. Only flying isn't allowed.

After the meeting, my mom left and I was looking for my classroom. On the way, I crashed into another elf. Her name was Elfie and she showed me the school, so we became friends. It is very nice that we are in the same class, too.

Elfie also explained the important rules to me. One of the rules made me curious. She said that we couldn't go in the woods next to the school because there were werewolves.

After school, I wanted to show her our house. But on the way, we suddenly heard a cry for help. The noise was coming from the woods. We couldn't hold ourselves back and so we went into the woods and searched for the noise.

Then, as we walked a little deeper into the woods, we saw a dragon. It was a small dragon, a young one. We asked him why he was crying and he told us his story.

His name was Party. He got separated from his family when they moved to another place. So, he came to these woods.

But in the middle of his story, he suddenly stopped talking. The werewolves were coming. We had to get out the woods very quickly, otherwise the werewolves were going to kill us.

We ran as fast as we could and at the end of the woods we stopped to run.

Party told the rest of his story and explained that he had to sing a special song during full moon to communicate with his family. Luckily, today was a full moon night. But Party was scared and so Elfie and I waited together with him until the moon came out.

When the time was right, Party began to sing and it was really beautiful. He had a great voice. He closed his eyes and concentrated on the song. Suddenly, we saw shadows in the night-sky. There were the dragons, they flew towards us and they were

really big! As they landed on the ground, Party opened his eyes and hugged his family. He was extremely happy to see them. Party thanked us and his family, too.

So, we could help Party and he was very happy. We watched the dragons and how they flew away together in the sky.

By C.K.



10. A Rather Special Human Being



Today was my first day at the new school. Everything is different here. Students wear cloaks all the time and teachers use magic in classes. I thought it was going to be an easy first day but I've never been so wrong!

Although I was scared, I was happy to finally be able to attend the School for Witchcraft. Since I have found this hidden side of the world, I have known that I was meant to be a wizard.

My mentor Lilith, who accommodated me and took care of me, wasn't really happy with the idea of me visiting a school because she knew I would get into a lot of trouble. Not just because I'm quite the troublemaker, I've also got one problem, that no one there has: I wasn't born as a wizard. I'm a normal human, the only one.

Lilith knew I would be far behind the other students, not because I'm not smart, but because I had to do more for the same results than the others could ever think of.

As I entered the classroom, I could already feel the disgust coming from the students. No one was interested in talking to me, but I had a goal. I wanted to become at least as good as the others.

After the first two hours had passed, I had to take a break.

Just when I had sat down in a small corner, I heard gut-trembling screams coming not just from students, but even teachers. While hiding behind a corner, I took a glance of what was the reason. What I saw sent shivers down my spine. A tremendous creature, not identifiable from any of the books I had ever read, crawled down the wide hallways shattering the columns, chandeliers, and antique decorations. Over on the other side, I saw a majestic sword, with a blade shining brighter than a polished diamond and a handle made out of engraved gold topped with a ruby hanging down from the wall. Without further thinking, knowing full well I could lose my life, but craving for the recognition of the academy, I took the sword, dashing towards the beast. As I hauled out to strike the creature, my body started to feel lighter. I realized the sword lifted the weight from my feet. A vague message suddenly appeared on the blade, reading *a stranger may read the message to be the savior of the broken, the beaten, and the damned. They shall defeat the evil, their demons, and all the nonbelievers* in burgundy red letters. As I aimed for the final hit, welcoming warm darkness held me, as I felt my vision slowly going black.

To be continued..

By A. L.

11. The Fall of the King



anayah was standing in front of the door. Her hands were trembling. So that was the day she had waited for so long! She opened the huge wooden door and felt the cold air on her skin. Then she could hear it.

The sound of the huge wings.

In the darkness she could see a huge green reptile with wings. Saniyah stared at the big mouth of the reptile, then she realized: It was a dragon.

On the back of the dragon stood an elf with pointed ears, a sword and a cloak, which was made out of leaves. All in all, he looked very majestic and Saniyah thought: "He must be the king."

