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I

One day, Alice was outside. Alice loved to play outside. Her sister loved books. Her sister was reading a serious book. Alice did not like the book; it had no pictures. She said, "What good is a book with no pictures?"

Suddenly, Alice saw a rabbit. He was running fast. Then, the rabbit said, "I'm late! I'm late!" Alice was so surprised.

Alice said to her sister, "Did you see that? That rabbit talked!"

But her sister did not see the rabbit. “Be serious,” said her sister. She went back to her book.

“I *am* serious. The rabbit said, ‘I’m late!’” said Alice. But her sister ignored her.

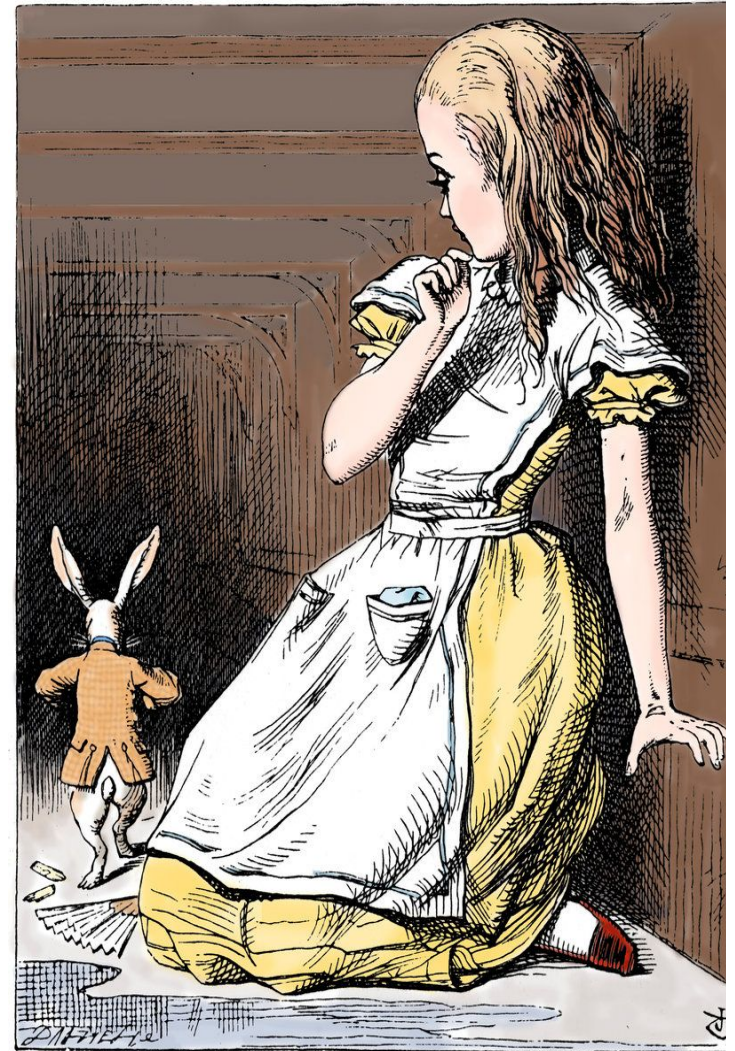
Alice was so curious. So she got up and ran after the rabbit. The rabbit ran even faster.

Then, the rabbit jumped into a burrow. The burrow was very small, but Alice was so curious. Quickly, she jumped in the burrow. But Alice immediately regretted it.

Alice fell and fell. The burrow was so deep. The minutes passed. She continued to fall. She said, “I’m going to fall to China!”

Eventually, Alice stopped falling. She fell gently into a small room. “Hello?” she said. But she was alone.

Then, there was a cry, “I’m late! I am late!” It was the rabbit. The rabbit ran to a small door, then left the room.



The door was very small, and Alice was too big. She was sad. Suddenly, she noticed a table. On the table, there was a key. Alice quickly took the key. She tested the key, and it was the right one!



But Alice had a problem: she was big and the door was very small.

