

How Cara came to the Labyrinth

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Ok I'm on a Labyrinth kick and wanted to write so this came about. Read and comment if you like. Oh and yes Niki is my sister I have us both at the age we would be when I first wanted to try and write this which is me at about 15/16 and her at 13/14

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1 - How Cara came to Labyrinth

Ok I'm on a Labyrinth kick and got bored so I started writing a story about me going to the Labyrinth read if you like and comment if you like too. ^.^

Ch1 How it all began

Cara sat there listening to the sound of the wind, the ducks quacking, and all the other sounds of the park. It always helped to be around nature after "one of those times."

It hadn't been any special kind of day it started like any other and seemed to be moving along just like any other day. She could hear it her parents were fighting again. *Good timing* she thought, she had just finished rereading one of her favorite books "The Phantom Of The Opera" and was about to finish rereading her other favorite book "Labyrinth" when she heard it, she knew they wouldn't stop for a long while and if she didn't get out of the house or stay in her room she'd get dragged into it and yelled at too. Since she'd finished her book she decided to get out of the house.

She grabbed "Labyrinth" and quietly and quickly snuck around her parents and out of the house; she breathed a sigh of relief when she was outside. She decided to go to the park like normal she opened her book and began to read as she walked when she heard "Hey Cawa wait for me." She turned around to see, not to her surprise, her little sister Niki walking after her. Her short red hair bobbed up and down as she ran at her (even at 13/14 years old she wouldn't say "Cara" even though she could and she knew how) Niki's hazel eyes looked up at Cara pleading to go with her. Cara sighed, "Ok Niki you can come if you promise to be good." "I promise", Niki said happily. Although she didn't really like to watch Niki as much as she did it was better then leaving her in their house.

When they got to the park Niki ran off to play and Cara sat down in front of a tree where she could read her book and watch Niki at the same time. After she finished Cara sat there, closed her eyes, and listen to the sounds around her, then she suddenly heard "Cawa what's this?" She opened her eyes and looked at her sister who now was beside her looking at her book.

"That's my book now give it back."

"Why you read this?"

"Cause I like it now give it back!"

"No." Niki said smiling and ran off with it. "Damn." Cara ran after her she knew Niki and Niki was a little trouble maker. "Niki give it back now" Niki stopped near the edge of the lake. "No I want it!" she yelled. Cara tried to remain calm "Niki it's my book so you can't have it now please give it back" Niki looked sad then suddenly smiled Cara knew that was never good. "Ok" said Niki as she promptly threw it into the lake. Cara let out a small gasp and shriek as she ran over to Niki just in time to finish watching her book sink.

"Niki you are just horrible!" Cara yelled. Niki just stood there smiling "But you still love me" Cara let out a sigh and looked at her sister, *That's debatable sometimes* she thought then she smirked slightly she knew she still had another new copy of it hidden in her room where Niki couldn't find it and she couldn't

help but think that if that book that Niki had thrown was real and she was lucky enough she could just wish her away of course she wasn't sure if she'd go after Niki at this point but figured she would just so she didn't get in trouble. Cara let out a little laugh; Niki looked at her confused "What are you laughing at Cawa?" "Oh nothing just that if you'd read that book instead of throw it in the lake you'd know it tell you how to wish your little sister away." Cara smiled a little as Niki's eyes widened slightly and looked at where the book had sunken in the water. "Come on we better get back so mom and dad don't worry." Cara said *If they've even stopped fighting yet* she added mentally "OK" Niki said and started off followed by her older sister.

As Cara began to walk she suddenly felt like someone was watching her and heard a rustle of leaves in the tree behind her, she turned around to see what if anything was there and to her surprised she saw a beautiful white barn owl staring at her. She stared back since she'd never really seen an owl before, at least not in real life, she was fascinated she was also a bit surprised that the owl seemed to be looking right at her and at intervals turning its head as if deciding something about her. She was so busy staring at it that she didn't notice Niki come up and stand beside her "What you look'n at Cawa?" she said as she looked up as well. "An owl," said Cara "Ewwwwwwwww," Niki said sticking her tongue out "Owls are yucky and mom says their diseased." Cara just rolled her eyes, "No Niki they aren't they're beautiful and majestic creatures" "I think they're yucky! Let's go Cawa" Niki said as she pulled on Cara's hand. "Ok ok" she said as she let her little sister lead her away but ever so often she looked back to see if the owl was still there.

"Cawa?" "Yes Niki?" "Are you going to tell mom about the book?" Niki asked worriedly. "Maybe or maybe I'll just ask the goblins to come and take you away, right now." Cara answered with a smile and started laughing a little. "Not funny" Niki said with a little bit of a huff and a frown as they continued walking. Cara Looked back once more to see the owl had disappeared *Probably went back home* she thought.