The elf said: "Come with me, we must fly to the capitol of the elf kingdom!"

Saniyah climbed onto the back of the dragon and the king continued to speak:

"Hold on to the dragon, it is fast, and the flight is long."

They flew over forests and mountains until Saniyah spotted a big castle in a forest. For the whole flight Saniyah wondered why she was so important that the king had picked her up. A few minutes later she knew why.

The knights of the king led her to a huge room with windows with a great view of the mountains. Some elves sat at the table and were discussing something, but when Saniyah entered the room, all eyes turned to her.

"Ah Saniyah, I'm sure you have a lot of questions, and we'll give you the answers," one of the elves said.

Saniyah's first question was the most important of all. She was certain it would change her life.

"Why am I here?", she asked, and the king answered:

"You're here because your parents were the famous Merlin and Nimue, the queen of the lake. She made Excalibur - the sword of our king Artus. Therefore, you have strong magical powers!"

That surprised Saniyah a lot. Merlin and Nimue, her parents!?! But the king continued:

"That's why you're so important to us. Artus, the king of the whole country, got crazy and he wants to start a war and only you can defeat him!"

After a few days she had learned some magical spells, but when the knights came to take her to the battle, she didn't feel prepared for a fight.

When they arrived at the battlefield, Saniyah could only stare at the huge army of King Artus, but she also saw the army of the elves and other magical creatures like centaurs, dwarves,

unicorns, or fairies, which were fighting against the humans. The elves landed in the middle of their army, when some of the elves shouted:

"Oh no, Artus has the giants on his side!"

Then all went wrong. The giants were too strong and most of the magical army got hurt. More and more elves pulled back.

Suddenly, the king of the elves stood in front of Saniyah and said:

"Concentrate on your magical power. Feel the magic!"

Saniyah concentrated and then she felt it, the magical powers.

She turned her hand towards the giants and suddenly they couldn't move anymore at all.

While the elves attacked the humans again, Saniyah levitated to King Artus and disarmed him. As the lords of the magical kingdoms arrived, she shouted:

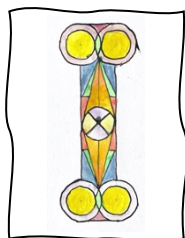
"Artus! You're defeated. You are no more the king of the country!"

With a smile, the king of the elves answered:

"Yes, I think it's time for a queen."

By V.M.

12. A World Underneath the Surface



It was already dark when I heard the noise. At first it was soft, but it grew louder and louder. Everyone else was out on a trip but I wasn't allowed to join. Ethan had said that there was a troll or some other monster down there, but I don't believe in ghost stories. So, I decided to check where that noise was coming from...

I walked outside and suddenly I couldn't hear the noise anymore, so I decided to wait a moment. After a few seconds, it started again. It sounded like a scream of an old man.

"Maybe somebody needs help there," I thought to myself.

And finally, I found a door behind a very old oak tree, where that strange noise came from. Because this door looked very mysterious, I didn't want to enter the inside, but after a short time of thinking I grabbed the door-handle. I pulled and pulled as hard as I could, but the door didn't even move an inch.

Just as I wanted to give up, the door opened slowly by itself with a squeaky noise. I was shocked because that was insane. Maybe it had been magic that had opened the door for me.

Inside, it was very dark but I could see long stairs which went all the way down. After a few minutes of walking downstairs, I arrived next to a house.

"I didn't know that people live underground, too".

But in a split second, I noticed that the people there weren't like us. Behind that house I saw a fight. In this battle the people were huge and some of them were even green .

"Were those creatures trolls and giants?"

So, Ethan was right. This world here is full of trolls and other creepy creatures. I wanted to go home so badly, but there was no way back. In this moment somebody touched my shoulder. I turned around and saw a friendly, short old man.

