

The Magic Hat

Once, I was alone at home when I heard a little noise at my front door. I at once went to see what was that noise and when I opened the door I almost fell on a box. I took it up at once and noticed a note on which there were scribbled the following words: Lost property – handle with the greatest care.

When I read this note, I began to wonder what a sort of thing was inside the box. A mad curiosity flew over me and I couldn't conquer it. So I quickly closed the front door, ran up to my room, locked the door and opened the box.

In it there was a big, black hat, with a wide brim and a black feather. I immediately took it out of the box and looked at it closely. It looked quite old-fashioned but in a quite good condition. I felt an urge to put it on and before I knew it, I had placed it on my head.

In a split of a second I felt as if I was floating into space. Darkness fell and I could see nothing. My breath was knocked out of me and I had a sensation that I was floating into time. After what looked like a decade, the darkness began to fade and I could hear some distant noises. Suddenly the darkness died and I found myself in broad daylight. Panting and puffing, and gasping for breath, I looked around me and got the fright of my life.

The scene was the bloodiest and the most violent that I've ever seen. People dying here and there, others groaning. The ground was red with blood and the air stunk. Suddenly, I heard a new noise coming from the hill opposite. I looked up and saw a huge army coming towards me. I noticed that a soldier was carrying a flag, which was familiar to me. Suddenly I knew it. It was the flag of the House of York.

I realised that other noises were coming from behind me. I looked round and saw another huge army. This time the flag was of the House of Lancaster. As the realisation hit me, I again found myself flying into space and back into my room.

I at once hid the hat and hoped that I would never see it again. I never mentioned this incident to anyone because I know that my story is unbelievable. But it truly happened.
