

The Land of Happiness

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One day there was a normal sixteen-year-old girl. She was named Joey. Today was her first day at gymnastics. She wished her best friend could be there with her. Her best friend's name was Judy. Judy disappeared two years ago. Joey thought she must have moved. She didn't understand why Judy wouldn't have told her she was moving though.

After two hours of back handsprings she went home exhausted but happy to be doing gymnastics. When she got home she realized she was thirsty so she went to the fridge. Then she opened the fridge and staring into it in shock. There was a magic portal inside the fridge!

Just then her mom walk into the kitchen, talking on the phone. Joey didn't want her mom to know about the portal so she quickly closed the fridge door. She hoped the portal would still be there when her parents went to work.

The next day, both her parents were at work so she went to the kitchen and opened the fridge. Then she sighed with relief. The portal was still there! She was so curious that she jumped in the swirling circular portal.

She saw so many creatures she had never seen before. Joey spent the whole day there and then went back home.

As the days past, she decided to visit the Land of Happiness once more. For that was the name of the land behind the portal. So she opened the fridge door and jumped in.

As soon as she jumped in, she heard a clink. She lifted up her left foot and saw a key. So she picked up the key and decided to start walking to find the lock that the key could open. After walking for about thirty minutes, she saw a golden gate. She wanted to see if the key went to it. So she stuck the key into the lock on the gate and turned the key. The gate flew open! She saw a castle and walked into it with no thought of what might happen.

What Joey didn't know was that there was a very evil queen living in this castle, even though the castle was very beautiful with many bright and happy colors. The Queen saw the door open and Joey walk in.

“What are you doing in my castle?” said the Queen.

Joey thought, should I lie or tell the truth?

“I am a new servant, haven’t you heard?” said Joey.

“Lies! Guards!” said the Queen, “To the Chocolate Maker!”

In the Castle, when the Queen was mad, she always called the guards and said “To the Chocolate Maker” and she meant to the Chocolate Maker. The Chocolate Maker is where she turns people who enter her castle into chocolate because that’s her favorite snack.

Joey didn’t want to be turned into chocolate, so she punched the two guards and ran out the door. Then she stuffed the key into her pocket. Then she went again into the castle, not knowing why she would do that, considering what just happened. This time, before she could knock the guards out, they knocked her out.

When she woke up, she found herself in a big metal cage with bars forming checkers and gold rust coming off of the edges of the bars. Then she looked around.

“Hi.”

Joey turned and saw a horse. A horse with wings! It looked almost like a unicorn. It had a long, sparkly stick coming out of its forehead, astonishing blue eyes, and beautiful wings. Standing next to him was a

turtle with yellow eyes and purple scales. Standing next to him was a dragon. The dragon had green spikes coming out of its back, brown eyes and a green body.

Joey stood there in shock!

“What’s the matter?” asked the dragon.

“Nothing, I’ve just never seen a unicorn and a dragon before.” said Joey.

“Well, I’m Dragonitha, and the unicorn is Unif, and the turtle is Oden.” said Dragonitha.

“Hey! I like to call myself Turtobia.” said Oden.

“Your name isn’t that bad.” said Unif

“I’ve got a plan to get us out of here.” said Joey.

“What’s the plan?” asked Oden.

“I’ll tell you if you’ll be quiet.” said Joey. “We will use Unif’s horn to unlock the lock.”

“That is a great idea, why did we never think of that?” said Dragonitha.

In a blink of an eye, the door flew open. Unif first peeked out the door to see if the Queen was coming, and then they all ran out the door.

“How did the Queen even get in the Land of Happiness anyway?” asked Joey.

“She came here two years ago and got stuck here and couldn’t get out so she turned evil,” said Dragonitha

“Also her name used to be Judy.” said Oden.

Then Joey ran as fast as she could back inside and into the throne room. “Judy! It’s me, Joey. I can show you the way back home!”

Judy walked down the steps and hugged her best friend. “You’re just the person I wanted to see.” said Judy.