After he had taken me to his house, he gave me something to eat and explained everything to me. I was so happy that I met a wizard that wanted to find a way to stop a war between trolls and giants. A week went by and I really enjoyed living with this wizard, but then he said that the biggest battle between these two creatures was going to happen on the following day, so we prepared ourselves for the whole day.

So, it was Friday when the big battle was going to take place close to the biggest river down here. The wizard and I hid in a bush next to the river and we waited. But then more than a thousand giants and even more trolls arrived on the battlefield. As they began to fight the wizard started to say a spell. We had worked very hard on this, so it had to work. After he had said words I didn't understand, walls started to grow around the giants and

trolls so they couldn't fight. We thought we had succeeded but then the walls started to move so heavily that they broke into small pieces.

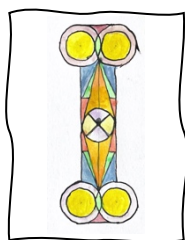
"ONE THING WE DIDN'T THINK ABOUT, THEY ARE SO STRONG!" shouted the wizard to me. What could we do now? I didn't know but the wizard looked as if he had a plan, so I sat there quietly. Again, he started to speak a language that only a wizard could understand, but now he talked much longer and then the most amazing thing happened!

"Dwarves!", I shouted. He had turned them into dwarves! That was a brilliant idea. After we had come out of the bush, we greeted the dwarves that had completely forgotten everything about the battle they had had.

From this day on, all the dwarves and the wizard have lived in peace, but I had to come back to my world. I said goodbye to the wizard and went upstairs.

By K. N.

13. The Giant Cave



It was already dark when I heard the noise. At first it was soft, but it grew louder and louder. Everyone else was out on a trip but I wasn't allowed to join. Ethan had said that there was a troll or some other monster down there, but I don't believe in ghost stories. So, I decided to check where that noise was coming from...

I went to the door and opened it. Outside there was a troll. He was taller and wider than ordinary trolls and he didn't look friendly. The last thing I remember is that he pulled his club out of his pocket and hit me on the head. Then, I must have been unconscious because I don't remember what happened.

When I came back to my senses, I realised that I wasn't at home anymore. Instead, I was in a big dark cave. Suddenly, I heard a noise and I was startled. I looked to the direction from which the noise was coming from and I could see the outline of a person.

I approached the person and noticed that it was a girl about my own age. She saw me and greeted me like it was normal. I asked her who she was, why we were there and how we could get out of that place.

She said: "My name is Kathrin and we are here in the giant cave and "

I interrupted her: "In the *giant cave*? This is a catastrophe; nobody has ever come out of here alive!"

"There's always a first time," said Kathrin.

Suddenly we heard a loud pounding. A giant.

Kathrin yelled: "Run!"

"Where to?", I yelled.

"I saw a ray of light on the other side of the cave, maybe there's an exit."

She took my hand and we ran towards the light and she was right, there was a narrow exit.

Outside we hugged happily. We made it!

By N. P.



14. The Dragon in the Middle of the Planet



Today was my first day at the new school. Everything is different here. Students wear cloaks all the time and teachers use magic in classes. I thought it was going to be an easy first day but I've never been so wrong!

In my dreams, I had thought it was going to be a normal day, but in real life I experienced that in fact it wasn't normal. It got very crazy when all the students had to use their magic for the first time ever. I got shot by lightnings and some creatures were attacking me.

You must know, I'm a human with special types of magic and often I'm in trouble with the monsters. I should tell you about the creatures but I'm not able to describe them.

I made a new friend today, whose name is Eta, and he is the second most powerful magician after his dad, who is the highest wizard.

Later in the year...

Eta and I are best friends now. Sometimes he gets very sad because of his dad who got arrested by the golden dragon in the middle of our planet. Some days ago, we decided to set him free.

Therefore, we had to open a gate which was at the end of a huge maze. Fighting against the dragon meant fighting against the most horrible creatures you could ever imagine. It took us weeks to get through the maze but finally we saw the golden gate and the dragon lying in front of it.