Suddenly Cara felt a strong gust of wind and the sensation that she was falling thinking she had tripped on something maybe Niki's foot, since she liked to do that, she tried to catch herself but found she couldn't and that her hair was suddenly flying around her face and she heard Niki scream. "AH! WHAT'S GOING ON CARA? WHY ARE WE IN THE AIR?" "Huh?" Cara said confused trying to get the hair out of her face; she knew something was wrong Niki only said her name right when something was wrong. When she managed to get all the hair out of her eyes she saw Niki was right they were indeed falling she didn't understand what had happened how had they gotten up so high and into the air? Before she could answer herself she noticed something out of the corner of her eye she looked over and her mouth dropped open a little before her was a sight she had never seen and didn't think she'd ever be lucky enough to see.

Before her was the Labyrinth she knew it as soon as she saw it, it was an amazing view of an amazing place. Niki's new screams shook her out of her gaze, "What is it Niki?" she asked "I looked down!" she yelled. Cara remembered they were falling and unfortunately then looked down as well and saw that the ground was coming closer much faster then she thought. No wanting to see what happened and being slightly afraid of heights and the sudden stop that was soon to come she covered her eyes. Suddenly she felt another strong gust of wind which cause her to cover her eyes more, she then heard Niki yell "CARA!" but it seemed distant now she hadn't sounded so far away when she had yelled before. She moved her hands away to see herself just about to hit a tree she covered her eyes again and felt herself begin to hit some branches and then fall on something "Owie" was all she could manage to say.

2 - Meeting Sarah and what happend to Niki

Ch2 Cara meets Sarah and What Happened to Niki

"What was that?" Sarah asked who had been walking down toward the Labyrinth "It sounded human." Cara came out rubbing her neck and back. She looks like she is about 5'8"/5'9", she is wearing sneakers, somewhat bellbottomed jeans, and a shirt thats sleeves are somewhat long and flowing (like this shirt but maybe colored differently--> <http://www.firebirdclothing.com/shopimages/products/thumbnails/BL359.jpg>). Her wavy/curly dark ash blonde/light ash brown hair is slightly in her face and comes to just past her shoulders, her green eyes look around slightly confused from behind her glasses. As she looks around she brushes off her clothes. Sarah was a bit surprised to see another person there but just to be sure she'd ask her "Hey you how did you get here, and are you really human or something else trying to pull a trick on me, either way do you know the way to the castle?" Cara looked up at the girl *I think that's Sarah* she thought to herself *I should probably answer her so she doesn't think I'm a goblin or something.*

"I'm human for course although I'm not completely sure how I got here. I was at the park when I saw this white barn owl next thing I know I'm falling and my sister is screaming... Oh MY Gosh NIKI!" She begins looking around frantically "Niki, NIKI!" she calls but no answer "Where could she be. You haven't seen a little girl about 6 with red hair and a bad attitude have you?" "No sorry I haven't, did you say white barn owl....then you've seen Jareth, please could you tell me which way it went I need to get to that castle there, see the one in the centre of the labyrinth that's where I need to go." said Sarah *Darn it.* Cara thought *Oh well I guess Niki's on her own.* "I'm afraid I don't know where it went Niki was dragging me away when it disappeared. Wait Jareth? The castle at the center of the labyrinth?" Cara looked at the castle is shock. "Oh my gosh... I think I may have hit my head or something. How did I get here?"

"I'm not sure myself, but usually not many humans find this place.....only those bestowed with a gift from Jareth, or in this matter the Goblin King, I'm sorry but I must really be going," Sarah said as she started walking. Cara was still slightly out of it as she replied "Ok." *Why did he bring me here though?* she wondered then realizing what happened snaps back to reality "No wait! Can I please go with you I have to find my little sister and a way home." "I suppose you can come along, but remember to stay close this place is not what it seems." Sarah said

As Sarah continued on her way Cara quickly walked over to Sarah's side and followed her. "Ok thank you," Cara replied but she couldn't help but think *I don't get it why am I here and what does he want with me and Niki?* She continued to wonder about that and other things as she followed Sarah to the gates *I hope Niki's ok.*

Niki opened her eyes to see she was now in a strange room that looked like it might be in a castle and there were weird creatures all around. #They look like the goblins out of Cara's books,# she thought suddenly the fact she was now in a room with goblins sank in and she was terrified "AH! WHERE AM I CARA HELP!" "Don't worry they won't harm you." said a low voice from behind her.

