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Adventure*

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I dedicate this book to all the young creative minds out there just like me. This book is also dedicated to children who take themselves to be ordinary, but truly are wonderful and extraordinary. Dedicating this book to children who face challenges, I hope that this book teaches them to overcome their challenges fearlessly.



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# PREFACE

My book writing journey was not a planned situation but rather a surprise. My public speaking mentor, Mrs. Pratibha Tiwari, a certified NLP Master Practitioner, gave me the opportunity to put my story writing skills to the test. This was my first time writing a story so I needed abundant help. But in the end I was able to frame the story with the motivation of my mentor and family.

This story is a blend of my imagination and creativity. So, the readers will get engrossed in the super natural world. And, it takes its inspiration from real life situations and the characters, a truly splendid representation. The main aim of the book is to make younger children practice the moral values through the intriguing characters of the story. The magical creature Fairy Astesia, depicted in the story is a combination of characteristics of two of my friends. not one but 2 personalities. The protagonist Amelia, a humble and kind natured one, is the inspiration of some good characters around me. Both these characters were known for their perseverance. The antagonist Fairy Sabrina was not derived from a person but from various other stories and situation I have come across. Other supporting characters are drawn from my imagination and most of them carry an important value to learn. Although my book is intended mainly for entertainment of children, it will surely inspire them to write books with a good message.



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## **1. Here's Fauna Village**

Once upon a time far, far away, where no one has ever heard before, was Fauna Village. It sat on the top of Mount Flora whose peak rose towards the clouds. In Fauna Village, animals were greatly cared for. People got their provisions from Mount Flora, where plants and flowers were aplenty. The villagers of Fauna had a family of their own except one. Amelia, a beautiful young girl of age 16 lived in a sweet little cottage in Fauna Village. She had a young companion too, a little puppy, Kim, who followed her loyally and faithfully wherever she strode. She believed in the magic of imagination and the essence of creativity. She taught children to make model birds out of twigs and leaves and to create paint using berries. She even told many fantasy tales of fairies, witches and trolls to the children of fauna. Little Amelia had been orphaned when she was very young. She couldn't remember about her parents or childhood. She dreamt of day and night about finding them. Rumours have it, that she was found and raised by a fairy.



## 2. The Dark, Mysterious Forest

One day as she was going to Mount Flora, she stumbled upon a rock and had a really hard fall. As she searched for some place to sit and nurse her wound, she accidentally entered the dark, mysterious forest. The village actually adjoined with a dark mysterious forest which no one dared to enter till then. Curiosity got the better of her and she decided to explore the forest. As she entered the deep, dark, scary forest, she heard noises from the trees, bushes and plants. They sounded like feet pattering around her. She walked farther and farther into the forest. After a while she felt too scared to go on. So, she decided to head back home. She got up, dusted herself and started walking back, in the direction she thought was right. But she couldn't find her way back. Alone and frightened, the little girl started crying. Moments later, she heard a little voice calling to her. As she turned back, she saw a little squirrel on her shoulder. The little squirrel started speaking, "Oh hey! My name is Aaron. I am the guardian of trees. What brings you here, little one?" Amelia then said, "Well, my name is Amelia. I was drinking some water from a stream in Mount Flora. I tripped on a stone and managed to stumble into this scary forest. I decided to explore it, but I can't find my way back now." Aaron then explained that the forest actually belonged to the spirits who controlled nature herself. With that he bounded off her shoulders and hopped from branch to branch on the trees. Amelia sighed and continued into the forest.

### 3. The Spirit Of The Trees

A little while later she felt as if the ground below her seemed to shake. A faint light showed up before her, gradually taking the form of a giant tree. The tree spoke to Amelia in a deep voice, “Well, hello there little one, what brings you here? I had never seen anyone here in the past 100 years.”, Amelia, intrigued by this creature, spoke, “Well, I lost my way and I cannot go back home.” The tree thought for a moment and said, “Hmmmmm... well the one way to escape from here is to go through the exit, which is at the other end of the forest. But beware the ride isn’t all sparkles and rainbows. You will have to go past three levels. The first level is a maze filled with booby traps. Some of the booby traps are not so bad, but some of them will trap you in dungeons below the earth. The second level is a riddle race. You will have to get 4 riddles right to get 4 different keys to enter 4 different rooms. You will have 3 chances to answer the riddle. If you get even one riddle wrong, you will be thrown inside a bear’s enclosure. After you complete that level you will find yourself inside a dome. It is called ‘The Silent Dome’. Here a spirit will roam around the dome. But do not worry, he’s blind, but he has great hearing skills. If he hears even the tiniest noise like a hiccup or a cough, you will be trapped inside this forest forever”, he said and disappeared. Amelia, not knowing what to do decided to enter the maze.



## 4. The Three, Petrifying Levels

As she continued, she took a wrong turn! But fortunately the trap was just a bramble thorns sprouting out. Though she got a bruise, she pondered on what to do next. In the meantime, she saw a bird flying above the maze. Amelia then got a bright idea. She tried calling out to the bird. Surprisingly the bird heard her call and rested on her shoulder. The bird seemed disturbed and said, “Well now, I was having the time of my life up there, and here you are calling me. Now I wanna get this over with, what do you want?” Amelia, amused, asked her for help. “Well, I need your help to get out of this maze, you can fly over the top of the maze and work it out. Then you can guide me the directions.” The bird reluctantly agreed. She flew over the maze and worked it out carefully. After Amelia got out of the maze, she thanked the bird and gave it a piece of bread she had with her. Next was the riddle race. She walked inside the room which, surprisingly was decorated with beautiful flowers from Mount Flora. She saw a mirror which had an arrow pointing towards it. She approached the mirror. The bizarre mirror started talking to her! It asked her the first riddle, “What is always in front of you that cannot be seen?” At this, Amelia gave her response as quick as a lightning bolt, “It’s the future, of course” The mirror smiled and uttered words of praise, “Well of course, that’s right. You seem very smart. Here is the key to the first door.” The mirror handed her a key with the symbol of fire on top. The mirror then gave Amelia, the instructions to find the next riddle. “Next

