The Gem Quest

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There is a place called Fairyland where everything feels magical and colourful. In Fairyland lives a Queen with bright purple hair to match her purple dress. In her castle is a sparkly violet gem that makes sure all the animals use their right sounds. There are pixies, fairies and gnomes. One day, a bunch of pixies were running around busily.

A fairy named Lavinda runs over and calls out, “What are you doing?”

“We’re looking for our homes and the missing gem,” says a small pixie named Chip. “I will tell you what happened,” he says and sits down on a toadstool. Lavinda sits next to him.

“I am very sad because the queen gave me the gem while the castle was getting renovated by the gnomes. I am a little afraid to tell the Queen the gem is gone, as well as our homes,” Chip says.

“How did it happen?” asks Lavinda.

“It was last night, all the pixies were sitting around the fire chatting and when we got back home, both the gem and our homes had disappeared. If we don’t find the gem soon the animals will start making all sorts of crazy noises.”

The next night there was a big dance to celebrate the Queen’s birthday in the grassy fields. Chip and Lavinda decided to tell the Queen. Everyone was having a blast except Chip and Lavinder. At the end of the dance, they tell the Queen.

“Oh dear, it was probably the goblins who took your home and our gem,” she says.

“Why did the goblins steal our homes?” Chip asks.

“I’m not sure,” says the Queen.

“Our homes are probably muddy now,” complains a pixie.

“Where will we sleep?” whines another.

“Chip, Lavinda, come with me. The rest of you – the party’s over,” says the Queen sternly. “You guys need to help me find the goblins cave because you’re the smartest in all of Fairyland. No one knows where the cave is, not even me.”

So, they set off through flowers and snow, search mountains and deserts until they reach a cave in a forest, with a sign out the front saying GO AWAY! They smile at each other and creep inside. They see goblins snoring loudly and spy a fat snoring goblin with the gem in his hands. The Queen whispers to Lavinda, “Go quietly, snatch the gem out of his hands.”

She tiptoes up and does just that, but the goblin wakes up angrily and chases them out of the cave. While they’re running, they see the muddy pixie houses, but they’re destroyed. The Queen says, “We can make new homes when we get back.”

Meanwhile, back in Fairyland, elephants are roaring and birds are squeaking. When they arrive, the Queen hurries into the castle, paying no attention to the cheers of the crowd. She puts the gem back in its glass case and all is well. The next day they begin building new homes and banish the goblins forever.