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Book: Kylie the Carnival Fairy

Chapter: Carnival Hat Hijinks

The Carnival Begins!

“This is so exciting!” Rachel Walker said to her best friend, Kirsty Tate. “I’ve never been to a real carnival before.”

“And Sunnydays is the *best* carnival,” Kirsty replied. “It comes to Wetherbury every summer. I’m so glad you’re staying with us, so that you can visit the carnival, too.”

The girls were standing with a large crowd of people, including Kirsty’s parents, outside the gates of the carnival grounds. The buzz of excited chatter filled the air as everyone waited for the grand opening.

“Look, Kirsty!” Rachel nudged her friend as a man in a red coat and black top hat appeared behind the gates.

“He must be the carnival master,” Kirsty explained. “It’s finally time for the grand opening!”

“Ladies and gentlemen,” boomed the carnival master. “Welcome to Sunnydays, the most magical carnival in the world!” He threw open the gates with a flourish. “Follow me!” Rachel and Kirsty hurried inside the carnival grounds eagerly, the rest of the crowd close behind them.

“Let the carnival magic begin!” announced the carnival master, sweeping off his top hat and pointing it at the Ferris wheel. Immediately, the great wheel began to turn! The crowd gasped.

Then the carnival master waved his hat at the teacups, which began to spin in a blur of bright colors.

“It *is* magic!” gasped a little girl nearby as the rides sprang to life.

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Rachel and Kirsty smiled. They knew all about magic. The two girls had become friends with the fairies! They helped their tiny friends whenever wicked Jack Frost and his goblins caused trouble in Fairyland.

Just then, a loud drumbeat echoed through the air.

“It’s the parade!” Kirsty cried.

There was a clash of cymbals. Then a band, led by a man in a blue uniform, marched toward the crowd. The band leader wore a tall blue hat, trimmed with gold braid. He carried a rainbow-colored baton in one hand. As the crowd cheered, he tipped his hat and twirled his baton. Right away, the band struck up a merry tune.

“There are jugglers, too!” Kirsty pointed out.

The jugglers wore red-and-white jester’s hats with bells on the ends. They each carried colorful juggling balls.

“Oh, no!” Rachel giggled as one of the jugglers dropped all his balls at once. “I think they need a little more practice.”

Kirsty frowned as another one of the jugglers stumbled into an acrobat. “They’re not very tall,” she said. “Maybe they’re kids. That would explain why they’re not very good at juggling yet.” But then Kirsty glanced down at the jugglers’ feet. Their shoes were huge – much too big for children’s shoes!

Kirsty peered closely at the jugglers as they paraded past. Although their hats hid most of their faces, she realized that they had long green noses.

“Rachel!” Kirsty whispered, her heart pounding. “Those jugglers aren’t kids. They’re goblins!”

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Read the rest of *Kylie the Carnival Fairy* to find out what mischief the goblins are up to at the Sunnydays Carnival!

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