walk towards the east. You will find a wall with the next riddle on it. Now hurry along, the wall hates disobedience.” Amelia smiled gratefully at the mirror and rushed towards the east. There she found the wall with the second riddle. The riddle read, ‘What has one eye but can’t see?’ Amelia was a little doubtful about her answer for this riddle, but as she could do nothing, she answered. Timidly, she gave her response, “Is the answer... a needle?” The wall gave the reply. It’s answer appeared on the wall, just like the riddle. It read, “By golly, it’s right!” Somehow the key appeared from the wall. Then, suddenly she heard a voice that seemed to come from none other than the wall itself. The wall said, “Now that you have got your second key, go straight ahead and you will find a talking flower. The flower will tell you your third riddle.” Saying this the wall stopped talking, leaving Amelia bewildered. She walked straight ahead and saw a beautiful Quela flower. The flower began talking, “What can break even if you never pick it or touch it?” Amelia’s reply came quickly, “Your talking about a promise aren’t you?” The flower said, “Well your right, here’s the key.” Like this, Amelia managed to get all the riddles right, though she did get one guess wrong in the 4th riddle. By this she managed to get all the keys to the rooms. But after she got the 4th key, she didn’t quite know what to do. She scanned the room for clues, but found nothing. Then after thinking for a while she decided to head west. After walking for some time she found 4 different doors with symbols of fire, water, air and earth. She found the right key for each door and fitted each key into the correct locks. The 4 doors opened to reveal a dome filled with... Well, nothing. The dome was empty, not a thing in sight.

Amelia decided to open the door and enter. The moment she stepped inside, a large weird looking spirit appeared before her. The spirit spoke to her in a gloomy, solemn voice, “Make a single noise and stay here forever” The spirit cackled and left, leaving Amelia scared out of her wits.

## **5. Out Of The Forest And Into Fairville**

She saw a sign pointing towards the exit. She decided to head there. She slowly and swiftly ran towards the exit and was about to go through the exit when Kim was about to bark. Luckily, Amelia had a bag of Kim's favourite treats and gave her a handful quickly. Amelia sighed with relief. She safely got through the exit and found herself outside the deep, dark, scary forest. She looked around, trying to figure out where she was, when she spotted a beautiful looking toadstool house. She knocked on the door and a sweet looking fairy appeared at the doorstep. Timidly, Amelia asked, "May I please know where I am and who you are?" The fairy introduced herself, "Well, my name is Astesia and you just happened to stumble into Fairville. Come in for a while and have something to eat. You seem tired and... sort of... familiar. What is your name?" Amelia felt happy for the warm greeting. She entered Astesia's home and introduced herself, "My name is Amelia and this is my pet dog, Kim. I live in Fauna Village. I accidentally entered the dark, mysterious forest and ended up here." At this the fairy's eyes lit up and she asked, "Who are your parents?" Amelia's face fell and she said, "I do not have any parents. I don't even remember about my childhood." At this, Astesia looked so happy, that Amelia thought she would burst! Astesia dragged the poor and confused little girl into a sort of lab. Astesia explained, "Have you heard rumours that you had been brought up by a fairy?" Amelia said, "Yes, I cannot go

through a single day without hearing that. But I've never believed it." Astesia replied, "Well if you don't believe it, would you believe me if I told you that I'm the one who brought you up?" At this Amelia couldn't get a single word out of her mouth. As she stood there bewildered, Astesia smiled.



## 6. Amelia's Parents

Amelia finally found her tongue again and said, "So who are my real parents?" The fairy then said, "Oh! I've never thought about that. I found you in a forest and raised you till you were 10 or so. I never researched about your parents." Amelia convinced Astesia to find her parents. So, the fairy turned to her magical orb and asked it to find her parents. After a few moments, the orb spoke, "I'm sorry dear fairy, but I can only look at places where the magic is connected with the outside world. But as for Amelia's parents, they might be in a place where the magic is not connected to the outside world or..." And just like that the orb ceased speaking. Amelia felt dizzy. Fairy Astesia felt sorry for her, but still didn't lose hope. "There is only one place in the entire world of magic that is unreachable to the outside world. And I think I know the person we are looking for..." Astesia took a few books from her inhouse library and searched for the fairy she was looking for, "Hm... Cassandra... Malice... nope... Adria... Where is that page? Ah! Here it is. Sabrina... The most wicked and evil fairy in the whole of history." The smiling fairy looked up at Amelia and showed her the page about fairy Sabrina. Amelia read the page aloud, "Fairy Sabrina, the most evil being in the whole world of magic, has never been spotted or located. It is said that she cannot connect her evil magic to the outside world... Wait, that's all the information the books have about Sabrina!?" Astesia nodded her head, "So now the core problem is how to find Sabrina?" The fairy's face

suddenly lit up again, “I know how we can find or at least where we might be able to find her. The most evil fairies, trolls, bergens, witches or gnomes live in the farthest corner of the magic world near the ‘Evil swamp’. The evil beings get their negative powers and magic from there!” Amelia looked happy and was bit ambiguous, “That’s all well, but are you sure we can find my parents there?” Astesia nodded ‘yes’ and told Amelia to climb aboard her magical horse chariot.



## 7. To The Evil Swamp

The fairy asked the horses to gallop towards the Evil Swamp and much to Amelia's surprise the chariot rose towards the clouds. Up and up they went till they reached the clouds. Amelia was quite out of breath when they reached their destination. Their destination was gloomy and uninviting rather than bustling and welcoming. Amelia didn't like it at all. Astesia and Amelia spent the whole day talking to ogres, trolls, witches, bergens etc. but no one knew where or who Fairy Sabrina was. They were about to give up when they sought the help of a witch who led them to Sabrina's cottage. Sabrina's cottage was the nearest to the Evil Swamp, which would explain why she was really wicked. Astesia glanced at the door and knocked on it 5 times. The door was opened by a short and ugly-looking troll. He took them inside and brought them to Fairy Sabrina. Sabrina was not feeling all that happy to see them both. She spoke in a hoarse voice, "What do you want Astesia? You love walking right into trouble, don't you? I was just thinking on how to capture you and your little baby. But couldn't find her yet?" Astesia clenched her teeth and was enraged, "Yes I have just found her, I even brought her with me and no, I do not like walking into trouble, you do. If I want to, I can finish your nasty little world with a snap of my fingers." Sabrina was shocked, "So that is the daughter of those other two I have got above my fire pit. Well, I'll capture her soon enough."



