

## Whispers

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Ivy is having a terrible night's sleep. In fact, she hasn't had a decent sleep for nearly two weeks. Ivy hears strange whispers all through the night. She tosses and turns trying to block them out. Giving up on sleep, Ivy decides to lie still and quiet like a statue. She wants to hear what the whispers are saying. She wants to know where they're coming from.

After 15 long minutes of not really understanding any of it, Ivy decides to get up, grab the torch and investigate. Tiptoeing through the house, Ivy nervously checks all the rooms. Suddenly, as Ivy approaches the kitchen, she notices the whispers have stopped.

"That's strange." thought Ivy.

As she turns back to her bedroom door she was surprised to find a shimmery golden glow coming out of a little hole in her room next to her desk. As Ivy approaches the glow, she trips on her shoes and, as she puts her hands out to brace herself, her hands break through the wall. Suddenly, Ivy finds where the glow is coming from. She sees a magical treasure box covered in blood red rubies. Moving closer, Ivy puts her hands on the side of the box and pulls it out and sees a silver lock. "I wonder what's inside?" Ivy says out loud.

Sure enough, the whispers reply, but clearer this time and Ivy can understand what they are saying.

*"Go to the play room and take two steps to the right and you will find a toy rabbit with a key in its hat. Take the key from the hat, and then you may unlock the treasure box."*

Ivy followed the instructions and took the key from the rabbit's hat and walked back into her room. Cautiously she unlocks the treasure box. As she opens the lid, the light shining out nearly blinds her.

"What is this?" Ivy wonders. As her eyes adjust, Ivy recognises what is inside. A precious diamond. Next to the diamond is a note that says:

*Please return this diamond to Pearly Cove Museum and you will receive a reward*

Completely overwhelmed by what she has found, Ivy decides it's time to go back to bed and plan to return the diamond to where it belongs in the morning.

The next day, Ivy starts to prepare for her journey. She packs the treasure box with the diamond inside carefully into the car and heads off to the Pearl Cove Museum. Along the way she starts to hear the whispers again. They are coming from the treasure box. The whispers become louder as they get closer to the Museum.

*"Thank you, thank you. You are returning me to my home."* The whispers say.

Feeling happy to have done the right thing in returning the treasure box with the diamond inside, Ivy knows that her reward will be to have a good night's sleep tonight!

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