

THE MYSTERIES OF HARRIS BURDICK

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Students looked at six pictures by Chris Van Allsburg from the book *The Mysteries of Harris Burdick*. Here are the stories the students wrote after looking at the pictures.

UNDER THE RUG

“Two weeks passed and it happened again.”



By Judit L.

The man was named Victor, Victor came home from work, planning to relax and read a book. Suddenly Victor noticed that there was something under the rug. When Victor was pulling the chair up, the lamp was falling down. Victor decided to hit the animal that was under the rug. Suddenly the lamp falls down and hits the animal. When the lamp hit the animal, Victor grabbed the rug, and under the rug was a ball.

By Awat G.

There were creaking sounds coming from the floor. Something was rolling. It was big. Mr. Burdick was going to attack the rolling thing. The rolling thing got hit by the chair Mr. Burdick threw. He checked what it was and it was a hungry, fat mouse. Mr. Burdick was happy that the mouse died.

By Sheila M.

Mr. Cleveland walked into his living room. He was planning to sit by the fire and read his newspaper. Then he saw something move under the carpet. He grabbed a chair and started

jumping on the rug. He was very scared! The lamp fell and hit the thing under the rug and what was under the rug died.

By Daniel A.

The man is sitting reading the newspaper. The man named Dave was reading for a really long time. Then he starts to hear some squeaky sounds and he tries to find who is making that sound. Dave went to search in the cabinets, furniture, kitchen, and his room, and finally found it. It was a mouse. So what Dave did—he was trying to kill it. So David takes a chair and tries to hit the mouse, and he missed. But while Dave was trying to kill the mouse he made a big mess by destroying all his furniture. So David contacted Mr. Jim for some help and both made a good team and finally destroyed the mouse.

By Amber A.

The old guy was sitting down in his chair reading a book. All of a sudden he heard a very strange noise. The old man was frightened. He was so old he didn't know what to do. He looked back and nothing was there. A couple minutes later that strange noise was back again. He turned to the right and nothing was there. He looked to the left and something very mysterious was underneath the rug. The old man was as slow as a turtle. He went to go get a chair. The old man couldn't carry the chair he was sitting in, so he shuffled around the house looking particularly for a small wooden chair. He spotted one in the kitchen and went quickly to go retrieve it, hoping that what he saw earlier under the rug was still there. Time came and he was dragging the chair towards the unusual rug. He made it just in time while the object was still there. He slowly turned on the light and lifted the wooden chair up above his head. He had the mysterious object in his view, with a confused yet somewhat scared look on his face. He swung once and missed, and this mysterious object flew from under the rug. A skunk. It sprayed and sprayed and ran around the house while the aroma was up and about. The skunk defeated the old man. The old man became upset and two weeks passed, and the old man committed suicide because he was tired of losing.

By Keshawn S.

William just got home from the gas station. When he got home he cut on a light and saw a big lump in the carpet. He yelled and picked up a chair and hit it several times. Then the lamp started moving. The man ran and jumped on the bed and when that thing stopped moving and when that thing came out it was a rat, and the rat bit him and said, "Stop all that yelling," and the man ran away and never came back.

By Edgar R.

Rocky was reading a newspaper when he saw this big thing under his rug. Then he got up from the chair and grabbed it and raised it up over his head. Then he hit the big thing under the rug. Then, when he hit the thing, it went through the rug, and then when he hit it again and again it still went through. Then he was thinking that it might be a ghost. Then when he turned around someone was saying, "Get out now." Rocky was scared. "The ghost must have been speaking," Rocky thought. "A person has once died in this house. Now his spirit is chasing me." Then Rocky ran away from the house and when he got out, he started crying like a baby.

By Semaj R.

Ethan was angry. He picked up the chair to hit the animal under the carpet. The animal kept coming back. Ethan wanted the animal to go away.

By David R.

Once upon a time there was an old man named Robert. He was sitting on a chair reading a book called *How to Be a Scientist*. He was reading for hours until he heard a noise and said, "What was that?" Then the lamp was tilting and he ignored it until it happened again. Then he saw something and he got up and grabbed the chair and started hitting it. But there was no hope. Then he went to the kitchen to get something stronger. But when he went back it was gone and was never seen again.

By Everardo L.

There was once a man named James. He worked in a factory. He lived in a small house in Texas. The house was lonely. It was mostly dark. The house was said to be haunted. James didn't care. One night when he came back from work he saw something moving through the carpet. Then it stopped. James paid no attention to it. Two weeks passed and it happened again. James got mad and threw a chair at it. After that it wasn't seen again.

By Andrew T.

He was mad about something. He had begun to throw things around. He picked up a chair. He sees something under the rug. He thinks it is a turtle because of a bump inside of the rug. He started yelling, trying to make it disappear. "What are you doing under there? I'm about to smash you." He throws the chair down. Then he kills it. He moves the rug so no turtles will be there anymore.

By Nathaniel B.

A guy is trying to kill something because something knocked the lamp down. He needed something to kill it. He wanted to kill it cause it was making noise. It was a bunny. After he killed it he put it in the McDonald's dumpster.

By Brayant S.

Mr. Keeper was at home. He sat on a couch and he was watching TV. The man was eating chips; then he heard something under the rug. "It's a big tiger cub under the rug." The man was so angry he hit the cub three times and the cub bumped into the table. The old man killed the cub. In 230 years the cub was back alive!

Yaheim S.

Jimmy was drinking lemonade. Then he went to watch TV. Then he saw a lump in the rug. It must have been a rat. I think Jimmy doesn't like rats so he tried to hit the rat. He missed; he hit the lamp. The rat bit Jimmy and knew he was in danger. Then the rat ran away and Jimmy bought a cat to keep the rat away.

The Huge Creepy Crawler, By Robert J.

One day Mr. Stub was working in his lab on a growth formula that could make small bugs become huge bugs. He used it for one cockroach. It didn't work. What Mr. Stub didn't know was it needed to take a few minutes for the formula to work. So he got mad and knocked the formula over and left the lab. One cockroach got big and then another one saw the formula on the ground and drank it. The scientist went to his living room. He saw something under his rug, so he lifted it up. There it was, one of the largest cockroaches in the world. He got startled and stepped on the cockroach. Two weeks later another cockroach was under his rug. He started to worry, like what is up with the cockroaches and being under my rug? So after he killed the second world's biggest cockroach he looked under his rug and there was a big hole filled with cockroaches. The scientist was so startled and scared he passed out and died. That was the last time he invented something.

By Isaac R.

Checkers was writing and he was drinking soda. Then all of a sudden a fat rat went under the rug. He picked up the chair and tried to trap it and put it in the dump! But when he hit the rug, nothing was there. The rat disappeared.

By Efrain B.

