

the candy quest

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Hi, I'm Ellie and I'm new in town. It is a wonderful summer day and my parents are at work so I decided to walk around and explore town today. My parents didn't say I could, but they didn't say I couldn't either. I found a small building that said Library on it in gold letters. I had nothing else to do, so I went inside.

This library isn't a normal library though. It's weird, my old town didn't have a library like this. But I have a good feeling about this place. It has all of my favorite things, cats and dogs, all things gaming, books, and cozy places to enjoy. Good music is playing and there is so much art supplies. There's a desk like you'd see at a normal library, but for some reason there was no librarian at the desk. I looked down at my watch and I realized that my parents would be home soon so I ran home as fast as I could. I made it home right before they did, and went straight to my room and sat down on my bed to catch my breath. I heard the door open and I knew it was my parents because I could hear them talking as they walked in the house. They walked upstairs and found me in my room.

"Why are you so sweaty Ellie?" my dad asked.

"I went on a walk with the dog," I answered, hoping he didn't realize I wasn't being honest because he's good at that kind of stuff.

"Okay. Also, so sorry we were late from work," he said.

"It's fine," I replied.

Later, I couldn't sleep. The whole night I was thinking about that weird library. The next morning, as soon as my parents left for work, I rushed down the stairs and left to go to the library. The desk was empty again. Something felt a little off. As soon as I got there I found a book to read and explored the library more. It was great having all of my favorite things there!

I kept the library a secret for weeks. It was mine to enjoy everyday. But I felt a little guilty.

One day, while wandering through its rooms, I found an unexpected door that said STAFF ONLY towards the back of the building. I went in because I still hadn't seen any staff there. Ever. In the room was a remote control, an unusual one. It was the only thing in the room and it was sitting on a quartz pedestal. It was blue, which is my favorite color, but that's not surprising for this library. It has only two buttons, a green one on the right and a red one on the left. Naturally I picked the green one and clicked it with my thumb on my right hand since I'm right handed.

I nervously waited for something to happen. And then it did. A swirly portal opened, right in front of me. I walked in. How bad could it be? The library had all of my favorite things in it, so why wouldn't the portal take me to one of my favorite places too? Instead it took me to a strange place. It had so much candy every where. I started to wander around and found a human-sized cottage made of chocolate. I went in, it was very strange inside. There was a cauldron bubbling with melted gummy bears. I was suddenly terrified because they were screaming some sort of warning. I couldn't understand all of it, but I heard them say "Run! Run! As fast as you can!" So I did. I turned to run, but I didn't get very far when I heard the chocolate cottage's back door opening. I did not have very much time, but I bolted out the front door. I dropped the remote but I kept running. It felt like I ran forever. Eventually I came across a kingdom with walls, houses, shops, and a castle at the far end. I asked myself, "I wonder what this place is." Although I didn't understand all of what they screamed, I remembered hearing the words "gummy bear" and "kingdom." Suddenly I realized this is where I was supposed to run to. They had been shouting about the gummy bear kingdom!

I figured there was a gummy bear king, so I went to find him. When I got to the castle, I shouted "I found the castle!" All the gummy bear villagers stopped what they were doing and looked at me, but then continued what they were doing. I walked into the castle and found the king in the throne room. I started talking to him, quickly saying "king gummy bear I found a library and in that library I found a remote. I clicked a button and it sent me to this world and I found a cottage. I went inside and a witch lived there so I ran all the way here! Can you please help me get home?"

“Very well,” he said, “what was the cottage made of?”

“Chocolate,” I said.

“WHAT! CHOCOLATE! NO, I CANT HELP YOU! GET OUT OF MY CASTLE AND NEVER SPEAK TO ME AGAIN! THAT WITCH HAS BEEN OUR SWORN ENEMY FOR YEARS. ALL THE OTHER WITCHES HATE HER TOO!” the king shouted.

“But sir,” I pleaded.

“NO BUTS! LEAVE!” he demanded.

“Okay” I said sadly. I wouldn’t ever see my family again if I didn’t get home somehow.

I left the castle and the kingdom. I had to figure out how to get home and fast. I had to find help. I kept walking. Down the road a bit, I came across a small village, filled with chocolate bunnies. I found a chocolate bunny wizard and asked him for help, “How do I get rid of the witch who lives in the chocolate cottage?”

“That will be hard because you need the s’more sisters’ help. They need the fire from the cauldron and you will need to lure the chocolate witch close to the fire to trap her in a s’more. But the s’more sisters broke up years ago. They don’t speak to each other anymore.” the wizard explained.

“Okay, thank you for your help,” I said, determined to find the s’more sisters, trap the chocolate witch, and get home.

I went to find the s’more sisters and said to the one named Mallow, “Hey, Mallow, can you please help me get rid of the chocolate witch?”

“Ugh, I guess,” Mallow said.

“Great!” I said happily.

So I left to go talk to Graham, the other s'more sister, next. "Hey, Graham," I asked, "can you please help me get rid of the chocolate witch?"

"Sure!" she said.

"Oh wow that was easy," I accidentally said out loud.

"What was?" Graham asked.

"Nothing," I said really fast. Changing the topic quickly, I said, "I will meet you at the chocolate witch's cottage in 10mins, okay?"

"Okay," Graham said.

I went to talk to Mallow again. "Hey, Mallow, let's go." And we left.

The witch was gone when we got to her cottage, so we let ourselves in to wait for her to come back. Graham arrived too.

"Why is she here?" said Graham, annoyed to see Mallow.

"Shhh! Be quiet!" I whispered.

"I'm out!" said Mallow, as she started to leave.

"NO! Don't go!" I pleaded quietly.

Right then, the chocolate witch walked in. "Who are you and why are you here!" said the witch in her witchiest voice.

"We are here to get rid you!" I explained.

The witch was confused. She had a look on her face like she didn't believe me.

“With me!” said Graham. “And me too!” said Mallow.

“NO! NO! Not you!” the witch cried, as she started to run away, escaping out the door of the cottage.

“CATCH HER!” I screamed.

Mallow, Graham, and I chased after her! Mallow and Graham grabbed her by the arms and brought her back into the cottage. They brought her close to the cauldron, where they began to join together from the heat of the fire under under the cauldron, melting into a s'more. I noticed the witch's purse fell to the ground and the remote tumbled out. I grabbed it as quickly as I could and ran out of the cottage. Once I was safely outside, I clicked the right button with my thumb, just like I did when I found it in the library. Suddenly, the portal opened again. I ran through and arrived in the library, in the strange room I had been in before. I set the remote back on the pedestal and that's when I noticed my watch said no time had passed. It was the exact same time and day. While I walked home I wonder what other adventures I could have at the library.

But I'm not going back for a while!

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