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Early one morning, Jessica woke up to a cold winter day. It was a day that she would rather forget. A cold, dark winter's day always reminded her of when she had to leave her home and move into an orphanage.

Jessica is a thirteen-year-old girl. Sadly, her parents passed away when she was six years old.



As there was no one to look after her, Jessica was sent to an orphanage, and she has been there for seven years now.

On her first night at the orphanage, Jessica was heartbroken because she wished her parents were still alive and she missed them terribly. She was wailing and forlorn because she wanted her parents to come back.



Jessica did not know anyone at the orphanage. She shared a room with another girl called Velvet. Her roommate had been at the orphanage for two years before Jessica arrived.

She was very welcoming to new orphans because she knew how difficult it was without your parents being there for you. They became good friends. Jessica and Velvet both loved reading books. They bonded on their love of learning.



Velvet was very kind to Jessica. Velvet was also thirteen years old. Velvet mentioned to Jessica that she had been accepted to attend a very famous boarding school called Global Sparks Academy. Jessica felt insecure as the only person who made her feel welcome would be leaving soon.

She begged velvet to take her with her. Velvet explained that she would need the orphanage to write a letter to Global Sparks Academy. She would also have to sit a test and she must pass or they would not admit her.

Velvet took Jessica to the main carers' office to beg for her friend to join her at the new school. The caretaker on duty was Mrs Daffodil. Mrs Daffodil liked Jessica because she was no trouble. She did as she was told and did not bother anyone. She also spent most of her time reading or playing with Velvet. She was very responsible, curious, and serious about learning. Mrs Daffodil thought to herself that it would be a pleasure to recommend Jessica to Global Sparks Academy as Jessica and Velvet were two of the most well-behaved children in the orphanage. "It would be an honour for me to write the letter to Global Sparks Academy", said Mrs Daffodil.

By then it was almost time for supper and Mrs Daffodil warned them that they should not be late. Velvet and Jessica darted across the narrow corridor to the dining room. They made it to their table a few minutes before dinner was served. "Phew!" they whispered to each other



at the same time.

After supper, most of the children, including Jessica and Velvet, went to the games room where they played board games and other games until it was bedtime. When Mrs Daffodil announced there was only thirty minutes left, Jessica and Velvet walked out of the room so they would have time to read before bed.

The next morning, Mrs Daffodil came into Velvet and Jessica's room with exciting news. She told them that she had spoken to the head teacher of Global Sparks Academy, and they were expecting her that morning. She also mentioned that Jessica would be sitting a test to be admitted to the school. Jessica was elated! She was absolutely thrilled and went to hug Mrs Daffodil so tightly that Mrs Daffodil almost passed out. Jessica started jumping up and down until Velvet asked her to get ready quickly or she would miss the only bus that could take her to the school. Jessica changed as fast as a cheetah and went down to the hall for breakfast. Her flowing dress ran down her slim

body until it reached her beautiful, dainty shoes. Her soft, cloud-like hair was rolling down her innocent body and laid on her hips. Jessica was on cloud nine. Velvet accompanied her to the bus stop, and she arrived in time to catch the bus to Global Sparks Academy.

Upon arriving at Global Sparks academy, Jessica was greeted by Mrs Twilight, the Head teacher at the school. Mrs Twilight was a short old woman with a mass of glowing grey hair that held her pale face. Her cheeks looked hollow, and the flesh was wrinkled and sagging. She wore round spectacles that complemented her face. She was wearing a long, shiny, narrow dress that glowed in the dark.