Then, Alice saw another object. On the table, there was a bottle. On the bottle, it said, "DRINK ME."

Alice was so curious. Quickly, she got the bottle. She put the key back on the table. Then, she drank the mysterious bottle.



Immediately, she transformed. She was very small. She was small enough for the door!

But there was another problem: the key! The key was on the table. Now the table was very big. For Alice, the table was as big as a mountain. Alice was very sad. She was too small to get the key.



Suddenly Alice saw another object. Under the table, she saw a cake. On the cake, it said, "EAT ME."

Alice was curious, so she ate the mysterious cake. Immediately, she grew and grew. Poor Alice did not stop growing.

Soon, Alice was too big for the small room. She cried, "Oh no! I am too big!"

The poor girl was terrified. She cried and cried. Suddenly, she had an idea. "Oh, the bottle! It will make me smaller!" she said.

Quickly, she took the bottle. She drank it. Immediately, she became small.

Alice was very happy! Now she was small enough to go out the door. She turned the key, opened the door, and left the room.

Beyond the door, there was a forest. Everything was colorful and big. The trees and plants were enormous! It was a totally different world, a Wonderland. Alice could not believe her eyes!

In the forest, Alice was very small. Even the insects were bigger than Alice. Poor Alice was terrified. She said to herself, "I want to go home. I do not like being small."

Alice looked around and explored the forest. She was very curious, but also nervous in Wonderland.



II

At that moment, Alice was surprised! She heard cries in the forest.

Then, Alice saw animals. The animals were talking! They were talking very quickly and very loudly. All the animals were furious!

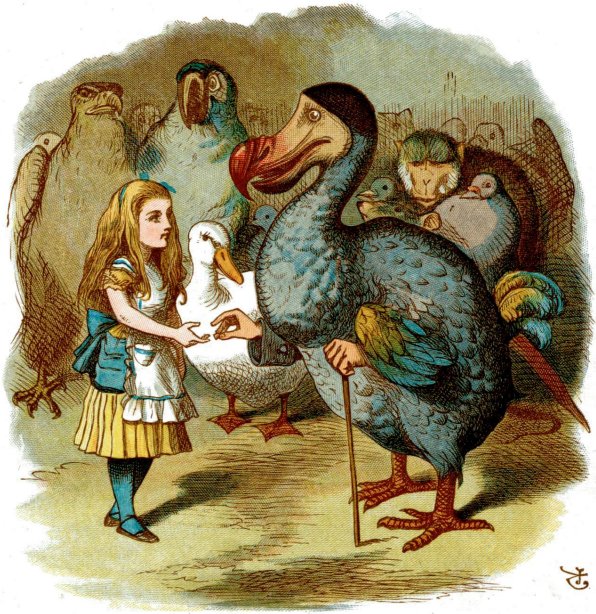
Alice was very curious. She went up to the group of animals. "What's the problem?" she said.

Some animals were mad; some were surprised. One animal, a bird, cried, "I won!"

Then a crab shouted, "No, me! I won!"

A rat shouted, "Oh, no. It was me. I won!" The rat was not angry, like some of the other animals. The rat was sad. He started to cry. Alice repeated her question, "What's the problem?" Then the rat said:

The
animals
formed
a line.
One,
two,
three...
Go!
I ran
And ran.
But
My tail
was
in a
knot!
Bird
won,
not
me.



Alice had an idea. The animals were so mad, but Alice was very reasonable. She calmed the animals.

Alice went up to the bird. She encouraged him. She said, "You are the fastest bird. You won a chocolate. Alice gave a chocolate to the bird.

"And you're the fastest crab," she says. Alice spoke to the crab. Alice gave the crab a chocolate. He was very happy!

Then Alice went up to the rat. She said, "You are the fastest rat. You're fast, even with a knot in your tail!" The rat stopped crying and said, "Thank you, little girl."

Alice helped the rat with his tail. She undid the knot. Then she gave a chocolate to the rat. The animals were very happy and they said "Thank you!" to Alice.