## 8. I'm A Princess!?

Astesia said, "So she is the daughter of the king and queen of the magic world? The lost princess who is said to have the great powers of destruction if used by the wicked and healing powers if used by the good and both if used by herself. The one who is said to be the bravest of all and can destroy anything?" Poor Amelia was so pale and confused that she was about to faint, "Hellllo, does anyone care that I'm even here? You just keep fighting that I do not understand even a thing. Destruction? Healing? Princess? Powers? What's the meaning of all this? And capturing me? Who even am I?" At this the 2 fairies refrained from fighting and looked at Amelia. Astesia said, "Of course, we need to get out of this stinky place." After this Astesia slowly whispered into Amelia's ear, "Now we know that Sabrina is the one who have your parents, we will rescue them soon enough." They reached Fairyville and went straight to Astesia's toadstool house. They went to the library to try and figure out how to free Amelia's parents from the clutches of the malicious Sabrina. They read and read for many hours but still couldn't find the answer on how to save Amelia's parents. Finally, they decided to fight Sabrina and headed back to her house. When they reached there the same ugly, old troll saw them and shouted, "Goody-two-shoes is back." Amelia asked him where Fairy Sabrina was. The troll replied, "Fairy Sabrina's off to Fauna Village to make it wicked and evil like the evil swamp." Amelia giggled at the funny little troll. She then turned to Astesia and told

her what the troll had said. Astesia knew that Fauna Village was in great trouble and told Amelia, “Fauna Village is in great danger. We must go and save it quickly or else the whole magic world could be turned into a place like Evil Swamp.”

## 9. Fauna Village In Trouble

Amelia suddenly looked scared and said, "Then let's head there quickly. We've got no time to waste." Astesia glared at the troll and left for the flying chariot. They flew quickly and swiftly for Fauna Village. Back at Fauna Village, the wicked fairy Sabrina had already started her work. With the help of her servants, the trolls and the bergens, she had cast her black magic all over Fauna Village. The village's atmosphere was sombre and serene. The clean, pure air had been filled with a thick, black smoke. Flowers and plants started to wilt and the animals felt weak. And the people themselves started fighting and arguing with each other. Fauna Village was not the same anymore. Astesia commenced feeling weak, so they headed back to Fairyville. Back at Astesia's cottage, Amelia frantically searched for a solution to make Fauna Village a happy, welcoming and bustling place as before. As Astesia recovered, Sabrina was not still. She was thoroughly enjoying herself. As minutes passed by, the whole magic world was getting affected by the black magic. Astesia and Amelia quested for hours together to find a solution, though it ended up in vain. At last, Amelia found the solution. Amelia showed the book to Astesia and she read it aloud, "The one and only way to defeat Fairy Sabrina is to find the magical flower that grows in the Flower Island which belongs to the flower elf. But no one knows where he lives. And also he never gives away his precious plants for nothing. So, have fun finding him." Astesia's face fell, "Now what do we do?" Amelia's eyes

then lit up, “The magic orb! You can ask the magic orb. Surely the flower elf is connected with the outside world’s magic, right? Quick, try asking it!”

## 10. Where Is The Flower Elf?

The fairy realised that there was something in what the girl said. She tried asking the magical, crystal orb. The crystal orb said, "This will take some time to process as the flower elf's magic is connected to the earth but on very tiny and thin standards." So Amelia and Astesia decided to wait, though it took a long, long time. As the orb was processing, they ate some fruits, they tried cooking together, they played fairy chess. Amelia taught Astesia how to use her creativity and they made a giant bird model out of twigs. Astesia taught Amelia how to use magic and finally they read together, but the orb still didn't find the flower elf. Astesia finally got tired of waiting and told the orb to stop, "Okay orb you can stop processing." She then turned to Amelia and said, "Amelia, that idea of yours to ask the orb was a very good one, really, but the orb needs a very long time to get us the information we need" At this Amelia's face fell, "Well, I guess sometimes we need to fail too, but that doesn't mean we should stop trying." Astesia holding on to the last shred of hope said, "Well, right now our last hope is to climb aboard the horse chariot and search all of Magic Town." Amelia was confused, "Magic town? Where is Magic Town?" Astesia was taken aback, "What do you mean? The place where Fairyville, Fauna Village, Evil swamp, Gnome town and so on are in Magic Town. This is Magic Town." Amelia was surprised, "Alright... But right now, we need to think of a way to make your chariot go faster. If we need to explore the whole of magic town, we need a way to go

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faster and quickly. Sabrina will soon make the whole of Magic town evil and wicked.”

