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Why not believe in magical creatures?

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“With the first light of the summer solstice, under the big oak, the door between the two worlds will open, whoever is there holding the three magical gems, wonderful creatures will see. The water-turquoise stone, the beautiful mermaids will reveal; the milk-white stone, little fairies will show and with the meadow-green stone, the nymphs of the forest will be able to see.”

There were a few seconds of silence and then Luis said laughing, “Maria, do not believe all those magical stories.” Daniel, Samuel and Luis looked at her as if she was crazy, none of them believed in fairy tales. She knew that it was just an old legend, but her grandfather had told her as a child, and she always thought how amazing it would be if it really happened; so she stared at her friends waiting for another answer. Right at that moment her best friend Carla said “Come on guys, it will be fun! Where is your adventurous spirit?” Maria was glad to hear that and afterwards all started to seem it like a good idea.

She knew that the certain place was located a few kilometers from her house and that the summer solstice was in four days, because she had been studying the prophecy for a long time. She had already located the three gems, but she still had to get them, so she was very happy that her friends helped her to search them.

The first one should be in a small lake on the outskirts, so this day everyone took the diving equipment. They swam to the bottom, but it was full of stones. They were searching for the right one, when they saw a birth shine. There was it, they had found the first one.

The second one should be on the rooftop of a city building. They had some trouble getting up there because the building was full of security but they managed to sneak through the back door. Together they found the stone easily.

The third one should be part of a board game of one of the old neighborhood stores. They checked each of them until they saw something seemed like a green ball that gave off light and they took it away. It was June 20th, so they only had one day left, but they already had everything they needed.

Next morning, all of them were very excited. They got up early and went to the forest where the oak described in the prophecy was. Before dawn Luis, Daniel, Samuel, Carla and Maria were making a circle and with the three gems in their hands. Just when the first ray of sun came out, everything around them seemed blurred and they began to see bright spots in the air similar to fireflies, but immediately they saw the little faces of the fairies. Shortly afterwards, women began to come out of the trees, the nymphs that showed them the way to small pond. Luis looked into the water and it was actually bigger than the ocean, the water was

very clean but there seemed to be nothing inside, until a beautiful mermaid came to the surface with a jump. Everyone was so fascinated, talking to the different creatures, that none of them realized that it was already getting dark. When the sun completely disappeared, the ground shake and everything returned to normality.

Some of Maria's friends returned the next day and tried to do the same, but Maria did not go because she knew that they could only repeat that experience again, on the next summer solstice, but she did not mind waiting a year.