It was sleeping, so we tried to open the gate quietly. Unfortunately, we needed another person to press against this big door. Eta and I threw a piece of paper over the gate. His father found it and read our message. He pressed against the door with all his power, and we pulled the grip on both sides.

The dragon woke up because the door opened loudly. We fed the monster dragon with an exploding cookie. The three of us came back as heroes and the family reunion was completed.

By B. P.



15. The Secrets of Rumingard



aniyah was standing in front of the door. Her hands were trembling. So that was the day she had waited for so long! She opened the huge wooden door and felt the cold air on her skin. Then she could hear it.

The sound of the huge wings.

The sound came from the other side of the door. Saniyah opened it and couldn't believe her eyes. She saw green meadows shining in the sunlight, beautiful green, red, yellow forests, a lake nearby with clear water, a huge mountain and all these mythical creatures - unicorns eating grass, a mermaid swimming in the lake, fairies in the forests and a griffin posing on a rock.

Saniyah couldn't be happier. She didn't really know where she was but it was beautiful! Shanγ - which was her nickname - walked on a path that led her across the meadows to a big sign which said:



*"Right to the mermaid lake,
left to the forest of fairy tales and
straight ahead to Old-Town - Yorell."*

Saniyah didn't really know anything about this place, so she decided to visit the village. When she arrived, it was paradise. On the streets walked all kinds of beings like goblins, elves, leprechauns and many more. She went everywhere. In a shop for sweets, she saw all kinds of candy - from lolli pops and sugarcanes to chocolate frogs and gummy-bear snakes.

Saniyah then entered a pub where a dwarf named Barth spoke to her. They got to know and like each other. He came from Zapatosville in the mountains. Shany also learned that this place was Rumingard, where almost all mythical creatures lived in peace together.

Shany and Barth became close friends and Barth told her everything that she needed to know to survive in Rumingard. As time went by, she really missed her parents and her friends, so she wanted to go back home.

Barth and Saniyah went back to the door where she had arrived, but it was locked and it didn't move a tiny bit. They wanted to know why it didn't open, but the only folk that knows something like that were the elves. But the Elves were ignorant and selfish, so they hated to go there but otherwise, Shany couldn't go back to her parents.

So, Barth and Saniyah went to the tree where the elves lived. The king of the elves refused to help them, but the elf Eoin was going to help them. He told them that they had to go through the forbidden forest, the only place in Rumingard that wasn't save, to find a key. Even though Barth was scared, they took the risk and went to the forbidden forest.

Suddenly someone was in their way - Ilmie, Barths' brother. Trolls, goblins and even a dragon came out of the bushes. Ilmie attacked Shany, Barth and Eoin and a big fight took place. Suddenly a bright light appeared, and all the monsters vanished into thin air.

A wizard was standing there. His name was Thorin, and he was the only wizard in this land. He told the three friends that the key was only a trap and the only way to the door is love. Shany began to cry because Barth was lying motionless on the ground. She walked to the door in tears and surprisingly it was open. Barth and Shany's love had opened the door.

Shany was saying goodbye to everyone and entered the door where her mother stood waiting for her. As Shany took one last look back she was surprised. Barth stood there with a bandage and smiled at her. Shany jumped towards him and kissed him. Then she explained to her mother that she belonged to Rumingard and her mother was very understanding. So, Shany entered Rumingard for a second time and closed the door.

By F. R.

16. Dragon World



Saniyah was standing in front of the door. Her hands were trembling. So that was the day she had waited for so long! She opened the huge wooden door and felt the cold air on her skin. Then she could hear it.

- The sound of the huge wings of the mother dragon!

She couldn't believe it! On her home planet Askanda, that was very much like our planet except that every possible magical creature lived there, only a few people got chosen to do the magical trial. For the magical trial, you had to go through a magical wooden door to meet the mother dragon, who was going to ask you a question and if you answered it correctly, you would get a magical power to protect the people of Askanda. And her folk chose her - a scared thirteen-year-old girl from India!

