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Chapter 1 - Moving In

Have you ever had to live with your grandparents because your parents passed away? Well that's exactly what happened to Sally.

Sally is a 12 year old girl whose parents recently passed away due to a car crash incident. She was in foster care for two weeks until any relatives could let her live with them. Kindly, Sally's grandmother allowed her to live with her.

Sally's grandmother is 72 years old. Her real name is Jessica. She likes to knit and loves her granddaughter the most. She's also a really good cook: Sally loves her cooking. She is thankful that her grandmother let her stay with her.

"Grandma," asked Sally.

“What is it dear?” replied her Grandma.

“May I go to the park?”

“Of course you may,” smiled her Grandma.

“Thanks!” smiled Sally back at her.

At the park, Sally was playing on the swing because there was nothing else to do and she was bored but suddenly, she heard a faint voice in the distance. She saw a light shadow behind her.

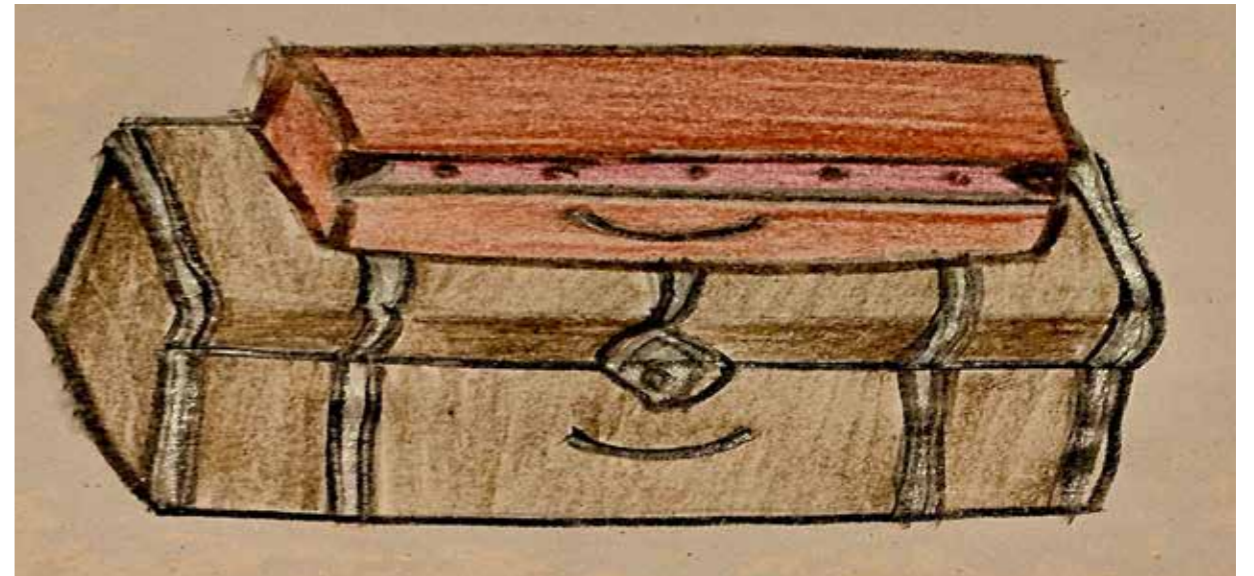
It was a girl about the same age. She was playing with her sister.

“Come on, June!” said one of the girls.

“I’m coming, April!” replied the other girl.

Gathering up courage, Sally walked up to them and asked hesitantly, “Uh... hey, can I play with you, I’m all alone?”

“Why, of course you can,” replied one of the sisters, “we love making new friends!”



Chapter 2 - The Library

Sally, June and April have been friends for over two months now. June and April have been comforting Sally because of the loss of her parents. And Sally has been comforting June and April whenever they're sad.

They decided to go to a library one day since all three of them love reading.

"Grandma," leaped Sally excitedly, "my friends and I are going to the library today."

"Okay dear." replied her Grandma.

"Yay thank you, Grandma."

Later on, Sally, April and June went skipping to the library.

It was almost as if the library was on the other side of the earth since it was so far away.

They all got tired from walking for twenty minutes.

"Come on, guys," said April, "I see the library right across the street."