Mrs Twilight took Jessica to a small room filled with lots of books. She looked around and thought to herself that she would really be happy at this school. She loved to read and went on to have a look at the books on the shelves. As she started reading a book, the door opened, and Mrs Twilight entered with a bunch of papers. She explained to Jessica that the reason she came today was to sit for a test and only if she did well would she be able to come to the school. Jessica started feeling a little nervous. She did not want to stay at the Orphanage without Velvet, and she also did not

want to let Mrs Daffodil down. She took a deep breath and persevered through the tough paper. She pushed herself and worked hard to complete the test. When the time was up, she could hear footsteps and thought it was Mrs Twilight. To her surprise, another teacher walked in to collect the papers. She introduced herself as Mrs Moon, the Wisdom of Magic teacher. Immediately, Jessica became curious. Her head started spinning at the thought of learning magic! How fun would that be, she thought! Mrs Moon mentioned that she was also the deputy head of the school. Jessica was informed that it would take a while to mark her test and that she was welcome to read any book she wanted.

Jessica loved reading so she was very excited and did not mind waiting at all. Before long, both Mrs Twilight and Mrs Moon walked in together with her exam papers. Jessica did



not even hear them walking in, she was so engrossed in her book. “Jessica Stevenson!” called Mrs Twilight. Jessica’s heart started pounding. Mrs Twilight smiled. “You have done exceptionally well young lady,” Mrs Twilight exclaimed. “We would like you to start tomorrow.” Jessica

grinned whilst asking Mrs Twilight if she could start at the same time as Velvet. Mrs Twilight agreed and asked her and Velvet to report back to Global Sparks Academy the following morning.

Jessica took the bus home back to the orphanage. She was excited and could not believe that she had passed the test. She was going to Global Sparks Academy with Velvet. She was so happy. She was lost in her thoughts and before she knew it, she was back at the Orphanage. Jessica arrived just in time for a scrumptious supper. It was her favourite! Mac and cheese. Everyone was cheering her name and there was dessert on the table!! Everyone congratulated her and Velvet and wished them well in their new school.

The next day, everyone at the orphanage waved them goodbye. Jessica and Velvet took the bus to their new school. As they arrived there, everyone was excited to have new pupils joining at the school. All the children were raising

their hands to be their tour guide. Mrs Twilight could not decide who to pick so she decided that Mrs Moon would give the tour of the school to Jessica and Velvet. As they were shown around, they noticed that one of the rooms was completely empty. They were not sure why this whole room was completely empty. They were finally shown their dormitory and thankfully they WERE ROOMATES AGAIN.

The next day, the Headmaster, Mrs Twilight, appeared looking ominous as usual. She told them that she wanted to speak. "Yes Mrs Twilight," both Jessica and Velvet said in unison. Mrs Twilight revealed that both Velvet and Jessica shared a great, great, great, great grandfather. The old pupil at Global Sparks Academy. Their grandfather showed unwavering courage as he had defended Global Sparks Academy from various threats; threats seemingly impossible to avoid without losing thirty or forty wizards and witches. Once he single-handedly defeated a group of ten giant trolls.

Velvet and Jessica stood there in a state of utter shock. Jessica's mouth hung as if it were bearing the weight of a billion kilograms. Lots of questions were in her head. Is Velvet my sister? she thought.

"Your grandfather was probably the strongest pupil to ever attend this school. With his wit, strength, and speed, he completed three prophecies and saved us from what seemed like a wizard extinction. He used what we have since found out is a Wisdom of Magic," said Mrs Twilight.

Jessica could not move a limb. As Mrs Twilight shocked them both into reality, she told them to follow her into the great Hall of Magic. She guided the young teenagers into a section with a pool. They both shared the same look. It was a look of confusion. Noticing their faces, Mrs Twilight alerted them to the fact that the pool was called the Wisdom Waters.

Mrs Twilight explained to Jessica and Velvet that the Wisdom Waters would tell them how their life at the Global

Academy was going to be. "Some students are chosen for prophecies. Even though a prophecy has not happened in over two thousand years, I have a feeling about you two," grinned Mrs Twilight.

Jessica and Velvet looked in the water.

Both saw the same thing.

The expression on their faces intrigued Mrs Twilight.

"Jessica Stevenson! Velvet Lee! Are you ok?" shouted Mrs Twilight.

Jessica and Velvet looked up immediately. They both had a face full of confusion.