Niki jumped slightly hearing what sounded like a mans voice then slowly turned around to see a man of what she'd guess to be somewhere in his 20's maybe even early 30's. He smiled slyly as he spoke "Hello I'm Jareth, the Goblin King, and welcome to my castle." Niki eyes widened slightly "N-n-nice to m-meet you," Niki replied. *Cara help* she thought *I don't think I want to be here*

"Don't worry I'm not going to hurt you. I merely did as your sister asked." "What do you mean?" Niki asked confused. "I heard you two talking something about her was so different and enchanting I couldn't help but do as she asked," as he spoke he looked as if he was remembering when he saw her. #Are you sure you're talking about the right girl?# Niki thought she didn't think her sister was anywhere near special enough to get the attention of a guy especially a king, even if he was a goblin king #Maybe he has a mental problem. Oh well maybe he's nice and will let me go now. # "So when are you letting me go?" she asked as sweetly as could be with a slight smile hoping the answer would be a good one. Jareth turned back to Niki and, smiling slightly, he replied "Never."

3 - What happened to Niki continued

Ch3 What happened to Niki continued

Niki's eyes practically bugged out of her head when she heard that. "WHAT?!" she yelled "WHAT DO YOU MEAN NEVER?" "Simple," Jareth replied still sounding cool and confident "If your sister doesn't reach this castle in 13 hours you will become one of us forever, just like him." "What?" Niki responded #Crap# she thought #If this is anything like that book she had it's not gonna be easy I could get stuck as a stupid goblin# She looked over at the goblins who were laughing and hitting each other and mentally groaned. Then a thought crossed her mind "Wait a second I thought you had to have someone say the right words and be a kid to get taken, Cara told me about it. I'm a teenager. What am I doing here?" she asked "Two reasons," Jareth replied "1 your lovely sister did say the right words even if she didn't say "I wish" before hand." Niki did a mental groan again she didn't like hearing a guy call her sister lovely or anything like that, it was kind of disgusting to hear it. "And 2," Jareth continued "I'm sure you've noticed that the goblins aren't that bright." Niki nodded, "Yeah it's kind of obvious." "Well, they noticed your red hair and thought you might be related to the faeries so they grabbed you, in case you were, to try and see if you might agree to work for me," Jareth said. "You've got to be kidding," Niki responded "That's the dumbest thing I ever heard. Of course see as how smart these guys are it makes some strange sense" "Yes and now you're here and if your sister doesn't get here in time you'll be one of us forever. Who knows you may become one of the smarter goblins," Jareth said with a smile. Niki pretended to smile #God I hope not# she thought, she wanted out of here now #Cara, please, hurry. #

Then suddenly she thought of something "Hang on," Niki said "You said 'just like him' who did you mean?" Jareth looked at her "that baby over there," he replied. Niki turned around to see a blonde haired baby sitting surrounded by goblins and crying. #How did I not notice him? # she wondered, Niki walked over to the baby, "Hey kid did you get 'wished' here too?" The baby looked up at her still crying and reached his arms up to her. #Great, # she thought #It had to like me. # Niki wasn't very big on kids but sat down to pick him up anyway when she felt like she sat on something hard. "Ow," she said and felt the ground to find nothing then she felt her back pockets and found what she had sat on. #Cara's necklace, # she thought #I'd almost forgotten I'd borrowed it. # Niki remembered it had been right before their parents had started to fight.

%Flashback to this morning%

"Hey Cara," Niki said with a smile. Cara looked up from her book, "Hi Niki, what do you want?" "Nothing." "Liar." Cara closed her book and stood up "I'm going to my room to finish reading so if you want something you better ask now," she said. "Ok," Niki responded "Could I maybe wear your necklace for a bit? Please?" Cara raised her eyebrow and gently placed her hand on her necklace she'd had it since before she could remember, it was one of the few happy memories she had of her parents was when they gave it to her, it was an old looking necklace with a pink stone in it. "If I let you borrow it you can't do anything to it understand? No putting glue or anything on it no trying to break it or pull it apart got it?" Cara warned she trusted her sister just not a whole lot Niki liked to play tricks and things on her and embarrass her cause Niki thought it was funny. "Yes I understand now please?" Niki asked making googly eyes at Cara. Cara sighed she knew Niki liked dressing up, even though she'd never admit it,

she also knew Niki wouldn't leave her alone till she got her way so she gently and carefully took it off and put it on Niki, "Thank you!" Niki said happily and went off to listen to music in her room, Cara just shook her head and went into her own room. After a little while of listening to music and dancing around Niki heard something over her music, their parents argueing. #Great, # Niki thought #Totally ruins the music. # Niki poked her head out of her door to see Cara sneaking out of her room. #Good idea Cara, I should follow you, # Niki thought she started to follow Cara then stopped #Better hid this in case mom and dad see me, # Niki thought as she took Cara's necklace off and put it in her back pocket, #Don't need them thinking I stole it. # Niki carefully followed Cara outside and ran after her.

