

Reach for the Stars



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Chapter 1

It was twilight. There were stars surrounding the sky and the Mire family were sitting together on the local park's hill. Here and there birds flew and the night sky looked beautiful with hundreds of colours. All around crickets were chirping and the river was rippling. Close by, the moon was hovering and the Mire family were going to head home when Joe (June's dad) Asked June in a caring voice, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" "I want to be an astronaut and visit all the planets!" replied June.

"Wow! That is an awesome job!" said Joe, "Let's head home."

They got into the car and drove off into the night.

Chapter 2

6 years later....

It was a warm summer day and 10-year-old June was walking on her own in the local park. She did this often as she didn't have any friends to play with. On her way back from the park she saw a library and decided to go in it. As she walked along the aisles, she saw a book on the ground and decided to read it. Reading the book, she thought it was a recipe book when she realised it was MAGIC!

Chapter 3

June looked through all the spells but the last one stood out to her. It said it was a 'bring me back' spell. June suddenly realised that the reason this stood out to her was because her mother (Jane Mire) had died a year ago and with this spell, she could bring her back to life!

June looked at what she needed to do and the book said she needed a star, but how was she to get that?

Chapter 4

June decided she would need to build a rocket to get to space. She studied rockets and aerodynamics for months trying to find a way to get to space. June told her dad that she was studying and making a science project on space. She used wrenches and nails and nuts and drills and made a rocket! June went to try it out but, it fell down out of the sky into pieces. So, she tried again this time doing a lot more calculations, engineering and experiments. This time the rocket was meant to take up to 7 stone in weight. So, June took the rocket to the hill and launched the rocket as a test run and it blew up in mid-air. She was running out of money to spend on parts and nuts and bolts. She needed to bring her mum back! She finally made the last rocket and took it once more to the hill in the park. June launched the

rocket. It fell down and down and down and down. June lay down on the hill teary eyed. She had lost her chance to bring back her mother.

Suddenly sparkles appeared in the air and she was being lifted gently into the air. What was happening?

Chapter 5

June felt she was flying, soaring higher and higher. Then she realised she was heading for space. Was she going to be able to take a star? The magic flew her up and up. June was in space! She picked up a star. It felt warm and soft but not fluffy. June flew down back into earth where it was raining. She ran as quickly as she could to her mum's grave and followed the instructions in the book. She rubbed the star on the grave, waiting for something to happen. Nothing happened. June waited for an hour. Nothing happened. She cried while walking home; she had failed. June ran to bed wishing her mum could be there.

Chapter 6

June woke up the next day and tiptoed into her dad's room hoping to have a morning hug, but someone else was there. June thought for a second that her dad was in love with someone new, but when she looked who was there it was her Mum! Her mum came back and was there again. She wasn't just a vision. She was actually there!

June screamed, "Mum! You're back, I can't believe it!"

"I can't believe it either!" her mum replied.

"That spell of yours worked, darling," said Mum.

After that, the Mire family were forever together and lived happily.

One summer day, they were sitting on the park's hill.

“I remember this day from 6 years ago,” said June. “The day I said I wanted to be an astronaut.”

“Still the same now?” asked Joe.

“No. I think I want to be a mum,” said June.

The End

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June is an ordinary girl until the worst happens - her mother dies. A year later she finds a magic book full of spells, one of them stands out because it is a bring me back spell. Will June be able to use this spell to bring her mum back to life?