

The Orphanage

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Chapter One

I'm shaking. I don't want to go. I like the orphanage. It's in the center of the bowl. Nestled in the middle of the candy store and the book store. No one is mean to me like in the stories. I see myself right before my eyes. Me in the orphanage doing nothing but reading, or me writing a story and having a grand time. I turn around to face Mr. Peter. I look him square in the eye and say, "Yes".

My name is Holly Jones and I live in an Orphanage. Or I used to. I'm hiking up the bowl with Mr. Peter right beside me. I used to dream of climbing the bowl. But everyone says that if you climb up the bowl too far, you'll eventually fall off the cliff. Every year, 4 people climb up the bowl and never come back. We don't know what happened to them. As I come to the front door, I ready my mind for anything.

Mr. Peters House

Chapter Two

As I walked in the steps creaked and squealed. I knew right away that this house was very old. Mr. Peter ordered me to bed and I thought better than to mess with him. Now I know why McKayla teased me about being adopted. At first I thought she was jealous, but now I get it. She wasn't mad, she was glad. I was at my room. I opened the door and a wave of dust hit me. In my bedroom all the furniture was covered in white. Why did I come here? I wish I had a good book to help me center myself.

I couldn't calm down so I ran around my bed. It took me a long time to get to my senses. I knew I needed to

get out of here. I looked around my room and I saw a crack. I know this place is old but the crack looked so... unreal. Anyways, I didn't think much about it until I found a lever. It was hidden under a mound of socks. I pulled it and looked around and the crack in the wall seemed bigger. I pulled again and the crack got even bigger. I ran up to it and squeezed through. In the room there were a bunch of scrolls. I sat down and grabbed a purple scroll. It was about a time turner and how it can turn back time. I would love to turn back time so I could go and tell Mr Peter that I didn't want to go with him. It said you have to climb the bowl and fall down to the underworld. Of course, that's not true. If you climbed the bowl all the way to the and fell off the bowl, you would die of thirst. Not fall to an underworld. I picked up a pink scroll and read it. It was about unicorns. That's rubbish, no unicorns live right on the cliff. I can't believe it. But...it says the unicorns can grant one wish. Mr. Peter will see me if I walk down to the village. But if I run up the bowl to the unicorns, then I can make a wish to go to the village! I went to bed feeling happy. I'll leave tomorrow in search of these magical creatures.

The Hike

Chapter Three

I woke up and went downstairs. I don't know what I was expecting, but the bowl of porridge wasn't it.

I ate the porridge and ran back to my room. A tiny voice in my head told me, "You didn't even stay a day and you're running?" And yes, that's a little mean but I can't stand him. Don't blame me.

After I get my stuff I go to the kitchen. I steal a can of tuna, some peaches and a bag of carrots. I fill up 5 mugs, 2 of hot chocolate and 3 of water. I bring matches, a rain poncho and some fire starting sticks. I brought a tent too.

I ran outside and behind the house. I started climbing. It takes me a day to get to one resting spot and set up camp. It doesn't rain so I make it to the second resting spot. By then I saw Mr, Peter go to the village 3 times, looking pale when he gets back. Then I get to the top...

AND GUESS WHAT

The Unicorns or Not...?

Hehe

Chapter 4

I see them! Their wings are as long as your car. Their coat is as shiny as....water.

I walk up to one and it rests its muzzle in my hand.

Then...IT BITES ME!!!

No, it doesn't but I REALLY wanted them to.

The Unicorns (for real)

Chapter 5

They talk in a silky smooth voice. But they don't talk out loud. They talk in your head. They asked me what I wanted. They told me they didn't have much time. I asked them to teleport me back to the village but Mr. Peter will think I am back at home. They grant my wish and I teleport to the village. But... not the village.

Gone Gone Gone

Chapter 6

The village had burnt down to nothing. Nothing. There was no candy store any more. There was no orphanage. No book store. And worst of all, no people. It started raining so I put up camp. I yelled into the rain and cried and cried. I didn't know what was the rain or what was my tears. At last when the sun was out I stopped crying. A unicorn came and asked what was wrong. I told her and she said she could take me back to the unicorns. I said yes and we were off. I forgot about all my worries and focused on the moment. When we landed though, I was a mess. I learned later that the unicorns were sad too because their island was shrinking. They would soon die because there would be no land. They asked me who was left and I told them about Mr. Peter. Then, I got an Idea...

My Idea and Death, I think

Chapter 7

I tell them about the turn time back machine and they think it's a great idea. The only bad part is that I don't know where the thing is. That's where we have to ask Mr. Peter. I know we have to, but why did he get to live? The Unicorns fly me there because I know Mr. Peter better than they do. I knock on his door and explain everything. After that he asks, "What's in it for me?" "You keep your life," I responded simply. He steps back but says, "fine, I'll help you." He tells us he needs to go with us and we fly up to the other unicorns. "What do we have to do?", I ask suspiciously. "Jump off the cliff" he says. "Ok," I answer and push him off the cliff. "AHHHHH!", he screams. I look down, close my eyes and jump. I see air whooshing by me.

That's all I see before blacking out.