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Everything was whirl of colour as I hurtled through space and time. At last my feet hit solid ground and I opened my eyes to find myself in a dense forest. The forest seemed to have a magical air about it but I couldn't quite put my finger on why.

"Hi there, I've never seen you before. What's your name?"

I turned around but I couldn't see where the voice was coming from.

"Up here," said a small voice above me.

I looked up and saw a small girl no bigger than a carrot. She had purple shoulder length hair that was the texture of wool and pale skin. She had pointed ears and what looked to be a pair of shimmering translucent wings on her back. Her clothes seemed as though they were made of fern leaves and she had bare feet.

"Are you going to sit there gawping or are you going to answer my question?" asked this strange girl.

"Sorry, my name's Olivia. And yours?"

"Delphini Bluebell Primrose Pansy Sunflower Buttercup Daisy Honeysuckle, but you can call me Delphi!"

"That's a lot of names for one person," I said.

"I'm a pixie actually."

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“I’ve always wondered what the difference is between a pixie and a fairy,” I said.

“A fairy is smaller than a pixie and doesn’t have pointy ears, but other than that, they are pretty much the same.”

“I’ve never seen a human in this part of the woods. What are you doing here?”

“I’m on a mission. I need to find the missing portal keeper and save them.”

“The what?”

“The missing portal keeper.”

“Do you, by any chance, know who the portal keeper is?”

“No.”

“Do you know where they are?”

“No.”

“Do you have room for a fellow traveller?”

“Why do you want to come? It’s going to be dangerous.”

“Oh please! I know the ins and out of this realm, if anyone can help you I can.”

I thought for a moment. Would it really be a good idea to take a random pixie along with me, after all, I barely knew her.

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“The time is ticking away, hurry up!” said Delphi.

“Fine, you can come, but on one condition: don’t try any funny business.”

“Oh, thank you so much. I am at your service.”

“It’s getting dark, find me some firewood so I can make us a fire to keep warm.”

“Sir! Yes, sir!”

And with that Delphi fluttered away through the trees.