

Fairies of the Stars

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Once upon a time there were little fairies that lit the stars. Each night the fairies went to the Queen Fairy of the stars. Each night the Queen Fairy gave them a golden ball, and all the fairies would go around and light the stars until their ball was dull.

Then they would give the ball back to the Queen, but no fairy knew what the queen did with the balls.

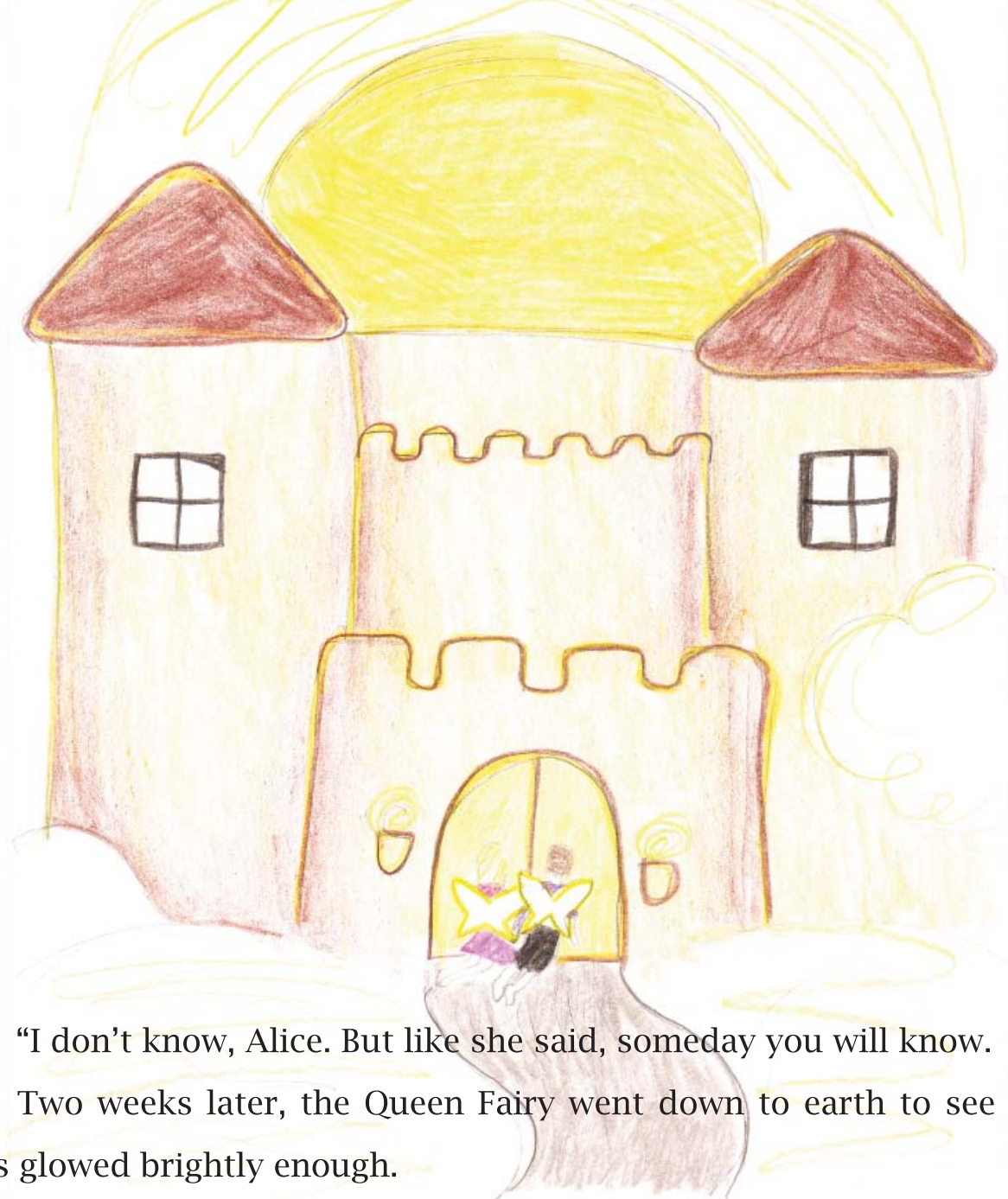
One night a brave young fairy named Fairy Alice, got the nerve to ask the Queen what she did with the balls.

“That is a great secret, Alice, but some day you shall know,” replied the Queen.

Alice decided to go to her most trusted friend, Fairy Peter.

“Peter,” asked Alice, “I just went to the Queen and asked her what she did with the balls. She said that is a great secret, Alice, but some day you shall know. Do you know what she does with the balls, Peter?”





"I don't know, Alice. But like she said, someday you will know.

Two weeks later, the Queen Fairy went down to earth to see if the stars glowed brightly enough.

Alice went up to Peter late that night and said, "The Queen forgot to give us the golden balls, so she shall never know how brightly they shine

from down on earth. What shall we do? No one knows where she hides them."

"Alice, I don't know. Maybe we could search the palace."

"But Peter, everyone is fast asleep. If we sneaked in, the Princess would think we were robbers, and would tell the King and he would let out his horrible watch dogs and let them eat us."

"Alice, just think how disappointed the Queen would be if she thought the stars didn't glow. She would come back from earth and be so upset," said Peter.

