

# THE SORCERER



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Adapted from chapters seven and eight of *THE CRYSTAL PALACE: RESCUE OF THE BABY FAIRY PRINCE* by the author.

PREVIEW: Karina, Katie, and Emily Jean arrived at the Crystal Palace and were introduced to the King and Queen of All Fairyland. Anxious for their missing son's return, the queen sent for Magdalena, the royal nanny, to show them the royal nursery. The girls searched for clues which led them to conclude that Prince Jeremy had been taken by a leprechaun. They needed help to get to the Kingdom of the Leprechauns, so they returned to the throne room in search of Angela to lead them. The royal sorcerer is summoned. Enchanted, glowing roller skates allowed them to skate across the rainbow to the Kingdom of the Leprechauns.

GENRE: Children's fantasy

#READERS: 13

READERS' AGES: 7-12

LENGTH: 10 minutes

ROLES: Narrators 1-5, Angela, Karina, Katie, Emily Jean, King Sebastian, Queen Serena, Sorcerer, Magdalena

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NARRATOR #1: THE SORCERER, adapted from chapter eight of *THE CRYSTAL PALACE: RESCUE OF THE BABY FAIRY PRINCE*

NARRATOR #2: Karina, Katie, and Emily Jean arrived in Fairyland and headed to the Crystal Palace, with the fairy Angela as guide, to meet the king and queen.

ANGELA: Your graces. (bowing low before them) These are the girls I was sent to bring: Karina, who saved the boy, and her friends, Katie and Emily Jean.

NARRATOR #3: The king and queen nodded.

ANGELA: Girls, this is King Sebastian and Queen Serena, rulers of all fairies.

SERENA: Welcome. We are so grateful to you for helping us find Jeremy. We are beside ourselves with worry.

NARRATOR #4: Karina, Katie, and Emily Jean all bowed low. Katie even tried to curtsy, but she wasn't sure how. King Sebastian and Queen Serena smiled back at them.

QUEEN SERENA: Please, let's begin right away. All of Fairyland is anxious for our little prince to be found. Jeremy is a happy, sweet little boy who brings a smile and joy to everyone who sees him. We cannot be at peace until he is found.

NARRATOR #5: All eyes turned to Karina. After all, she is the one who had saved the little boy before. Karina looked back at them. At first she seemed worried and unsure, but then she took a deep breath and stood up straight.

KARINA: Well, I will need to know all about little Jeremy. What he looked like, what he liked to do, who last saw him and where.

QUEEN SERENA: Thank you, my dear. We will provide whatever you need. First, you might want to meet Magdalena, Jeremy's nanny. She has taken care of him since he was born.

NARRATOR #1: So Magdalena was summoned. Before long, she entered the throne room. She came in weeping. Since she had been the last to see Jeremy, she felt especially responsible. Queen Serena did not blame her, but still Magdalena took his disappearance personally. She bowed low to the Queen, then peered up at her hesitantly. Her brown hair was tied into a tight bun at the top of her head. Her wings seemed to droop behind her.

KARINA: Could we go to the nursery with Magdalena so we can learn all about the boy?

NARRATOR #2: In the nursery, the girls were amazed at all the toys he had. Jeremy's picture on the wall showed that he was about two years old and had curly black hair and big green eyes like his mother. Miniature wings sprouted from his back. Even in the picture the girls could see he had a real twinkle in his eye that complimented his wide, mischievous grin. It was easy to see why he was so loved by all of Fairyland.

KARINA: Where and when did you last see him, Magdalena?

MAGDALENA: 'Twas three days ago, ma'am. We were in the garden outside the nursery. Jeremy was playing 'hide-and-go-seek' with me, like he often liked to do. He had hidden first behind the well, then over near the rainspout. Then the third time, when I had my eyes closed for him to hide, he disappeared. I never could find him." (bursting into tears again)

KATIE: There, there. No one is blaming you. How could you see if your eyes were closed?

EMILY JEAN: So, we should look all around the garden where he might have hidden.

NARRATOR #3: Karina, Katie, and Emily Jean scoured the garden. First, they looked amongst his play equipment, then through the sand box and behind the shrubs. Still, no clues.

KARINA: Let's check out the tower stairs. I know my little brothers love to go up and down stairs. Maybe Jeremy did too.

NARRATOR #4: They entered the turret that led up to a lookout tower. Just as they reached the second to the top stair, Karina found a tiny green leaf. She picked it up and peered at it carefully.

EMILY JEAN: It looks like a part of a shamrock.

NARRATOR #5: Karina put the leaf into her pocket, just in case it turned out to be an important clue. Over in the far side of the turret room, Katie saw something sparkling in the sunlight.