%Back to the present%

#Cara will so kill me if I lose this, # Niki thought. "And what do you have there?" Jareth asked Niki groaned she was really begining to find this guy annoying. "Nothing," she responded "I seriously doubt that," Jareth said Niki was getting very annoyed not only by Jareth but by the baby who was still crying, not that she could blame him, and her anger was getting the better of her "Will... you... just... leave... me... ALONE!" Niki yelled and without thinking she threw the necklace as hard as she could at Jareth, who caught it simply as if it was nothing, Niki eyes widend at what she'd just done as Jareth looked at the necklace. He then looked at Niki and said, with a sly smile, "I think I'll just hold on to this, so you don't get any more ideas about throwing it at me." #CRAP! Crappity crap crap crap! # Niki thought #Cara will never forgive me for this. #

4 - Entering the labyrinth

Ch4 Entering the labyrinth

Cara sneezed suddenly. "Bless you," said Sarah "You ok?" "Yeah I'm ok," Cara responded *I wonder if someone was talking about me* "So you have to get your brother, Toby and I have to get Niki?" "Looks that way," Sarah said. "Look Sarah there's the outside wall." Cara pointed at the huge wall that they were coming up to. "You're right Cara we should be there any second," Sarah responded. *Now where is he?* Cara wondered but she didn't have to wonder long *There he is,* she thought and turned her head. Sarah looked at Cara strangely then saw why she turned her head, there was a small man peeing into a pond. Sarah looked away for a sec the decided she should address the man, "Um Excuse me?" "Oh excuse me," he said as he fixed himself and turned around. "Oh it's you," he said sounding somewhat annoyed and unsurprised "Um we need to find our way through this labyrinth can you help us?" Sara asked, by this time Cara had turned around and was watching the man creep up on a faery "Oh how sweet," Sarah said *Not quite,* Cara thought. "57!" he said as he sprayed the faery, "How could you?" sarah asked shocked, Cara had to stop herself from running with Sarah up to the faery she remembered that faeries here were rather mean. "Sarah I wouldn't do that if I were you," Cara said Sarah looked at Cara slightly shocked as she picked up the faery then looked at the man "You monster." Sarah said right before she felt a stinging pain in her finger "Ouch!" she cried as she dropped the faery "I tried to warn you," Cara said "Huh?" said the man "It bit me!" "Ha What did you expect faeries to do?" he asked Sarah "I thought they did nice things. Like... like granting wishes." she responded "Shows what you know don't it," he said "Wrong kind of faery," said Cara.

The man had continued to walk up to another faery and spray it "58!" he said "You're horrible," said Sarah "Huh? No I ain't I'm Hoggle and who are you?" he asked *Thought so,* Cara thought "Sarah." "Thats what I thought," Hoggle said as he sneaked up on another faery "59!" Sarah sighed and decided to try and see if he knew anything, "Do you know where the door to the labyrinth is?" Sarah asked "Maybe," replied Hoggle tracking another faery "Well where is it?" "Come here you little... 60!" Hoggle laughed "I said 'where is it?'" Sarah repeated "Where is what?" "The door!" "What door?" Sarah sighed in exasperation and turned to Cara "It's hopeless asking him anything," she said "Not if we ask the right questions," Cara responded Hoggle raised an eyebrow at that and looked at her "Who are you exactly?" he asked. "I'm Cara." "Hm," Hoggle responded looking at her "A new one." "Pardon me but how do we get into the labyrinth?" Cara asked Hoggle smiled slightly "Ah thats more like it. Looks like you're the smart one," Hoggle said Sarah glared slightly at Cara who blushed slightly and tried to laugh slightly. "You gets in there," Hoggle said pointing to a pair of gates that suddenly appeared and started to open "You two really going in there are you?" "Yes," Sarah responded "I'm afraid we have to," said Cara as they both started cautiously walking through the gates.

5 - The journey begins

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Sarah and Cara walked through the gates and looked at the high walls and two paths they could take. *Ok, slightly creepy and ominous,* Cara thought as she looked around, she also noticed Hoggle walking up behind them. "Cozy isn't it?" he asked rather loudly making Sarah jump "HO HA HA! HA HA HA HA!" Hoggle laughed as he walked around them and leaned slightly against the wall in front of them "Now, would the two of you go left or right?" Cara and Sarah looked down the paths "They both look the same," said Sarah. Cara had to admit they did look almost the same the only real difference she could see was that the path to their right was cluttered with branches and brambles while the path to the left was cleaner. "Well you're not gonna get very far," Hoggle said looking at Sarah then glancing at Cara as if waiting for her response but before Cara could even begin to for a word Sarah asked Hoggle "Which way would you go?" "Me? I wouldn't go either way," he responded. "Is there another way to go?" Cara asked Hoggle raised an eyebrow and Sarah rolled her eyes "If that's all the help you're gonna be you can just leave," she said to Hoggle who stood up and began to walk out "You know your problem? You take too many things for granted. Take this labyrinth for example, even if you two get to the center you'll never get out again." "That's your opinion." Sarah responded "Well it's a lot better than yours!" Hoggle said as he walked out the gate. "Thanks for nothing Hogwart," Sarah said "Oh! It's HOGGLE and DON'T say I didn't warn you two!" he shouted as he left slamming the gates behind him.