"Finally!" jumped June.

At the library, there were a lot of books to choose from, so they decided to read one book in particular: "*The Valley of Magic*".

On the first page they read:

The Valley of Magic is a beautiful place,

Just beware of the danger that lurks in those woods.

It's majestic and you can keep your pace,

Beware, one sudden movement and you will be baked goods.

Whoosh.

A small portal suddenly appeared and sucked in the three girls.



Chapter 3 - The School of Magic

"Woah!" exclaimed Sally.

"Where are we?" asked June.

"I have no idea," replied April.

"What is this place?" questioned June

"It looks like a school full of magic," enthused June, "wow, I've never seen anything like it."

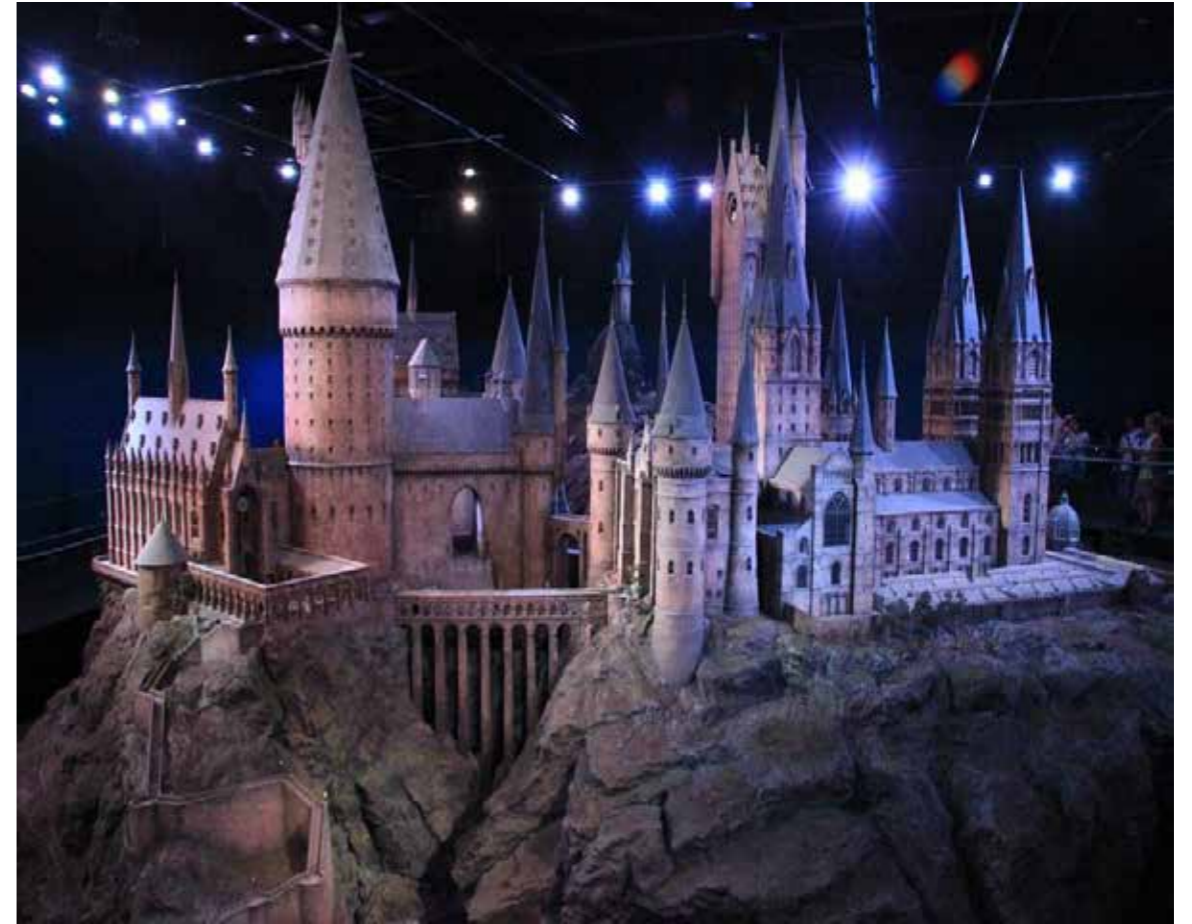
"It's so beautiful," said Sally.

