

THE ADVENTURES OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

Each week, we will have a new chapter in the continuing saga, with a vital choice to be made at the end. Follow along, and let us know what the Librarian should do next.

WEEK 6

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“Jack, wait up!” yelled Sleeping Beauty, chasing Jack into the woods. The GL watched the two disappear into the shadow of the trees.

“Not that tree,” Rumpelstiltskin insisted, “this one!” He pointed to a tree that seemed to suddenly appear.

The GL leaned into the hollow of the tree and pulled out a heavy chest of coins.

“Here” she hefted the chest and clanged it on the steps.

Rumpelstiltskin grinned a sly, devious smile showing his yellow brown teeth.

“He would gain much from flossing,” thought the GL.

“Thank you,” Rumpelstiltskin sang, the words dripping from his mouth. “Gotta pay the troll toll.”

His wicked green eyes twinkled.

The GL watched speechless, as the UFO rose up into the air and went from a giant garbage can lid to a tiny speck of silver turned to nothingness.

“Wait!” she wailed, “Wait.” The GL sat on a rock and wept. “I will never get back to the Realm of Sheldon.”

Feeling hopeless, she put her head into her hands and wondered if she would ever lay eyes on Rumpelstiltskin again.

“Wanna bite?” squeaked a small, shy, sweet sound.

The GL looked up into big, brown eyes.

“Helllloooo?”

“Who was this boy and where did he come from?” she thought.

His name was Hansel and he was offering her a handful of wet, sticky, colorful gummi bears.

“Wanna bite?” he repeated, plunging the sweets into her face.

“Ummmmm, sure,” the GL conceded, picked one and pretended to eat.

“Why are you sad?” Hansel peeped.

“I’m lost,” admitted the GL, as she watched him lick the sleuth of bears in his hand. The GL dropped her yellow teddy and spied a trail of breadcrumbs.

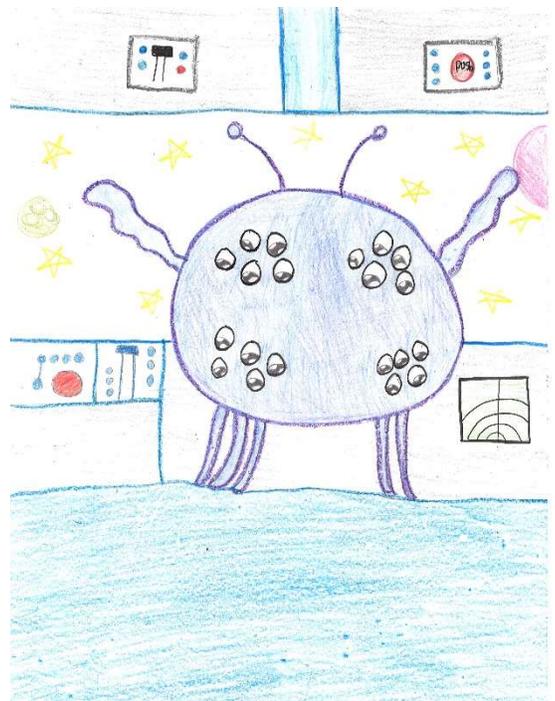
“What’s that?” she pondered.

“Oh, that’s the way home.” the boy explained. ‘C’mon, I’ll show you.”

He grabbed her hand and tugged her toward the woods.

What should the Grand Librarian do?

- A. Look for Jack and Sleeping Beauty
- B. Go with Hansel
- C. Stay and wait to see if Rumpelstiltskin will come back for her



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