



Book: Holly the Christmas Fairy

Chapter: Santa's Missing Sleigh

A Magical Mistake

"Only three days to go!" Rachel Walker said, sighing happily. She was attaching Christmas cards to long pieces of red ribbon, so that she could hang them on the living room wall. "I love Christmas! Don't you, Kirsty?"

Kirsty Tate, Rachel's best friend, nodded. "Of course," she replied, handing Rachel another pile of cards. "It's a magical time of year!"

Rachel and Kirsty laughed, and touched the golden locket they both wore around their necks. The two girls shared a wonderful secret. No one else knew it, but they were friends with the fairies! Kirsty and Rachel had visited Fairyland several times when their fairy friends needed help. The first time, they had rescued the Rainbow Fairies after they were cast out of Fairyland by nasty Jack Frost. Then Jack Frost and his goblin servants had stolen the magical tail feathers from Doodle, the rooster that controlled the weather in Fairyland. The girls had helped the Weather Fairies get all of Doodle's feathers back.

In return, the Fairy King and Queen had given Rachel and Kirsty each a gold locket. The lockets were full of magical fairy dust. The girls could use it to take them to Fairyland whenever they needed help from the fairies.

"Thanks for inviting me to visit," said Kirsty, cutting another piece of ribbon. "Mom says she and Dad will pick me up on Christmas Eve."

"We might get some snow before then!" Rachel said, smiling. "The weather's getting much colder. I wonder what Christmas is like in Fairyland."

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Just then, the door opened and Mrs. Walker came into the room. She was followed by Buttons, Rachel's friendly, shaggy dog. He was white with gray patches and had a long, furry tail.

"Oh, girls, that looks great!" Rachel's mom exclaimed when she saw the cards hanging on the wall. "We'll go over to Hillfields Farm and pick out a Christmas tree tonight."

"Hooray!" Rachel cried. "Can Kirsty and I decorate it?"

"We were hoping you would!" Mrs. Walker laughed. "You can get the decorations out of the garage after lunch."

"Buttons seems to love Christmas, too," Kirsty said, smiling. The dog was sniffing around the cards and ribbons.

"He does," Rachel replied. "Every year, I buy him some doggie treats and wrap them up. And every year, he finds them and eats them before Christmas!"

Buttons wagged his tail. Then he grabbed the end of a ribbon in his mouth and ran off, trailing red ribbon behind him.

"Buttons, no!" Rachel yelled. She and Kirsty ran after him to get the ribbon back. When the girls had finished hanging the Christmas cards, they had some hot soup for lunch. Then Rachel took Kirsty out to the garage to find the boxes of decorations.

"It's getting colder," Kirsty said, shivering. "Maybe it will snow!"

"I hope so," Rachel replied. She switched on the garage light. "The decorations are up there." She pointed at a shelf above the workbench. "I'll stand on the stepladder and hand the boxes down to you."

"OK," Kirsty agreed.

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Rachel climbed up the ladder and began to pass the boxes down. They were full of silver stars, shiny tinsel, and glittering balls in pink, purple, and silver.

"I hope you have a fairy for the top of the tree," Kirsty joked as Rachel handed her a box.

"No, we don't!" Rachel laughed. "We've always had a silver star, but it's getting old now. Be careful, Kirsty," she continued, lifting another box off the shelf. "This one has all sorts of things sticking out of it.

"Oh!" Rachel gasped in surprise. The gold locket around her neck had caught on a tiny, sparkling wreath made of twigs. The locket burst open, scattering both girls with fairy dust. "Oh, no!" Rachel cried, scrambling down from the ladder.

"What should we do?" Kirsty asked.

But they didn't have time to do anything. Suddenly, both girls were caught up in a swirling cloud of fairy dust that swept them off their feet. The sparkles whirled around them, glittering in the pale winter light.

"Kirsty, we're shrinking!" Rachel cried. "I think we're on our way to Fairyland!"

Read the rest of *Holly the Christmas Fairy* to find out what happens to Kirsty and Rachel in Fairyland!

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