The mother dragon was huge, bigger than all the dragons she had ever seen and she was red. Saniyah was very scared of the dragon and that she might not be able to answer the question. She looked behind her, but door was gone. There was no going back anymore.

Then the dragon landed and said: "Hello Saniyah. I'm going to ask you a question now, are you ready?"

She answered: "Yes, more or less."

"What is the strongest power even I can't give? You now have 15 minutes to answer."

She had expected everything, something with Maths, something physical or something about fighting but nothing like this, so she really needed to think. She thought about school and what they had learned there about powers, but they had never learned something about the strongest power, only about the best magicians! Then she thought about magic in her own everyday life, about Jefferson - the old magical healer of her village - and suddenly she knew it. He had always said that the biggest power was friendship.

So, she said with a trembling voice: "It's friendship, the biggest power is friendship!"

The mother dragon answered: "That's right!"

Suddenly the light was blinding her and as she opened her eyes again, she was standing on a wide-open space and in front of her there was a necklace with a dragon metal tag and she heard the mother dragons voice saying:

"You now have the power to make this dragon a real living dragon and put him in the metal tag again and he will always help you when you need him."

Saniyah put the necklace on and then the mini dragon started to move and got bigger and bigger until it reached the size of a

normal dragon (about 3-5 meters). He was silver, but in the sunlight every single one of his scales was shining in another colour. He was incredibly beautiful. She could hear a voice in her head saying:

"Hi, I'm Pietro the dragon. I am so happy I can finally meet you."

She answered in her head:

"I'm Saniyah and I'm happy to have you.

"If you want to you can get on my back and I bring you back to your village."

They flew through a magic wall and were back on the village square at her home. Everyone was clapping their hands for them and looked up to her with reverence.

But all of a sudden there was an explosion on the border of the village and a group of masked people dresses in black, "the Trolls", arrived. Everyone in the country knew them because they had magic powers, came to a village and took everything they wanted and disappeared again. This time they even had real trolls with them. They ran



By E.S.C., 7d

towards the group of villagers and shot fire onto houses out of their hands.

The dragon Pietro ran towards them and roared. The group ran away to hide between the houses, and you could hear explosions everywhere. There were injured people and destroyed houses everywhere.

But then Pietro flew high into the sky and spit fire with the same colourful shine as his scales. Everything broken that the fire touched got fixed and every injury healed, only "the Trolls" seemed to get hurt by it and ran away.

The dragon flew to the people on the village square and Saniyah thanked Pietro in her head and it was the beginning of a good friendship.

By L. R.



17. The Boy Who Saved My Life



Today was my first day at the new school. Everything is different here. Students wear cloaks all the time and teachers use magic in classes. I thought it was going to be an easy first day but I've never been so wrong!

Every class is about magic and I love that, but it still really confuses me how I never noticed magic in our world. My mother and I thought I was going to a completely normal boarding school in Ireland, but it turns out it is a boarding school about magic! I'm genuinely not sure how I got here without any knowledge of magic, but I'm sure I can get some help. So here's a bit about my first day: When the second lesson was over, I had a 20-minute break. During class, I had heard a girl talking about going to a special library, and because I love books and it would be a great opportunity to learn more about magic. I started following her as she went to the library. As I finally walked in, I was absolutely amazed. I've never seen so many books in one place. It was fascinating and I wanted to read every single book that was there.

While I walked through the 'M' corridor, suddenly I heard really loud footsteps and screams. It sounded like the footsteps came closer to me every single second. Suddenly, there was a

giant troll standing right in front of me. He was like 8'1 feet tall and looked at me like he wanted to kill me. Well, I think he actually wanted to kill me. I was so scared but I started to think what I could do to defend myself and while I was thinking, all of a sudden, there was a blue lightning right over my head, hitting the troll. The troll fell on the ground. As I looked in the direction where that lightning came from, I saw a boy with a wand, who started to scream at me:

"Get out of here! Before anyone thinks you've done that!"