KATIE: What is that?

EMILY JEAN: ( picking it up and looked at it closely) It looks like some kind of gold.

NARRATOR #1: Then Karina noticed that one window was slightly ajar.

KARINA: Is this usually kept unlocked?

MAGDALENA: No, we never open it because we don't want Jeremy to fall out. (bursting into tears again) Oh, could he have fallen?

KATIE: If he had, you would have found him.

NARRATOR #2: All were quiet at that sobering thought.

EMILY JEAN: But he wasn't found, so he must not have fallen.

KARINA: So, we have found a piece of a shamrock, a piece of gold, and an open window. Might someone have come in the window to get him?

KATIE: Sounds like a leprechaun to me.

EMILY JEAN: But how could a leprechaun climb up the tower unseen to the window?

MADGALENA: Oh, leprechauns are always appearing and disappearing. They have their own kingdom over the rainbow.

KARINA: Well, that explains it. There are rainbows all over the sky around here. Grammy's *Elves and Fairies* book showed how leprechauns lived over the rainbow where there were pots of gold. It all fits together!

EMILY JEAN: Okay. But a rainbow is really just light that has been broken into colors by shining through water...or a prism. How could leprechauns actually travel on a rainbow?

NARRATOR #3: The girls puzzled about this for a minute.

KATIE: Well, this is all like a fairy tale, you know. And heavens, if we can shrink and travel through a crystal and bubbles to get here, leprechauns traveling on a rainbow doesn't sound so far-fetched to me.

NARRATOR #4: Karina and Emily Jean had to agree. Apparently, the usual rules of science did not apply in Fairyland. Karina decided that they needed Angela's help to get over the rainbow to the Kingdom of the Leprechauns. The girls hurried back to the throne room to find her. Upon their entering, King Sebastian and Queen Serena turned toward them hopefully.

QUEEN SERENA: Have you found our dear Jeremy?

KARINA: Not yet, but we think we know where he is: in the Kingdom of the Leprechauns.

KING SEBASTIAN: Oh, those leprechauns are always causing mischief, but even they don't usually resort to kidnapping.

QUEEN SERENA: I know there has been some trouble in the Kingdom of the Leprechauns, though, dear. Remember, King Shamus has missed the last two convocation meetings of the Federation of Fairy Folk.

KING SEBASTIAN: Ummmm. That's right. There has been a rumor that Shamus is not himself lately.

NARRATOR #5: Karina announced that they needed Angela to help them, so Queen Serena touched the point of her scepter seven times. Bubbles emerged and floated up toward the ceiling. One bubble grew large, and Angela appeared in it.

ANGELA: Here I am, your majesty. What is your pleasure?

NARRATOR #1: Queen Serena told her to come to the throne room right away to help Karina and her friends. Within just a moment or two, the door opened and Angela flew in and alighted before the King and Queen.

ANGELA: The Kingdom of the Leprechauns is at the end of a rainbow, your graces, so the only way to get there is by following a rainbow. I can fly along by it, but since the girls don't have wings, they cannot.

KARINA: Can't you just hold our hands while you fly?

ANGELA: No, you would all be too heavy for me for such a long journey.

KATIE: How about using some special potion or enchantment?

QUEEN SERENA: We will consult with the Royal Sorcerer about this.

NARRATOR #2: With that, she summoned him forth. He soon swept into the room, surrounded by a gust of sparkly stars. His long purple robe and pointed hat gave him an impressive appearance of importance. He was old, with a long, thin, white beard.

SORCERER: That is a difficult one, your highness. Because all you fairies have wings, I have not used this enchantment for a long time. Oh, occasionally, an elf or brownie or troll might ask for such help, but they have other gifts, so only extraordinary circumstances would justify it.

NARRATOR #3: Queen Serena sat up tall and fixed her eyes firmly on the sorcerer.

QUEEN SERENA: The disappearance of Prince Jeremy certainly qualifies as an extraordinary circumstance.

SORCERER: Yes, yes, of course, my Lady. Let's see. I will need some roller skates on which to work the enchantment.

NARRATOR #4: Of course, three pairs of roller skates were quickly provided, and the sorcerer began his magic. He waved his wand around and around the skates, repeating a string of words that no one else could understand. Then with a puff, a cloud of smoke engulfed the skates, and when the smoke cleared, the skates appeared to glow.

GIRLS: Ooooh.

QUEEN SERENA: Ahhh. Now, off you go, girls. Bring back my Jeremy.

NARRATOR #5: With Angela's help, Karina, Katie, and Emily Jean skated over the rainbow to the Kingdom of the Leprechauns, in search of Prince Jeremy.

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