

Writing competition

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The Day the Stories Escaped

The sun poured through the open window, filling ~~the~~ Lily's bedroom with warm golden light. On the windowsill stood the silhouette of a tiny mouse, perfectly upright. Lily blinked and rubbed her eyes.

I must still be dreaming, she thought sleepily. Yawning, she reached for her favourite book. ~~The cover~~ The cover shimmered strangely in the sunlight, and the air ~~itself~~ itself seemed to buzz with excitement. But when Lily looked down, her stomach dropped.

The ~~pe~~ picture on the front had vanished. A wave of horror engulfed her tightly like an envelope. Today was book week, and this was the only book that matched her costume.

Rage sizzled through her. Her cheeks burned bright red. "Amelie, fix my book now!" She shouted.

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She stormed down to the hallway to her sister's room. Inside, Amelie seemed to be talking to someone. Lily pressed her ear against the wall, but all she could hear were muffled squeals and thuds.

Curious, she opened a crack. Her eyes widened.

A large white robot with a round belly, tiny black eyes, and a small head waddling clumsily around the room while Amelie closed scattered make up bottles.

"Baymax!" Lily gasped. The robot froze and turned to her. For a moment, Lily could only stare. Baymax was no longer a picture trapped in a book. He was standing right in front of her, moving, blinking, and breathing softly. A shiver of amazement raced through her. If Baymax was real, perhaps every book in the world was hiding a doorway to another adventure.

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"Get your mess out of my room!" Amelia yelled, pointing at the disaster spread across the floor. Moments later, Lily and Baymax were huddled in her bedroom. Baymax tilted his head from side to side. "Hello, I am Baymax. Have you seen a mouse?"

Lily's face turned pale. She remembered the strange figure on the windowsill: bright red shorts, yellow shoes, and enormous ears.

"Do you mean ~~mi~~ Mickey mouse?" Lily whispered. Baymax nodded ~~seriously~~. Suddenly, a cheerful giggle echoed from the wardrobe. Out stepped ~~Mik~~ Mickey Mouse, holding a glowing paintbrush that dripped with silver sparkly ink.

"Gosh! I did not mean to cause a fuss!" "I only wanted to bring stories to life for book week!" With a quick flick of the wrist, he restored the missing picture. As ~~mi~~ Mickey disappeared into the sunlight, Lily hugged her book tightly, realising books contained endless adventures, colourful characters, and magical worlds waiting to be discovered.

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