But I couldn't just run away like that, so I started to ask: "What's your name?"

He answered, "I'm Joe . But if anyone finds out I killed the troll, I might get suspended! I wasn't even allowed to do that! I'm sorry, I have to go now!"

I screamed, "Wait!", but he was already gone. I hope that I'll see him again, so he can teach me how he did that!

Until, then

Elena

By E.S.C.



18. Saniyah and her Dragon Friend



Saniyah was standing in front of the door. Her hands were trembling. So that was the day she had waited for so long! She opened the huge wooden door and felt the cold air on her skin. Then she could hear it.

The sound of the huge wings of the most beautiful dragon she had ever seen. She had deep blue eyes with black, long lashes. But Saniyah was confused because she didn't know what to do. Should she try to communicate or should she do nothing because Saniyah was a little bit of scared.

After a few minutes of silence she had decided to get to know the dragon. Saniyah walked slowly towards the dragon, she came closer and closer. Saniyah was surprised because she felt the warm breath on her skin and it felt tender. It made her feel comfortable and it felt like home.

The Dragon was called Ondina and she had soft skin but she looked strong. The skin and the scales were ocean blue.

Ondina laid down and said: "What are you waiting for?"

"What? You can speak?", said Saniyah confused.

"Yes. A speaking dragon is normal!"

So Saniyah went with the dragon and both were really happy.

They became best friends, but a few days later, when Saniyah wanted to visit Ondina, Ondina wasn't there. Saniyah was worried about her, so she asked a good friend of Ondina, if he had seen her. But he hadn't seen her.

Saniyah searched for Ondina and she found one of her scales but on the scale was blood.

Saniyah thought: "Oh no! What if she's injured and needs help? I gotta find her."

She searched and searched but didn't find her, so she decided to climb to the black magic wizard. He lived on a huge mountain and was very evil. He was called Doctor Evil.

After Saniyah had reached his cave, she had injuries all over her body. But nothing could hold her back to save Ondina. Then she went slowly into the cave. But then she took a risk and looked around the corner. Doctor Evil wasn't there, but she spotted Ondina, tied up and injured in a corner.

Saniyah was shocked. She ran to Ondina and freed her. But suddenly Doctor Evil came around the corner and Saniyah shouted: "RUN!"

Ondina hobbled as fast as she could. Saniyah ran as well and jumped on Ondina. The dragon ran through the cave and started to fly but not for long because Ondina was injured and had

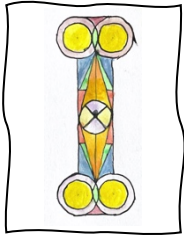
already lost a lot of blood. The reason was that the evil magician wanted dragon blood to make himself immortal.

Ondina fell from the sky and was injured very badly. Saniyah was so sad that she started to cry. The friendship was so deep that when Saniyah's tears landed on Ondina, her injuries disappeared. Both lived happy after all.

text and illustrations by C. S.



19. The Basement of Our School



It was already dark when I heard the noise. At first it was soft, but it grew louder and louder. Everyone else was out on a trip but I wasn't allowed to join. Ethan had said that there was a troll or some other monster down there, but I don't believe in ghost stories. So, I decided to check where that noise was coming from...

I walked out of the classroom and opened the door to the basement. There was no electric light so it was really dark. When I got down I couldn't see anything.

Was that a good idea to go down here? On the one hand I wanted to know what was in the basement; on the other hand, everything in me screamed to go back.

I said to myself: "It's only dark, nothing can happen to you!"

I walked slowly and took two steps forward, but then I heard the noise again. I stopped and couldn't move anymore. Suddenly a light went on. It was so bright that I couldn't see anything for a few seconds. But then

I couldn't believe my eyes! A troll, big like an elephant, walked towards me and screamed. He looked like he was really angry about someone being down here. I wanted to scream, but no sound came across my lips. The troll was green, had big teeth and he held a stick in his huge hand, that was as big as myself.

What was I supposed to do?