The man thought that there was a mouse under the carpet. He hit the mouse but it was actually a cat. The cat was hurt so they took him to the vet and he got better.

The Curse, By Diego M.

Once there was a man named Max. He lived with a curse which was that every night a mysterious bump appeared under his carpet. One night he got tired of it and hit the bump with a chair. Then the mysterious bump disappeared forever.

By Kallieo A.

Bill was watching TV when a big round ball rolled at him from under the rug. It got faster and faster until it stopped right next to him. He poked it with his cane and it blew up. The explosion was little, leaving only a little hole in the rug. Bill sat back down and started to watch TV again. Two weeks later, it came back but it jumped out of the rug. Bill knew what it was—the ghost of the old man's skunk. Bill was happy to see his ghost skunk again. He realized that the explosion had been a trick by the skunk. He was hot mad about the trick. They spent the rest of the night eating pizza and watching TV.

By Jose L.

The man knows that it happened two weeks ago. The man was reading, then he saw it. The man was scared because he thought that it was a ghost. The man saw the ghost two weeks ago and he doesn't know how it came back. He grabs a chair to hit it. He was scared and he throws the chair. Then he looks under the rug, and it was a rat, and he brings the rat outside to the garbage.

By Nebai G.

Once upon a time a rat was hiding from a strong man. It was looking for cheese. Suddenly the man saw the rat. He picked up a chair and killed the rat.

By Leoncio M.

Mr. Mad was reading a book. Then he saw something moving in the rug. He watched for a minute and it moved again. Mr. Mad was really worried. He thought about what to do. He decided to grab a chair and smash the thing that was moving. He hit it so hard that the lamp fell down. When he smashed the thing he heard something breaking but it was just the toy car that his son left under the rug.

THE HARP

“So it’s true, he thought, it’s really true.”



By Isaiah S., dictated to his peer tutor

The harp was sitting there alone. A man was staring at the harp. Then it played “Santa Claus is coming to town.” Then the harp started dancing, and all the animals from the jungle joined in. Then the water joined in and started to splash to the beat. Then the man came over and started to sing. And it was a great party, with candy canes and berries. Then they walked to the North Pole, and partied with

Santa. Then the harp disappeared, and the party was over.

By Joanna S.

Once upon a time a boy named George who was 15 years old discovered that he couldn’t play any instrument. Suddenly one day he told his friend, Dustin. His friend told him to go to a fortune teller to know when he would learn to play an instrument and what instrument he will play. George went to the fortune teller, Miracle. Miracle told George that he needed to search for a dog in the forest by the cliff and follow the dog. George was not convinced but he thought he should give it a try. George went to the cliff and saw the dog. Next he trailed the dog to a small water fall. George was looking around to see an instrument. Finally he sees a gold object and goes closer near the gold object. Yay! George finds the instrument and begins to play it. “So it’s true, he thought, it’s really true.” He was really good at music. He even won a gold medal for his beautiful harp playing.

By Keily F.

The man was lost in the forest. He was walking and walking and he saw this harp. He wanted to grab it and sing, but the harp seemed to be stuck on the ground. He pulled on the harp and he fell into the water. He climbed out of the water. He was looking at the harp and trying to figure out how to play it. He figured out the way to play it and sing songs. Some people were walking and heard him. They followed the sound to him. The people asked him what he was doing here in the forest. He said, “I’m lost.” So they took him home. He was so happy that he was at his home.

The Magic Harp, by Jaime F.

Jose’s friends told him that every afternoon in this forest a harp appears close by a river. But Jose was not sure, so he decided to go look in the forest, when suddenly he saw a harp close by a river. Jose thought that the harp and the forest were magic.

Jose went back to get his friends and come back to get the harp and take it home. But when Jose and his friends got to the river, the harp was not there any more, and they kept looking around but they didn’t find it.

By Yulisa R.

Many years ago in Mexico there were four cousins playing in the forest where there was this beautiful river. It was called the River of the Wishes because if someone went to see it and if they asked for a wish, it would come true. There were two brothers, one of them named Christian and the other Christopher, and their two cousins named Kevin and Jahit. Before they went to play on the river Christian had a problem with his mom they were arguing really bad. Then his brother Christopher told him to calm down and called his two cousins to go to the river. They started running around and they sat down for a little bit to rest, and Christian said, “I wish I was dead.” Minutes later they went back to playing around and Christian fell into the water. They tried to get him out of the river. They tried everything, but nothing worked. He drowned, and that’s why people keep believing it’s the river of the wishes. People say that when they pass by it, they see Christian roaming around the woods.

The Magical River, by Marleni R.

Many years ago there was a magical river that when people needed something it will bring it to them. Once a woman was walking and talking to herself, and she said she needs a harp. Then the river talked and it said, "I will bring it for her." Then the woman did not believe that the river talked. Then she said that if it could please bring it to her. Then the next day the woman went to the river and said, "Where is my harp?" Then the river said, "There it is, on that rock." Then the woman tried to throw a rock to see if it was real. She hit the harp and the rock fell down to the water. Then a boy and his dog were walking through the woods and saw the woman talking to the river. The boy was wondering who the woman was talking to. Then the next day the boy came to the river and was talking to it, but the river said, "What would you like?" The boy said, "I don't want anything. I was just wondering why you were talking to the woman." Then the boy never came back and no one ever knew about the magical river.

By Ariana T.

A boy named Elijah was looking for an orchid for the love of his life, but before he left his grandpa told him a story about a harp, a magic harp. His grandpa told him that the harp was magical, and that it would make anything it was near to be more beautiful. The boy wanted to see the harp because he was an ugly boy. And he thought that girls didn't like him, but they thought he was very handsome and he didn't know that. The harp didn't work on things that were already beautiful. It did not affect the boy. The boy was angry and thought that his life was over. He also thought that the harp was not magic. He felt angry and threw the harp in the river. Suddenly the river started to glow. Grass started to grow and the water became cleaner and an orchid grew. The orchid was white and purple. The boy picked the orchid and said, "So it is true. It is really true." He picked the orchid and took it to Princess Ariana Marie Garsiea Ginger Toress. She said it was beautiful and she loved him. Now the magic harp was passed down in his family forever.

By Summone S.

A long time ago in 1941, there was a man named Tom. He was looking for a golden harp for ten years. Tom was very poor. He was 32 years old, so he started to search at age 22. He lived in Michigan, and walked a hundred days to get to Mississippi. Tom remembered that his granddad told him that there was a golden harp in the Good Luck River in Mississippi. Tom did not have a map, and he did not know where the golden harp was. As soon as he tripped over a black rock, he found the golden harp. He got so excited he passed out and hit his head on a big yellow rock. He started to bleed red blood, but Tom was all right. He woke up and he wrapped himself into a green leaf as a band-aid. He saw the golden harp peeking out from behind a big, gray dirty rock. He went to the golden harp and he cried because he never thought that he would find the golden harp. He wrapped the harp into his jacket, and carried it back to his grandpa's house. And he knocked on his grandpa's door. Then his grandpa said, "Come in." Tom twisted the door knob. He pushed the door open, and he walked in and closed the door. He sat down and unwrapped the harp. He kissed the golden harp before he gave it to his grandpa. The harp turned into a rich woman. She had golden hair and a silk dress on, and they fell in love, got married, had three kids, and lived happily ever after.

