

A Knight in Luxingburg

As I stare out the window of the car I notice the library. “Mom,” I say “could we go to the library?”

“Sure honey. We can go right after we pick up Alex from preschool.” She replies.

Alex is my little brother. He’s only four so he still has to go to preschool. Next year he will be in kindergarten and I will have to share my school. Anyway, enough about him. I still haven’t introduced myself. Hi, I’m Lily Summers and I’m ten years old.

When I walk into the library I make a beeline straight for the fiction section. I scan the shelves for the perfect book. Finally I see it, a book about knights! When I pull it out I read the title. “The Castle of Luxingburg. That sounds good.” I say out loud to myself.

I walk over to the sitting area, choose a purple bean bag chair and sit down to read. The story starts off with a knight named Sir Maximus. He is very brave and kind. As I read on I start to get sleepy and soon... z z z z.

“Excuse me young maiden. Are you lost?” an unknown voice says. My eyelids flutter open at the sound that seems to come from in front of me.

I look around and spot a knight! “Ahhhh!” I scream. I jump up and start to run. I make it two feet before he grabs me by the arm and puts me on his black horse. It looks exactly like the one in my book.

We ride in silence until I finally find my voice and say, “Um. Excuse me but where are we?”

“We are in Luxingburg. The most beautiful place in all the land.” The masked knight replies. “My name is Sir Maximus. And this is Beauty.” He motions toward his horse.

“Wow.” I say under my breath. Wait, if his name is Sir Maximus and we are in Luxingburg. Then that means, I am in the book! This can’t be real, I must be dreaming.

As we ride through the town square I notice that there seems to be a huge ruckus going on by a meat shop. “Sir Maximus what is going on over there?” I ask.

“Oh, probably just the regular daily fight over the last sausage roll. It is quite a common thing here.” He replies like it is the most normal thing in the world.

A fight over a sausage roll? I think to myself, I’d rather fight with Alex over the last cookie!

We turn the corner and find ourselves in a beautiful courtyard where the gates to the castle stand. Oh! The castle, I can’t believe I’m going to it! Just then Sir Maximus flicks the reins and Beauty takes us to a brown wooden building. As we get closer I can hear the whinnying of other

horses. I am guessing this is the castle's stable. It has seven horse stalls, but only six horses. I get off of Beauty and walk to the empty stall. There is a silver plaque on it that says Beauty. I notice the knight, I mean Sir Maximus, standing next to me. As he takes off his helmet I can see that he has light blue eyes and shaggy blond hair.

He notices me looking at him and asks, "So, Lily Summers, where have you come from?"

"Oakland, Ohio." I reply. "And I am still trying to figure out a way to get home. My family is probably very worried about me. The last thing I remember is reading about Luxingburg in a purple chair at the library."

He nods. "I think I know how to get you home. Follow me." He signals for me to get back on Beauty again.

We ride along until he stops and walks over to a tree. He points toward a hole at the bottom of it. "In there. It will take you straight home. And before you go I want you to have this." He reaches into his pocket and grabs a pearl necklace. "I found it while I was exploring a cave a little ways away from here."

I walk toward him and he puts the necklace in my hand. "Thank you." I say to him.

He nods to me and turns to get back on Beauty. "May it bring you good luck on your journey."

I duck inside and start going down. I go down, down, down...

I yawn and sit up straight. I look around and see that I am back in the library! As I stretch I touch my neck and feel the pearl necklace. "It wasn't a dream." I whisper.

"Lily! Lily where are you?" a young woman comes around the corner. Wait it's mom!

"Mom!" I yell and run over to her. She hugs me tight and I hug back.

"Come on let's go home." My mom says.

"Ok." I reply.

As we walk back to the car I look back at the library. I can't explain what happened today but I do know that this wasn't my last adventure!

The End