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## The Problem

A week went by, but there were no more clues to the veil's hiding place. The Cheshire Bat visited soon after Lennie and Gil found the key, but he was not impressed, and Lennie hadn't seen him again. In fact, the entire Mystical Realm was strangely quiet. Apart from a few trolls stopping by to ask for help with charging interest on bridge tolls, the mystical beings had left her alone.

*It's too good to last,* she told herself.



One day Lennie was hanging out at Gil's house. Gil's little brother Pete was kicking a soccer ball around the yard, and Lennie was trying to block his shots. Gil's little sister Nidaba was sitting on the porch playing with her dolls. Nothing could have seemed more normal.

But it really *was* too good to last.

Lennie had the ball near the porch and was setting up for a pass to Gil when Nidaba suddenly looked up from her dolls.



“Should you be out here larking about like this?” she asked.

The little girl’s words brought Lennie to a stop in mid-kick. For one thing, Nidaba was only six years old. How could she even know what “larking about” meant, let alone use it? And for another thing, Nidaba had spoken with a British accent.

“What did you say?” asked Lennie.

“If I were you,” Nidaba replied, “I’d be focusing on my duties instead.”

Lennie felt a flash of anger. "Okay, who the heck are you?" she demanded. "And what did you do with Gil's sister?"

The little girl smiled and pointed to the sidewalk. A pair of teenagers, a boy and a girl, stood there watching them. The girl had a dazed look on her face, and the boy was saying something to her.

"Hey!" Lennie shouted at them. "What do you want?"

"What's going on?" Gil asked as he hurried over to Lennie's side.




But just then the teenage girl's face changed. The same smile that had been on Nidaba's lips spread on the girl's. A moment later, Nidaba began crying.

"What the...?" asked Gil. "What just happened?"

"Those kids did something," Lennie told him, nodding toward the teenagers. "Can you see them?"

"Yeah," said Gil. "But that means they're not magical, right?"

Lennie shrugged. "Let's find out."



# Challenge Words

## NEW WORDS

breathed

insulting

combination

remember

combinations

strangely

diagonally

switching

focusing

triangle

frustrated

understood

gloomily

version

## REVIEW WORDS

actually

attention

already

complicated

annoyed

confused

answer

different

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