Jamileth D.

One day there was a man and his dog named Airhead. They were walking when they looked the other way. They went and looked closer, and the dog was sniffing. He finally said, "Is it true what I'm looking at?" and he went where he saw the harp, and he was playing it, when the dog Airhead and the man Steven had fallen asleep.

By Jennifer R.

The man and his dog are taking a walk in the nature park. As they walked the man sees the river. He sees trees and rocks. On one of the rocks was a harp. But he didn't see anyone playing the harp. The man wondered how the harp got there. Then he sat by the harp. He played "Tomorrow."

By Leslie A. and her peer tutor Brooke

Ten-year old George explored the Loco Forest. As he was checking out the waterfall, he saw a silver harp. His trusty sidekick, Bear, the girl began to bark at the unknown instrument. To reach the object, George and Bear crossed the stream by rocks. They then looked for the owner of the harp. When none was found, they sat and waited for the owner to return. They waited for ten minutes, but didn't see anyone. Because George was confused, he called his mommy and asked, "What do I do with this harp?!" His mother told him to bring it to the lost and found. Before moving it, George yelled to see if anyone was nearby, while Bear remained silent. When no one responded, they brought it to a house they spotted earlier. After dragging it there, they knocked on the door and it was answered by an old lady. They asked the lady if she owned the harp they found. The lady told them it was hers and thanked them very many times. Bear and George went home happy.

By Jasmine T.

A few years back a man and his wife wanted to go on a marriage retreat with their church. They were going to Hawaii. They got to Hawaii and everything was fine. A few days after they arrived, the husband drank some goofy juice from the juice machine. The juice specifically said, "Caution: Do not drink if you are a happy person." The man thought, "It's just a joke." Now back home everyone knew this man for his happiness. As the marriage group walked through Hawaii that afternoon, he started to get more goofy than usual. The wife was really sick of his nonsense! She told him to "Walk it off!" He did. As he walked, he saw a beautiful harp. While he played it, he was thinking of the dog he always wanted. And then, out of nowhere, the dog he was thinking of appeared. He thought, "This must be a magic harp. That is awesome!!" He thanked the harp, took his dog, and left. He saw the marriage group and his wife. He told his wife what happened, and his wife said, "Why didn't you think of taking away the goofiness?" The man said, "I like it!"

By Lily Ann B.

The story happened a long time ago on an island. There was a boy who wanted a harp. The boy needed to use a boat to get the harp. The boy found the harp. A thief is trying to get a harp because he wants to listen to it. The boy sees the thief and hides under the water. The boy came out of the water because he couldn't breathe. The boy ran away and took the harp to play nice music. The thief never found the boy.

By Mario D.

Tom and his dog were looking around the trees. They were walking in the water. He found a harp on the top of a rock. Tom took the harp to show his parents and he would practice playing it. He can play the instrument for money. Tom was lucky to find the instrument. If he didn't find the harp, he wouldn't get any money.

By Senite B. and her peer tutor

Once upon a time there was a young boy named David. He lived in the depths of a mysterious wood. In the woods that surrounded his cottage there were blue flowering trees and a peacefulness he loved. One day he heard music in the forest, and decided to investigate. So he put the leash on his dog, Dumbo, grabbed his rifle, and stormed out the door. He scavenged far and wide, listening to the music getting louder as he walked deeper into the foliage of forest. David comes upon a sparkling harp on a rock in the middle of a stream and sees a ghost playing it. Dumbo started barking in alarm. The harp started hopping away, so David and Dumbo chased after it. Then a few days later, David told everyone he knew about the magical harp. So from that day on, everyone looked for the ghost harp.

By Estefany V.

The man is taking a walk with his dog in the wood. He sees the harp. There are rocks in the river. There are trees in the woods. There is grass in the woods and back of the rock is grass.

The Man Who Saw a Harp, by Robert J. One day Mary and Jon were going camping for their honeymoon. When they arrived Mary said, "Oh, this is a beautiful place for our honeymoon." Jon said, "It really is a beautiful place for our honeymoon." Mary and Jon started to set up their things. Jon lit a fire for warmth and to cook up their food. Mary and Jon finished eating and went to bed. Jon started to hear something out by the river. He got up to check it out and he saw a harp. Jon zoomed back to the tent. He woke Mary up to tell her about the harp he saw by the river. Mary got up as quickly as she could and ran toward the river. She didn't believe him at first, but then she saw it with her own two eyes. The next day the two love birds packed up and left. Mary and Jon told their friend Bob about the harp and Bob didn't believe them either. Bob took a trip down there with his dog Butters. He went down to the river and saw the harp. He couldn't believe it.

By Lizbeth V. Once upon a time a man was talking to his friend. His friend wasn't sure if a river harp was true, so the man had to go through the woods. Then he saw the river harp. He said, "So it's true," he thought. "It's really true." And he took the river harp to the village. The river harp didn't want to leave because without the river harp, the water in the river would disappear. So the man took a picture of the river harp and the river harp got scared, so he waited and he waited. The man waited and waited for the river harp to come out, but the river harp stayed in the water until the man went away. The man went back to his village and the river harp came out, but the man would visit the river harp. The river harp was afraid of the man, so the river harp would hide from him.

By Fabiola G. One day in the dark forest there was a magical place discovered. It was a dark place where people would do black magic. People also said that angels would go down from the sky and play their harp so that the place would change into a good place. One day a man found that place and thought it was all a lie. The place looked normal, but then he heard the sound of a harp playing and he saw things in the water, so he went to check it out, but no one ever found out what he saw.



UNINVITED GUESTS
*"His heart was pounding.
He was sure he had seen
the doorknob turn."*

By Kevin A.
As Peter was watching TV he was changing the channel to see if anything good was on. Then when he tried to change the channel the control didn't work any more. He went down to the basement to find some extra batteries. As he was looking, he moved his box of electronics and he found this door behind the box. He was amazed at what he was seeing. As he almost tried to open the door, the door knob shook. He went running up the stairs into his room, his heart pounding like never before, thinking that he will get attacked. As midnight struck, he was ready to go downstairs. As he went downstairs with his baseball bat, he opened the door to see what was in there. He saw that it was very dark in there. Then he hit the wall. He got a flash light to see what was inside. Then he saw this doll that looked like it belonged to a little girl. The doll had one eye missing. He saw it moving as he walked away. There were more dolls behind him as the dolls locked the door. They never heard from Peter again. They say that he haunts that place, and all you can hear is a voice that says, "Help me."

