

direction of the dark hills with Rachel and the turtles just back him. What a run! Fortunately Charly was the best beast and if not... It would have been the end.

They were running as fast as they could to avoid the turtles. They saw a little cave and they ran into to hide themselves. The tactic worked well and the turtles lost the fugitives. Rachel and her friends could see the Mirror palace. It seemed like crystal from there. They all fell to sleep.

A violent sound got Rachel out of sleep. At this moment, she saw 6 Snakes soldiers catching her friends and captured her. It was the morning, and a patrol probably had discovered them. They were taking them to the Mad Queen.

The walk was endless. The tiredness was taking Rachel. She couldn't move on. The snakes were mean, as she imagined. They forced her to move forward. The landscape was darker and darker as they were approaching the castle. It looked like a sort of glass castle. It was amazing. The last ray of sunshine illuminated the castle. There were thorns everywhere on the ground. It seemed like the vegetation had been burned. Some rubble was also there, so Rachel concluded that the Mad Queen had destroyed everything around her castle.

Closer, the mirror castle was reflecting all the stars in the sky, and even the moon. Rachel thought that it was really sad for this world to have a Queen like that. "I think this castle could be a perfect house for all the animal's race. They would be so happy all together. They can't live in the fear!" thought Rachel, in her mind.

The castle was gigantic, and imposing. They entered in it. There was a courtyard with big fountains and gardens. It wasn't easy to see, but she discovered some dungeons. She could hear some screams. Her beating heart was louder and faster. She felt bad for all the poor animals in here. They continued their walk, escorted by the snakes, to the Queen. They stopped in a huge room. There were lots of portraits, and mirrors. The servants that were passing next to Rachel were surprised by her. Obviously, she wasn't ordinary: she was a human.

After a while, the main door opened, and the three friends entered the room. It was, again, a big room. It was all blue, with a lot of crystal chandeliers. It was all decorated with wealthy materials. The throne was made of crystal. The Queen was sitting in here.

She was so tall, with a blue wig. She had a very long dress, like the girls were in Rachel's world. But it wasn't pretty at all. There were so many layers of lace, silk and even her pearl necklace was too much. Rachel stopped at the Queen's face. The Queen was actually hiding her face with makeup. She was made up in Tiger. It was so ridiculous that Rachel laughed.

Furious, the Queen screamed "Silence". It rang all around the room. It was so loud that Rachel thought she was deaf after it. The Queen asked her Snakes Soldiers to rob the three fugitives. Rachel was struggling with them. But they were stronger than her. They brought all they could take to the Queen. There was a coin from Charlie, a little handkerchief from Gumpy. They robbed the mushrooms from Rachel, and a little crystal ring from the Human's world. The Queen was satisfied. She didn't need them so she asked the snakes to put them in a separate dungeon.

They remained there for 2 days, without eating or drinking. The second night, a little bird went to Rachel's dungeon. He told Rachel that a rebellion will come. She had to stay in the dungeon, to be safe. Rachel wanted to fight against the animals. They were kind with her, she had to help them! The bird finally accepted and released her.

Some animals had escaped from the village when the attack happened. They hid in the forest, like Rachel and her two friends. But when they heard that Charlie, Gumpy and Rachel were captured, they had to do something. So they broke into the castle. They stole the dungeon's keys. All the animals were free by now, but they were preparing themselves in the dark corridors. During the night, they weren't a lot of patrol in the castle. So it was easy for them. They were waiting for their chief's signal.

Rachel and the bird delivered Gumpy and they joined Charlie and the other resisters. They were all ready for the war foreseen. Then the sound rang in the entire kingdom. It was an indescribable sound. A sort of whistle.

The war started. All the animals were fighting. And even Rachel. It was terrible, the Snakes soldiers were fighting with an extremely violence. But the rebels were courageous and proud. They responded at all Snake's attacks.

The resistants' leader and Charly had a lot of experiment. Together they consolidated their rebels for a final assault... In a proud cry all the rebels soared to the Snakes army.

The Queen had ran out of the battlefield. She was desperated. She searched in her pocket. She found the mushrooms that she stole. She known well this variety. It was poison. She had nothing left. Her castle was taking by the rebels. She hadn't her army anymore. Her life was destroyed the day she used her God's wish. She slowly took the mushroom to her mouth. And she ate it in one mouthful. After few seconds, she collapsed down the crystal floor. Her body was shaking. Her breath and heart accelerating in a second, to its climax. And suddenly, it all stopped. No sound anymore. The Queen was here, dead.

The colors were reappearing progressively. The kingdom was sunny. The castle was shining. Trees and flowers appeared everywhere. There were no rubble anymore.

Everybody was happy, like in a fairy land. They celebrated this the entire day. They acclaimed Rachel, Gumpy and Charly for their courage and bravery. Without them the prophecy wouldn't have been accomplished.

At night, they danced around a campfire, and slept all in the clearing, under the stars. It was amazing. The crystal castle was reflecting some shadows on the trees. It was of an extreme beauty. Rachel slept between her best friends Gumpy and Charly.

