

The Haunted Library

One day, Rose was going to the library to check out a new book. She loved reading, and the library was her favorite place. She went to the back section that was filled with books and comfy chairs. She grabbed a book off of a shelf and sat down in a bean bag chair to begin reading.

The book she had grabbed was very interesting and very long. She read for hours not knowing how late it was getting. When she looked up from the book, Rose jumped to her feet and ran to the nearest window. She lifted the curtain and saw a dark sky. She went to the front door and tried to open it, but it was locked.

Rose was angry at herself for not noticing the time. Now she was stuck in the library all night long! She walked around the entire library looking for something she could use to pick the lock.

Nothing. She flopped backwards onto a bean bag feeling annoyed. Annoyed at the library, annoyed at herself, annoyed at being stuck. To make things worse, it started pouring outside. And not just rain, a thunderstorm. "Great, that makes things much better." Rose said sarcastically. She decided to sleep for a bit and curled up in the chair.

She woke up about an hour later feeling like she wasn't alone. Rose jumped off the bean bag. "Who's there?" she called into the dark library. A pair of red eyes flashed in the dark. They quickly vanished and when she walked over there, she found nothing.

Still, Rose felt like someone was watching her. When she turned around she almost screamed. Standing right behind her was a shadowy figure. It was much taller than her and seemed to be hovering above the ground. The person, at least she thought it was a person, was dressed in a black cloak with a large hood that covered most of its face.

Quickly, Rose grabbed a book and threw it at the figure, but it went right through it, doing no damage. The book fell open when it hit the floor, and a swirling purple mist appeared. While Rose was looking at the book, confused, the shadow person grabbed her by the wrist and shoved her into the mist.

Rose opened her eyes and looked around. She was in a strange place. It looked a bit like a forest, but the trees looked like origami, their trunks and branches made from book pages. They had no leaves, so they looked like a tree in winter. As she looked closer, everything seemed to be made from book pages. The sun, the little animals, even the grass was made from carefully folded pages.

She heard a voice in her mind. It said: "Rose, you have been taken by a mist. This is the land of books, and you need to escape within the next hour, or you will be stuck here forever. To get out, you must find the portal and go through it. If you are successful, you will be back in the library in the morning," Rose looked around, wondering who or what had spoken to her.

Rose remembered the shadow monster and wondered where it had gone. The voice had called it a mist. She walked to the nearest tree and started to climb. She had gotten almost to the top when she saw the mist. Rose tried to hide, but the tree did not provide much cover. She glanced around, looking for somewhere to hide, when she found the portal back to the library.

It was a few feet above the top of the tallest tree. Rose crept along the branches of her tree, climbing carefully from one tree to the next, until she was a couple trees away. There were lots of paper bushes under the trees, and she thought she might be able to get closer to the tall tree. She climbed down and crawled through the bushes to the tall tree.

Rose stood at the bottom of the tree and looked up. She started to climb, hoping the mist wouldn't find her. Rose decided she liked that the tree was made from paper, so there wasn't rough bark to hurt her hands. Once she was near the top, she noticed the portal was a few feet away from the tree. She would have to jump.

Rose leaped at the portal as hard as she could, and she made it! She tumbled through the portal and landed in the library. She saw the morning sky. Rose heard the door of the library open and she ran for it. Rose was out of the library! She hopped on her bike and pedaled home. She had quite an adventure to share with her family!