## 11. Amelia Finds A Way

After thinking a lot, Amelia finally thought of a solution, "I've got it! We can make a chariot by ourselves, I mean, won't the horses get tired?" Amelia glanced at the white horses who nodded their heads quickly. Astesia chuckled at the horses and agreed. Amelia said, "We have to use our imaginations now. How do we build it, in such a way that doesn't use fuel, can go fast and stop if we wished it to." They both quickly imagined a perfect chariot and then discussed for about an hour. Then Amelia drew up a blueprint for the chariot and explained it, "This chariot requires physical start. We have to push these handles according to our needs. We can paint it using red paint from frickle berries power. There will be 4 handles. One for going fast, one for going slow, one for halting, and one for twisting. You surely have frickle berries in your garden right? We can mash them up with a bit of bark from Smellena trees and there you have it, Frickle Berry Paint. We can also make the carriage spacious for the both of us. So what do you say? Let's get building!" So they gathered the frickle berries and made luscious red paint. They gathered twigs and bark to build it. The birds and animals helped them sometimes. The rabbits helped to make the paint. The birds gathered twigs. The cubs helped to gather moss to make the floor nice and comfy. The plants gave them mountains of fruits and vegetables to eat on their journey. The flowers gave them a little bit of perfume and a few buds that were about to open so that they could make the chariot beautiful. Amelia and Astesia

thanked them all and gave each of them a little present to show their appreciation. They gave the rabbits a some fruits and vegetables. They gave the birds a few extra twigs to make their nests. They gave the cubs beautiful wreaths made out of colourful flowers. They gave the plants water and they gave the flowers a beautiful water sprinkler made out of twigs.

## **12. Up, Up, Up And Away To Find The Flower Elf**

They sat on the soft mossy floor and pulled the start handle and the magnificent chariot flew up towards the clouds. They needed to go faster, so Astesia pulled the 'go fast' handle a little. So they went. They passed many different lands such as Dragon lake, Elf Land, Candy Kingdom and Gnome town. But they didn't know where to stop. At last they reached a solemn place called 'Flower Island'. Even though the place was small, the whole island was covered with beautiful and exotic flowers and plants. They got down and searched for the flower elf's house. They thought that this might likely to be the flower elf's home. They searched and searched till noon but couldn't find his home. They were tired and they sat on a bench made out of dried flowers and leaves. And what do you think the wicked Fairy Sabrina was doing? She would have spread her evil magic all over Magic Town and conquered Fauna Village and next up was Fairyville. Back at 'Flower Island', Amelia had lost all hope of finding the exotic magical flower. Even Astesia who usually never lost hope in anything was about to give up. Just as they were about to leave, they heard the snipping of leaves. They decided to head towards the direction of the sound. They followed the mysterious noise and found a tiny little elf snipping away merrily at the leaves. As he snipped he sang a song, "I'm the flower elf as merry as could be, I'm the flower elf so happy, happily." Amelia and Astesia let a squeal of joy which the flower elf heard.

He tilted his head and spotted the two at a distance. He approached them and said, “Why are you peeping into my garden? I believe you have stolen something. Give it back right now!” Astesia and Amelia were amused by this funny little creature and said, “We haven’t stolen anything but we do need something. We need the rare flower that grows only in your garden, to defeat Fairy Sabrina. She wants to conquer the whole of Magic Town. The whole place will turn horrible. This garden will turn into an unused crater. You wouldn’t want that, would you?” The elf hurriedly answered, “Yes, yes take whatever you need. My garden is not going to lose its beauty because of that.” Amelia smiled and they took the flower, which was called the Wakahandus. It was a pale blue and its petals were as soft as feathers.” They got on their chariot and rode back to Fauna Village. But Sabrina was not there! Instead she was in Fairyville. Telling her trolls to spread the black magic. Amelia and Astesia got into the toadstool house and looked for a page in the book to know how to use the magic flower. After flipping and flipping through its endless pages, they finally found a recipe on how to make the flower into a perfume. The book said that it should be sprayed on the evil Sabrina’s face by herself. Only after that, will the perfume work. So they set to work, collecting all the ingredients needed for making the perfume. Their animal friends helped them and so the perfume was made faster. After they made one bottle of the sweet – smelling perfume they thought of a way to make Sabrina spray it on herself. They decided to flatter Sabrina with sweet talk and make her use the perfume. So they set off to find Sabrina.

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## 13. Time To Taste Victory

They found her in the heart of Fairyville, the garden where the fairies and pixies of Fairyville got their magic from. They started flattering her. Astesia started, “Hey there, Sabrina do you wanna hang out together? I definitely want a person who is more fun than a silly village girl.” Sabrina was surprised, but still answered, “Well... I do need that village girl anyways so, it’s okay if you don’t need her.” Sabrina said this with a smirk on her evil face. Amelia was taken aback. Astesia sneaked in a wink that only Amelia could see. Amelia thought for a moment and said, “Sabrina, you surely don’t want to hang out with a tiny little fairy, do you? After all I am a princess and I have magic. This useless fly doesn’t have anything special” At this Astesia was actually angry but managed to keep it. They spent an hour talking to Sabrina and at last Astesia got the perfume out of her bag. “Sabrina, I got you a nice perfume right here, try spraying it. It smells so good” Sabrina asked what it was made of and Astesia was about to say that it was made from the Wakahandus, When Amelia quickly said, “Ummm... It is made from the Rafflesia flower that grows near the Evil Swamp.” Astesia blushed bright red and backed her up, “Yes, yes of course it is made from flowers of evil swamp.” Sabrina sprayed it on her and Astesia got ready to hear Sabrina scream. But nothing happened! Sabrina said, she didn’t like the scent of the perfume and threw the bottle away, smashing it. The fairy and the girl were equally amazed. They muttered an excuse and rushed back to Astesia’s

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house.

## 14. Why Didn't It Work?!

Amelia said, “Why didn't it work? It should have destroyed her by now! Astesia said, “Well, let's look at the book for the recipe to see if we missed anything.” They saw the recipe and Astesia struck her fore head in despair, “Oh no! We didn't add moon drops. Moon drops are one of the most rarest ingredient when it comes in making anything like Perfume, soaps, shampoos. Anything that is made with moon drops are really powerful. But we can't get them because moon drops can only be obtained during the full moon day and the full moon day will never come until the virtue reigns the whole of Magic Town.” Amelia then said, “Then it's hopeless. The least we can do right now is to look at the book of Magic Town and see what can be done to stop Sabrina.” They looked at the book in despair. All of a sudden the book's pages flipped and flickered and finally stopped at a recipe for... candy? Amelia smiled and said, “Hopefully we can find all the ingredients for... franza berry lollipops. Do you have any idea of where franza berries grow?” Astesia thought for a while and then said, “Well franza berries are very popular in Candyland. So we might be able to find franza berries in Candyland. But Candyland is a long way from here. It's practically one among the places we didn't visit when we were searching for the Flower elf.” Amelia thought for a while and said, “Well then, we have to think of a faster way to reach there. The horse chariot will not work nor will the wood chariot we made earlier. So, do you have any opinion in how to

