

The Magic Hat

Once I was going to fetch the newspaper when I found a metal box. This box was no ordinary looking box for it had long silver stripes with gold circles. At once I picked it up and saw a tiny label which said: "Lost property – handle with the greatest care." I took the box inside and noticed that it had a keyhole. I soon came up with a plan.

I got a lock-pick, opened the box and found a small, funny looking black hat inside. I put it on and it fitted me just right. Suddenly I felt a funny feeling and looked at myself. Half of me was disappearing. At once I found myself in a room with three doors. The first door said "To Wachy Land", the second door said "To Never Ending School", and the third said "To Prince Pondicherry's Castle". I entered the third door and before me I saw loads of creature-like-dwarves, mainly elves. They were all going towards the castle. As I entered the scene, two full-size, big, fat rams stopped me. When they were not looking at me, I made a run for it. I had only gone a few steps when I heard hooves right behind me. Finally a bridge came in sight and I crossed it running. When the two rams came on the bridge, the ropes were cut. All of a sudden I was gliding in mid-air!

I heard some flapping noises and looked up and on the hat I saw two large wings. I ordered the hat to go to the prince's castle. There I met the prince but he was worried and told me that thieves had stolen his sceptre and if they reach the border by midnight he would no longer be prince. After a while I had an idea. I told the hat to go after the thieves and it seemed to know where they went. After a very long fly I saw them a few meters away from the border. I had time to go down on them and take away the sceptre.

At dawn I arrived at the palace and gave the sceptre back to Prince Pondicherry. He was so happy at the turn of events. Before I left I promised the Prince to visit him occasionally. I kept my promise thanks to the black Magic Hat.