At that moment, there was another cry, "I'm late! I'm late!"

It was the white rabbit. The rabbit saw Alice. He said to Alice, "Mary Ann, why are you here? Run to my house. Quickly!"

"Mary Ann? Who is Mary Ann? A friend ... a maid?" said Alice. But the rabbit had run off. Alice was very curious, so she ran after the rabbit. She ran and ran.

After a minute, Alice saw a little house. On the door, it said: *Mister Rabbit*. It was the rabbit's house. Alice was very curious, so she went into the house.



Then, Alice saw a table. On the table, there was an object. It was a small bottle. On the bottle, it said, "DRINK ME."

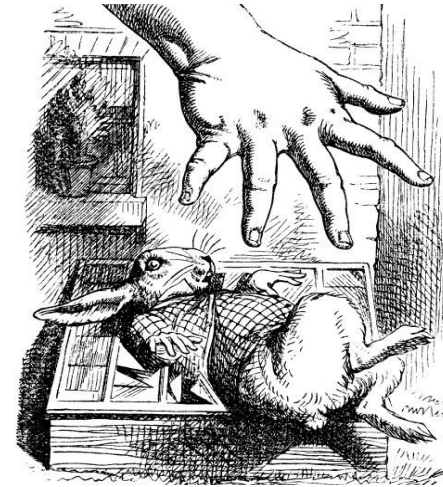
This was very familiar. It was exactly like the other bottle that made her grow.

"Wonderful!" she said with a smile. "I am so small, as small as a rat. But I can drink this and grow bigger!"

Quickly, she drank the mysterious bottle. To her surprise, Alice grew and grew. Suddenly, Alice was very big and the house was very small! Soon, she was stuck!

The little house started trembling. Alice was trembling, too. She was terrified. Then there was a cry: "Mary Ann! Mary Ann! Where are my gloves? I'm late and the queen..."

At that moment, the rabbit saw the house. He saw Alice, but she was very big! The little rabbit was terrified! He cried, "AHH! A monster!"



Alice said sadly, "Oh no, Mr. Rabbit, I am not a monster. I'm not Mary Ann either. My name is Alice."

But the rabbit was terrified. Quickly, he ran away. Alice could not run after him. She was stuck in the house.

Suddenly, Alice saw another object. It was a cake. On the cake, it said, "EAT ME."

Alice was very happy! She thought, "If I eat this cake, I will be small! "

So, Alice took a cake. She ate it and it was delicious. Alice got smaller and smaller, until finally she opened the door, and she left the house.

But now Alice was trembling. She said, "One minute, I'm big. Then, suddenly, I'm small. This is terrible! I want to go home."



III

Wonderland was so big and colorful! Alice kept exploring. Suddenly, she saw a enormous puppy. "You're adorable!" she cried.

The puppy was happy. It wanted to play. Alice wanted to play with the puppy, too. Alice got a stick to play with.

"Get the stick," said Alice. Immediately, the puppy ran after the stick. BOOM BOOM! The whole forest began to tremble. Alice was trembling, too. Frustrated, Alice said, "I can't play with the puppy. I'm too small."



Alice ran and ran. Soon she was hungry. But there was no food in the forest.

Then she saw a big mushroom. It was very big! Alice took a piece of the mushroom. She said, "I'm so hungry. I'm going to eat this mushroom."

Suddenly, a voice said, "If you eat that, you'll grow! "

Alice smiled and said, "Hello, Caterpillar. Did you say that I will grow if I eat this?"

"Yes, yes, you will grow very big," he said.