proceed with?" They decided to sought help from the wise old wizard in Smarty land. They travelled day and night and finally reached Smarty land. There they asked everyone about the wizard. Elves, witches, gnomes, wizards and fairy were all asking people for advice but no one knew where the old wizard was. They finally reached a solemn and tiny house and decided to rest there. There was no one in the house. They entered the dark and spooky cottage. From a room, they saw a faint light and decided to follow it they found themselves in a passage that seemed to get narrower as they went. They finally reached the end of the passage and saw a dainty little fairy sleeping. There was a sign next to her tiny little head. Astesia took the sign which had letters so tiny, for that she needed to do a lot of squinting to read it. "Well, lets see... Hmmm... Er... To meet... ummm... Wizard Smartie pants... Oooh that must be the wizard. Back to reading... hmm press the button... err... on this wall once. Go inside the... Ummm... hidden door and meet Smartie pants, the wizard. To meet the Wizard, press the button on this wall once. Go inside the hidden door and meet Smartie pants, the wizard! Well, then let's go!" Astesia and Amelia scanned the wall for any button, but all at there was a gray dark wall. They almost lost hope but Amelia found it. She found it quite by accident though. She had leaned herself on the wall when she felt as if a brick of the wall seemed to give her a way. She pushed it a little and a door near the wall, which was actually part of the wall opened mysteriously. Astesia squealed and patted Amelia, "Well done! I have raised a clever girl!" Amelia blushed and turned as red as a tomato and entered the door.

## 15. The Wizard Smartie Pants

They walked for what seemed like eternity and finally they reached a stone with something engraved on it, “Knock once, ring the bell thrice and throw pebbles at the doll at your right door.” So, Astesia knocked once, rang the bell twice and Amelia threw pebbles at the doll, which was a ragged and funny looking sight. The door was opened by a little elf who said, “Ringing the bell once is enough! These silly people always do the same! “Astesia and Amelia were amused and rather surprised, as they did exactly as inscribed. Astesia said, “Well it’s not our fault and if you give the wrong information as such...” Amelia cut her short and asked the elf, “We’ll ring once next time but right now we really need to see wizard smartie pants and that too immediately. You see, Sabrina the wicked fairy, is planning to take over the whole of Magic town. So, it would really help if you help us see Smartie Pants.” The elf looked scared and stammered, “Wh-wh what!? F-f-fairy Sa-Sabrina will t-take over M-m-magic T-t-town?! You b-b-better s-s-see Smartie P-p-ants. Pl-please find a way to stop her. I don’t wanna dieeee!” The poor little thing started wailing and let them in. They walked for a while and entered Wizard Smartie Pant’s study room. There they found him flipping over many books and when they walked in, he looked at them with his beady little eyes. He was a peculiar fellow. He had a long white beard and beady, curranty eyes. He wore a long blue cloak and a pointy hat. He asked them, “What is the purpose of your visit little ones?” Amelia stepped forward and said,

“Well, we hate to bother you but we need a way to get to Candyland quickly. You see it is far away from here and we have to get there quickly. “Wizard Smarty Pants seemed smart enough, but he didn’t answer straight away, “And why do you want to go to Candyland again?” Astesia and Amelia exchanged a nervous glance and Astesia replied, “We ummmm... need to go get franza berries to... make candy! Yup, that’s right we need to get franza berries to make candy.” Smartie Pants wouldn’t let them go that easily. “And why do you want to make franza berry candy?” The elf who had been hearing all of this suddenly burst in and screamed at the top of his lungs, “We’re all gonna die! Sabrina is gonna take over Magic town! Ahhhhhhh...!” Wizard Smartie Pants was startled by this sudden entrance of the elf and what he said, “What?! Let me check all the books for the fastest chariot in the world! Ah got it! You can go to Fauna Village near Mount Flora and ask the 7 honey ladies. They are the fastest insects on the planet! Hook them on the chariot and they’ll take you there in the blink of an eye! And please go quickly! I’ll owe you my life if you save Magic Town. The world needs me! Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!” Astesia and Amelia thanked the wizard and hurried back to the chariot. When they reached the chariot they were quite out of breath. Amelia panted out, “Well that... Would... Have been nice... to know in the beginning!” They told the horses to hurry and went back to Fauna Village. They searched the dark musty place and finally found the 7 honey ladies who were majestic honey bees. They had golden and black stripes around them and their beautiful silvery wings glistened even in the dark environment. As Amelia awed their wings, Astesia on the other hand was

turning green with envy. They quickly introduced themselves and told them about the situation. The 7 honey ladies discussed among themselves and agree to their plan. They were quite happy to help them and they allowed Amelia to hook them on the chariot. They flew as quick as a lightning bolt and within a few hours they reached Candyland.