"It looks like there is going to be an invasion very soon," said Jessica with a shaky voice. Mrs Twilight left the room hurriedly and went to fetch Mrs Moon. "Jessica, can you please explain to Mrs Moon what you have just told me?" Jessica went on to explain in detail about the invasion.

"Jessica and Velvet, follow me," shouted Mrs Moon. She took them out of the room and through narrow, dark corridors into the empty room that they had seen during their tour. Jessica and Velvet looked at each other. A few minutes passed where no one spoke. Then, Mrs Moon went through some cupboards hidden behind the walls and brought out different bottles, which contained coloured liquids. She took a deep breath and exclaimed, "Both of you have special powers. There is a wisdom in your magical powers. You do not harm but if you must, you should defend to protect innocent people. The Trolls are on their way to destroy our school. They have attacked us before and it did not end well. You will not be able to do this alone so you will have to learn how to lead the whole school. We are all depending on you. You must use the wisdom behind the magic and don't be tempted to attack the enemy unless you or anyone from the school is under threat."

“Understood,” Jessica and Velvet replied. Velvet and Jessica started to make plans and follow the recipes to make potions. They then started making plans how they would start training the rest of the school once they figured out what to do.

They went back to the Wisdom Waters and could see the trolls were actually very close to the school. Upon realising this, they ran back to Mrs Moon and told her that they would need the whole school gathered for an assembly.

Jessica and Velvet used the potions they had to create magical powers. Only they could do this. They sprinkled the powers over all the children. They then gave them instructions on how to proceed by simply telling them that they should follow their lead.

The trolls were in the vicinity, Jessica and Velvet could sense them. They were approaching the magic lab [where Mrs Moon taught the wisdom of magic]. Even though Jessica and

Velvet knew the trolls were on their way, they chose not to move because they had the potion that they had made before the assembly started. The potion could make anyone be under anyone’s control. Jessica and Velvet immediately handed out the potion. Before long, the trolls arrived and all the children gathered at the main door to pour the potion on them. Once the trolls were under Jessica and Velvet’s control, they remembered the rule of the school and the Wisdom of Magic. They could not harm but could teach and violence was never the answer.

The trolls were shocked with the reception they received. They thought once they were under the enemy’s control, they were almost certain that they were going to be killed. Instead, Jessica and Velvet started teaching them about the harm they were causing and asked them to reflect once they were still under control and not armed to cause problems. It took a long time, but the trolls eventually accepted that what they had been doing was wrong. They needed to

change. They promised not to ever cause harm again, not only to Global Sparks Academy but to anyone else as well.

After they accepted not to harm anyone else again, Mrs Twilight decided to have a huge party to celebrate. It was a momentous occasion in the history of the school.

Jessica and Velvet asked Mrs Twilight if they could invite Mrs Daffodil and everyone from the orphanage to come and celebrate with them. Mrs Twilight responded by saying, "It was you who made the impossible possible so you can invite anyone you want." Jessica replied by saying, "It was indeed the Wisdom of Magic that Mrs Moon taught us that helped the trolls surrender and agree to become good people."

Jessica and Velvet could not wait to share their news with Mrs Daffodil and everyone at the Orphanage. The entire orphanage cheered. A special assembly was called and that's when Jessica and Velvet told them that they were all

invited to go to Global Sparks Academy for a special celebration. Another deafening roar filled the room again.

The next day, everyone at the orphanage followed Velvet and Jessica to Global Sparks Academy where they had the most amazing day celebrating and playing with everyone. The day was absolutely one to remember.

The next morning, another dark winter's day, Jessica woke up very excited for the day ahead. She did not feel sad anymore and decided to accept her life and lived a very good life at the academy with her friends.



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Jessica Stevenson is a thirteen-year-old girl. She is an orphan and has spent several years in an orphanage. Whilst at the orphanage, she meets a girl called Velvet and they become friends as well as roommates. They bond on their love of learning. Both Jessica and Velvet win places to study at the famous Global Sparks Academy. Whilst at the academy, they discover something that could change their lives forever. What do you think happens to Jessica and Velvet?