

## The Mystical World By Autumn

I picked up the small gold key that I found in the park. When I picked it up, the key started glowing in my hand. My parents were standing right beside me before I picked up the key but now they were gone. I was all alone. I started to look for my parents but then I saw a gold lock lying on the ground. I picked up the lock and I put the gold key inside the lock and it fit! I turned the key and then they both started to glow so bright that I had to cover my eyes with one hand. My other hand was still holding the glowing lock and key.

Then the key and lock flew out of my hands and turned into a mysterious magical portal. It started getting very windy. I stepped forward very slowly towards the portal. I heard my parents yelling for help on the other side of the portal. So I ran inside. At first, all I could see was a bright light. When I came through the portal, I was in a whole new world. The new world looked very dark. I looked behind me but the portal was gone. I started to wonder if I made a big mistake. Could I have been hearing things when I thought I heard my parents screaming for help?

“Help Michael!” cried my parents again and again and again. Right after I noticed that I was standing on the edge of a cliff. The cries for help were coming from the bottom of the cliff.

All of a sudden I heard a voice behind me. “Hello there young boy” said the voice. I slowly turned around and then I saw a little elf! I was so surprised that I couldn’t answer. “Hello there young boy” the elf said again.

“Where am I?” I asked the elf.

“You are in the magical land of Doom” whispered the elf.

“Why are you whispering?” I asked the mysterious elf.

“Because we are standing at the edge of the creature’s nest. It’s just at the bottom of this cliff. We need to be quiet so it doesn’t hear us.” The elf replied.

“What creature? Are my parents down there? I heard them calling for help.” I whispered back.

“If your parents are already in the creature’s nest then they are doomed” the elf told me.

What could I do? I decided that I had to be brave to save my parents. I climbed down the rocky cliff leaving the elf behind. I was very quiet climbing down the cliff, but when I finally

reached the bottom I saw a hairy tarantula on the ground and I screamed. There was an echo of my voice all around me.

I heard big stomping loud footsteps coming toward me. The creature got bigger...and bigger ... and bigger ... and bigger ... and bigger. I saw the creature. It had two heads with slime dripping out of the mouths. It had the eyes of a fly, the skin of a lizard and the legs of a spider. It was running right at me. This was a nightmare. How would I ever save my parents? The creature stopped right in front of me and stared. It was like it was waiting for me to say something. I thought about what the right thing to say would be. I remember my mom always told me to use my manners when I wanted something.

“Please can I have my parents back?” I asked the creature.

The creature looked at me for a long time. “You’re the first person to ever say please. Whenever I try to bring a friend home, they just tries to fight me and say mean things. You’re the first person to be nice. I just want to have friends,” the creature said sadly.

“You stole my parents and their scared of you. They won’t be your friend if their scared of you. Did you ask them to be your friend?” I asked.

“No,” said the creature.

“If you give me my parents I’ll show you how to make friends. Deal?” I asked.

The creature turned around to get Michael’s parents. When they came back I ran to them and gave them a hug. After I told my parents about my promise to show the creature how to make friends we all took turns teaching him how to make friends. We taught him how to share, to use his words, to take turns and to listen to other people. Soon the elf I met at the top of the cliff came down to see what was happening. Then lots of elves came to see what was happening.

“The creature just wants some friends” I told the elves.

“We didn’t know you wanted friends. We just thought you were mean because of the way you look. We can be friends,” the elves told the creature.

“I would like that very much” said the creature.

The creature gave me a gold key and a gold lock so my parents and we could get back to our world. We said goodbye to the creature and the elves. I put the key into the lock and my parents and I walked through the portal to go home.

They all lived happily ever after.

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