

Within the Pages

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Twins Mikala and Torn hated the library, which is why they were upset that their punishment was to volunteer there.

Their mom dropped them off, leaving them alone with the librarian. She smiled at them and gestured towards them, saying, "Follow me, I know exactly what you guys will do"

The twins followed her down a hall towards the children's section. The library was empty and dark. Mikala and Tom exchanged looks at each other,

"So," the woman said, "do you two enjoy reading?"

"No," they answered,

The woman hummed. "You two prefer to be on your phones right now?" Their silence gave her an answer.

"This is where you two will be working. I want you to put these books back in order by the author's last name," the woman said before turning to leave. The twins started right away, and it was harder than they thought. There were many books that weighed a ton. Mikala looked at each cover as she picked up the book and analyzed it. Mikala had put away five books when she found one with an ocean on the cover. Mikala sighed; she hated the cold and misses the beach. Their family used to live in Hawaii before they moved a month ago. Mikala looked for the author's name but there was nothing. She turned the book open to look for more information when she shrieked.

Tom turned just in time to see his sister get sucked into the book. He ran after her and got sucked in the book as well. When Tom woke up, the first thing he saw were waves splashing against the shore. Tom got up and looked around and he saw he was at the edge of a very unusual forest with pink trees and dark blue leaves. He walked towards the water and saw his sister soaking wet as she looked at the seashells on the floor. She examined the exotic-colored shells and Tom joined her. Peeping from one of the trees was a purple bird with a rainbow beak and eight eyes, it blinked at them then flew away. In amazement, Tom and Mikala followed it and saw many wonderful things: a horse with wings the size of a penny, a rainbow river, and they even saw a waterfall of lava that went up in the sky,

They had fun exploring for a while before they were sucked out of the book again. They looked around confused, until Mikala found a note which said ***"It seems you two found the 'special books.' If you two want to continue to explore there are more books on the left shelf with no title or author. Don't worry I won't tell your mom; have fun!"***

When Mikala finished reading, she looked up as Tom picked up a book with a pirate flag on it.

When their mom came back to pick them up they told her they changed their minds; they love the library.