

The Secret Door

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Ding-Ding-Ding! "Time to go to recess!" said the teacher. All the students stormed out of the class to go to recess. Everyone started playing except for Kathrin. Kathrin just sat on the playground staring at the ground.

She sees something shining from the corner of her eye. She turns to look at what it is and sees some sparking gems near the bushes. She walks up to them and sees that there is a huge door behind them. She gets curious and walks in the door.

When she walks in, suddenly, her outfit is transformed into a shining dress with polka dots on it. Her beautiful dress even has a belt with a bow on it. Her rusty old converse shoes have turned into some lovely looking heels. She feels like a princess.

As she glances around to look at where she is, she sees two girls, about the same age as her, talking to each other. She quickly tries to hide in one of the bushes nearby, but it was too late. They come up to Kathrin and greet her with a beaming smile.

Kathrin politely introduces herself and asks who they are. One of the girls says, "Hi! I am Meera and I am a fairy." The other girl says, "Hello! I am Mila and I am a mermaid." Kathrin gets confused and asks, "If y'all are a mermaid and a fairy then how come you don't have tails and wings?"

"There is an evil princess named Adriana who lives around here," Mila states. "She was the only princess born without magic. So, she stole our magic. She lives in the king and queen's castle right now." Meera adds, "When Adriana is done taking everybody's magic, she plans on making the biggest castle in the world. Her castle will be so gigantic, that it will take over the whole world."

"That is just bizarre. What about the king and queen? They don't say anything about this horrible situation?" Kathrin asks. "King Glight and Queen Liyla went on a vacation and don't know anything about this. They don't even know that the evil princess lives in their castle," Meera says with tears in her eyes.

An idea sparks in Kathrin's head. "I have got a brilliant idea. Let's go to the castle and confront her. We need to stop her before she takes everyone's magic." "That is a brilliant idea! But how do we get past the guards that protect the castle?" Mila and Meera respond. "We will just tell them we are visitors," Kathrin responds happily. They all love the idea and start walking towards the castle.

When the group of friends reaches the castle, they tell the guards that they are just visitors. The guard accepts the lie and foolishly lets them in. When Princess Arianda comes to greet them, Kathrin snatches the magic wand out of her hand and breaks it. Since the wand,

which had contained all the magic, was broken, all the magic in the wand came back to its rightful owners.

Meera got her fairy wings back and Mila got her mermaid tail back! They were finally to their original selves again. Mila was so excited that she started flying right there. Kathrin felt so proud of herself for saving the entire kingdom. Everybody thanked her for saving the kingdom except Arianda.

“This whole place would be destroyed and filled with sorrow if it wasn’t for you,” Meera said while sobbing. Everyone was so thankful that her castle will not be taking over the whole world and that the kingdom would be so happy again. One of the guards standing by had an amazing idea.

He says to Kathrin, “We should make Princess Arianda a Princess Servant. From now on, she will do all the chores in the castle!” Kathrin agrees with the guard. The guard yells from the top of his lungs, “I, the guard of the castle, now declare the Princess Arianda is now the Princess Servant. This shall be her punishment for stealing other people’s magic. The guard hands her a broom and says to start cleaning.

Everyone in the room starts laughing. “The king and queen are about to be here,” Meera whispers in Kathrin’s ear. “Hello Everyone!” said both the King and Queen enthusiastically as they enter the room. Everyone responded by jumping, waving, whistling, screaming, and cheering with excitement.

On their way home, the king and the queen had learned what Princess Arianda had done. Queen Liyla went up to Arianda and asked an extremely hard question. “Were you stealing all the magic from the land?”. At first, Arianda acted all innocent and said no. Queen Liyla asked the same question again, and this time, Arianda answered with a maybe.

King Glights had originally bought a present for Princess Arianda but when he learned that she was stealing other people’s magic, he decided not to give it to her. Instead, he went over to where Kathrin was standing and handed her the present. Kathrin accepted the gift by saying thank you to King Glights.

Kathrin then turns over to Mila and Meera and thanks them for being great friends. Mila and Meera then bring her back to the door where she came from and they say their goodbyes. They start tearing up and tell Kathrin to visit her soon. She opens the door and walks back into the school. When she is walking back to her home, she realizes that she is not in her beautiful shiny dress and is back in her old regular clothes.

Her eyes start to blink and suddenly, she is in her bed. Kathrin gets bewildered but soon realizes that it was all just a dream. She quickly wrote her amazing dream down on paper and starts getting ready for school. When she gets to school, Kathrin reads out her story to the whole class and ends up getting a really high grade!