By Jaelyn H.

Tom wakes up at 2:00 a.m., hearing a high pitched squeal coming from the basement. He walks down the stairs to the basement, noticing that the cans of toxic waste he had on a shelf had fallen over and started to drip on the floor. He saw there were tracks of some kind of animal going through the toxic waste. Then it popped up, there was a huge naked mole rat right at his feet. He turned around trying to run to the stairs, but then it got him. The huge naked mole rat grabbed him and tried to pull him in the door in the back of the basement. The thing struggled, trying to pull the man into the door, but the man twists and turns and finally kicks loose. He runs up stairs into his bedroom. He grabs the house phone and crawls under his bed, shivering in fright. He calls 911 explaining what happened, but all they did was laugh.

By Darryl Y.

Robert was in his room watching a movie. Then he heard the doorknob turn. Then he grabbed a knife. He went downstairs and the man got scared and ran close to Robert's skating shoes. Then Robert threw his knife at the string and it hit him in the head, and Robert took him to jail and he got locked up and he did not get out for ten years.

Tiny Door, by Awat G., dictated to his peer tutor, Ali D.

In an old house, someone came downstairs to get apple cider. Then the person went back upstairs to get something. He came back downstairs, drank the apple cider, and went skating. When he came back, the door opened and a rat came out, and the rat killed him.

By Saiffom G.

Once upon a time, there was a leprechaun. He just got back from the rainbow when he heard giant footsteps entering the house and the leprechaun sprite ran into the basement to hide from the human, and the giant human was about to open his door in the basement, when the giant heard the leprechaun and ate him. Now the basement is empty.

By Jovanny S.

In the dark basement there was a scary boy. He came to the basement to get food. The people who live in the house almost saw the scary boy when they walked down the stairs. The scary boy was hiding behind a box. The scary boy moved the box. The people saw that the box was moving. The people saw behind the box, but there was nobody behind the box. The scary boy moved to the stairs. He went out the door, and the scary boy locked the people in the basement. Then the family of the people came to see the people. When the family came to the house, there was no one in the house.

By Valeria S.

Once upon a time somebody knocked at the door, but Pancho did not know who it was. So he opened the door. Pancho saw just a mouse. Then he went back to his room. Somebody knocked at the door again. He turned to his left. His heart was pounding. Then it was a surprise. Everybody said, "It's your birthday." Pancho did not know. Pancho said, "But..., but..., but who knocked at the door?" "We did. We want you to be happy. Every day your family was here." Then Pancho gave a hug to his mom.

By Jaritzi E.

Once upon a time someone knocked at the door but Pancho didn't see who was there. Pancho opens the door. All he sees are children playing. So he closed the door. Then someone comes through the door! It was a little girl who wanted food because she was hungry. Pancho sees someone who was getting the food. He finds the girl and asks, "Why are you getting my food?" She said that she was so hungry because she didn't have food. Pancho says, "It's okay, but next time, ask me first."

By Darylmiyah W., dictated to his peer tutor

His heart was pounding. He was sure he had seen the door knob turn. He thought there might be a ghost. He ran back up the stairs as fast as he could. He tripped on the stairs and got scared. He felt like something was watching him, something like a ghost. He heard a loud "Boo," and screamed with fright. He stood up and ran into the kitchen.

By Everardo L.

Once upon a time, a robber named Tom was being chased by a policeman. He hid in a basement at his apartment. His heart was pounding. He was sure he had seen the doorknob turn. Suddenly bam! The door opens. Luckily the policeman didn't see Tom. The policeman went upstairs. Tom went out the door into the street. He took a bus to the airport. He took a plane to Chile. He stayed there for ever and no one heard from him ever again.

The Creepy House, by Robert J.

We were looking for a new house, so I looked some up on the internet. We found one that caught our eyes, so we wrote the address down on a piece of paper. The next day we went to go check it out.

When we got to the house, it looked creepy. It was covered in vines, leaves, and thorns. We thought we got the wrong address, but it was the right address. The house did not look like the one we saw on the computer. It looked older.

We went to the door and an old creepy looking lady came to the door. She told us to come in and she showed us around the house. I looked in the basement and saw a tiny door. I saw the knob turn and an elf popped out! I ran out of the house and told my friends to leave. I told them about the elf when we got in the car.

By LaMarr S.

I just bought a new house. Then strangely I go downstairs to put some stuff away, and I see a two-foot door. I open it and climb in it, and then I discovered a rat nest! There a giant two-foot rat jumps out and kills me! Boooooom!! The door slams. I was never heard from again. And the house was known to be haunted for the past nine years.

By Diego M.

I would like to be in this house. There are a lot of things. There is a door in this tiny house. Maybe gnomes live in this house because the door is so tiny.

By Ladaja S.

Before the doorknob turned, Sally had just run downstairs to get out the laundry from the drier, when suddenly she heard a doorknob turn, and then she heard a large, loud squeaky, creak throughout the door. She paid no attention to it until she saw a dark shadow coming closer and closer towards her as she grabbed a handful of laundry. She dropped the clothes and screamed as loud as she could, but no one heard her. "What are you screaming for, young lady?" the strange voice said. The strange person popped out, and it was her little brother. He had scared her all alone.

By Yulissa L.

Ben wanted to build a tree house. He almost finished it. He just needed one more touch. He needed a carpet. He saw his neighbor going in with a red carpet. It was perfect for his tree house. He asked his neighbor if he could have it. The neighbor said, "No!" Ben considered his neighbor mean and grouchy. His neighbor hated kids. Ben couldn't afford enough money to buy anything. He needed that carpet. When no one was looking, Ben entered his neighbor's house. He wanted that carpet. His neighbor was working outside the house. Then his neighbor needed some paint. Ben was in the place where he put everything he used for work. There was the carpet. Ben was about to grab it. Then he saw the doorknob move. His heart was pounding. He was sure he saw the doorknob move. Ben hid in a hole. Then he remembered the carpet! He saw it right there. He went to grab it. He grabbed it and saw a window. He was going to go out of that window. He jumped out the window and went to his tree house. Then his neighbor came in and saw the window open. The neighbor gasped. The carpet was missing. Then the neighbor remembered that kid who wanted the carpet. The neighbor ran to the tree house and Ben was there. The neighbor said, "Hey you! Where's my carpet?" Ben said, "What carpet?" "Stop faking," said the neighbor. The neighbor entered the tree house and saw the carpet. Then Ben was sad. The man told his mom, and he was punished and had to give away his tree house. He was so so sad!

By Tomas T.

