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“So how are we even going to find these portal keepers, anyway?” said Delphi.

“I have a map that will hopefully lead us there.” I carefully pulled out the map from my bag and handed it to Delphi. The map was nothing more than a smooth piece of cream paper that was completely blank.

“This is a map? Olivia, I think you need to get your eyes tested,” said Delphi. “There’s nothing on it!”

“What? Opie told me it was a map that would lead me on my way.”

“Well he was obviously lying.”

“Wait, let me try something”. I took the map from Delphi and removed my fake wand key chain off my bag. “I solemnly swear I am up to no good,” I whispered as I tapped the map with my wand. Nothing happened.

“Was that supposed to do something?” asked Delphi mockingly.

“Honestly, have you got any idea what you are doing?”

“I never thought it would work, it was worth a try though!” I said.

“Now what?” asked Delphi.

“I’m not sure.”

“This is just a load of old rubbish,” said Delphi snatching the paper and throwing it on the camp fire.

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“Delphi, NO!” Then I noticed something peculiar. The map wasn’t burning.

“That’s weird,” Delphi said. She got a damp stick so it wouldn’t burn and used it to pull the paper out of the flames and dropped it on the ground in front of them. It was unmarked except for a picture that had appeared. It was a stretch of land with three X’s spaced out on it.

“That looks like Norgard,” Delphi said.

“Looks like what?”

“Norgard.”

“What’s Norgard?” I asked.

“This place.”

“Delphi,” I said, excitement showing in my voice. “I think this is a map showing where the ingredients for the potion are.”

“What potion?” Delphi asked.

“The one we need to make to revive the portal keeper,” I replied. “I didn’t tell you before because I didn’t trust you.”

“Excuse me, but I am a very trustworthy Pixie.”

“Well how was I to know, I’ve never met you before!”

“Whatever, it doesn’t matter.”

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Then, I heard a rustle in the bushes behind me. I turned round quickly. Delphi jumped up in the air with surprise. A tall hooded figure was standing before us. Suddenly, it ran towards us and pounced upon the map, grabbed it and headed in the direction of the trees.

“Oh no you don’t,” Delphi shouted and shot a fire ball at the disappearing figure. It set the back of its trousers on fire. There was a yelp of pain and the figure dropped the map in its haste to escape.