I felt the panic rising inside me and my knees became soft. The troll came closer and closer. I still couldn't move. I could feel the sweat running down my face. He was only a few meters away and raised his stick to hit me. Was this angry troll in the basement of our school the last thing that I should see in my life? I saw the big stick that was coming closer. I closed my eyes and waited for the pain, but then...

"Alex! Alex, it's just a dream! Wake up!", I heard the voice of my best friend Ethan. I opened my eyes and saw his face in front of me. He grinned. I looked around the classroom and saw that everyone was looking at me.

"Did I scream?", I whispered to Ethan.

"Yes, very loudly!", he answered. Suddenly, I started laughing and the whole class with me.



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20. Help at the Last Minute



aniyah was standing in front of the door. Her hands were trembling. So that was the day she had waited for so long! She opened the huge wooden door and felt the cold air on her skin. Then she could hear it.

The sound of the huge wings and a strong gust of wind. She fell out of the door. While she was falling, she thought that the landing would be painful. She closed her eyes. Suddenly something caught her. So, Saniyah was landing softly.

Saniyah looked around in surprise. She had landed in soft and bouncy moss. She saw a completely different world than the world she knew. The world was divided into two halves. The right side was very dark. It looked very dangerous and scary. Almost everything in this world was dark, abandoned and completely dry without any plants.

The other side was the exact opposite: colourful, friendly, bright, and vivid. Saniyah saw friendly dragons, fairies, unicorns, and elf families. Suddenly she felt a warm breath at her neck. She spun around and saw a unicorn around her own age behind her. The Unicorn was called Rosie Race. Rosie was funny and nice, so they became good friends. Rosie showed her the whole city and other famous sights.

Saniyah lived together with Rosie's family now. The family was very friendly and treated her like their own kid. They went to sleep, but in the middle of the night, Saniyah woke up. Rosie and Saniyah heard scary noises from the dark side of the world. Although they were scared, they went outside to see what was happening.

The moon was full that night, so they didn't need a torch, which was good because they would have been very easy to spot otherwise. They snuck closer and closer towards the border of the good and friendly side. Every now and then they stopped to listen to the noises. They were fearful because with every step they took towards the border, the noises grew louder and scarier. At the border they saw a light on the summit of the highest mountain on the dark side. They snuck closer and closer to the mountain and with every step they got more frightened because everything could happen and there were no laws in that part of the world, so there were some shady creatures roaming around. As they were hiking towards the summit, they recognized their friendly dragon neighbor at the top of the mountain. An evil wizard was standing next to the dragon and conducting experiments to turn it evil. So, they decided that they were going to help him. As the evil wizard was gone for a minute to gather

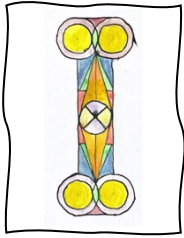
materials for his experiments, they snuck to the dragon and freed him from his chains.

At the last second before the wizard returned, they flew away back home into the light, but not before the dragon had burned down the evil wizard's equipment. Back home they all went to sleep and waited for their next adventure.

By S. V.



21. The Only Way Out



It was already dark when he heard the noise. At first it was soft, but it grew louder and louder. Everyone else was out on a trip but Max wasn't allowed to join.

Ethan had said that there was a troll or some other monster down there, but Max didn't believe in ghost stories. So, he decided to check where that noise was coming from...

But then he looked out of the window. He could only see some small lights in the North of the Valley. There, you could find the only way out of the valley. Max thought that Ethan and the others explored the mountains to find a way out of the valley because the giants had been blocking the only way out for one year now.

Max and his friends needed food because they didn't have much left, so they tried to find another way out but there was only one day per week when they could try to find an exit because on Sundays most of the Giants hunted sheeps or pigs. Only some giants were left behind at the exit with their king Alex.

In the Valley, it rained most of the time and even when it was dry, the sun was only out for one hour per day.