The night before that morning it was raining with thunder storms. I went into the basement and I saw a small mysterious door. Then I was looking at the small door, and the door knob started moving and turning. Then I was a little afraid, but I decided to look inside, and it was just a bunch of boxes, and my cat was inside. Then that day we went outside for a walk.

By Yulisa R.

Joshua is nine years old and his parents had to go to work, but there was no one to watch him for the day. He told his parents that he was old enough to stay by himself, but his parents didn't want to leave him by himself. Since there wasn't anyone to watch out for him, they told him to be careful and to not open the door for anyone and not to answer the phone. He went to his room and started watching TV. Half an hour later he heard a noise in the window, and he looked over and nothing was there. Then he heard another noise at the window from the first floor. He went to check and he saw a big black bird with one eye, and it was pecking at the window. He runs to the basement to grab a broom to scare away the crow. While he was scaring the bird away he heard this noise at the door. He ignored the noise. When he was scaring the bird away, he quickly turned around to check who it was, and it was his neighbors checking on him after hearing all the noise he was making trying to scare the bird away.

By Felix D.

It was a cold day in Chicago. There was a man named Black Beard. He liked to go ice skating. Since Black Beard like ice skating, he went ice skating.

After going skating, he went home. When he got home he heard the doorknob turn. His heart was pounding. The doorknob kept turning, but then it stopped. He was still scared. The guy who turned the doorknob came back. His name was John. Black Beard went out to the front door and John came out and killed Black Beard, and no one has ever seen or heard of Black Beard again.

By Jahit H.

A man named Anthony was in the basement. He was alone in the basement. It was dark and spooky. He was sitting on the stairs. There was an ice skate. He saw the knob turn. He thought he was alone, but he was not alone. "Who is at the door?" A vampire opens the door. The vampire sucks Anthony's blood from his neck. He leaves big teeth marks. "Why did you bite me?" "Because you're my biggest enemy," and he left and went away, and his wife saw the vampire leave.

The Doorknob Was Turning, by Amber S.

The door is going to be open. Then the man will be scared and he will get hurt. Then someone will open the door. Then it will be a ghost. Ghosts will be in the house. "Wowowowowo, you will be alone with me, OK? Wowowowo!"

By Kevin R.

A little boy named Kevin was locked in the basement. He was alone. It was dark and scary. He was sitting on the stairs. He hears the doorknob turn. The sun shined on the door. He thought he was alone. "Who is at the door?" "Scream," he called out to Kevin. Then he said, "Look at the back of you." "What's in my back?" "A big knife." "Blood is dripping down my back." Kevin asks, "Why did you kill me?" "Because you killed my dad." "My brother will get you!" "No he won't."

By Moshea S.

One night this man was watching "Wipeout" on Channel 7. Then he heard noises around him, so he went down to his basement to watch "Wipeout" on the TV downstairs. While watching he saw the ice skate sway back and forth. Then the jars on the shelf fell and broke. He heard the stair creaking, and a shadow appeared on the wall. Suddenly a chain saw sound started outside. He started to cry. Suddenly the lights went out and now nobody knows what happened in the basement on Friday the 13th.

By Daryliah, dictated to his peer tutor.

Once there was a boy named Tony. He was a good boy and was nine years old. He lived with his mom and dad and grandma and six-year old brother whose name was Julian.

One summer day, his friend Daryliah came over to play. They decided to go down to the basement to play hide and seek. They brought some pancakes, toast, eggs, bacon, waffles, and orange juice with them in case they got hungry. They played hide and seek. Then they ate their food and watched Sponge-Bob on TV.

All of a sudden, they heard a noise. Daryliah got scared and ran up the steps and tripped. Tony wasn't scared because he was too busy watching TV. Daryliah was sure he had seen the doorknob turn. Daryliah fell down the steps when he tripped and his mom came through the door.

She said, "Is everything OK down there?" and then went back upstairs to watch the Bad Girls Club.

Daryliah had a scratch on his knee but it wasn't bleeding.

Tony was still watching TV and Daryliah snuck up behind him and touched his back and yelled "Boo!" Tony screamed and Daryliah laughed "Got you!"

Then they finished their food and watched TV.

ARCHIE SMITH, BOY WONDER

A tiny voice asked, "Is he the one?"



By Arturo P.

"Goooooooooooooal!!!" the announcer said. Archie Smith had just scored the game-winning goal for Real Madrid against Barcelona. That goal advances Real Madrid to the semi-finals. They go into the locker room and the players start thanking Archie for scoring the game-winning goal. The team packs up their gear and leave. They go to the same place which is Real Madrid's stadium.

Archie gets to the stadium and his family is there. Then Archie goes home and he spends the day with his family. The coaches talk and say he never plays, but "Is he the one?" Then Archie goes to sleep in his bed. He wakes up and he gets ready to go to the Real Madrid's stadium. The coaches talk to him and say that he is in the starting line-up. When the coaches told him that, he thanked them for putting him in the starting line-up.

By Efrain B., dictated to his peer tutor

Archie got home from his video game tournament. He won first place, as usual. He was the best in the U.S.A. It was late at night. The tournament had gone all day. His mom said he needed to study and go to bed, but Archie wanted to play video games all night. He told his mom that he needed to practice. Archie had failed five of his tests last week, so he needed to study. Archie then realized he did need to study, so he did. He then went to bed. Next week, he aced all his tests.

By Kevin A.

As I got out of the car, I looked up at the huge house that was going to be my new home. My parents and I were so excited about this new house, we ran into the house the second we pulled up. I quickly explored the house. Later that night as I was lying in bed, I could hear faint voices in the distance. I got out of bed hoping to find where these voices were coming from. While looking for the voices, I ended up in the basement. The lights weren't working and the stairs creaked. I followed the voices and was led to a trap door under the staircase. I opened the door and found a village filled with tiny people. Every time I walked or moved I shook their village. Some of the tiny people ran and screamed, while others didn't know what to do. I told them not to be scared, but only one tiny person listened. I started to talk to the tiny person, and we became very close friends. I heard the clock strike midnight and I knew I had to leave. I promised my new friend, James, I would return the next night. The next night I returned, and every night I went to a different world to be with my new best friend, James.

By Randy B.

When Archie woke up he put his baseball gear on. He met up with his friends at Wild Park. Archie and his friends were having a lot of fun, until one of his friends hit a home run. As Archie was running, he put his hand up, just waiting for the ball to land on his mitt. The ball hit Archie in the face. His friends came to his aid and saw he was knocked out. Five minutes later he woke up hurt. He felt like his mouth had sudden pain.

As he started talking to his friends, he felt a sudden pain in his front teeth. His friends wanted to tie his front tooth with a string and tie it to a door, but Archie was too scared and he just went straight home. When he got home, it was getting dark, so his mom made his favorite meal—steak. Archie was scared, and he ran off to his bedroom. He tried to pull it off in the bathroom, but he was way too scared and just went straight to bed. His mom saw him asleep, and there appeared a tooth. She put it under his pillow. A tooth fairy came and said, "Is he the one?"

