



The Magnificent

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The dark passageway I am walking through is cold, dark and silent. The only sounds are coming from my breath and my footsteps echoing off the walls. I reach in my pocket and my fingers close around a small flashlight.

“Aha!” I cry, I can’t help it! It is the only good thing that has happened since I entered this passage. I flick the switch and a small light floods a few feet in front of me. Gray stones with brown shrubs in the cracks make up a dirty floor. Black chandeliers with many spider webs line the ceiling but no light comes from them.

The flashlight is already betraying me by flickering as if warning to turn off. I sigh and wiggle my fingers in the direction of the chandeliers and colorful sparks shot out my fingers toward the chandeliers. Bright neon flames burst onto the candle wicks.

I walk a few more steps and suddenly I trip over something. I look down and find a letter L engraved in the stone. As I look closer I see a piece of paper rolled up. In fancy script the paper says, “5 letters you will find and you must remember but if you fail



you will be stuck till next September, gather the data and do not forget your crystal is depending on this.”

“Ok,” I say and shove the paper in my pocket. I dig around in my pockets and pull out my self-writing pen. I place it on my hand and say, “L”. Instantly, the pen scribbles down a glittery purple L on my hand.

I walk for about 10 minutes and I suddenly stop. In front of me is three doors. They all look the same. So I close my eyes and point to a door number.

“Ok, door number two” I say with a grin. As I approach the door a metallic silver key pops up in front of me. As I look closer I see a small S on the key. I write down the S and take the key and push it into the key hole. The door knob turns and I push it open. My eyes are going crazy because the room is pure white with colorful circles of light making a tunnel. I look at my hand for the letters but to my dismay they have mysteriously disappeared.

“L S L S L” I say hoping not to forget the letters.

“Hey L S can stand for little stars,” I say. I tell my pen and it scribes a messy picture of 3 little stars. I wait a minute and the stars don’t disappear!

“YAY!”

As I venture forward, a poodle picture pops up in front of me. I stare at it and suddenly its fuzzy haircut focuses in my brain because it is not just any haircut, it has an oval pattern that is shaped like the letter O! I frantically draw an octopus [for O].

I start walking again and soon another picture pops up. It is a picture of a cat laying on a pink plush bed. I smile and lean against the wall as I think of my cat Lucinda at home. Then, the wall slides out of place and reveals a tunnel. It is a secret passage! I crawl through the opening and instantly shudder when I feel all the spider webs on my arms. I feel around looking for something I can ignite with my fingers. All of the sudden my hand falls to a piece of tree bark and I light it up with green flames. I look around and jump at the silhouette of a person...

I stand there frozen like a statue. The person does not move. I lower my arm. So does the person. It is my own shadow!

“OMG!” I say, “How on earth was I so scared?” The cave is a rich brown that reminds me of my teddy bear at home. Statues of dragons and spears line the walls. One spear catches my eye I look closer and see a symbol that looks like this: RDRDRD.

“The last letters,” I say as I run my hand over a red dragon’s wing.

The earth started to shake and tremble and before I can stop it, the whole cave turns upside down. I side step to the right off the changing platform. The cave is completely flipped now and a giant yellow luxurious looking couch with a giant wide screen TV set is on one side of the room. A glass vault with something shimmering inside is on the other side. I am really tired now so I of course plop on the couch with a big sigh of relief. In seconds I am fast asleep.

Exactly 47 minutes and 23 seconds later, I wake up and start to get curious about the vault and start walking toward it. It only takes me a few seconds to realize the shiny silver thing is my crystal. Under the glass part is a key board to type in a code. I look at my hand and see,

Little stars-LS

Octopus-O

I type the first three letters in the key board but I cannot remember the last two letters. *“Hmmm I found them by the red dragon so it must be DR!”* I tell myself. I type in D R in the keyboard.

“Password denied,” screeches a loud voice.

I try again but this time I put in R D.

“BINGO!” said the computer. The glass door slides open and I now have a better view of my crystal.

It is stunning with glistening sides like a diamond and reflects rainbows around the room that match my multi-colored hair. I grab my crystal and as soon as my hand touches it a blinding flash of light surrounds me and I feel a surge of power. It feels as if I were racing forward on a wild rollercoaster. Seconds later the light dims and I am standing outside of the waterfall cave.

I look down at my hand. The drawings are gone and replaced with my beautiful crystal. I tuck it into my purple bag and smile.