



High above the clouds, in the tallest tower in the whole wide world, lived Princess Lily and her best friend, Sparky.



Lily had bright green eyes and golden hair, and Sparky was a little orange dragon with sparkly blue eyes.

Their tower room was very cozy, filled with towering bookshelves and soft fluffy pillows.

But today, Lily was feeling a little bit restless.

She wondered what was hiding all the way down on the green ground.





While cleaning the royal toy chest, Lily found something very unusual hidden at the very bottom.



It was an ancient, glowing map that showed the outside world!



The map showed a winding path down the giant tower, leading straight to a magical forest.



Sparky pointed his little orange claw at a big red 'X' on the paper.

“Let’s go find it!” Lily cheered with a giant smile.





**Every great explorer needs to pack the perfect adventure bag!**



**Lily stuffed her fluffy yellow backpack with all the most important things.**



**She packed chocolate chip cookies, a sparkly rope, and her favorite rainbow umbrella.**



**Sparky found a pair of pilot goggles and put them on his little head.**

**They were finally ready to march down the thousand winding stairs!**





Just as they opened the heavy stairwell door, they met Barnaby.



Barnaby was a silly bird who was so fluffy he looked exactly like a little cloud!



“Going down?” chirped Barnaby, adjusting his tiny red scarf.

“Be careful, the stairs are very crowded today!”



Lily and Sparky looked at each other, wondering what the little bird meant.



Barnaby the cloud-bird was entirely right about the stairs.

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The path was completely blocked by three giant, fluffy, sleeping sheep!

They were stacked up like giant marshmallows, snoring a loud, rumbling snore.



There was absolutely no room for a princess and a dragon to squeeze past.

They needed a plan to move the sleepy woolly giants.





**Sparky had a very funny idea and grabbed a large blue feather.**



**He tiptoed down the steps and gently tickled the biggest sheep right on the nose.**



**The sheep's nose twitched, wrinkled, and wiggled in a very silly way.**

**Suddenly, the sheep let out a massive, booming 'ACHOO!'**



**But the giant sneeze didn't wake them up at all, they just kept right on snoring!**



Since the fluffy sheep wouldn't budge, Lily decided they had to go outside.

They pushed open the heavy glass window and stepped out onto the breezy balcony.

The world below looked incredibly huge and painted with beautiful green colors!

The wind whistled past them, tossing Lily's golden hair high into the air.

To escape the tower, they would have to find a way to jump!





**Barnaby fluttered out to the balcony to give them a very important clue.**

**“Look closely at the wind!” the silly bird chirped, pointing with his wing.**



**Lily watched the clouds and saw that the wind was swirling round and round the tower. It wasn't just blowing wildly, it was moving down down like a giant invisible slide!**

**If they could ride the wind, they could slide all the way to the bottom.**





**But there was one very big, very heavy problem.**



**Sparky was a wonderful dragon, but his orange wings were still very little.**



**He flapped and flapped as hard as he could, puffing out his cheeks. But he could only lift Lily one fine tiny inch off the balcony floor!**



**The swirling wind was too strong, and Sparky's little wings were just too small to carry them both.**



Lily didn't give up; she remembered the things in her fluffy yellow backpack! She pulled out the long sparkly rope and her giant rainbow umbrella.



Working together, Lily tied the rope tightly to the umbrella's curvy handle. Sparky held the umbrella wide open, making sure every knot was perfectly safe.

They built their very own magical parachute, ready to catch the swirling wind!



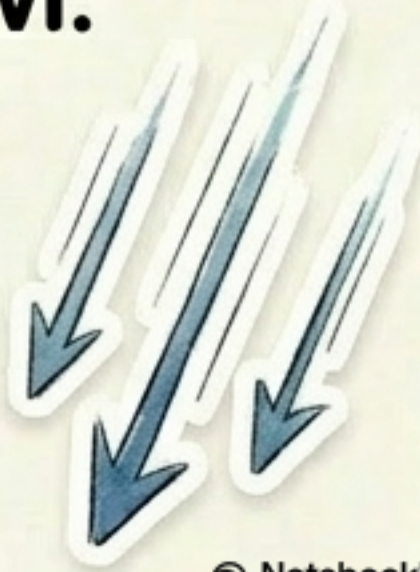


**With a deep breath and a brave shout, they jumped off the edge together! But as soon as they hit the swirling air, something very surprising happened.**



**With a loud 'POOF!', the strong wind blew the rainbow umbrella completely inside out! Instead of looking like a parachute, it looked like a giant colorful soup bowl.**

**They weren't floating, they were falling faster and faster!**





**Just in time, Sparky the dragon had his brightest idea ever!**



**He looked up at the upside-down umbrella and took a deep, warm breath.**



**He blew a gentle puff of sparkly orange fire right into the center of the umbrella bowl. The warm air filled the colorful fabric, making it puff up big and round.**



**Their broken parachute instantly turned into a magnificent hot air balloon!**





The warm magic fire caught the swirling wind slide perfectly.

*Wheee!*

Lily and Sparky floated gently down, down, down toward the beautiful green ground.



‘Wheee!’ Lily laughed, watching the giant tower rush past them.

Barnaby flew right beside them, doing happy little flips in the air.

The scary drop had turned into the most wonderful ride in the world!





**With a soft thump, their magic balloon landed right on the grassy forest floor.**



**They were finally out of the giant tower!**



**Lily unpacked the chocolate chip cookies, and they had a massive celebration picnic.**

**Even the fluffy giant sheep finally woke up, walked down the stairs, and joined the party.**

**The cookies tasted extra sweet after such a big adventure.**





**As the sun set, Lily and Sparky looked all the way up at their old tower room. It looked so very small from way down here in the beautiful wide world.**



**They learned that sometimes things go a little bit wrong, like upside-down umbrellas.**

**But with a little bit of creativity and your very best friends, there is always a way down.**

**And tomorrow, there would be a whole new world to explore!**

