

## The Magic Hat

It was about a month ago when I had the most amazing and diverting experience. I was going out to feed a few cats which normally come and miaow in front of my door. Abruptly I caught sight of a shoe box lying on my door step. Anxiously I opened the lid and there was a note which said 'Lost Property – Handle with the Greatest Care'.

I curiously took the box inside, and to my greatest surprise, I found a black hat. I must say that it was quite beautiful as it even had a golden bow stuck in one corner. Delighted by what I found, I wore the hat and to my amazement ...

... I found myself in a completely different world ... standing in a meadow filled with green fresh grass. After a moment or two, I caught sight of a lake flowing gracefully and the sun shone brightly above me. Where was I? I had no idea. All this that I mentioned was fantastic but I had to hold my lower jaw from dangling downwards when I saw a palace right beside the lake.

Holding the hat tightly so that it won't fly off, I sped towards the palace like a lighting bolt. Curiously I knocked on the large, wooden door. Suddenly an elf opened the door. "Oh! Your Majesty!" he said while he bowed politely. "Where have you been? All your subjects were worried sick!"

I felt like I was in a daze as I entered a grand throne room. There at the very edge of the room stood a throne gilded with gold. Believe me but I felt that my steps weren't as light as I used to feel them before and as I looked down I saw that I was wearing a princess' dress.

I could feel my heart beat with excitement as I approached the throne. Oh! What joy it is to be a princess. When I sat down all the gnomes, elves, fairies and pixies started clapping and cheering. I remember clearly that I was going to thank them when ...

... I found myself back home. I still had the hat on my head. Many times I have tried to go back to the palace but I have failed every time. That surely was one magical hat!

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