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Once upon a time, you may have heard about monsters and magical creatures living on the world we live in now. Some people may not believe it, but it is certainly true. There were Trolls and Trollops, Ogres and Fairies, Witches and Giants. With all that in mind, todays story is about a family of Trolls and Trollops.

Bill and Lucy are a couple of Trolls with good hearts, or so Lucy thought. But really Bill was horrible. It was like his heart was a rotten egg. He had no sympathy for anyone. He took kids and ate them day after day, and kept this from his wife, who has the biggest, loveliest heart in the world.

get more foster children, Lucy?"

"Why? Why on earth would you get more foster children, Lucy?" Yelled Mary who is Lucy's sister.

"I think your sister's got a point darling. They just keep disappearing!" said Bill (Lucy's husband).

"Because I love them. I want to help them, and I will stop them disappearing! So, if you don't mind, I'm going to go collect the two girls that are going to be living with us now!" Lucy replied.

"What? You're getting more! When did you think to tell us? When will

you ever learn?" Said Mary, and she stood up and walked out of the room, slamming the door behind her.

After all that, Lucy went off to collect her new foster children. When she came to the village she always got this horrible feeling. It was a dark, broken down place with muck everywhere. All she ever wanted to do was get out as quickly as she could.

Lucy started walking over to the well, which was where she was meeting the children. "Hello, you must be Sarah and Poppy?" She asked.

"Yes, you must be Lucy.

Thankyou so much for taking
us in!" They said simultaneously.



- "That's ok. I'm glad I could help." Lucy replied happily.
- " It's a horrible place here. I hope that yours is much nicer." Said Poppy.
- " Oh yes, my home is much nicer than this horrible place."

So, off they all went together through the dark woods and back to the cosy house where they were all soon to live together.

"Bill! Come out here now, and meet the kids," Lucy yelled.

Out came Bill, angrily looking like he had just woken up. "Hi," he said and then left.

Poppy and Sarah were a bit afraid of Bill, but Lucy assured them that he was friendly, but just a bit tired.

Once inside, they all ate dinner and then the girls went to bed. Bill waited up with Lucy, and was waiting for her to go to bed. Bill didn't know if Lucy would ever go to bed, but she eventually did, and then Bill began to plan.

"Mary! Hurry up!" Yelled Bill over

the phone.

"I'm coming I'm coming!" Mary

replied.

Once Mary finally got to Bill and Lucy's place they started putting their plan into action.

"Bill! You get Sarah, I'll get Poppy," whispered Mary.

"Ok."

In they went to the young girls' bedrooms and grabbed the girls and went into the garden.

Poppy awoke but kept still. She could hear the Trolls talking and she was afraid that they would eat her right there, right then. She could

make out Sarah's face and she was fast asleep. Poppy knew that she wouldn't wake. She could sleep through anything. Even a tiger growling in a megaphone. Luckily, Poppy was a light sleeper.

"You go ahead. I just need to get something," Mary said to Bill.

"Ok, but be quick before these kids wake up."

Off Mary went, back into the house.

Poppy thought that this would be a good time to try and get free, with Bill not there to stop her. She could easily slip through Mary's hands, and then go find her sister.

SQUEEZE! She was out.

"No!" Mary screamed. "Get back

here now!"

Poppy ran. She ran out of the house and into the back garden, where she nearly ran smack bang into Bill's back. Luckily, she stopped herself before she did.

She hid in a big bush where she could see everything that was

happening. She saw Bill pull a lever in a tree, in the middle of the garden, and a massive elevator appeared. Bill was just about to go

down, when Mary appeared.

"Stop! I lost the girl!"

"What! How did you manage that?" Yelled Bill.

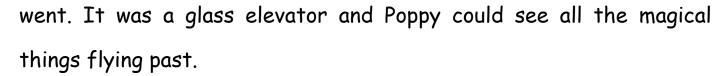
"Shush. You'll wake Sarah! Poppy is the one that just squeezed out of my hands."

"You go look for her, and I'll take this Sarah away to the cells," said Bill angrily.

Off went Mary in search of Poppy.

Once they were all gone, Poppy hopped out of the bush and went and pulled the lever on the tree.

The elevator appeared and down she



"Beep! Beep!" Went the elevator. Poppy jumped out.

As soon as she got out, the elevator zoomed back up. Then it started coming back down. "Oh No!" She thought to herself, Mary was coming.

She looked frantically around, for a space to hide. She couldn't let Mary find her. "Beep!" went the elevator. Poppy was stuffed. Mary was sure to find her, and sure enough she did.

"Well, well. If it isn't little Poppy!"

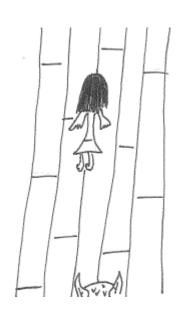
"You can't take me. You're slow like a sloth."

"Oh really!" Cried Mary and took off after her.

They ran and ran. They ran past cells with bones in them, and every time Poppy looked at them, she felt cold, and shivered with fright. "So you don't like looking at all those bones do you!" Yelled Mary. "Well, that's happening to your little sister right now. She's being crunched up by Bill!"

"No! I don't believe you. You monster!" Cried back Poppy.

"Crunch!" That was the sound of Bill eating his second dessert. "Just in time Miss Poppy, I just finished. Now it's your turn." Yelled Bill.



"How could you? You evil thing! You'll never get me!" yelled Poppy holding back tears.

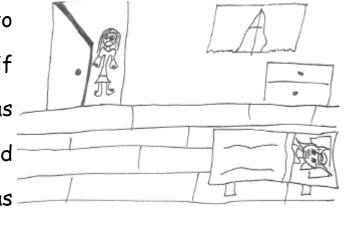
She ran again and the chase started.