When she wake up, Monica's face was so close of her. Rachel leapt back. Everybody was surrounding her. All British. All humans. Her mother screamed of happiness and embraced her. Her dad joined the two girls. Then they went back to their discussions and Rachel could finally breathe. She was In the middle of a garden. It was where the balloon had gone with her.

She touched her pocket because something was inside. She came out something. It was a pink petal, from the other world. As she was smiling, she looked away. And she saw a fluffy little rabbit, far away.....

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Thursday 1st of May 1851,

Dear diary, today was my first day of work at the great exhibition. I was so excited! At half past 6 in the morning I left my apartment next to Queenston road. I took my bicycle to go to my new working place as caretaker in the Crystal Palace of Hyde Park, I crossed Battersea park. That was amazing because of the flowers, they were blossoming and the birds were singing around the fountain lake. When I arrived in front of the crystal palace I was really impressed, it was so beautiful and huge! I had never seen that before or only in my dreams. I started working 10 past 7 after changing my clothes for a work uniform. It was a red coat with black epaulette, the stitching were all in gold. I was leading a team that was composed of three young men called Jackson, William, Peter. Ms White was the only woman. She was so beautiful. My team was in charge of the hall of the Crystal Palace, where the ceremony was planned at 12. Jackson and Mrs White took care of the place of the crowd and the chorus. The second task team was in charge of the famous people as the royal family, the bourgeoisie and gave the directives to the technician team and royal guards. At twelve her majesty came and the wonderful ceremony began. The four hundred chorus members started singing the national anthem when the queen walked on the red carpet. That was so moving! All the royal soldiers presented arms, I was so proud of my country and what we had achieved. Then her majesty stood in front of everyone and started her speech she was so graceful and impressive. I spent all my day working in the crystal palace for the good execution of this first day but time flew because I had a lot of things that needed my attention. I was so happy to work here because if I did not I think I would never have seen the great exhibition. My working day ended at 6 in the afternoon when they closed the doors of the crystal palace. I went back home with Ms White, we took a horse-drawn carriage. When we arrived in front of the building I asked her if she wanted to have dinner tonight. She agreed and we ate salad and potatoes. We talked about a lot of things as our dreams and goals in life. I told to myself that we won't be anything more than friends because she was finally a little bit boring and also married. At half past 8, she decided to return her home. I cleaned the dishes then I went to bed and read a little before falling asleep on my book.

Friday 2nd of May 1851,

Dear diary, today it's really stormy but I don't care because it's my favorite weather so I'm in a pretty good mood. I was at work early, so I helped the exhibitors in their last preparations. While I made the tour of stands in the German Section, I saw a man who

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came with his bear. The exhibitor's problem was that his animal enjoyed removing the ridiculous pink hat that the German absolutely wanted to put on his head. This scene was funny but I felt some compassion for the bear. I don't think it was nice to be chained in a small space and have to make the entertainment for humans. Nevertheless, I continued my way and admire the most beautiful things which I would never have been able to dream of. There was a British stand that was showing a way for humans to fly from one country to another. It was an assemblage of two canvas which were connected by some leather at the level of shoulders and by steel to maintain the whole. In the back, there was an engine. It permitted with wings and pedals installed in our feet to fly the machine. I always have dreamed to travel in France and with this machine I had the possibility to make it became reality ! Moreover the vegetation all around the stands was full of amazing flowers, it smelt so nice ! A perfume of adventure and mysterious countries. Smelling that perfume made me went in my mind, I was daydreaming. I started to imagine what could have been my life if I was born in a kind of particular country like India with them beautiful culture. I thought I will have found a peaceful place in the forest and just have lived as if I were alone in the world. I was still walking during I fought about what might have been my life when I crashed myself into a man. I was so lost in my mind that I didn't see the exhibitor standing in front of me in the Russian part of the exhibition. I apologized for my behavior. He wasn't angry. He told me his name. He was M. Bolin and he was here with M. John to show to the world the knowledge of Russia and with his profession in terms of jewelry. He was really proud of his work and showed me some of the most beautiful creations that he never did. I was really impressed by his skills. They were an engagement ring fully made of gold and diamonds, he told me that it was the most expensive ring that existed in Russia because of the exceptional quality and the time that he spent to shape it. The rest of the day was simple and without problems. I was so tired when I came back to home so, directly I went into my bed and slept like a kid.

Tuesday 13th of May 1851,

Dear diary, today I arrived at work in a terribly bad mood. I had little slept because the cat of Mrs. Abbott, my neighbour, thought it was cool to have some fun on the ceiling. So in my break I decided to take a cup of black tea, as soon as I smelt the odor moved my nostrils, it immediately woke me. Later, I saw a crowd which began to accumulate in a stand. Of curious nature, I decided to have a look. It was on a Chinese booth. By arriving among visitors, I understood that they were astonished by the quantity of tea. There was black tea, green tea, imperial tea and a lot of variety of tea. English people, we adored