Sarah and Cara both jumped slightly at the sound of the gates slamming. Cara looked down the paths again "So which way should we go?" she asked Sarah. Sarah sighed, "Let's try this way." she said as she walked off down the path to the right. Cara looked down the path to the left *I know that one looks safer but I better follow Sarah,* she thought *I already have an idea of what to expect that way besides things aren't always what they seem here.* Cara decided to follow Sarah only stopping once when she noticed something strange on the wall, it looked like lichen but with eyes. Cara shrugged and hurried to catch up with Sarah but she was sure she heard the lichen talking "Oh! Oh! Who's she? Who's she? Oh!"

Cara and Sarah walked down the path stepping over branches and things, after a few minutes Sarah sighed "What do they mean 'labyrinth'? There aren't any turns or corners or anything it just goes on and on." Sarah leaned against the wall and sadly looked down the path "Maybe it doesn't," said Cara trying to cheer Sarah up "Maybe we're just taking it for granted that it does." Sarah stood up still looking down the path "Maybe." Sarah took off running with Cara at her heels, they looked for any kind of corner but all they could see were straight walls after awhile they slowed down Sarah was obviously getting angry while Cara simply seemed to be getting a bit tired from the running. Cara was now walking quickly as Sarah ran a few more steps then groaned and hit the walls a few times letting out a small scream of frustration each time before finally sliding down the wall and sitting down. "You alright?" Cara asked as she sat down beside her Sarah started to say something when they heard " 'Allo."

They looked at each other then at the wall where a small blue worm was sitting (or standing Cara wasn't sure) "Did you 'hello'?" Sarah asked "No I said 'allo but that's close enough," he replied *A talking worm,* thought Cara *Never seen one of those before and I didn't know they had hair or wore scarfs. Oh well

when in rome.* " 'Allo," she said waving slightly at him, to which he nodded(probably cause since he is a worm he has no arms or hands with which to wave) "You're a worm aren't you?" Sarah asked still trying to make sure herself "Yeah, that's right," he said with a nod "You don't by any chance know the way through this labyrinth do you?" Sarah asked hopefully "Who me? No I'm just a worm. Heh," he replied "Oh," Sarah said somewhat disappointed. "Why don't you two come inside and meet the missus?" the worm asked Sarah looked at him strangely \$How does he expect us to fit in there?\$ she thought. "Thank you but no," Cara said "You see we have to solve this labyrinth." "Yes," Sarah continued "But there aren't any doors or any turns or any openings or anything! It just goes on and on!" Sarah was getting rather upset again when the worm said "Sure there are. It's full of opening it's just you ain't seein' them." "Where are they?" she asked "There's one just across there it's right in front of you," he replied. Both Cara and Sarah looked where he said but all they could see was a wall "No there isn't," Sarah said "Come inside you two and have a nice cup of tea," the worm offered "But there isn't an opening," Sarah said the worm laughed "Of course there is you two try walkin' through it and you'll see what I mean." At this point Cara, who had stood up and walked over to the wall to get a closer look, turned around "you sure?" Cara asked the worm nodded "Go on, then." "That's just wall there's no way through," Sarah said "I don't know," said Cara "Things aren't always what they seem so you can't really take anything for granted." The worm nodded "Quite right, especially in this place."

Cara walked closer to the wall putting her hand out directly in front of her and waited to hit the wall, but it was taking longer than she thought it should. Cara noticed that the wall was looking a bit strange, she tilted her head slightly and saw a path hidden behind a part of the wall "Hey, Sarah!" she called "What?" Sarah asked Cara responded by walking and disappearing behind a part of the wall Sarah gasped slightly and stood up, rushing over. Cara had come back into view now "Come on," she urged Sarah, who carefully walked forward till she too saw the hidden path "Hey!" Sarah said and started to walk down the path to the left "Hey! Hang on!" the worm called "Thank you Mr. Worm, that was incredibly helpful," Cara said "But don't go that way," he said Sarah popped her head back around the corner to look at the worm "What was that?" she asked "I said 'don't go that way'," the worm repeated "Never go THAT way." "Oh, thanks." said Sarah as she started down the path to the right "Yes," said Cara as she started after Sarah "Thank you alot." "Whew," said the worm "If they'd have kept on going down that way they'd have gone straight to that castle."