"Indeed," agreed June.

Sally, April and June were transported to a school full of magic. There were dragons soaring through the sky; witches flying high; fairies fluttering around and mermaids swimming in the pond.

Everything was perfect. There were even separate schools for different people: there was a sky school for fairies; an underwater school for mermaids and a school on land for talking animals.

Sally and her friends went to their allotted class, which was an enthralling experience. They learnt a lot from their teacher, a phoenix.



Chapter 4 - Ruana Skyie

When the day was over, Sally decided to have a break and go back to the library. Since she was new, she had no idea that she was in the forbidden section.

She was looking around for a book when suddenly, she stumbled across a very mysterious book covered by a magical case. Only people with the blood of the keepers of the school could open it. Somehow, the case was already left open so Sally already had access to the book inside the case. Inside was a purple book with smoke coiling out of it. Sally slowly opened the book and read out the first page aloud:

*With a whisper she makes, she has it all,
All it takes is one brave girl to save everyone in these halls.
You may not always see her, but she's always there.
Welcome Ruana Skyie, our only heir!*

With that, purple gas filled the place. Sally coughed violently and couldn't control herself.

She fainted...

Out of the book came a mysterious woman with shoulder pads that are black and purple and pale skin with white hair.

Ruana Skyie had finally escaped the book that she had been trapped in for so long.

“Finally,” exclaimed Ruana, “after so long, I'm finally free from this wretched prison. Time to take revenge on this world for rejecting me!”

Ruana was once a student at The School of Magic but got expelled because she performed a set of dark power on innocent students that turned them into stone and ice sculptures. In a fit of rage, she once turned students into animals and caged them.

It was only a matter of time until the teachers and headmistress found out about her antics. They expelled her and trapped her in a book so that she couldn't harm innocent souls anymore.



Chapter 5 - The Fight

Ruana Skyie was too powerful for Sally alone, who was stubborn though just like her parents and decided to try and defeat her by herself.

Would she succeed...?

She kept on trying and fighting and persevering but despite everything she did, she just couldn't defeat Ruana, whose magic was too powerful and whose soul was too dark.

Her friends found her and asked if they could help her, but Sally was too stubborn and arrogant to accept their help.

All she wanted was revenge on Ruana Skyie for killing her parents.

All that she tried went to waste.

She realised she was no match for Ruana Skyie.

Unless...

Unless she got help from her friends.

"Come on, Sally," said April.

"We just want to help." explained June.

"I don't think that's a good idea," said Sally, "who knows, you could get hurt."

"We don't care!" said June

"Yeah, we just want to help!" pleaded April.

"Okay, fine," said Sally, "maybe I could use some help."

"Yeah, come on," persuaded June.

"Let's do this," announced April.

Now that Sally, April and June were fighting Ruana Skyie, it was much easier.

They pounced and punched, knocking Ruana Skyie off her throne.

Chapter 6 - Victory

"You fools!" roared Ruana furiously, "you have ruined everything."

"Good!" said Sally.

Sally swept out the book and released Ruana Skyie by reading the words on the last page:

Take away the wretched demon,

She will never trouble you again,

For now she is defeated,

If you say these words, it will take away your pain.

In a flash of purple smoke, Ruana Skyie disappeared into the book.

"We need to keep this somewhere safe," said April.

"Agreed!" said Sally.

"Let's return the book to the Library where we found it in the first place.."

Chapter 7 - The Return Home

It was a lot of fun at The School of Magic but it was time for Sally and her friends to go home. They went to the library to return the book that took them there. April asked the librarian if there was a way to return home.

“Yes,” replied the worker, “there is a portal in the Valley of Magic. It can take you home.”

“Thanks,” said June, relieved.

When they arrived at the Valley of Magic, it was so majestic: there were beautiful butterflies and moths fluttering around and musical waterfalls. The magical portal was just behind a large plant. The girls said goodbye to this place and went back home from their magical adventure.



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Sally meets some new friends (April and June) who accidentally end up in an adventure in the School of Magic.

They're going to have to face Ruana Skyie if they want to ever see home again.

Will the three of them ever see home again?