Archie and the Ghosts, by Yulissa L.

Once upon a time there was a boy named Archie Smith. He was very smart because he could see ghosts. He liked to hunt for ghosts. One day he went in a cave where no one entered because they were scared. Then he saw two ghosts, as the ghosts saw the boy. The ghosts ran away and the boy followed them. Soon the ghosts were nowhere to be seen. The boy went home. He didn't know that those were the most evil ghosts. They captured people who saw them. Then the boy opened the window. He went to sleep. Then there was a light at the boy's window. The light got closer and closer. Then a tiny voice asked, "Is he the one?" Then there was a different voice that said, "He must be!" Then the boy was lifted up, up, up, and got carried out the window. Someone had taken Archie Smith. The boy was sleeping so he didn't feel when someone took him. The next morning his mother came to Archie Smith's room to wake him up for school. The mom didn't see him in his room. She went outside to find the boy, but he was nowhere to be seen. The boy's mom called the police to help her find Archie Smith. The police couldn't find him. Years passed and passed. The police still couldn't find Archie Smith. Then the police gave up. The boy's mom was still crying. The boy never appeared. Archie's mom thought he was gone forever and Archie was never seen again.

By Jonathan E.

Once upon a time there was a boy. He was sleeping, then the dragonflies came into his house through the window. The boy wanted a toy, and the dragonfly brought it. His dream came true!

By Fernando B.

Archie Smith was tucked in by his parents at 9:00 pm. He could not sleep because he thought his bed was moving and shaking. The tiny super heroes saw the monster under the bed. The super heroes flew through the window. The super heroes turned the monster into a pit bull. The pit bull lay beside Archie, and Archie finally fell asleep with the pit bull.

By Frankie F. The boy is very tired. The boy is asleep. Then when the sun rises the boy wakes up. The tiny voices are the light. They are talking about the boy. They think the boy is a superhero.

Shkreara P.

Once upon a time there was a boy asleep in his bedroom. He heard a voice from the window. He got up and got the bat, and when he got up he saw some lights. And he screamed. Then the lights attacked him, and he got the boat and hit the lights with the boat, then he went back to sleep.

By Fredy F.

Once there was this kid named Kevin, and it was time to go to sleep. Then he suddenly woke up when he heard someone say, "He is the one," and that was all he heard for an hour. After that he fell asleep, and then all the problems started in his dream, but he didn't know what was happening because he wasn't awake, so then he woke up and saw his room upside down.

Then he found out that he was floating in the sky, so then he really got scared, and then when he saw this kid that looked like him was next to him, but then he looked at him again and saw that it was really him, because he was next to a mirror. Then he remembered that he had a lot of heavy stuff in his closet, but it was too late because all the stuff hurt him, and the thing that he didn't know was that something was going to happen to him because this kid that had lived in his house before died in his room, because he had an accident and got killed. So he was the one who was chosen because the boy had died.

Boy Wonder, by Andre T.

Once there was this little boy. He had the biggest imagination ever. His name was Andre Tripp. He had all the things in life. What could have gone wrong with his imagination? Who knows? One morning there was a light, the brightest light that anybody could ever see without sunglasses or sunglasses on. Then he thought, "This makes me think of something. I can do anything, even if I don't put my mind to it, or even if I could, of course." Man, I tell ya this boy had so much pride since he saw this light. So the boy started doing everything. He started playing basketball, football, soccer. I can't even explain how much pride -- I mean everybody he saw he thought something negative about them. He spoke the truth without even thinking about consequences, and the truth hurts sometimes. I mean, every single person he met he always "thought" there was something bad about them, and he could never figure out why. He thought maybe because he saw the light or because of his imagination "I don't know." Then he thought, "What could it be?" Then he figured it out. It was because of his imagination after the light. He thought, "How? Why? But it can't be. There it goes again." His imagination was tearing him apart. He cried out for help. People were looking at him as if he were crazy. So he ran home looking for someone to cry on, looking for a bed to lie in. So he ran up to his room.

Mom: "Honey, what's wrong?"

A: "Leave me alone. Get away from the door."

Mom: "I love you."

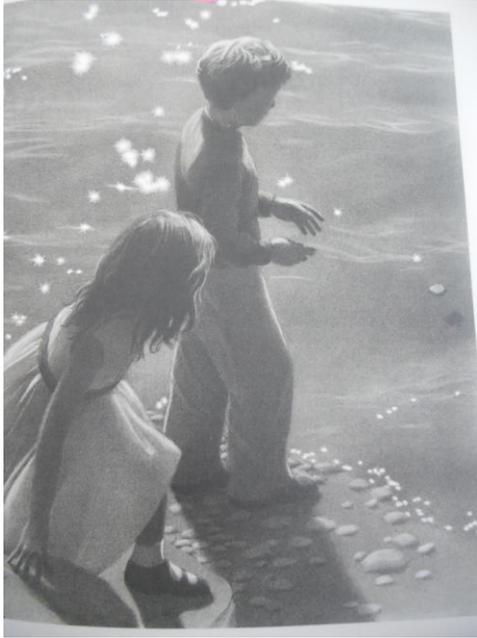
He was so depressed he just lay straight flat right in his bed. Meanwhile, he saw this light, really a bright light, right in his eyes. He didn't know what it was. He heard it once again out of nowhere. It was nothing. It was just Mr. Granani emptying his junk out. He was tired from all that pride, and he had a huge headache. He was scared, when a tiny voice asked him, "What are you doing?" He cried, "Are you the one?" He cried and cried.

A: "I want my life," he shouted.

The tiny voice said, "Come with me, quietly and quick."

A STRANGE DAY IN JULY

*He threw with all his might,
but the third stone came skipping back.*



By Salina B. and her tutor
Once upon a time there was a boy named Jack. Jack loved to skip rocks in his pond. One day Jack and his sister Jill were throwing rocks in the lake. When he threw his third rock, the rock came back to him. It must have been magic!!!! Jack and Jill went up the hill to tell their parents. Their parents were amazed, so they all went down, too. But when Jack threw his rock again, it didn't come back. He swam into the lake to fetch

his rock. But the first rock went back. Their parents were amazed and realized the stones are magic. He was proud to call it his pond!!!!

By Josephine A.

Two kids were riding their bikes around the town. Then one of them said, "Let's go to the beach." So they went to the beach. When they got there, they were swimming in the water. Then the kid was standing. Then he threw his rock. It was a very good day in July. The second rock was coming up to the water. Then the third rock came back to him. He was kind of happy because the rock came to him. The girl was surprised because the rock came back to the kid and the girl was standing up to see the rock. After they were in the water, they went home with their mom and dad. They had a fun day at the beach.