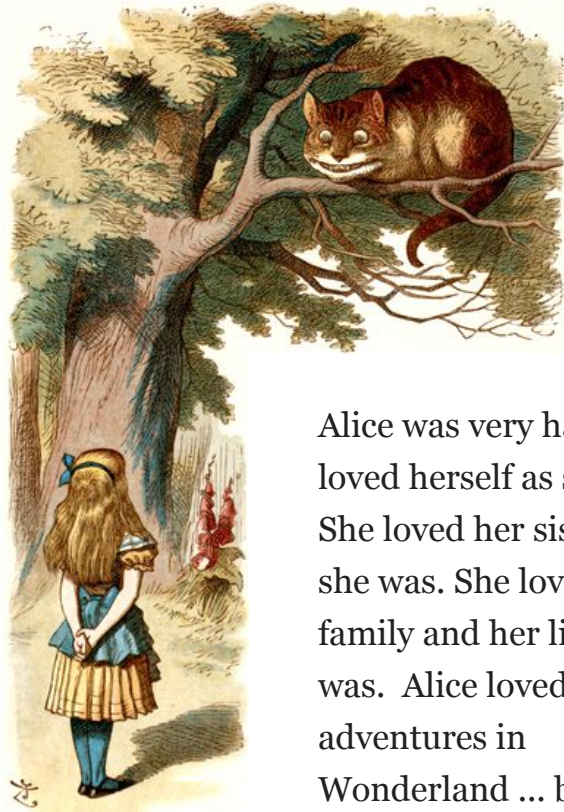
"Ah, perfect! I hate being small. I'm 3 centimeters tall and it's terrible," said Alice.

Caterpillar looked furious. He exclaimed, "How rude! I am 3 centimeters tall! And I'm a perfect size, thank you very much."

Alice was red with embarrassment. She said, "Oh, excuse me, Caterpillar." Alice was very, very sad. She did not like this world where everything was so different.

Caterpillar saw that Alice was sad, and he felt sorry for her. He said, "Here's a big secret. If you are small, you have to love being small. If you are big, you have to love being big. Do not compare yourself to others: big or small. Love yourself as you are."

Alice appreciated his advice. She said thank you and goodbye to the caterpillar. She took a piece of mushroom and left.



Alice was very happy. She loved herself as she was. She loved her sister as she was. She loved her family and her life as it was. Alice loved her adventures in Wonderland ... but she wanted to go home.

But there was a problem: there was no way to go home. Alice was stuck in Wonderland, and she was very sad.

Suddenly, she saw a cat. The cat was smiling. Alice was very surprised. She said, "A smiling cat? How crazy!" But she was very curious, so she went up to the cat.

Alice said, "Excuse me Mr. Cat. I am looking for a way home. Is there a way out of Wonderland?"

The Cat smiled. "In that direction, there's a crazy queen," he said.

"A crazy queen? That is terrible!" said Alice.

"Oh, yes, she is terrible," said the smiling cat. "And in that direction, there is a crazy man. He has parties with his crazy friends," said the cat.

"Oh no! They are all crazy?" said Alice.

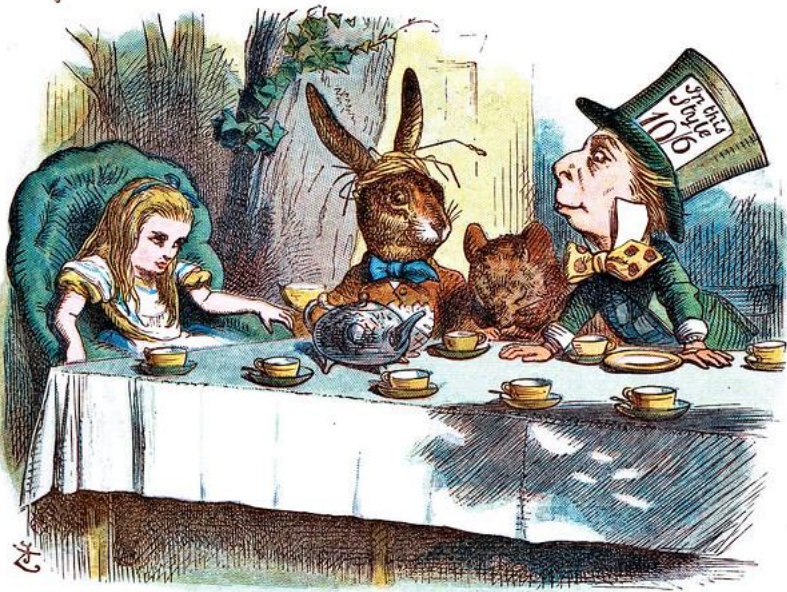
"Oh yes! We are all crazy in Wonderland," the cat said. He had a crazy smile. Suddenly, POOF! The cat disappeared.