In the new part of the labyrinth they found an obelisk looking thing with hands on it each pointing a different way. Cara and Sarah looked at all of the wondering which way to go when Cara said "Sarah look!" Sarah looked at where Cara and the hand were pointing, straight at the castle. Suddenly they heard crying "Is that a baby?" Cara asked listening again "Toby," Sarah said rushing off in the direction of the castle with Cara close behind "I'm coming Toby," Sarah said looking around "Sarah?" "Yes?" "Is it me or did the castle just move?" Cara asked

Inside the castle Toby was crying as goblins ran around yelling at each other, Jareth sat on his throne trying to ignore them and he wasn't the only one. Niki had her hands over her ears mumbuling "Shut up, shut up!" over and over again. She looked up from what she was doing at the goblins, #They're such idiots,# she thought as her gaze went to the baby her "cell mate" #Kid please stop crying or I may have to choke you.# Since the baby wasn't stopping Niki got up and walked over to him, sitting down beside him. "Hey kid," she said "Will you shut up if I tell you a story?" The baby, who was Toby only Niki had no idea what his name was, looked at her and seemed to quiet down a little at this question. "Ok stink face," Niki said #Here goes nothing# she thought as she tried to think of a story "Once upon a time in a kingdom far far way," she started(cause that seem to be how it was done with most stories) "There

lived..." Niki thought for a moment, what story should she tell or who should she make it about? "Lived who?" a goblin asked, she seemed to have gotten a bit of a crowd for this story, one baby and about half a dozen goblins at least. She noticed out of the corner of her eye that Jareth seemed to be looking at her as if waiting to see if she could do it. That gave her an idea. "There lived two princesses," she said smiling slightly this was going to be an interesting story yet.

6 - Niki's story

Ch6 Niki's story

"Once upon a time in a kingdom far far away there lived two princesses," Niki started again making sure that all the goblins that had surrounded her and the baby(Toby) were listening and that Jareth was too. "The two princesses were very different but the same in a lot of ways. The older princess was shy, quiet, obedient, very kind and caring while the younger one was not shy, loud, rebellious, and was able to convince others of almost anything, but still rather caring and kind... at times." Niki smirked she wondered if any of those goblins would realize it was her and Cara, she also liked the fact she could say pretty much anything about her and her sister and no one would know it was them. "The two princesses cared about each other very much and were often the only comfort the other one had from their horrible parents. The princesses' mother and father acted as if they hated their children and would work them like slaves. They would even blame the princesses for things they didn't do, especially the older one. The elder princess was blamed for anything that went wrong and often blamed for what the younger princess did wrong or when she did something she wasn't suppose to do. They claimed the older princess was supposed to watch her sister and keep her out of trouble but she couldn't watch her every second of the day. Since that was the case the younger princess, who wanted to live her own life as apposed to the life her parents wanted her to, was normally grounded and stuck at home so the elder princess was forced to always stay home and watch her. Even though it probably wouldn't have mattered." Niki's smirk was gone by now she hadn't meant to go that much into their lives it had just sort of happened. She glanced around for a second to see that all the goblins were looking at her rather intently waiting patiently, as patiently as a goblin could wait, for her to finish. She then noticed Jareth who, even though he had moved to the window and seemed to be looking out it, was looking at her waiting for her to continue. She also noticed he seemed rather upset, even though she couldn't see his face his stance was that of someone angry and he seemed to be gripping the sleeves of his shirt rather tightly. #Better continue,# she thought #before Jareth or the goblins turn me into mincemeat.#

"You see," Niki continued "The princesses' parents would constantly yell at their daughters, especially the father. His yelling made the older princess feel that she was unable to do anything properly and was always to blame for anything bad that happend. His yelling also made her feel that it was impossible for her to love or be loved in return." Niki was surprised to see a few of the goblins looking slightly saddened by that she also noticed that Jareth seemed to be getting more upset by the minute. #Better change the mood here and get to the good part,# she thought. "However this was not the case," Niki said keeping one eye on Jareth "For it seemed that the goblin king had fallen in love with her and he had given certain powers. If she was aware of her powers she wouldn't use them for she had told her sister once about the goblins and the castle of the goblin king. The older princess had told the younger princess once 'You must be careful of goblins you see goblins are nasty little creatures whose greatest delight is stealing babies and turning them into goblins. But this can only happen if you wish for it. You must say exactly the right words for your wish to come true. 'I wish the goblins would come and take you away right now!' are the right words. When the goblins hear them, they will come.' 'Where do they live?' asked the younger princess 'Somewhere on the edge of your imagination, there is a Labyrinth. It twists and turns like wicked thoughts, and no one-no man, woman, or child-has ever reached it's center. There, standing within the walls of Goblin Town, is the castle of Jareth, the goblin king. That is where the goblins dwell.'

the elder princess told her if she knew she had the power she wouldn't use it for since the older princess knew this she knew her younger sister would be kept forever and turned into a goblin so she never made the wish no matter how annoyed she became with her younger sister. But she was completely unaware of his attentions to her and the powers she had been given even if she was she wouldn't have believed that someone could honestly care for her in such a way. The younger princess however was fully aware of the goblin king's affections for her older sister."