By Jasmine S.

One day there were two children that were playing in a lake, but the boy was so bored that he was just throwing some shells in the water. And then the boy, when he was throwing the shells, they were skipping back. The girl was looking at him as if he was sad or something happened to him. The two kids were bored. They did not know what to do, but just sitting there. The boy was so sad because he got in trouble in his house. That is why he was so sad that he did not want to go to his home. But it was all just a dream. When he woke up, he was so scared because he thought that it was real. But then he realized that it was all just a dream.

By Jennifer S.

They were playing tag and they decided to go to the beach and throw a rock. Someone threw it back to them. They went running home because they were scared. But they were thinking who it was who threw the rock to them. The next day they went back to the beach to find out who threw the rock. So the little girl threw a rock, but no one threw it back. But when the boy threw a rock, someone threw it back, but they didn't see anyone, so they didn't find out who it was.

By Jaely E.

There is one girl and one boy, and the boy is throwing rocks on the pond. They are brother and sister. I predict that they were home and they did not see the pond. Then they first saw the pond. They were curious to see the pond and they walked to the pond. The stone kept skipping back because of the waves. He wanted to get revenge at the rocks because they were hard to walk on. They get a wagon to carry the rocks to the forest.

By Giselle V.

A boy and a girl are at the beach. They are friends. It is summer time. The boy is skipping rocks.

In the summer I went to the beach with my mom, brother and dad. It was very fun.

By Myreanna S.

Jack and Jill went to play by the pond. They asked their mom if they could play. "Of course," she said. "Yes, but be back soon." They said, "OK," going out the door. They were giggling and laughing all the way to the pond. Jack threw a rock into the pond, when a rock jumped out of the water. They became scared and ran home. They were unsure of what happened. They were thinking about it the whole night. But they insisted to go back. Jill threw a rock into the pond and nothing happened. Then Jack threw a rock. No one will ever know.

By Myeesha M.

My story is about a boy skipping rocks, and the rocks came back to him. He's trying to find out a clue to why the rocks come back. The boy and the girl saw a shadow in the water. The shadow is a person that died. The person in the water was a man the rock hit, and he skipped it back to the boy.

The Lost Story, by Deyse S.

One day Juan and Jessica were walking in the park together. They loved going to the park. Each day they went with their mom Laura. Jessica liked when her dad Rolando didn't go to work. She loved when her dad helped her do her homework. The next day Juan's dad went to work and he saw an old lady trying to walk fast with four bags of clothes, so he decided to help her. But when he went running to her, a car came fast and crushed him. He was almost dead. The guy carried him and took him to the hospital. The guy found information about him, so he called Laura. Laura started crying and running to the hospital. She was so distressed that she forgot about her two children, and she even forgot to close and lock the door. Meanwhile, the door was open. The children woke up and saw the door open. Jessica and Juan got dressed and went outside together. They started walking without knowing where they were going, because they were so sleepy. They fell asleep in the grass. The next day Laura came home crying because Rolando was dead. Laura went to bed without knowing her children were gone. She woke up after five hours and she looked around the house, and then she saw a picture of

Jessica and Juan. She remembered, then started running to the room, but no one was there. She called the police, but they couldn't find them. They were lost.

One year later Laura was working day and night, and each day she went to the police station to check if her children were found, but there was not even a clue. "Jessica, I got some food for us," said Juan. "I wish we were with our mom right now," said Jessica. "Me, too. I really miss her. I wonder how she looks and where she is," said Juan. Jessica and Juan were stuck in the middle of nowhere. They only could see grass and a small little house they built together with branches and bricks they found near by. It was so cold that in that little house they almost froze the next day. Jessica and Juan went to find some food, but couldn't find any. They kept asking for change. They only got about one or two dollars to buy at least three pieces of bread. Laura was so worried that she couldn't even talk. She kept crying each day, so she left home to look for them herself. In July Jessica and Juan started to walk, and they didn't stop until they found a beautiful place that was peaceful with cool water. They started running to the water and started playing. They were so happy.

By Ana L. Manuel and Celeste were throwing stones on the water. They were skipping the stones. The stones jumped on the water. The stones fell on the bottom. Celeste will collect stones. Celeste tried to skip the stones.

A Special Gift, by Antoni B. and his peer tutor

Jacob and Michelle were brother and sister. They had ridden their bikes to the pond to skip stones. Jacob skipped the first stone, but, mysteriously, the stone was thrown back. Jacob dove into the pond to grab the stone. When Jacob looked at the stone in the moonlight, it was a diamond! Jacob looked up and saw a magical fish. It was glowing bright blue.

"This diamond," the fish began, "is a birthday present for you. Use it wisely."

"Thank you," said Jacob.

The fish swam away, and was never seen again.

By MaryAnn B.,

Today I woke up feeling sleepy and sick. Yesterday I got in trouble with my dad for not doing my chores and also ate too much candy. I got sick and in trouble for eating candy before dinner. I got out of bed and came down for my favorite cereal, but my sister Elizabeth got the last amount of cereal, so I had to have the worst cereal I ever had, but there was no more milk. I got ready for school and missed my bus, so I had to walk all the way to school, but I forgot it was going to rain today, so I had to run wet. Then I got in trouble for being late. Then I got an F in math. Then for lunch my mom packed me an apple, milk, and tuna, the worst sandwich ever! Then when I got home it was almost night, so I brushed my teeth and went to bed.

Then I woke up in the middle of the night. I couldn't sleep, so I tiptoed downstairs, put my shoes on, and went to the pond. Then when I was about to pick up a rock so I could throw it, I heard a rustle and out popped up my sister. She must have heard me come downstairs, so she followed me. So Elizabeth and I were skipping rocks, when a shiny rock caught my eye. Elizabeth and I followed where the moon was shining on it. I picked it up and showed it to Elizabeth. The rock's shape looked like a four-leaf clover. I put it in my pocket and walked home with Elizabeth. When it was morning I went downstairs to get a bowl of cereal and when I poured my cereal, I found a toy robot that moves. Then I got dressed for school and took my rock and the robot. Then at the bus I showed my friends the rock and the robot, when all of a sudden I found a button, and when I pushed it, it started dancing. Then at math class I got an A+ on the test and got a chocolate for good behavior. Then at lunch I got a hamburger, apple, candy, and chocolate milk.