As she was running she found the elevator. She pressed the button and down it came, "Beep". Then she ran and hid around the corner. The troll heard the elevator and expected that she had gone back up

into the garden.

Mary hopped in the elevator and took off after her, or so she thought. Once she was definitely gone, Poppy looked around for any living things to set free, and she definitely made sure that her sister wasn't alive. She wasn't.

Poppy went back to the elevator to go tell Lucy, but she didn't know if she was in on it, or not. It was worth a try though. She could easily slip through her hands as well, if she was in on it.



When she was in the garden, Poppy looked around for Bill and Mary, but couldn't see them anywhere. She looked inside for them again, but they weren't in there. She went into Lucy's room and found her asleep.

"Lucy, wake up! Wake up!" Poppy yelled.

"What? What? Oh Poppy! It's just you. You frightened me. What's wrong?"

Poppy told her everything, and as soon as Lucy heard all this, she sprang out of bed and ran after Poppy to go and see the elevator.

Once they got to the elevator, Lucy asked Poppy whether or not she

wanted to go down, but Poppy didn't want to go down there again, and

so Lucy agreed. They both thought that Bill and Mary might have gone back down the elevator. Lucy just wanted to get away and report her husband and sister to the Giant King



David- the most fearless person in the world. He was huge! Enormous! He ruled the world. If you had any problems, you could just go to him. The problem was though, that his castle was ever so far away. But, even so, Lucy was determined to see him.

So, Lucy and Poppy snuck out of the house and ran off. Lucy had got all the supplies they needed-clothes, warm blankets and money. They were going to stop and eat at the villages they passed on the way.

Once they had gone a fair way, it started to get dark, so they set up on the side of the road for the night.

Meanwhile, Mary and Bill had figured out that Poppy had told Lucy, and they were on their way to King David's castle. So, they packed their bags and set off.

They didn't get very far though, as they got caught up in the dark and couldn't go any further. They planned to try and steal a cart the

next day to gain some time, that they had lost.

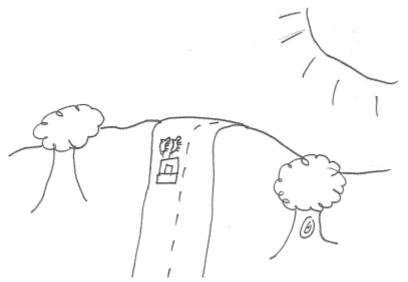
The next day dawned.

"Morning," Poppy called.

"Quick, lets get going, I think that Bill and Mary will be on their way," Mary replied quickly.

So, they set off on the bumpy dry road on their way to King David's castle.

On their way they bumped into people from all over the country. They got to Old Dales Rd which was where they were supposed to turn, but the road was



closed. "But we have to go through!" Lucy pleaded to the Lollipop Lady.

"I'm sorry Ma'am, but you can't possibly go through. There was a major collision and the road is impassable. You'll just have to wait."

This was dreaded news. If they stayed and waited, Bill and Mary would be sure to find them, but what else could they do? They decided to stay and wait it out.

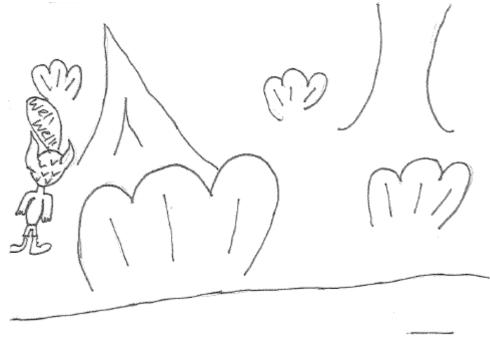
They set up camp, just off the road behind some bushes, so that if

Bill and Mary came, there was a slight chance that they wouldn't find them. But they most probably would.

Meanwhile, Bill and Mary were in their stolen cart racing over hills and through all the towns, and were surprised that they hadn't started a police chase yet. They did however know that the police would be after them for stealing the cart. That was one of the reasons they were going so fast; but also to catch the others.

They came to the road where Lucy and Poppy were sleeping. They would've gone straight passed the sleepers, but when they went to turn the corner, they found that it was closed, and they spotted them.

"Well! Well! Look who we have here."



Lucy and Poppy woke with a start. Lucy knew that voice anywhere and it wasn't one that she wanted to hear. They were

trapped. They couldn't run anywhere, and even if they could, they wouldn't be able to out run a cart.

"We should just get this over and done with. Mary, would you like to do the honours?" Said Bill.

"No! Stay away from Poppy! You can't eat her, I won't let you!" Snarled Lucy.

"Are you sure about that?" Mary yelled and grabbed Poppy, and dangled her above her mouth. Poppy kicked and screamed at Mary, but she wouldn't put her down.

"Put her down!" Boomed a loud voice. Mary dropped her with a thud, because of the fright she got.

Poppy ran back to Lucy and they all looked up at the sky, which was where the voice was coming from. "Who are you?" Poppy called out.

"I'm Gertrude the great cloud!....Bill and Mary! You will be punished by the great King David for all the wrong you have done!" And with that, Gertrude sucked them up and held them captive.

Poppy and Lucy hopped on the cloud's back and set off to King David's castle.



On their way they saw many astonished faces. "To see a little girl and a Trollop flying on a cloud's back, well that's something I've never heard of," said one of them.

Once they finally got to the castle they went straight to King David and told him

everything that had happened. After Lucy had finished explaining, he threw Mary and Bill straight in the dungeons.

Poppy and Lucy went back home to Gertrude and lived the rest of their lives happily ever after. Poppy loved her life, although she missed her sister dearly. She knew that she would never get her back, and that she had to go on with her life without her, but that was the only bad part in her new life.

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