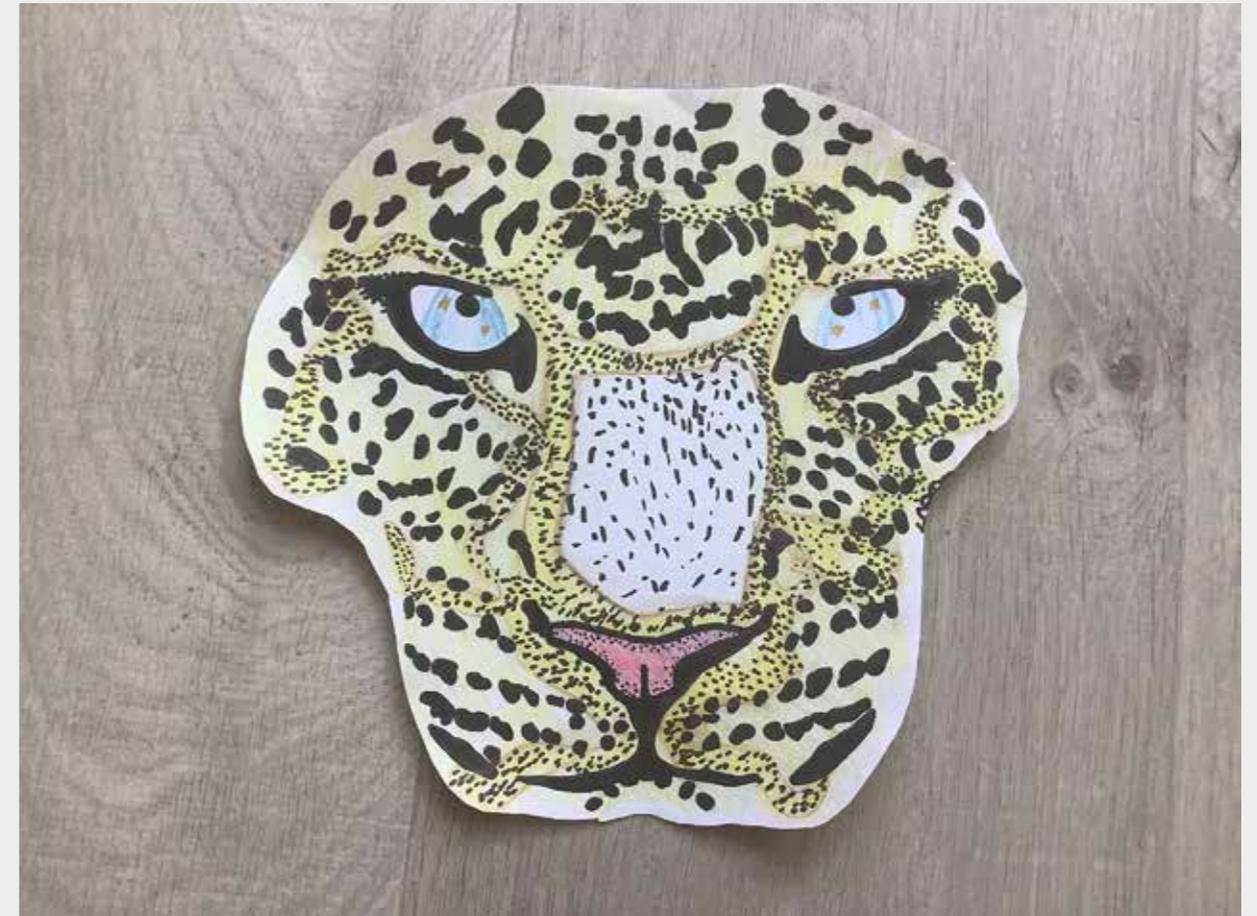


# Sapphire's Eyes

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# Chapter one

## Rainfall



Boom! The lightning struck another tree that princess Rowena had seen. She looked down at her furry friend, Sapphire the leopard,

who Rowena had loved deeply since she had been a child.

Rowena was running through a storm at high pace trying to cover her hair after her umbrella

had blown away. After a while,

Rowena and Sapphire saw the outline of a castle looming over them, it's many turrets and



windows lit up as if giant lightbulbs were within. Finally, Rowena and Sapphire rampaged through the palace gates to find many guards holding their shields above their heads as if they were umbrellas.



Rowena, through gasps of breath, shouted for them to open the palace doors. The guards immediately sprung into action making two long lines of men in armour tugging at the castle doors.

The doors flung open abruptly, knocking all the guards over like dominoes. Rowena and Sapphire ran in leaving wet footprints all the way along the clean carpet. As they

entered their shared bedroom, Rowena decided to grab some towels. But as she picked up her towel, something fell out. Rowena ran to her favourite armchair by the fire to look at it. It was a letter! An interesting one, too.

It had sparkling purple ink and a picture of a cauldron on the stamp. Rowena read it. It said:

Dear sister,

I am out of prison and created this rain!