Then Max fell asleep again. When Max opened his eyes the next time, a little bit of sunlight fell through his window. When he came down, his five friends Ethan, George, Kevin, Daniel and

Fernando - but everybody just called him Ferdinando because at his first day of school the teacher called him like that- were already sitting at the kitchen table and eating breakfast. Max sat down and asked the others about whether they had found something yesterday.

They said: "Yes, we found a cave. Normally, the giants are in there but on Sundays they aren't there. Through the cave there is a way out. We could get ready until next Sunday. Five kilometres away from the valley, there is a big city and we might get rich there."

Max was really excited for the rest of the week. Then the big day had finally come. They hiked to the point where Max had seen the lights last week. When they reached the cave, the sun had already gone down. At first the cave looked clear and safe but then when they walked around the first corner, some giants were sitting there.

Ethan shouted: "Run!!!!".

Because the giants are gigantic, they can't run as fast as humans. With a lot of Luck, the six friends came out of the valley alive and saw the sunlight again. Within the the next couple of years, they got rich and lived great lives.

By K. W.

22. The Land of the Elves



Saniyah was standing in front of the door. Her hands were trembling. So that was the day she had waited for so long! She opened the huge wooden door and felt the cold air on her skin. Then she could hear it.

She couldn't believe her eyes when she saw an elf with big wings flying across the sky. She was startled and surprised at the same time. An Elf looked at her with wide-open eyes. When Saniyah looked into his eyes, a loud scream came out of her. It wasn't just one elf but thousands of them!

One old elf came to her and said: "You are not safe here. You have to go home!"

But when Saniyah tried to open the door again, the door was closed. She panicked and heard loud screams from far away, shouting: "The Dragons are coming".

She was shocked. The elf master told her that she should follow him. On the way, an Elf explained to her that the Dragon wanted to kill them all. Saniyah hid behind a tree. But suddenly she heard a loud breath right behind her and she saw a shadow with two large wings. Saniyah's whole body was shaking. But suddenly a man appeared who looked like a magician and said "RUN!"

By R. Z.

23. The Street to the Diamond



aniyah was standing in front of the door. Her hands were trembling. So that was the day she had waited for so long! She opened the huge wooden door and felt the cold air on her skin. Then she could hear it.

The sound of the huge wings.

She couldn't see anything. Everything was so bright and white!

The huge wings came closer and closer. Between the wings, she saw a person, who turned out to be a woman.

The woman said: "I am Nina. I will show you the street to the huge diamond you are searching for."

Linda said: "I don't know about a diamond. I am here because I found a scary wooden door."

The angel was afraid and said: "Nobody comes here without a reason. But here are three rules: First, you can wish for three things. I am like a djinn. But I am not blue. Secondly, if you don't survive, nobody will ever know that you are dead. Third, I can only help you two times. When you need help after the second time, you will get killed. And by the way: There is no exit. The only exit is when you get the diamond. So have fun!"

Linda walked down to the little city and she bought everything that she needed like a bottle of water, a sword and a shield.

When she had finished, she started her journey. At first, she found a horse with wings. She befriended the horse with an apple, and she flew around with it. But the horse didn't have enough power to fly for a long time, so they ended up on the ground.

At that moment, trolls came to kill her. But luckily, she had a sword! But the horse didn't have a sword. It got killed by the troll army. Linda got very angry and killed the trolls.

She realised that the horse had died. She cried and cried but she had to go because the diamond was her only way to get back home. She remembered that she could call the the angel for help. So she said to the angel: "Please, help the horse!"

The angel said "Aba kadabra simsala bim", and the horse was back alive. They walked together until they finally discovered the diamond on a huge cliff.

Linda called the angel for help for a second time to get to the diamond. Finally, she got the diamond, but while getting it, she fell from the cliff and broke every bone in her body. She didn't have any call for help by the angel left. But the angel decided to make an exception for her. The angel said "aba kadabra simsala bim" and everything got healed.

The end of the story is that they are now best friends and they all lived happily ever after.

By W. Z. E. A.

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