

the Haunted Castle



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Mia knows the story of her ancestors' castle by heart. Every day, she welcomes tourists from all over the world to her magnificent home.

Mia leads them from room to room, showing them the paintings, antique furniture and suits of armour.



She tells them stories of centuries past, the lives of princes and princesses who lived in this castle.

Yet, all the while, Mia is terribly scared. She's scared that the visitors... will get scared!

Because every time she leads them through the underground passages, they hear a voice.

"Woo! Woo!"

What happens next is always the same. The visitors shriek with fear and run off without paying.

“What a disaster!” bemoans her grandfather.

“We need money from the visitors to pay for the upkeep of this massive building!”

Repairing the roof, cleaning the moat, trimming the trees in the park...

None of that comes cheap.



One night, when she's asleep in her big, cold bed, Mia has a nightmare

In her nightmare, people have stopped visiting the castle, and it goes up for sale.

Mia wakes up with a jolt.

Still half asleep, she calls out, "Grandpa, Grandpa!" and jumps out of bed, all tangled up in her white bedsheet.



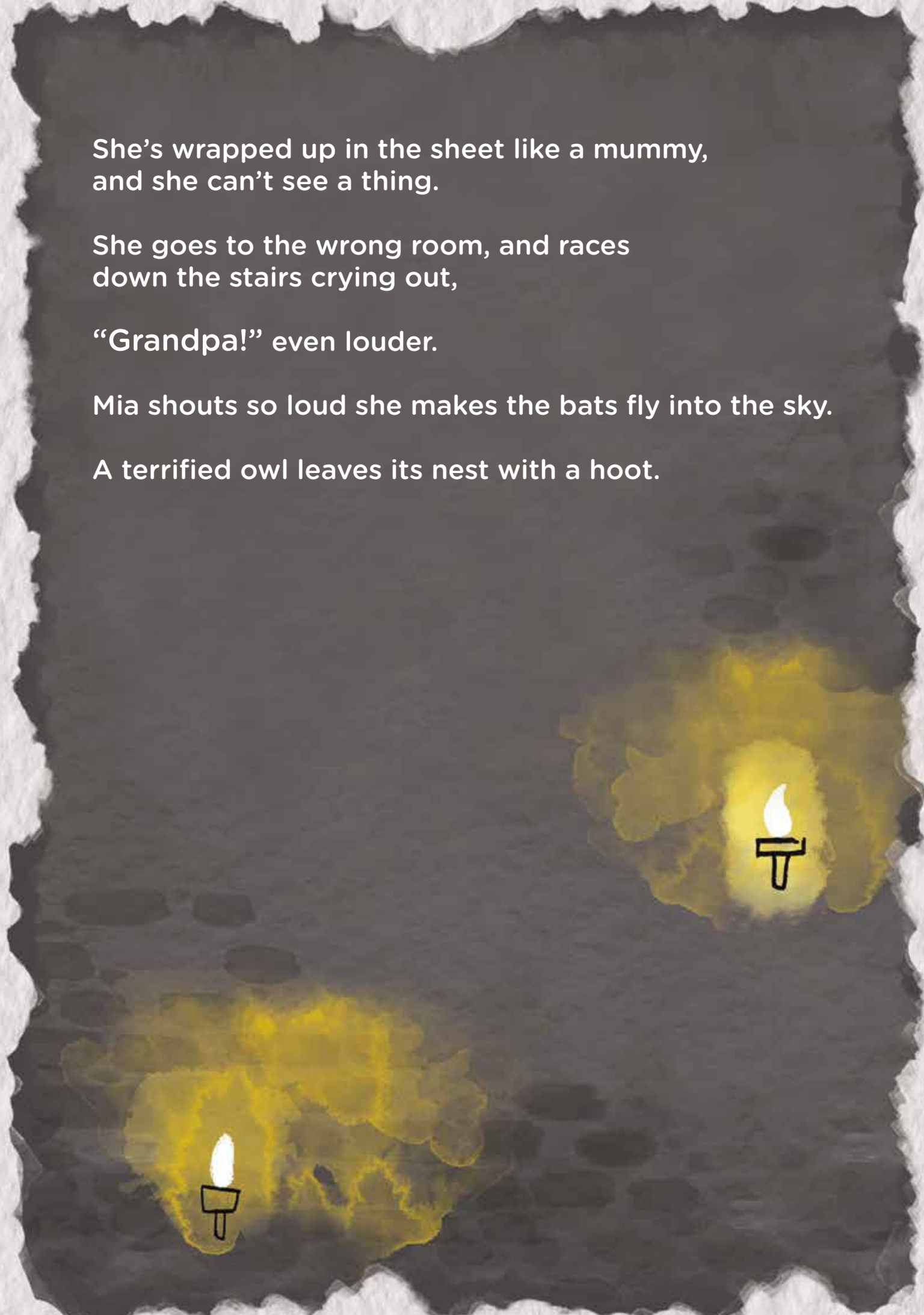
She's wrapped up in the sheet like a mummy,
and she can't see a thing.

She goes to the wrong room, and races
down the stairs crying out,

“Grandpa!” even louder.

Mia shouts so loud she makes the bats fly into the sky.

A terrified owl leaves its nest with a hoot.



Fantome and Fantasma have been living at Howling Winds Castle for almost a thousand years.

“Did you hear that?” asks Fantome.

“Let’s go see!” answers Fantasma, his sister.

They climb the stairs, dragging their chains behind them and shaking with fear.

Ghosts - the ones who are supposed to be doing the scaring - shaking like leaves!





Halfway up the cobweb-ridden staircase, the two ghosts come face to face... with a third! Fantome and Fantasma hold each other tight and cry:

“Ooooh, ooooh, ooooh! Please! Don’t hurt us, we’ll do whatever you want.”

Mia manages to wriggle out of her white sheet. **“So there you are!”**



Mia is furious. She grabs hold of them and shakes them like old rags.

“You dirty old dishrags, you grimy old dustsheets, you disgusting old doormats! You’d better stop scaring the tourists! Keep it up, and we’ll have to sell the castle. It could get demolished. And if it does get knocked down, you can say goodbye to your home.”

Fantome and Fantasma burst into tears. “We’re sorry... we only wanted... to have a bit of fun,” they sob.

Mia realises that the two ghosts are like her: they’re just children who like playing.

“Maybe we could get the visitors to come back!” suggests Fantome.

“Good idea!” says Mia.

“Let’s have a think!” adds Fantasma.



What do you think would be the best idea to get the visitors to come back?

You can use this space to write or draw your own end of the story tomorrow at breakfast!

In the meantime, have a good night dreaming of playful ghosts and haunted castles.

A large, white, rectangular area with a torn-paper edge at the top and bottom, intended for writing or drawing.

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