From Olive.

Rowena was devastated...

## Chapter two

### Dark magic

Rowena had put on her travelling cloak and ridden off on Sapphire hoping to find and defeat her sister, who had been feared ever since she tried to conquer the kingdom and take all the people's most prized possessions. She had been captured by the king who had become extremely ill in the process. Luckily, Olive's note had given the directions to her lair. Rowena had brought her wand just in case she needed it.

After a long ride they arrived at Olive's lair. It was a small cave inside a mountain. They tiptoed



in and walked into a dimly lit room. Sitting on a spiky metal throne at the end of the large hall was Olive, looking very smug indeed. She got up and tilted her headdress into



position. Then she picked up her wand. Suddenly she began to cackle “mwuhuhuhu!” she laughed. Rowena took no notice and pulled out her wand aiming it at her sister.

She then said, “Corsica!” But instead of hitting Olive she had hit the wall. Rowena had no choice but to run away.

## Chapter three



The eyes of a lifetime

The next day Sapphire got up earlier than Rowena and was licking her face lovingly. Rowena opened her eyes and wearily said, “I’m sorry Sapphire but do you have any ideas on how to defeat Olive?”

Just then something magical happened. A mirror had appeared in Rowena’s hand and Sapphire began to talk.



“I made this mirror so that you can communicate with me.” Sapphire said. “And yes, I do have an idea.” They

talked and talked about Sapphire's plan until their jaws ached. "I have a magic power that means when someone evil looks into my eyes, they are imprisoned inside a crystal



dome!" said Sapphire. Rowena was so impressed and in a split second they were off to Olive's lair again to try and defeat her. Sapphire pounded through the gates and Rowena called out to Olive who was yet again sat smugly on her throne. Sapphire didn't want to waste any time and looked directly at Olive. Suddenly a thin layer of crystal started to creep upwards curling neatly around Olive. "Finally!" shouted Rowena, "We've defeated you!" But

before she could say anything else, she heard a shattering noise and an evil laugh! She had failed again...

## Chapter four



### The crystal dome

Rowena was fed up. She kept huffing every time somebody said something about Olive. In the evening Rowena walked into her magic herb garden and picked up her book of enchanted herbs. It contained details about multiple plants that had magic powers. Rowena's eyes flicked to the Stranga herb. It had the ability to strengthen people and animals. "I've got it! she cried, "I'll feed this herb to Sapphire every day for a week!" But there was just one dilemma. "Should I give it to Sapphire to defeat Olive or



should I give it to Dad to strengthen him again?" she thought. Rowena sat there thinking for hours racking her brains so hard that she turned bright blue! Then she burst into tears. "W w w what t will I d d do?" she sobbed. Just then she heard a calming voice from behind her and turned to see her mother, Queen Ava, standing behind her. "Do not cry dear" she said as her sylph-like gown swept across the grass. "Mother!" sobbed Rowena flinging her arms around Ava, giving her a big hug.

"Mother I can't decide what to do with this herb!" Ava looked down at the page and sighed. "Your father has a much bigger wish than his own strength, dear child. He wants to see his



second daughter back in prison where she can do no harm." Those words made Rowena really think about what she should do. So, every day for a week Sapphire ate the Stranga herb with disgust, scrutinising it before taking every bite.

Finally, it was done! Rowena and Sapphire were ready to save the magic world.

## Chapter five

### Face to face with evil



Rowena went off with Sapphire for the third time. Sapphire had more blue in her eyes than ever, making them turn slightly dark round the edges. Rowena knew this had to work! The weather was unpredictable, trees kept falling down everywhere making it harder for Sapphire to get to the lair fast enough. Finally, they got to the lair and crept inside. Rowena was carrying her wand and a jar of healing liquid. They strode across the marble floor and looked up to see Olive sitting there looking like a

Queen on her throne. Sapphire realised that Olive didn't know that they were there, so she whispered something into Rowena's ear and both of them hid behind some fancy pillars that made the room look Greek. Then Sapphire leapt out and growled to make Olive walk up to her and look into her sparkling eyes. Just then a dome began creeping around Olive growing thicker as it moved up and around the evil sorceress. It finished moving and curling. By then, Olive had realised what was going on and began banging at the walls of the crystal dome. Muffled shouts could be heard



throughout the cave. Olive looked fuzzy through the thick wall of crystal! The kingdom of Azrallia was safe once again and Rowena got to show her parents Olive within the dome. She then had the cave blocked up and the king was so delighted that he felt his strength returning! From then on Rowena was known as a hero and the kingdom lived in peace once again. Sapphire was given extra snacks every day for her breakfast and she never had to eat disgusting herbs again!





*THE END*



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Olive the evil princess has broken free from jail and using her dark magic, she has nearly taken over the entire kingdom! The trees have been uprooted and the weather is unpredictable but will Rowena's herbs and Sapphire's magic eyes save Azrallia once and for all?

