

Writing competition

Step into a symphony of stories!

Imagine a world where books burst open and amazing characters from every kind of story leap out!

Write a short story about a wonderful world filled with colourful characters. (Limit of 3 pages per entry.)

Downstairs

“Yawn, yawn, yawn,” Olivia’s loud sloppy yawning flooded the upstairs hallway. “You woke me up!” shouted Ella. “Sisters are so annoying!”

They were home alone sleeping like lazy geese. Olivia and Ella’s parents were at a fancy resort for their anniversary. They had never been home alone ever in their lives because they don't stop fighting.

Their parents had one special rule that they never let go of and it was: don’t open the basement door! Ella and Olivia were always so curious when they bought it up. They thought it was so weird because what could be down there? Ella and Olivia were getting super bored staying home alone. They missed their parents and wanted to get out of the house and move their bodies instead of fighting all day long.

Olivia and Ella really wanted to open the basement door. They were so curious and bored they didn’t even care about the rule anymore, so they tried swinging it open. A loud creak hit their ears as the basement door swung open.

They turned around only to find Wonderland. Their mouths dropped open as colours filled the room. Neon green, orange, red and even light pink! Ella and Olivia were so amazed, surprised and shocked at the same moment. They slowly walked down the stairs as they could see rainbows and so many wonderful things you could imagine. Joyful animals and happy humans greeted them as they followed a path.

Suddenly, BOOM! A loud thud echoed as the place went pitch black. Ella and Olivia were terrified. They started crying until they saw a thin piece of paper floating through the air. Without hesitation, Ella picked it up and read, "There is a hidden switch to turn Wonderland back on, though you only have an hour. If you don't succeed in time, the power will shut down, so grab your flashlights and be quick!" Without arguing, they started. Their teamwork strived to thrive as they reached the switch and turned Wonderland back on. Their hands clapped as they high fived in smiles and happiness.

Ding! Ding! The doorbell rang and the girls rushed upstairs and locked the door. They greeted their parents and acted like they didn't just break a huge rule. "We know what you did," said Mum. Ella and Olivia knew they were screwed but their parents were somehow happy. Mum and Dad loved how they used teamwork and kindness to work together without fighting.

The morning after that, Ella and Olivia made scrambled eggs and fruit together without one bit of argument. And that is why kindness and teamwork is key.