## 16. Made The Lollipops... But

Amelia and Astesia got out of the chariot and Amelia thanked the honey ladies who said that they would wait right there for them. And so they explored Candyland and soon found the franza berries. They made the lollipops according to the recipe right there in Candyland in a lollipop factory. They told the people there about Sabrina and how she was planning to take over the whole of Magic Town. They went back to the chariot but there the honey ladies were weak and tired. The leader of honey ladies, Honeycomb said, "A nasty troll came here and asked us why we were here. We didn't breath a word about what you told us but he cast a spell on us after which we slowly started losing strength. We can't even get up on our own now." Astesia made quick arrangements and the honey ladies were taken to comfy room with soft marshmallow beds. Each of the honey ladies were given a bed and a vitamin chocolate to strengthen them a bit. Amelia and Astesia began pondering on what to do next. Then Astesia said, "Maybe we could use my magic and get the chariot moving?" Amelia was surprised and very unsure about this, "What!? Won't you get tired? It's a long way and we have to get there fast!" Astesia said, "I'm unsure about this too but it's our only hope." And so Astesia tried to use her magic to get the chariot moving. It started moving and in a few minutes, it was off the ground and onto the sky. Astesia tried her best to move the chariot as swiftly as she could but at the rate they were going, they would never reach Fauna Village in time to stop Sabrina. Sabrina

on the other hand had taken over Fauna Village, Fairyville, Gnome Town and The Flower Island. Back at the chariot, Astesia was getting weak. Her breath came out in loud pants and her skin was paler than before. Amelia noticed this and felt sorry for her, but there was no other way to reach Fauna Village in time. After a while, Astesia couldn't take it any longer and finally let go of her, magic. And with that the chariot started falling towards the ground. But luckily for them they landed in a pile of feather – soft pillows.

## 17. Comfy Dome

Amelia got up and looked over at Astesia, who was lying on the chariot's floor, unconscious. Amelia dusted herself and decided to go get help and roamed around the funny little land. The land was covered with things like pillows, blankets, stuffed toys, feathers and anything else that would lead you to eternal comfort. As Amelia walked around for a while, she felt as if she could wilt like a flower. She felt weary and was about to collapse when a funny little man in pajamas and a nightcap walked by. Amelia quickly ran up to him and using all the strength she could muster she said, "Hello, can you please tell me what place this is?" The little man was surprised and replied, "Well, this is Comfy Dome. And who might you be?" Amelia said weakly, "I am Amelia from Fauna Village. My chariot and my fairy friend Astesia are there near a huge mass of pillows. Please find her and help her." Saying this, poor Amelia collapsed and fell with a thud. The little man was surprised and ran towards where Amelia had pointed. A few moments later, Amelia opened her eyes and found herself in a soft bed in the middle of a cream – coloured room. Near her was Astesia, still unconscious. Three weird looking people in pajamas and nightcaps were standing around her. One was purple and short. One was orange and tall and skinny. And one was yellow and fat with glasses. The tall, orange one spoke, "Hello, who are you? I am Pajama Pants and this one is Burly." He pointed to the fat, yellow one whose head was buried in a bedtime lullaby book. Burly spoke next, "Yup

that might be me.” He said without even looking up at Amelia or the others. The purple and short one spoke gently and rather tiredly, “And I am Sleepy. (yawns) Oh my! I feel another nap coming through.” After this much he fell on the ground and started snoring gently. Burly and Pajama Pants woke him up. Sleepy sat up with a start. Amelia asked them, “Well what is this place? My chariot lost strength and ended up here. We fell on a huge mass of pillows, so we had a soft landing.” Burly spoke, “Well the place you landed on was Pillow Field and this is the Comfy dome and we are the inhabitants of Comfy Dome.” Then they all shouted, “We are the Comfies! And we make the most amazing flying powder that makes you feel like you are in heaven” in unison. Amelia was pretty amused by these funny little creatures. As they were speaking, Astesia began to regain consciousness. Her eyes slowly fluttered open. The three comfies, noticed this and rushed towards her side with anxiety. Amelia too, walked over to Astesia and helped her get up. Amelia remembered the energy chocolate bars she had gathered back in Candyland and gave a couple of bars to Astesia. She popped one into her own mouth. Astesia was soon up and set, but they didn’t know how to reach Fauna Village again. As they went back to pillow field, they discovered that their chariot was broken and beyond they couldn’t do any mending work, which was most disappointing. Sleepy finally got an idea, “I know! We could... (yawns)... make a giant hot air balloon using the thinnest of blankets we have. And for the basket we can ummmmm... use flannel, the material we use for pajamas and for firmness we can make it like a stuffed toy! And we can give... (yawns)... you some flying powder too

make it fly smoothly.” Sleepy looked around and got no response from anyone. He hung his head low and was about to sit when Amelia said, “Sleepy!... That could actually work. So, what do you say guys? Let’s build it.”



## 18. Bye, Bye, Comfy Dome

There was no need for Astesia or Amelia to lift a single finger, for Pajama Pants gathered all the other comfies who made a beautiful multi – coloured hot air balloon. They sprinkled some onto the balloon and Astesia kept some extra sprinkles in her pouch for safekeeping. They then clambered, aboard the balloon and they waved goodbye and immensely thanked the comfies. They floated away and soon spotted Fairy Sabrina in Fruit Orchard where she was beginning to rot the magical fruits like falanas, opples, whizza – ranges and so on. She extracted the magic from the fruits and was getting more powerful by the minute. Amelia and Astesia got down from the balloon and Astesia said, “Sabrina! Yooahoo! Are you there? I’ve made some delicious treats for you. Come and get them.” The sly fairy offered the scrumptious – looking lollipops to Sabrina. Sabrina took them and started on the largest looking one of all. She licked it once and liked the sugary treat and began eating them quickly. One, two, three, four and five, one after another they disappeared completely leaving only the sticks behind. After a minute or two, Sabrina’s head started aching badly. She lost her strength and sat down on the ground below her. Amelia and Astesia pretended to be surprised and concerned. Amelia said, “Oh my gosh Sabrina! What happened to you? Why are you so weak and pale. Come on, you must rest. I’ll take you to that farm house and you can sleep soundly over there. There is a nice, soft hay bed over there.” Saying this, Amelia dragged Sabrina to a

farm house nearby. Amelia got back to Astesia and exclaimed, "We've done it! Now all we got to do is wait for Sabrina to get destroyed and for all this chaos to stop." Astesia and Amelia looked around expecting to see some change in the environment around them, but the air was just as gloomy as before. Astesia said, "Well maybe the magic will go after a while. We'll wait in Fruit Lady's cottage. I could do with some fruit." So they headed towards the Fruit Lady's home who gave them a warm welcome. She invited them both inside and sat them down on a chair that was decorated with different kinds of fruits. They talked for a great deal of time and the Fruit lady treated them with fruit smoothies and salads. After sometime Amelia said they needed to go check on Sabrina. Amelia and Astesia cautiously walked towards the farm house and entered. They looked at the hay bed where Amelia had left her. But there was no one there. They searched every nook and corner of the farm house but found nothing. "But I locked the farm house before I came to the Fruit Lady's house" protested Amelia indignantly. Just then, they heard a well – known cackle.

