Emma and the Mysterious House

Emma loved exploring her neighborhood. Every afternoon, after finishing her homework, she rode her bike around the park, looking for interesting things. One day, she noticed something strange—a big, old house at the end of her street. It had tall, broken windows and a rusty gate. Emma had never seen anyone go in or out.

Curious, she stopped her bike in front of the house. The wind blew, making the trees move, and the house creaked. It looked abandoned, but something didn't feel right. As she was about to leave, she saw a flicker of light inside. Someone was there!

Emma wanted to tell her best friend, Daniel. He was always ready for an adventure. She rode to his house and knocked on his door.

"Daniel! I found something interesting!" she said excitedly.

Daniel grabbed his backpack and followed Emma. When they arrived at the house, it was quiet. No light. No sound.

"Are you sure you saw something?" Daniel asked.

"Yes! There was a light inside!" Emma insisted.

They walked closer to the gate. It was slightly open. They exchanged nervous looks but stepped inside. The grass was tall, and the garden was full of weeds. A broken swing moved slowly in the wind.

Suddenly, they heard a noise. A soft *meow*.

"A cat?" Daniel whispered.

They followed the sound to the porch and saw a small, white cat sitting there. It looked at them with bright green eyes.

"Maybe the cat lives here," Emma said.

She reached out her hand, but the cat ran inside through a small hole in the door.

"We have to find out what's inside," Emma said.

Daniel wasn't sure. "What if someone catches us?"

Emma smiled. "We'll be careful."

They pushed the door, and to their surprise, it opened with a creak. Inside, the air smelled old and dusty. There was furniture covered with white sheets. The floor was wooden, and their steps made a loud noise.

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“Hello?” Emma called. No answer.

The cat appeared again and ran upstairs. Emma and Daniel followed. The second floor had several rooms with doors slightly open. The cat disappeared into one of them.

Emma slowly pushed the door. Inside, they saw a small desk with a lamp, a few books, and an old photo. The picture showed a little girl holding the same white cat.

“Maybe she lived here,” Daniel guessed.

Suddenly, they heard a loud *thump* downstairs. Someone was inside!

Emma and Daniel froze. Then, they heard footsteps.

“We need to hide!” Emma whispered.

They ran into a closet and held their breath. The footsteps came closer. Then, they heard a voice.

“Who’s there?” It was an old woman.

Emma and Daniel looked at each other. The woman didn’t sound angry. Slowly, they stepped out of the closet.

“I’m sorry,” Emma said. “We didn’t mean to break in. We were just curious.”

The old woman smiled. “It’s alright, dear. My name is Mrs. Thompson. I live here.”

Emma and Daniel were surprised. “We thought this house was abandoned,” Daniel said.

Mrs. Thompson nodded. “I don’t go outside much anymore, but this is my home.”

Emma pointed at the cat. “Is she yours?”

Mrs. Thompson smiled. “Yes, this is Lily. She was my daughter’s cat. My daughter grew up and moved away, but Lily stayed with me.”

Emma and Daniel felt bad for thinking the house was haunted.

“Would you like some cookies?” Mrs. Thompson asked.

Emma and Daniel looked at each other and smiled. “Yes, please!”

They sat in the warm kitchen, eating cookies and listening to Mrs. Thompson’s stories. She told them about her childhood, her daughter, and how she used to be a teacher.

“You can visit Lily and me anytime,” she said.

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From that day on, Emma and Daniel often visited Mrs. Thompson. They helped clean the garden, played with Lily, and listened to stories. The house didn't seem scary anymore. It was full of history, kindness, and friendship.

Multiple-Choice Questions

1. What did Emma love to do in her free time?

   a) Read books at home

   b) Explore her neighborhood

   c) Play video games

   d) Bake cookies

2. What was unusual about the house Emma found?

   a) It was very small

   b) It was full of people

   c) It looked old and abandoned

   d) It had a big garden with flowers

3. Why did Emma go to Daniel's house?

   a) She was scared and wanted help

   b) She wanted to borrow a book

   c) She wanted to play video games

   d) She was lost and needed directions

4. What did they see on the porch?

   a) A black dog

   b) A white cat

   c) A strange person

   d) A broken chair

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5. How did Emma and Daniel enter the house?

   a) Through a window

   b) They found a key

   c) They pushed the door, and it opened

   d) They used a secret tunnel

6. What did they find in the room upstairs?

   a) A treasure chest

   b) A strange machine

   c) An old photo of a girl and a cat

   d) A hidden door

7. Why did they hide?

   a) They heard footsteps downstairs

   b) They saw a ghost

   c) The cat scared them

   d) The house started shaking

8. Who was the person in the house?

   a) A policeman

   b) A thief

   c) Mrs. Thompson, the owner

   d) A lost traveler

9. What did Mrs. Thompson offer them?

   a) Juice

   b) Cookies

   c) Ice cream

   d) Books

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10. What did Emma and Daniel do after meeting Mrs. Thompson?

    a) They never went back

    b) They told the police about the house

    c) They helped clean the garden and visited her often

    d) They moved into the house

Open-Ended Questions

1. What made Emma curious about the house?

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2. Why did Emma want to bring Daniel?

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3. What did the cat do when it saw them?

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4. Describe the inside of the house.

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5. What did the old photo in the room show?

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6. Why did Emma and Daniel hide?

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7. How did Mrs. Thompson react when she saw them?

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8. What was special about Mrs. Thompson's cat?

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9. How did Emma and Daniel help Mrs. Thompson?

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10. What lesson do you think Emma and Daniel learned from this adventure?

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