

## An Unknown Ability

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### Introduction

Ding, Dong, Dang, Dong the city clock chimes. Sterling speeds down the stairs, towards the front door, her satin slippers slapping against the wood. Backpack in hand, she rushes out the front door and towards the limo. As the door snaps shut it speeds to Crystal Academy. Sterling thought it was going to be a regular day but had no idea her life was about to change.

Ring, Ring, the school bell chimes and everyone rushes out the door eager to get home. Sterling White however hails the limousine and shouts, "To grandmother's library!". She had been dying to see hundreds of rows of book shelves full of books that her grandmother had owned since her grandmother had been married to her grandfather. The grand glass doors opened with a whoosh and she steps inside. Sterling runs straight to the Fantasy Section and picks a certain book: The Hero of Diamond Kingdom. She opens the book and disappears into it.

"Did you see that?" Holly asked. "Of course I did!" Lilian said. "How about you, Eric?". The three friends had come into the library to see Sterling disappear into the book. "Course I did!" replied Eric. "Why don't we try it," said Holly. They walked towards the book and carefully opened the cover just to be sucked inside. The three friends found themselves on a path that led right to a pair of gates. They stepped inside and found out that they were in a snug little village surrounded by fields of wilting flowers. They heard happy shouts near the middle of the village and walked towards the sound. As they get closer they see a crowd of people in front of a staircase leading to the doors of a black castle! "Look over there!" said Eric. The two girls look where he points and sees their brunette friend surrounded by a really bright glow. "Sterling, over here!" Holly shouts. From afar their friends turns her head and gives them a horrified look and then they all know why. Everyone is saying that she is going to save them from the evil witch that took over the kingdom. The so called "queen" is fuming in the back, telling her guards to shush the audience. The witch then turns to Sterling and tells the guards to take her to the prison.

Sterling had been standing on the top of a staircase a few minutes ago and now was being dragged away to prison by an evil witch's order. She screamed and kicked until the guards let her go, who clutching their stomachs tightly. The evil witch used her dark magic to make a jagged piece of crystal rise from the top of the staircase and tie Sterling tightly against it.

Eric ran through the crowd, towards the top of the staircase ignoring the warnings of Holly and Lilian. He lunged forward trying to break Sterling out of her bindings, only to be bound to his own jagged piece of crystal rock. Eric and the two friends watched helplessly as the witch drew a orb of magic from within and aiming it at Sterling let it go.

Surprisingly, Sterling White didn't feel any fear. Her body had a tingling sensation as the magical orb got closer and closer. She let the feeling take over her body and put on a calm face. She faced her friend who was bound to a jagged piece of crystal rock and whispered "Don't worry, Eric, it's not going to harm me!". Then she turned and faced the orb.

The evil witch had released the orb a few seconds ago and was relieved to have her enemy almost dead, but when she saw the calm look on Sterling's face she staggered back realizing that her

enemy was the niece of her greatest enemy: Joann White. As the orb hit Sterling it didn't explode like it was supposed to, but it disappeared into her body.

Sterling's body exploded with newfound power as the magic spread through her, filling her with excitement and recognition that her body recognized and missed. Eyes blazing bright with immense fury, she shot a beam of rainbow colored magic towards the witch killing her instantly. Suddenly, a gust of wind blew and the castle turned white, the flowers in the fields bloomed, and a orb the size of a human landed in front of Sterling.

The orb softly popped revealing an old woman in a flower pattern dress with her silver hair piled high into a bun. "Grandmother?" Sterling asked, "Is that you?". "Yes, it is!" her grandmother said. "That's your grandmother??!!" the three friends asked, surprised.

Witch's Orb      Grandmother's Orb

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