Coventry Building Society's Young Writer of the Year competition 2024

The Picture

The clock struck midnight, it was the start of a new year and fireworks were bursting out London. There once was a tall girl called Emma. Emma lived in Buckingham Palace. Each day she will wake up at six to brush her teeth, change into her uniform and eat breakfast. At seven she went to her private high school and at two she will come back. Today it was Emma's birthday so at seven her parents surprised her as usual. At her school everybody said happy birthday. They even sang happy birthday for her. At home she opened all of her presents with her mum and dad. When she opened her last present she loved it. It was a girl not smiling. Emma only liked the background because it was Buckingham Palace. Emma said " who gifted me this lovely picture? " Her mum said " Aunt Julia " . Her dad hung up the picture. Her mum said " what would you like for dinner sweetie? " Emma said " fish and chips please " Her mum told the chef to make fish and chips please. While the chef was making dinner, Emma stared at the picture. After a few minutes the picture suddenly sucked her up.

After the picture sucked her up, Emma felt dizzy. She saw she was in a different place. She felt very scared. Behind her there was an orphanage so she decided to go in. She saw the exact same picture of her but with her orphanage number. She told the person behind the counter if she can visit her. The person behind the counter was called Andy and the girls name was Bella. When Emma was going to her room, she saw cobwebs and dirt everywhere. When Emma knocked on Bella'ss door, Bella opened the door and said hello. Bella was going down the stairs when she said I want to escape. Emma said " I will help you escape " They dressed up as bushes and went when Emma saw a big photo of her, she held her hand and stared at it. Emma was the only one who went back to her home.
When she looked at the picture again, it was her smiling.

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