Alice was sad. Everything was so different here. Everyone was crazy! Poor Alice was very sad, and she wanted to go home. Alice went in the direction of the party to look for a way home.

Soon, Alice saw the party. There was a huge table. At the table, there was a man and some animals. The man had a big hat. It was so big, he looked crazy.

Alice said, "Hello, my name is Alice. I--" But the man interrupted: "No room! No room!"



Alice looked at the table. It was a huge table! There was room for 30 people! She was surprised. She said, "No room? But there is a lot of room."

Frustrated, she sat at the table. Suddenly, the man cried, "No tea! No tea!"

"No tea? But there is a lot of tea!" said Alice. She was furious. The man in the hat was crazy.

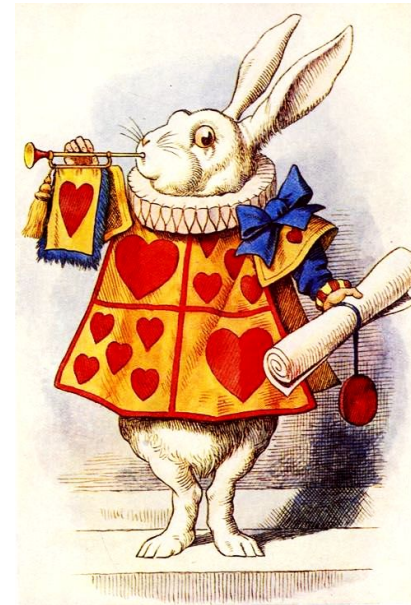
Then the man said, "Okay, here is some tea." He was with his friend, the rat. The man picked up the rat and put him in the tea! Alice was horrified! The man was completely crazy!

Alice got up. She cried, "This is crazy!" She ran from the table.

Alice ran and ran. She was furious with the man in the hat, and she was sad.

"Wonderland is crazy! I want to go home," she said as she ran.

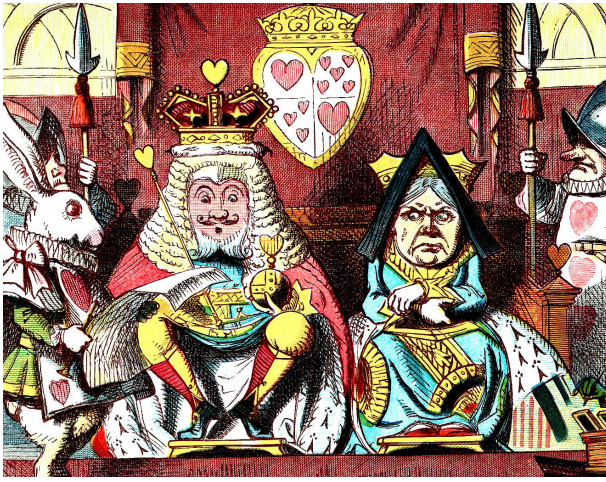
Suddenly, she saw the white rabbit. He was panicked. Nervously, he said, "I'm late! The queen will be furious! "



IV

The rabbit ran quickly, but Alice saw him. As he ran, Alice had an idea. "Oh, the rabbit can leave Wonderland," she said. "He went to my home before. He can help me go home again!"

Quickly, Alice ran after the rabbit. The rabbit ran very fast. Soon they arrived at a palace. It was decorated with hearts. In fact, the rabbit had a uniform decorated with hearts. The rabbit went into the palace, saying, "She will be furious! She will be furious!"



The rabbit was a servant at the palace. He was terrified of the terrible queen. If he was late, the queen would execute him!

The rabbit went in quickly. Then, he played a trumpet and cried loudly, "Announcing Her Majesty, the Queen of Hearts!"