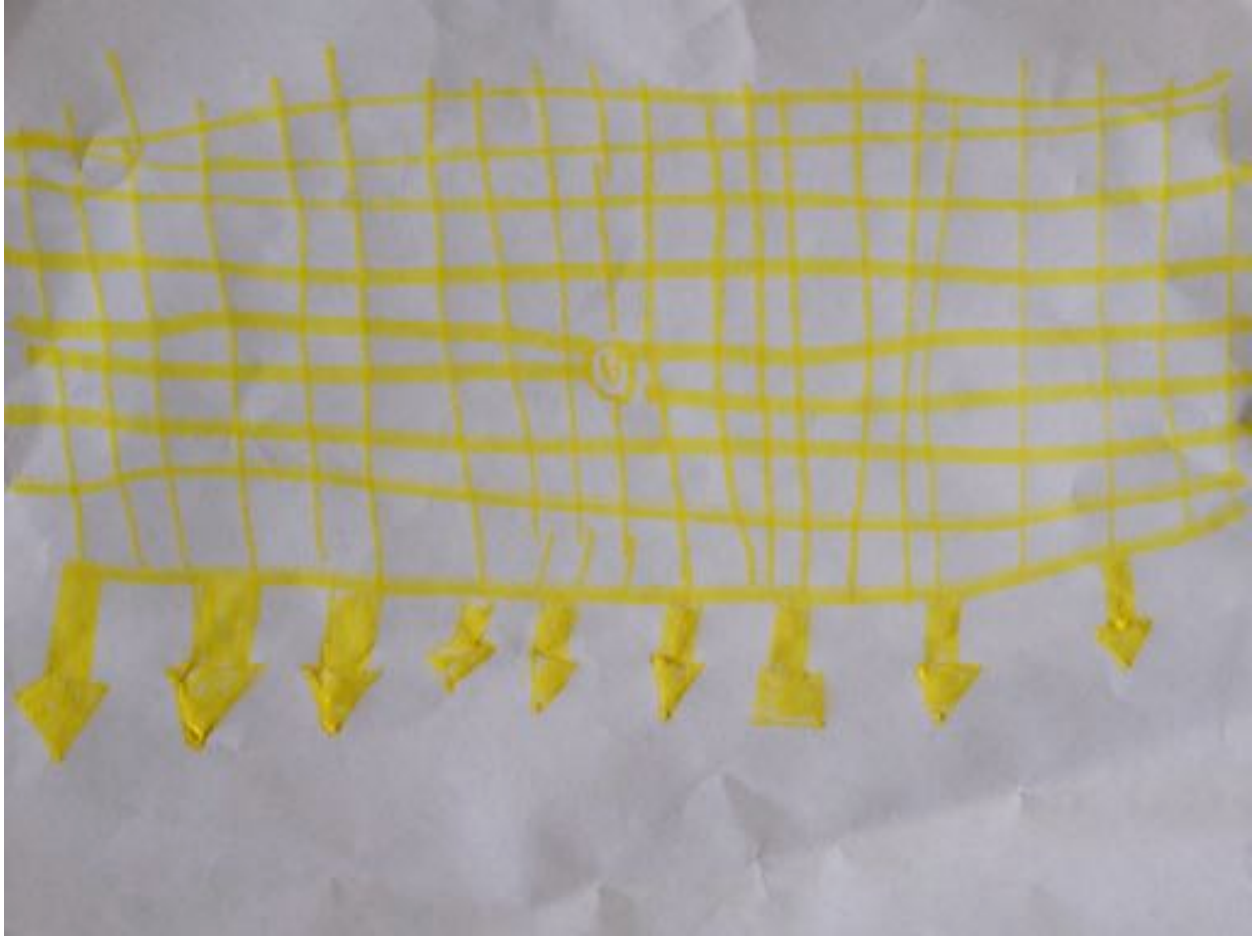
“I’ve missed you so much.” said Joey “How on earth did you get in my fridge?!”

“Well, I wanted to get some water at your house and the portal sort of pulled me in and I was waiting for you to find me and it took you so long I turned evil for some reason. I don’t know why.” wept Judy.

Then the dragon, the unicorn, the turtle, Judy and Joey walked back home.

Joey thought, I sure hope Mom and Dad like my new pets!

The End





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Sophia Lanier is 8 years old and has an amazing imagination. She spends her days playing with her older sister, Eve and her puppy, Rascal. She loves to play outside and make her family laugh. Sophia recently moved to Bangor in May and has plans to stay indefinitely. ★