

A Gift of Magic

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Chapter 1

A Long time ago, there was a boy named Jason. He and his family suffered a very bad tragedy and had to start over. So they upped and left their hometown and found a very large home for a remarkably cheap price out in the middle of nowhere. The family thought that they had escaped all of their problems. But, what they didn't know, were the problems that they were in for.

After a few weeks, Jason decided to start wandering around the enormous house. He found closets and rooms that he had never seen before. But his next adventure was to explore the very dark and deep basement. When he was down there, he kept on seeing a little red light flash in the crack of the wall. He decided to wait and go back when there was light coming in the windows since there were no lights in the basement.

So he began to explore other parts of the house that he was unsure of. He went into closets and came out into rooms that were inaccessible from the other parts of the house. To him, it was his way of hiding. He could stay away from his parents when they were fighting and would not hear them at all. He could get away from a lot of things and do things that he normally would not be permitted to do.

One day he was followed but he didn't know it was happening. The one thing that was difficult to understand was that it was not his parents. He was followed by something that was living in the house. It must have been a spirit, or a ghost, or something. Somehow, he knew there was someone, or something, there. He could not see anyone or hear anyone but he could feel the weird presence of something else pressing around him.

He felt like he was being watched by someone who was going to eventually harm him or his family. He did not make it look like he knew but actually made it look as if he were clueless to what was happening. Finally, he heard a noise. He turned to see that a wardrobe, which had been beside the closet door he came out of, had moved. Behind it was a safe with an old combination lock on it. He was curious to see what was inside but did not know what he could do to get it opened.

He began to knock on the safe to see if he could tell whether it was empty or had something in it. But, as he was doing that, the safe door flung open on its own and revealed a little black box that was inside of it. Jason was very curious as to what was inside of the box. He then realized what time it was and knew he would have to return to the other parts of the house before his parents would get suspicious of his whereabouts.

He proceeded back into the main parts of the house to the dinner table where his parents were sitting waiting for him. Jason was nervous because he was afraid that they would ask questions and would want to know where he had been all of this time. He began to think of excuses to tell them if they should ask. They began to eat shortly after their prayers. And then it began.

“ Jason, what have you been up to lately? We hardly see you anymore.”

Jason replied with the simple answer of, “Oh, I've just been roaming around the house to occupy myself until I can find better things to do.” His parents then continued to eat their dinner without any more confrontation between themselves or with Jason. When supper was finished, Jason went into the kitchen to do the dishes because that was one of the many jobs he has to do.

After he finished the dishes, Jason went up to his room to think of what could be in the box before he opened it. He was unable to return to the room where the box was because the closet he went through was in the room that his parents were putting the computer and desk into. He did not want to risk it because he did not know how long his parents would be or what they would be doing after they finished setting the computer up. If he went in there when they were out of the room, he would have no way of knowing when he could re-enter the room. From then on, he was unable to return the little black box. Until one day, his parents went out for the night and left him home alone; this was his chance to get to the box.

When Jason got into the room, the box was right where he left it. It was tucked behind the wardrobe that was hiding the safe. But suddenly, he heard the closet door creek open and he could hear footsteps coming towards the room. He quickly hid inside the wardrobe from whoever was coming. Then the noise stopped so he slowly opened the wardrobe doors to find his dog standing there watching him. He did not know that his parents had

brought his dog back from the kennel because he had been there for the duration of the move and getting settled into the house. Jason was relieved that no one had found his secret room.

He then brought the dog back into the computer room and tightly closed the door behind him so that he would not have to worry about the dog startling him like that again. He finally returned back to the box to see what was inside. But before he even attempted to open it, he made a list of things that it could be in his head just to get himself more curious as to what was really inside.

He finally tried to open it but it was locked. He needed a key to open the box but he did not know where to look for it or if there was even a key to open the box. He then decided to check the safe. He could see something hanging at the back of it and shortly after discovered that it was the key to the box.

Once he had the key, there was nothing else stopping him from finding out what was in the box. He turned the key and opened it. There was a silver necklace inside of it that had a gem on the medallion of it. So without another thought he put the necklace on. He then returned back into the other part of the house. When he got into the computer room, he walked by a mirror and looked into it.

Jason could not see himself in the mirror. The necklace had made him invisible to the naked eye. From then on, every time he wanted to be alone and hide things from his

Parents, he could walk right by them and they would not even know it. He had the ultimate power. He could escape from all of his troubles.

Jason had figured it out. What he had thought was a light flashing in the basement was the gem giving off rays when it was in the basement. He knew this because the necklace caught a ray of sun and gave off a bright beam of light.

The part that Jason still had to figure out was who and what took the necklace from the basement and placed it in the black box in the safe for him to find.

Will he ever know or will his curiosity remain a mystery waiting to be solved?

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