## 19. The Fairy Battle

They turned behind. Behind them they saw Sabrina. She said, “Well, well, well, look who’s here together. The miserable fly and the poor village girl. Looking for someone?” Astesia said, “You will never win Sabrina! Virtue will always reign over vice!” Sabrina heaved a bored yawn, “Yes, yes, yes the same old Goody – Two shoes are back. Can’t you get anymore fun Astesia?” At this remark, steam came pouring out of Astesia’s ears, for she believed in goodwill and honesty. Then Sabrina proposed something that Amelia thought could work out, “Well as you are so sure that goodwill will reign over evil, how about we have magic battle between you and me, huh? As I get my powers from evil sources and you get your magic from stupid sources like goodwill, it will be a battle against evil versus good. How about that now?” Astesia looked over at Amelia who gave her a green signal for this battle. Astesia nodded and faced Sabrina, “You’re going down Sabrina.” And so they decided to start their battle noon. Before the battle was about to start, Sabrina tried to grab Astesia’s magic staff so she sent a witch who took the form of a kitten. The witch or should I say the cat ran over to Astesia’s toadstool home and roamed around looking for the staff. And Kim who was taking a nap on Astesia’s bed heard the witch and ran over to her and shooed her out of the house. The witch returned to Sabrina who was extremely angry at her. The battle was to take place at Evil Good village which was a solemn place. That was because this village was the place where

Magic Town and Evil Swamp joined together. When Amelia and Astesia reached there, Sabrina was already waiting for them. She scorned at Astesia and took her position. Astesia and Sabrina both had their magic staffs. Astesia's was made with a light brown coloured wood. A giant, beautiful, orange gemstone was fixed on the top of the staff. Sabrina's staff on the other was a rather dark brown. An enormous green gemstone sat on top of her staff. Astesia and Sabrina faced each other and got ready. Amelia gave them the signal to start and both of them started casting various spells at each other. Stone spells, freeze spells and even fire spells flew through the air. They started using their own magic after a while. And so, it went on for a long time. They both were equally powerful, but sometimes it seemed as if one would start going down and the other one would win but it never happened. Amelia cheered for Astesia as hard as she could. After sometime Sabrina became tired of this and decided to use the one spell that was forbidden in the whole of magic town. It was a very powerful spell indeed as it sucked all the strength away from the creature it was casted on. Sabrina picked up her staff and recited a few magic words. With that, she lifted the staff and casted the spell directly on Astesia. The spell hit it's victim and Astesia quickly began losing strength. She fell to the ground and started to suffocate. Amelia seeing this, was concerned and very scared. But something about that situation made her feel bold and angry. Kim sensing the danger had already flown at Sabrina and bit her for all he was worth. Sabrina felt the pain immensely and dropped her staff, which fell to the ground and broke. Amelia smiled at Kim and just then she remembered the words of

Astesia back in Sabrina's cottage the first time they went. Astesia's words ringed in Amelia's mind, "The lost princess who is said to have the great powers of destruction if used by the wicked and healing powers if used by the good and both if used by herself. She is said to be the bravest and can destroy anything, anywhere" And with those words ringing in her mind, Amelia gathered all her imaginations, belief in goodwill and most of all her love for creativity. With the magic streaming out of her, she imagined destructive powers of nature and she used a strong destructive force of power to destroy Sabrina once and for all. Sabrina who did not see that powerful wave of magic from Amelia, screamed out loud and turned into black ash almost instantly. Amelia then rushed over to Astesia who had fainted. Still with hope, she gathered all her love, courage and kindness in her and imagined the wonderful things if nature. She laid her hands on Astesia's forehead and a glowing blue light emerged. After a while Astesia slowly opened her eyes and looked up at Amelia, "What happened and where is Sabrina?" Amelia smiled and told Astesia everything. Astesia listened to all this with her mouth wide open for she could not believe that Amelia had used magic by herself. Amelia was dazed and even gave Kim a treat for his bravery too.

## Amelia's Adventure



## **20. All Back To Normal**

They returned to Fauna Village and saw that the atmosphere was beautiful and lovely once more. Magic town was regaining it's old self back again. After resting for a while in Fauna Village, they decided to go get the Honey Ladies back from Candyland. They travelled in their chariot for seven days and seven nights for there was no hurry to get there. They reached Candyland and was welcomed by the bakers and chefs, who came running towards them. They were taken to the room where the Honey Ladies were. It seemed like they were doing very well. They were up and ready to go back to Fauna Village, but it seemed like they didn't want to leave Candyland at all. But Candyland's atmosphere and conditions weren't really suitable for The Honey Ladies at all. Amelia and Astesia needed to do a lot of coaxing to make the Honey Ladies come back to Fauna Village and after Amelia promised them a big honey comb for each of them, they agreed. So they went back to Fauna Village and left the 'Honey Ladies' in their cave. After that Amelia asked Astesia, "Well, we are all safe and Magic Town is safe too, but now what about my parents? We need to save them first right?" Astesia said, "Oh no! I totally forgot all about your parents. Yes, yes, definitely we need to go and save them. We know that they are still in Sabrina's place. So let's go meet them and then find a way to save them."

