

The Girl Trapped in the High Castle

Once upon a time there lived a little girl named Carlita. She had been trapped in a castle's high tower her entire life, at least that's what she thought. She lived in a little room in the tower where food was passed through a little slot in the door that was always locked, but one day something happened, something...something magical ...

Meanwhile another girl about her age was just getting ready to do her homework; her name was Salina. She had a little brother named Peter. Now her brother was a very mischievous boy who was having a glass of strawberry-cocoa smoothie when he spilled some all over her Spanish homework. Salina got so mad at him. She decided to chase him around their house but he ran into the basement where she found a room with a door that was glowing. She went into the room and found a little mirror that had something written on it. It said to turn the door on the east hill counter clockwise. She said to herself "I know a hill" and she grabbed the mirror. She told her mom she was going out and her mom said she had to be back by 2:00.

When she was at the hill she went to the east side of it but there was no door, just a hard patch of grass. There was something crawling around in the bushes. She got scared and fell down and curled up in a ball. She felt something open under her and she hustled to get up. She pulled out the mirror and it said, "Job well done". She was a very brave girl so she jumped in without hesitation. She screamed and landed in an alleyway. She saw an old woman bossing another woman. Salina quickly hid behind a wall until they both left but when the woman that had been being cruel was just about to leave, she suddenly turned into a man! Salina dropped the mirror and froze, then the man saw the mirror and said, "The mirror of leber and live!" But when he went to pick up the mirror, a force stopped him from picking it up and it flew straight into Salina's hands. He looked behind the wall but Salina had already disappeared. "The heir of the mirror" he said to himself... "Just as I said, the heir is still alive and I'm going to get the mirror and the person controlling it!"

Meanwhile...

Carlita was still in the castle tower she didn't know what to do. Could she get *out*? *Out* was a word Carlita never used but she hoped one day she could get out of the tower and be free. What she didn't know was that

someone was waiting for her and that person did not know it either! Carlita lived in a room with one hay stack to sleep on and her only warmth was the warm summer breeze. She didn't know anything that happened outside of that room, she did not even know that she would soon be saved.

The next morning...

Selina was hiking down the road for the mirror was giving her a signal, a signal that told her to go to the castle. As she was going, she saw an abandoned carriage and horses. She made a decision that she would get to the castle but what she didn't know was that she would meet someone very special, very special indeed. So she went to the castle and on her way, she could have sworn that she saw the same man she had seen in the alleyway, when she first landed in this strange place. So she was already suspicious, but then the mirror said *you will save the day by going up, up*. She looked up all she saw was a tower with bars on it. She thought the mirror must be wrong. Then she thought even harder, she thought *there must be someone up there that needs my help, needs me to be the hero*.

An hour later, she climbed up the tower.

There was a crow following her every step of the way. About an hour after she started climbing, someone kicked her off. She screamed and fell

down...when she woke up, she wasn't any place she knew, in fact, she wasn't even outside! Then she heard a voice, it said "Hello are you okay? I really appreciate you trying to save me." "Yes I'm okay. Wait a second - - you look just like me!" Selina said with an exclamatory gasp. "No, you look just like me," said Carlita. "We have to get out of here!" Selina cried. "How!?" asked Carlita. "It's not like it is easy getting out of a castle tower," she said. "We will figure out a way out of here," said Selina. "Wait a second is that a rope?" She suddenly got a big smile on her face. "You have never thought of using it to escape?" "Well I have," said Carlita, "but every time I try to use it I get caught." "Well he just captured me too and it's dinner time so...", said Salina hopefully. "Well," Carlita said, "it is worth a shot." So they climbed down and peaked through the window and sure enough, the "*king*" was having dinner so they climbed down as fast as they could. When they finally got down, Salina asked Carlita, "Do you know why the so called king who has put us here can look like a person or thing that is not himself?" "You are not from here are you?" asked Carlita. "No," replied Salina. "How did you know?" she asked. "Because everybody who lives here knows that the king has a special power. I think you might have figured out what it is!" "What do *you* think it is?" Salina asked. "I think he is a shape shifter!"

A SHAPE SHIFTER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Salina cried, astounded.

“Yes,” answered Carlita. “Yes, a shape shifter,” said a cold voice. The girls looked up to see a man, not just any man, the king. “Congratulations girls,” said the king coldly, “You may have made it out of the tower but let us see how you handle this!” Then he turned into a lion! Salina grabbed the mirror and a beam of light shot out of the glass knocking the lion back onto the ground! “How did you do that, Carlita?” asked Selina. “I don’t know!” said Salina. “Do you have a family here?” Salina asked. “No,” said Carlita. “Well,” said Salina, “you can come back to my world.” “Really?!” asked Carlita. “Yes,” said Salina warmly. “I always wanted a sister and I have a feeling that we have a lot more in common than just this adventure. I should warn you though, in my world, the most dangerous creature is my little brother Peter.

The End!!!!!!