

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.)

The Cupboard

"Ok Billie, lights out!" exclaimed Billie's mum from downstairs. Billie reached a tired hand to switch off the warm glow that came from a lamp next to his cosy bed. He tucked himself in, and closed his eyes but sleep wouldn't come as he hoped. "Come on sleep hurry up!" Billie thought, annoyed. Rattle Rattle Zip plonk. The sound came again. What was that? Billie wondered. He looked around his toy-filled room to see his towering wooden cupboard. Shaking. A moment later a penguin with a red hat came out, looking scared. The penguin saw the Bedroom door and made a run for it! A whale and fish followed the penguin. "What on earth," said Billie. Next came a woman with a puppy, red and black dress on and 7 ace cards in her belt.

The frustrated Queen of Aces turned a stern Pale Face with sharp eyes to Billie.

"Where did you put those filthy sea creatures with red hats?"

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"She said.

"I... um... er... don't have them." Billie said amused and confused at the same time.

"LIAR!" she yelled. Billie followed his instincts and ran for the door. It astonishingly in-time soldiers followed the queen in pursuing Billie. He ran down the cold empty steps. When he reached the bottom, it felt as if something was cutting through the air. Billie turned and ducked as one of the queen's ace cards hit the railing and cut through it. Green goo was trailing behind the card. Billie ran into the living-room and hid in the thin crack between the couch and the wall.

"Go quicker you stupid soldiers!" Bellowed the queen. Foot-steps got louder and louder. ~~slice~~. Another ace card cut through the couch. It barely missed. Billie heard voices in the kitchen so he rolled that way in the dark. "whoa" Billie said as he nearly fell on the open dishwasher. "there!" whip crash. And yet another ace card was unleashed, savage and wild. It landed in the dishwasher. Billie closed it and ran further.

"Go, come on Frank!" said a voice from the stairs.

"Get the red hat animals!" shouted the queen who turned to chase them up the stairs. ZIP the house went silent again. No more yelling and hiding.

"What just happened?" Billie wondered.

"And then BOOM! They all disappeared!" Billie was telling his parents the incredible story he had last night. Billie's ~~mom~~ turned to his dad.

"I love it when they make up stories like this." she said softly.

"It was real!" Billy exclaimed as he went to put his bowl into the dishwasher. Was it? He wondered. Billie opened the dishwasher and saw a shining red ace card.