## 21. The Royal Couple

They boarded the chariot and left for Evil Swamp. They reached Evil Swamp, which was just as gloomy and forbidding as before. They reached Sabrina's cottage, which was empty now. Even the troll who used to let them was not in sight. They entered the house and found the key that Sabrina used to keep the door of the cage locked. They stepped into the backyard. There they saw a fire pit and a cage in a distance. Astesia was worried but Amelia was not, "How can we cross the fire pit, without being consumed by the raging flames?" Amelia said, "Well then, at least you can reach there but I cannot." Astesia looked confused and Amelia rolled her eyes and said, "Well then what are those shiny glistening things for? Show off?" Amelia said this as if it was the most obvious thing in the world, that Astesia realised that she meant her wings. Astesia laughed, embarrassed and flew towards the direction of the fire pit. Amelia sat down while the fairy took off. She could see Astesia for a bit, but then it was too far for her to see the fairy's glistening wings. Astesia flew on for a while and finally reached the fire pit. She saw the cage in the middle of fire pit on a stump that was raised a little higher than the flames. There she saw a woman dressed in fine clothes and a man who wore a fine suit. But they looked old and aged. The most astonishing fact was that they each wore a crown, decorated with large and small gemstones alike. Astesia stared at the cage in awe, for it is not everyday that someone gets to meet the king and queen of a magical town. She sat there and

thought for a while on how to rescue them. Suddenly an idea sparked in her mind. She remembered the flying powder she had got from Comfy Dome and decided to sprinkle some on the old, royal, couple. She flew to the stump which held the cage. And in the cage she found the king and queen of Magic Town. They looked surprised when they saw Astesia, as they had not expected anyone to drop by there. Astesia smiled and said, “Hello, I am Astesia, from Fairyville right next to Fauna Village, where your daughter Amelia lives.” The couple were pleasantly surprised to hear that their lost daughter was found and safe. The king spoke, “Well, allow us to introduce ourself. I am king Arthur and this is my wife, Eleanor.”

## 22. The Royal Family Is United

Astesia then said, “Well for now, we need to get you out of this cage. I have the key for the cage.” She fitted the key into the lock after which, it immediately unlocked. The king and queen stepped out of the cage, glad to be rescued. Astesia sprinkled some of the flying powder on the royal couple. They slowly floated away along with Astesia and finally reached the place where Amelia was waiting impatiently for them. Amelia on seeing the king and queen stood up and bowed. She was still unaware of the fact that they were her parents. There was silence for a moment or two. Then Amelia broke the silence by asking Astesia, “Who are they? And where are my parents, Astesia?” Astesia giggled and said, “Well, these are your parents, the king and queen of Magic Town. King Arthur and Queen Eleanor!” Amelia was beyond words and stared at the royal couple open – mouthed. On one hand, she was happy to be reunited with her family and on the other hand she was surprised and astonished to know that she was actually a princess! It was too much for her to take in all the news, that her legs started shivering so much, that she had to sit down. By this time, her head was filled with all types of questions and she started to ask them one by one, “Who am I? What is going on? What is going to happen next? Am I really a princess?” The list was endless, for she kept going on and on about all the details. Astesia finally stopped her and said, “Wait... I’ll tell you the whole story and so will the king and the queen. King Arthur told her about the time they were taken away

by Sabrina during a war and how they had left Amelia in the forest, in the hope that she would return someday. After that Astesia continued about how she found Amelia as a baby in the forest as she was gathering firewood and took and raised her. Then queen Eleanor told her about days when king Arthur and herself were all alone in the cage in the fire pit, hoping and hoping that she would return one day.

## **23. Back To Fairyville To Reveal The Princess**

When they concluded, Amelia's eyes were brimming with tears of joy. She hugged her parents and said, "All these days, I have been alone with just me and Kim, but now I can finally live with people who I can call family." The king looked surprised, "Kim? Who is Kim?" Amelia explained how Kim, her pet dog had been such a good and faithful companion to her and how he almost lost his life trying to protect her. The king and queen were happy about that and the queen knelt down to him and petted him. Kim was pleased that he was a royal dog too, and the queen promised him a variety of gourmet dog food for him. They all decided to then go back to Magic Town and announce their arrival. They got into the chariot, which had enough space for everyone. They reached Fairyville and Astesia called everyone to the Great hall. There she announced the arrival of the king and queen of Magic Town. After hearing this, silence fell upon the crowd. King Arthur and Queen Eleanor appeared onstage. The king and queen were invited onstage to say a few words to the murmuring creatures. King Arthur spoke, "Hello Fairyville. I king Arthur, am here to express my gratitude to Astesia, the fairy who saved us from the evil, fairy Sabrina. I also thank her for raising my daughter, the long lost princess of Magic Town! I also thank my daughter for destroying the wicked fairy Sabrina!" When the crowd heard that Sabrina was destroyed, they felt relieved and happy. But then they were also very curious to know who

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the long lost princess. At that moment, Amelia appeared on stage, now dressed in fine clothes.

## 24. The Grand Party

At this the crowd was so quiet, you could hear a pin drop. After a moment or two, one of them asked, "So this is the long lost princess? The one from Fauna Village called Amelia, who was the only one without a family?" Queen Eleanor spoke, "Why yes, this is the long lost princess!" The crowd went mad with joy and delight, for now their beloved queen and king were safe along with the beautiful princess. The word spread all around Magic Town as quickly as a wild fire. Fairy messengers flew all over the place and all the creatures were invited to a huge party which was to be held at Fairyville, the day after next. And oh! The party was splendid! There were foods made from all the kinds of possible ingredients from all over Magic Town. Frickleberry smoothies, Falana splits, whizza-range pies and all the kinds of possible goodies you could ever think of. And after everyone ate to their hearts content, there was music and dancing. Rock, jazz and even pop! After the party ended, the royal family, including Kim, who was Amelia's royal pet, went back to their palace which was decorated with lights and fairy décor. Astesia was appointed as the royal companion and advisor to Amelia as she wanted Astesia to be with her, because she was very helpful during all the hard times Amelia had faced when they went on their great adventure. And so, Princess Amelia, Queen Eleanor and King Arthur lived in the palace along with Kim and Astesia. After a few days, Amelia was crowned as the next queen of Magic Town and after her parents, she ruled

Magic Town for a long, long time along with Astesia's advice and help.



*The End*



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