



## Through the Grimm World

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“Quick! Run, Alyssa! The Big Bad Wolf is gaining, and he looks hungry,” screamed Jimmy.

“I am! But it’s kind of hard to run with a broken leg. Next time I’m choosing our bedtime story!” Alyssa replied.

The Big Bad Wolf could practically touch them now.

“Yuck! When was the last time you brushed your teeth?” said Jimmy and nearly passed out because of the stench from the mouth of the Big Bad Wolf. “Alyssa, I’ve got an idea. We should both turn in different directions and he will get confused. Okay, three, two, one, TURN!”

As Alyssa turned the corner, she shut her eyes and the world went pitch black. It was like charcoal was put into her eyes. She opened her eyes and saw the Big Bad Wolf look around for them, then move on.

She looked around to try and find her brother. She finally found him in the bushes behind Little Red Riding Hood’s Grandma’s house. He was staring through the window at two joyful girls. Alyssa joined her brother at the window and said in a soft and happy tone “I always feel so happy when I see how we stop bad things happening to classic Fairy Tale characters.”

Her brother replied, “You are talking about us nearly being the Big Bad Wolf’s lunch instead of Little Red Riding Hood and her Grandma!”

Alyssa replied seriously, “But we weren’t his lunch. I just wish Mum and Dad were here to see it. They’d be so proud of us.” Jimmy took it that she wasn’t in a joking mood.

“Talking about Mum and Dad, we should get back home otherwise they will get worried or, even worse... suspicious,” Jimmy said.

Meanwhile back at home Alyssa and Jimmy’s parents, Bree and Noah, were getting suspicious.

“What’s all that puffing upstairs?” Bree said, a bit worried.

Noah jumped up and said “I’ll go up and check if someone’s breaking into the house.”

Bree replied “And I’ll go and check if pigs are flying! The kids are probably just playing.”

Noah could tell she was teasing him and said “I’ll go check on the kids”.

Luckily Alyssa and Jimmy had just got back from saving Little Red Riding Hood in the story book world. "I don't know why Mum got us the Brothers Grimm version of Fairy Tales, they are so much scarier than the Disney ones." said Jimmy, and to his surprise his mother just walked in.

"So, you're not grateful for the books that were passed down to you through six generations?" Bree said in a disappointed tone.

"I thought that was just a story to make us treat the books well," Jimmy replied.

"Well go to bed now it's way past your bedtime," Bree said in the same tone of voice "and if you aren't at least five minutes early for the bus tomorrow morning I will be angrier than Cinderella's sisters when they didn't fit into the glass slippers!"

On the way to school Jimmy could see that there was something on his sister's mind. "What's up?" Jimmy asked.

"Nothing," replied Alyssa.

"I know there is something up!" Jimmy yelled.

"I told you nothing!" Alyssa yelled back.

"Shhhhhh," said the old lady at the back of the bus trying to get to sleep.

"I know there is something wrong!" Jimmy screamed at the top of his lungs.

"HOW!" Alyssa screamed even louder.

"Sssshhh!" said the old lady at the back of the bus "if you yell one more time I'll get you kicked off the bus."

"I'll second that," said a familiar looking person at the front of the bus.

"I know because of Twin Power," Jimmy whispered to Alyssa.

"Well tell your Twin Power that it noticed I was thinking about the person over there," Alyssa whispered to him. "Doesn't that lady over there look a lot like Sleeping Beauty?"

"Oh" said Jimmy feeling rather silly.

As the twins were walking into school Jimmy asked Alyssa "What happened to your broken leg?"

"Don't you remember that whatever happens to us in the story book world goes away when we leave it?" Alyssa replied.

Jimmy answered "Incorrect. When you are about 300 metres away from any characters from the stories whatever happened to you goes away."

"Well Mr Smarty-Pants" Alyssa said to Jimmy and ran off immediately when she saw her friends.

Jimmy didn't run off when he saw his friends. There was still something on his mind, how could the person on the bus possibly look so much like Sleeping Beauty?

After school the twins met up to catch the bus. "Hey! Alyssa! Come here!" Jimmy yelled to his sister.

"I'm right here" she replied.

"Then who was that?" he asked.

"I'm pretty sure that's the long haired girl from Year 6." Alyssa replied.

"Then I will be done for at school tomorrow," said Jimmy quickly turning his back. They ran to the bus thinking the same thing.....I need to go to the story book of Sleeping Beauty and see what is happening!

When they got home they rushed up the stairs and opened the book Sleeping Beauty. Just before they hopped into the story Jimmy asked "How did you know that I was going to Sleeping Beauty?"

"Twin Power" Alyssa replied and jumped into the world of Sleeping Beauty.

"Hey that's my thing!" Jimmy yelled and jumped right in.

Meanwhile Bree and Noah were getting a bit suspicious again and ran upstairs to find out what was happening. "What is going on?" Bree yelled as she ran through the door. A book was open on the floor and before they knew it Bree and Noah had fallen into Sleeping Beauty as well as their kids.

The twins had just arrived in the Sleeping Beauty story when their parents came tumbling down from the sky. "MUM, DAD! What are you doing here?" Jimmy yelled. "We saw Sleeping Beauty on the bus this morning" said Alyssa. Their parents looked at them with guilty looks on their faces.

"Is there something that you would like to tell us?" Jimmy asked with a smirk sliding across his face.

His father said "We may have gone into the Sleeping Beauty story to get some rest over the weekend."

"And did you close the Portal when you left?" asked Alyssa getting just as much pleasure out of their guilty looks as her brother.

"We did!" said Dad.

"Then what are we waiting for? We better get back home" said Jimmy.

As they arrived home they heard a big commotion upstairs. "What in the world is that?" asked Mum but no one could hear her over the sound of the TVs turning on and off, the toilets flushing constantly, blenders grinding loudly and more! As they ran through the house they saw Fairy Tale characters scattered around the house playing with modern inventions.

The family met up in the pantry, the only place with no one in it. "What in the world is happening?" asked Mum.

"I think all of the Fairy Tale characters from the books are IN OUR HOUSE!!" Jimmy yelled.

"I think so too. I saw Belle in my secret stash" said Alyssa.

"You have a secret stash?" said Jimmy.

"I do. She got into my Shakespeare books!" said Alyssa.

"We need to come up with a plan" said Mum, getting the whole family's attention.

They stood still for a minute trying to figure out a plan to get all the characters out of the house. Then Dad came up with an idea. "How about we tell them that all the Fairy Tale villains are coming into our world?" he said.

The rest of the family nodded in unison. Ten minutes later they had all dressed up in Royal costumes and Jimmy yelled, "To all of our citizens. We would like you to know that evil people are coming."

Alyssa gave him some negative feedback. "Seriously? Evil people?" she said.

"We don't have time to say all their names" said Jimmy.

"Dad just said them all!" said Alyssa.

The crowd eventually stopped talking and Mum said "For your own good we ask you to leave this world and go back to your own homes. Who is with me?" They all chanted "YES".

All the Fairy Tale characters shuffled back to the rooms they had arrived in. There were a few strays but the twins helped guide them. After an hour of farewells all of the characters were out of the house. The family finally had the house to themselves. They had a great family dinner and Dad raised a toast, "To an empty house."

Mum corrected him "This house is not empty; it is full of memories. To a full house!"

"To a full house!" her family repeated.