When I got home I told my sister all about the good luck I was having. My sister told me that the good luck must be coming from the rock I got. The rock must be a magical rock that brings you good luck. I was amazed at what I heard. I wanted to tell my mom and dad all about the magic rock. Once I went downstairs, I talked to my mom and dad. They told me that I was crazy. They said that there are no such things as magic. But I never believed them. So then when I went to bed I

was dreaming about all the good times I'd been having with the magic rock and thinking about what good luck it will bring me next. When I woke up the magic rock was gone. I looked everywhere, and I couldn't find it. I looked in my pants pockets, I looked in my bed, and I looked in my backpack, but it was no where to be found. So I asked my sister if she had my magic rock, but she said no. So then I went to my bedroom, sat down, and cried. But then a telephone ring came. It was my best friend asking me to come over, but I said no because I was sad my magic rock was missing. So I hung up and then I came downstairs, had a bowl of cereal, and found a toy. Then when it was time to go to school, I was early for the bus, and I got another A for my quiz. Then at lunch I got yogurt and a sandwich that I really loved, and also some milk. And when I got home I realized that the magic rock isn't really magic.

Mike and Molly, by Rickiah J.

Molly and Mike went to the lake and saw some rocks and started throwing them. Molly said, "A rock bounced back." Mike said, "It did! It did!" So they started to throw all of them. So when Mike and Molly got tired of throwing rocks they went home and told their mom and dad, and they said, "That's wonderful!"

By Amaire P.

Once there was a girl named Diamond and a boy named John, and they were brother and sister. They were at home when they got bored, so they asked their mom to go to the beach. When they got there they found a lot of rocks, so they threw them in the water, and their mom came and had a camera and took a picture. Then the mom went back home to get Diamond and John's swim suits so they could go swimming and play in the water and play tag. Then they went home to eat lunch. They had sandwiches, and then they went to bed.

THE SEVEN CHAIRS

The fifth one ended up in France.



By Karah Powell

Once upon a time there were seven magical chairs that spread around the world. The first chair went to China, the second Africa, third Russia, the fourth Guam, the fifth France, the sixth Spain, and the seventh Florida. The fifth chair was very unusual because it ended up with a nun that was very spiritual and worked at a church. Her name was Nicole Johnson. Nicole was about to do her daily prayers like

she'd always done. After that, she sat down on a chair, and it abruptly lifted her into the air. All of the bishops and priests working jaws dropped. One asked Sister Nicole, "Are you a part of Voodoo? How did you arise there?" In shock Nicole still hadn't realized how the chair had arisen. Not knowing how to get down, she simply said, "Down!" and the chair gently let her down. Every day from that day forth, when any kids used to be bad or do something they aren't supposed to, she would call out the chair, and it would rise. Kids would hate and fear going into Nicole's classroom. It wasn't until later that Nicole realized that the chair was magical. She thought that it was truly a blessing.

The Chairs, by Melissa D. There were seven magic chairs. Then seven wizards sat in the chairs. When every wizard sat down, the chairs started to float. One of the wizards wanted to visit her mom and dad in France All the wizard had to do is say, "Abera Kadabera," and the chair started to float to France.

By Ahani M. There once were seven women together. One of them was sent back to France. She was the fifth chair. Every woman started to worry because the fifth chair flew to the top of the church ceiling. The people didn't know how to bring her back down, because the church was big. People wondered how she got there. Some people from the church were watching what was happening. Other people from outside the church started to come in and see what was happening. The woman who got stuck up there started to cry, "Help!" A woman from the church called Maria said, "How did you get there?" The woman who was stuck up at the top of the church said, "I don't know." Then finally the police and ambulance came to rescue her. Everybody felt happy that they rescued her. After that, Maria was sent to France and never came back.

By Brenda H. and her tutor

Once upon a time there was a girl. Her parents were magical fairies. They gave her magic so she can be safe. Two evil men wanted to take her magic. They tied her to a chair so they can get the magic. But she used her magic powers to float in the air. She flew for help. She got help from her mom who was nearby. They celebrate, so she got help from her and hugged.

By Shkreara P.

She flies in the air and she is creepy in the church. She is going to come down at night. In the morning she is going to eat breakfast. She is going to fly again in the church.

By Guadalupe M. "Why are you in the air?" said the soldiers. "Because they put a spell on me. The spell won't let me get off of the chair." "Would you like us to help you?" "Yes, but how?" "We can use a spell, but we need a magic book." "I have one in my desk." The soldiers went to her desk but they didn't find it, so both of the soldiers went to the library. They found a magic book with a lot of spells, so they went back to the castle. They didn't find the woman. The soldiers said a spell that can make the woman come back. They said a spell, so the woman can come down. The woman came down and said thank you to the soldiers, and she vanished.

By Yulissa L.

Once upon a time there were seven golden chairs. The chairs were in a big palace where the king and queen lived. King Arthur and Queen Lisa had to protect the seven golden chairs. If they wanted to live, they had to have at least one golden chair. But one day Arthur and Lisa had visitors. The visitors came with two little girls and three boys. Arthur and Lisa said, "Ooh! It's too dark. Would you like to sleep here tonight?" The visitors answered, "Yes! Thank you." The visitors didn't know about the golden chairs. No one could sit on the golden chairs. Everybody had gone to sleep. The two little girls got up and walked around very quietly. Then the two little girls saw the chairs and they sat on them. Then all of a sudden the two chairs flew off. One chair flew off to China and the other one to Mexico. A few minutes later two boys woke up to look for their sisters. One boy walked around and found the golden chairs. He told the other boy about it and they both sat on one. One boy ended up in Texas and the other in Carolina. The four were gone. There was only one boy left. Three hours later the other boy woke up and didn't see his brothers and sisters and went to look for them. The boy walked around for a long time and couldn't find them. Then the boy saw the chairs. There were only three left. The boy sat on one and the fifth one ended up in France. The next morning when the visitors woke up they didn't see their kids and started looking all around for them. The visitors couldn't find the kids. They were worried. The king and queen saw the chairs. "Oh! No!" they screamed. "There are only two chairs left!" The king and queen had to protect these two chairs or else something horrible would happen. The king and queen went to their room to have a discussion. While the king and queen talked, the visitors looked for their kids. The visitors saw the chairs and grabbed them. They sat on them and started flying. One went to Hawaii and the other one to Guatemala. Then all of a sudden an earthquake started to happen, followed by a hurricane and a tornado. Everybody died.

By Aman B. Once upon a time two evil priests went on a journey to find the magic chair, but they got only six chairs. They had to find the last one, so they came to the church. But they found a priest on it, and she had so much power. So the two horrible evil priests bet her if they get the most people in their church they would win and get the chair, but if she won she can have all of it. But when it's morning, they had 18, she 4; but the next day they had 39, she had 14. Next they had 18 people, then they won, but were about to lose because she had 40, but the last day they had 44 and she had 48, but she had two old men in their church. She won, but the evil priests didn't want it, so the gods came and gave her the chairs.

By Jennifer R. The princess was up. She flew into the sky. The guards help her fly. The princess lived in the castle.

Once upon a time there was a woman on a flying chair. She had powers to blast over to her enemies and defeat them. When she flew out of the building, she hoisted out the window. Her enemies never bothered the woman again, and she was very happy.

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