

The Dream Machine

One night, while Ava is reading, her torch rolls under her duvet. She wriggles underneath it to get her torch back, but ends up going deeper and deeper. Finally, she comes out in a strange world — the world of the dream makers, and the mystical Dream Machine. Here there is a magical button which promises to make everyone's wishes come true... But can Ava resist the temptation to press it?

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Chapter 1

Ava pulled her duvet over her head to hide the light from her torch. She listened to her mum's footsteps getting closer. It was well past Ava's bedtime, and she would be in serious trouble if her mum knew that she was still awake this late. Especially when she had school the next day.

But Ava could never resist reading just one more chapter of her book... or maybe two.

Ava held her breath as the footsteps paused for a moment outside her door. She pushed the torch further under the covers to be safe. It rolled away down the bed and out of sight. Ava stayed as still as possible until she heard her mum's footsteps move away, and her bedroom door close. She felt around under the duvet to find her torch. But it must have rolled further than she thought. She dived further down the bed, chasing the light as it rolled further and further away. Ava was sure she should have fallen off the end of the bed by now, but she just seemed to keep going.

"What is going on?" Ava muttered, still chasing the beam of torchlight down what seemed to be a never ending soft, pillowy tunnel.

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Finally the light was getting closer and brighter. She had reached the end of the tunnel. Ava blinked at the bright white light ahead of her. The tunnel opened out into a big, soft, white land. There were fluffy trees, and little cottages that looked like they were made of pillows. It was like nowhere Ava had ever seen before. Was she dreaming?



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Chapter 2

Some people rushed past Ava, not seeing her there. Well, they looked a bit like people, and yet not quite at the same time. They all looked similar, with pointed ears a bit like an elf, and soft fluffy hair that floated around them like clouds. Their eyes shone bright blue, and their skin seemed to sparkle like it was covered with a million stars. Ava couldn't tear her eyes away from them; they looked magical.



One of them must have felt Ava staring, because she suddenly turned towards her. When she spotted Ava, her eyes opened wide in fear.

"What are you doing here?" she said.

Another two turned and they looked equally shocked.

"Who are you?" asked the second one.

"How did you get here?" asked the third.

"I... I don't know," Ava stuttered. "One minute I was in bed, looking for my torch, and then..." Ava spotted her torch on the floor just in front of her, and picked it up to show them that she was telling the truth. "Where exactly is here anyway? And who are you?"

The three huddled together, whispering quickly, then they all nodded and turned back to Ava.

"I'm Stellar, and that's Luna and Astro," said Stellar. "And we are the dream makers."

"And this is the land of dreams," said Luna.

"Where all the world's dreams are created," said Astro.

"Whoa," Ava breathed.

"No person has ever come here before," said Stellar.

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