The queen arrived and sat down. The queen was not happy. Suddenly, the queen saw Alice. "Who are you?" cried the queen.

Alice was very nervous. She trembled and said, "I ... I'm Alice."

At that moment, there was a great wind. WHOOSH! The wind was so strong, the king lost his crown.

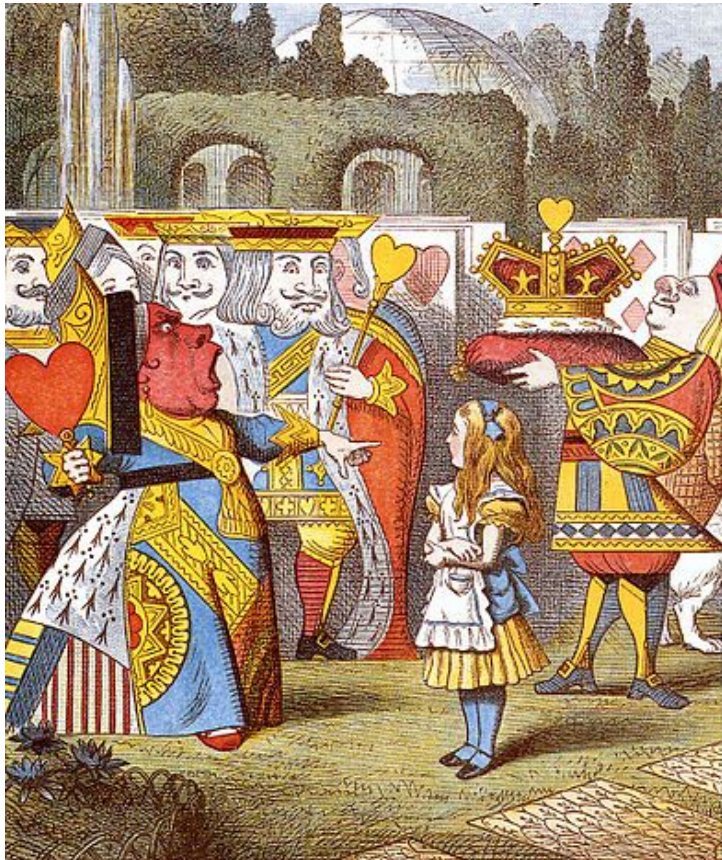
"Where is my crown?" cried the king. He was not happy, but the queen was absolutely furious!

Alice saw the smiling cat. Suddenly, the cat disappeared.



The queen was so furious, she turned red. "Who did this? Who is responsible?" cried the queen. Everyone was silent. Finally, Alice said, "It was the cat."

The queen turned to Alice. "A cat? What cat?" The queen was confused. After a minute, the queen cried loudly, "It was you!"



"No, your Majesty," said Alice. "It was not me!" Poor Alice was terrified.

The queen was furious, and she loved executions. Quickly, she said, "Guards, get her! Execute the girl!"

Immediately, the guards got Alice. She was trembling as she cried, "No! It was not me! It was the cat." But the guards ignored her.

Alice panicked. She had no way out! Suddenly, she had an idea. She had a piece of the mushroom. The caterpillar had said, "If you eat the mushroom, you'll grow." If Alice grew big, she could run away.

So, Alice got the mushroom. Quickly, she ate the piece of mushroom. Immediately, she grew and grew. Soon Alice was very big!

Everyone was very surprised! "NO!" cried the queen. "Get her!" But the guards were so small. They could not get Alice.

Quickly, Alice ran away. There was a loud BOOM, BOOM! The palace trembled as the enormous girl ran away.

Alice ran very quickly. Wonderland was a great adventure, but everyone was crazy. Poor Alice cried and said, "I want to go home! I want to see Mom, Dad, and even my sister."

Suddenly, her sister said, "Get up, Alice." She opened her eyes and she saw her sister. "I'm back!" she cried.

Alice was very happy to be at home.

THE END

