

The Door of Magic

3rd Place

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I was trying to find my favorite toy in my closet. I opened the door and began looking when I noticed something I had never seen before. In the back wall was a tiny door with a shining golden doorknob. Where had it come from and where would it lead?

I slowly opened the door. A bright light filled the room. I took one step inside but as I did I was sucked from my closet. I looked around frantically. Everything was dark. It took my breath away. I tried to find a way out. Hearing a screech, I jumped forward. I felt something dry beneath my foot. Then everything became bright again. What I saw was amazing!

A light blue sandy beach lay in front of me. "This is unbelievable!" I whispered. An ocean, purpled by the morning sun, lay ahead of me. A bird flew by overhead. I couldn't figure out what kind it was. I walked up to the ocean water. The sun was rising quickly. A forest of pal trees lay to my right, and the beach was as far as I could see to the left.

I went into the forest first. There were exotic plants everywhere. I went deeper into the palms and saw the weirdest creatures. I saw a bright purple lizard with orange spots and a red owl with green streaks sat in the tree above me. A yellow, dog-looking thing zigzagged through the trees. Ahead, I saw a tree bent over like a door. I walked through it and stepped on some twigs. The ground cracked and gave way. I tumbled onto the ground landing on my back. It took a moment to regain my breath, and I sat up.

Around me were ice glaciers reaching up to the sky. I realized I was wobbling and looked down. I was on a boat. It was quiet until beside the boat, bubbles were floating to the surface. Suddenly, a flash of black appeared beneath my boat. I flew into the air. I realized after I passed the first glacier that I was back in the forest again. I didn't land until I was back on the beach. I stepped into the waves. The water was warm

beneath my feet. I stood back then, ran, and jumped into the water. I swam out a little way started floating on my back. It was peaceful.

I started to swim back but my foot felt stuck in something. I pulled myself forward but I was pushed downward. It felt like weights were on my shoulders. I sunk down, down, down. I couldn't breathe. I saw a bright light and closed my eyes. I felt strange.

I felt ground beneath my feet. When I looked around, I was back in my room. I jumped for joy! My clothes were still wet from the adventure. I changed my clothes.

Now, what had I been looking for? My game. Where could it be?