Niki tried to hide her smirk she had noticed Jareth's face fall slightly when she'd said that Cara wouldn't believe that Jareth cared about her but when she said that she knew how he felt she'd seen his face change to rather shocked in about a second. Trying not to laugh she continued, "You see the older princess liked to go outside and sing, if she was sad or scared she'd sing to lift her spirits the younger princess believed that was what had cause the king to notice her. For once or twice when the younger princess had seen her sister sitting outside singing she was certain that she'd seen something or someone watching her sister from the trees to her it looked like an owl. Since she wasn't sure of what she'd seen she never said anything to her older sister, this was perhaps her biggest mistake. For a few days after she'd seen the owl in the tree one night it appeared to both of them in broad daylight, the younger sister aware of what it was tried to get her sister away and it seemed to have worked but as they were leaving the older princess jokingly said the right words and before either of them knew it they were at the Labyrinth. Both in different areas of course, being the one taken the younger sister was in the castle while the older one was outside the walls and would have to fight her way through the untold dangers of the Labyrinth to get her sister back. Even though the older princess knew that no one had ever made it to the castle and that the danger would be great she was determined to get her sister back. And..." Niki paused to see the reaction she'd get the goblins looked at her with wide eyes waiting for her to go on Jareth even looked like he was rather interested in the ending of her story. "And," Niki continued "that's where we'll end today." Niki smiled as the goblins groaned and started to beg her to tell more, Niki glanced at Jareth he seemed rather annoyed that she'd stopped too. "Don't worry," Niki said addressing the goblins "I'll tell you the rest later and, you never know, she may just stay in the Labyrinth with the goblins and the king." As she finished speaking she looked at Jareth whose face was a mixture of surprise, confusion, and happiness.

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Ch7 Separation

Cara sneezed again "If someone is talking about me I wish they'd stop." she thought. She looked at Sarah who was writing an arrow on the ground with her lipstick again "Sarah," Cara said "I think something weird is going on here." "What do you mean?" Sarah asked standing up and starting to walk off. "I think this labyrinth is changing," Cara said following her "I've been keeping a mental note on where we've been and I'm certain we just passed through here, plus I've been hearing strange noises like someone moving stones or something." Sarah laughed, "Don't be silly if we had been here we would have seen one of my marks wouldn't we?" "Unless they've been moved," Cara thought. Cara looked at the ground there weren't any marks but she was certain they'd been this way, then she saw it something that told her they had been here. "Ok if we haven't been here before explain that." Cara said pointing to a corner, Sarah bent down to look in the corner was the piece of lipstick that had broken off awhile before. "Oh No!" Sarah said in a somewhat whiny tone "We have been here before." "Told you," Cara thought "Someone's been changing my marks." Sarah looked as if she would either scream or cry as she threw down her lipstick, "What a horrible place this is, IT'S NOT FAIR!" Sarah cried.

"That's right it's not fair," a voice from behind them said "But that's only half of it." said another. They turned to see a pair of strange dog looking people with shields laughing. Sarah stepped forward as Cara looked around to get her bearings "This was a dead end a minute ago," Sarah said to the strange creatures "No that's the dead end behind you," one laughed Sarah turned around to see that not only where they right but she was now separated from Cara. "Oh no! Cara!" Sarah yelled.

Cara turned to face Sarah but found a wall "Sarah?" Cara called "I'm on the other side." Sarah replied "Are you alright?" Cara asked "Yes but this place keeps changing, what are we suppose to do?" Sarah said sounding like she might cry, "It's alright Sarah just stay calm." Cara said trying to think things out, "Ok I'm pretty sure you can only get out through those doors so you try and go through them and I'll look for another way. We'll try and meet up again later ok?" "Ok," Sarah replied "I hope we'll be able to find each other again, be careful." "I will you take care too and don't worry I'm sure we'll meet up again just keep trying to get to the castle." Cara called. As she started to head off in a direction that seemed to be toward the castle she could hear Sarah and those two or four, she wasn't quite sure how many there were of them, talking "She's right the only way out is to try one of these doors."

Ch8 Riddles

As Cara walked on trying to find her way she felt a bit worried, "This place changes quite often and not in a very predictable way," she thought. To try and keep herself calm she did what she normally did, she started to hum then sing very quietly "Leaves from the vine, falling so slow, like fragile, tiny shells, drifting in the foam." Cara quickly looked around she thought she heard a noise, like someone walking by her but there was no one so she continued walking. She sighed as she came to another dead end, "I wonder if Sarah's alright," she asked herself out loud "I'm sure the one you should worry about is

you," a voice answered.

Cara spun around to see the dead end opened and a strange cat-like creature sitting by a door, "Hello," she said "do you know how to get through this labyrinth?" "Maybe," he answered "and maybe not." He smiled like a Cheshire cat, "Do you think you can answer 3 riddles to get out?" he asked "What do you mean get out?" Cara asked then remembering before looked behind her, sure enough the dead end had closed behind her "Ah," she said "Let me guess I have to answer your riddles to get through the door, right" "Smart girl," the creature, whom she decided to call Daniel, replied.