"Well, we must be able to do something, Peter." Alice and Peter thought for a while. Then Alice jumped up and said, "Peter, Peter, I know what we can do. If we go wake up your Mom, then she can knock on the door because if the King saw us alone, he would never let us in his palace."

Peter and Alice ran as fast as they could and woke up Peter's mom. They told her about the stars and how the Queen had forgotten to give the golden balls to them. So they went and knocked on the King's door and he let them come in and search the palace while he went back to sleep!

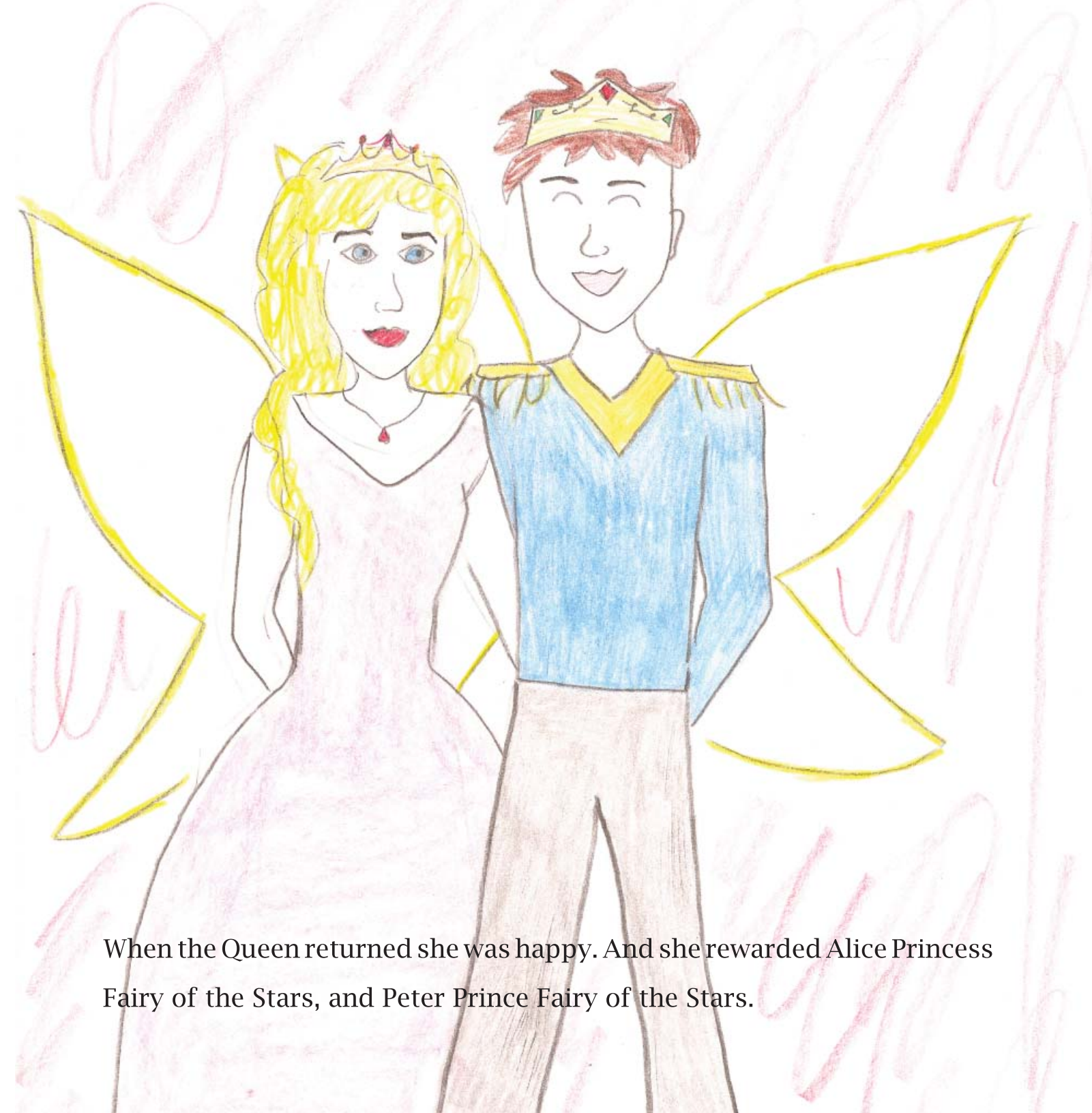
Soon Peter saw a silver chest with gold writing on it. And it read,

“Queen Fairy of the Stars.” Alice tried to open it, but it wouldn’t budge. Then she noticed a lock.

“Well no wonder we couldn’t open it, it has a lock. And the keys are so small, I don’t think we can ever find the key until the Queen gets back. We must hurry and look! Finally, at three o’clock in the morning they found the key in the Queen’s royal robe hanging in the closet.



“This had better be the right key. We have already tried 562 keys,” said Alice. And it was. But once they opened the chest, it was empty. Then Alice noticed there was a false bottom. In it she found two parts: one with lit up balls, and the other with dull balls. The two of them had to light up all the stars, which took hours.



When the Queen returned she was happy. And she rewarded Alice Princess Fairy of the Stars, and Peter Prince Fairy of the Stars.