"Ok here is the first riddle, 'What has four legs in the morning, two in the afternoon, and three at night?'" "Man," Cara replied, she had heard that one before "He has four in the morning when he's a baby, two in the afternoon when he's a young man, and three at night when he's an old man because he uses a cane." Daniel nodded "Seems you are a smart one here's my second riddle, 'Speak not of love or hate, but tell me this; what gift can you give to me, that I can never buy for myself?'" Cara thought for awhile "Kindness," she answered "Correct," Daniel said moving away from the door "You've got two out of three very good, here is my last riddle 'I tie and hold, capture and bind, yet both knights and knaves doth crave me. I faithfully enslave all within my grasp, whether or not they seek me. Yet those who have never felt my unmerciful hand, are pitied by their fellow Man.'" "Love," Cara answered after a moment. Daniel smiled his Cheshire cat smile again "Absolutely correct, bravo. You are the first person to answer all of my riddles correctly, you may continue." he said as the door opened. "Thank you," Cara said as she walked toward the door, suddenly Daniel grabbed her hand "Be warned and take care," he said with concern in his voice and looking serious for the first time since she'd met him "this labyrinth is made of deceit and lies, nothing is what it seems so be very careful young woman or you may find yourself at it's mercy." Cara nodded, "I will and thank you."

Ch9 Meeting the Goblin King

As Cara walked through the door she noticed that it was mainly a large tunnel and at the end was what looked like a garden or something like one at the end of it "Well here goes nothing," she said. The door closed behind her leaving only one way for her to go, she felt herself beginning to get worried again so she once again started singing quietly, "Take the wave now and know that you're free,
Turn you back on the land face the sea,
Face the wind now so wild and so strong,
Think of me, wave to me, and send me a song.

Don't look back when you reach the new shore,
Don't forget what you're leaving before,
Don't forget when your missing these souls,
Love must never hold never hold tight but let go.

O the nights will be long,
when I'm not in your arms,
but I'll be in the song,
that you sing to me across the sea
somehow someday.

You'll be far away so far from me,
and maybe one day I will follow you,
in all you do,
till then send me a song.

When the sunsets the water will fire,
When the winds swells the sails ever higher,
Let the call of the bird on the wind,
calm your sadness and loneliness,
and then start to sing to me,
I will sing to you if you promise
to send me a song.

I'll walk by the shore and I hear,
hear your song come so faint and so clear,
and I catch it a breath on the wind,
and I smile and I sing you song,
I will send you a song
I will sing you a song
I will sing to you if you promise to send me a song.”

Cara could see the end of the tunnel, as she was about to go through it she heard a voice speak “Truly lovely voice.” Cara jumped slightly and turned around to see him, Jareth the Goblin King, standing to the left near the exit. She was certain he hadn't been there before but there he was. “Thank you,” Cara said softly as she blushed not only from the compliment, which was something she wasn't used to, to begin with but from seeing him up-close, he was very handsome which only made his compliment more surprising to her. “You're quite welcome,” he said staring at her “You seem to be doing very well at my labyrinth.” “I think I'm doing alright but what exactly am I doing here?” Cara asked, “And why did I fall out of the sky?” she wondered, Jareth started to walk closer to her as she spoke “Don't you know?” he asked smiling slightly, Cara shook her head and his smile grew “I simply did as you asked,” He stated “You asked for your sister to be taken so I took her.” Jareth was now very close to Cara looking her in the eye holding her in an almost trance like state which only caused her to blush deeper “Also,” he continued “YOU asked to come here. I heard it, your silent wish to come here and see this place.”

Jareth reached his hand out and brushed a stray lock of Cara's hair back behind her ear. Cara held her breath slightly; she certainly wasn't used to having someone this close to her, least of all a handsome goblin king. “By the way how are you enjoying my labyrinth?” Jareth asked, Cara was able to come out of her trance enough to speak “It's very challenging and quite interesting,” she replied causing Jareth to smile once more. “Good to know,” he said now moving away from her, Cara quietly let out her breath “You should find your friends through there but be careful they may get you into trouble, they don't seem to be as lovely a person as you.” Jareth smiled as he saw her blush again. Cara walked by him, holding her breath again because of how close she had to walk by him, into a strange place like a garden, with statues, a stone chair that looked like books, and other exits all around a circle but she didn't see Sarah or anyone for that matter. Cara looked back at Jareth to ask him what he meant but he was gone, she sighed and walked into of the middle of the circle. As Cara looked around trying to figure

out which way to go she heard what sounded like some stone sliding of something and someone speaking, and she knew whose voice it was, "That's it. I quit."