



The Quest

for

Light

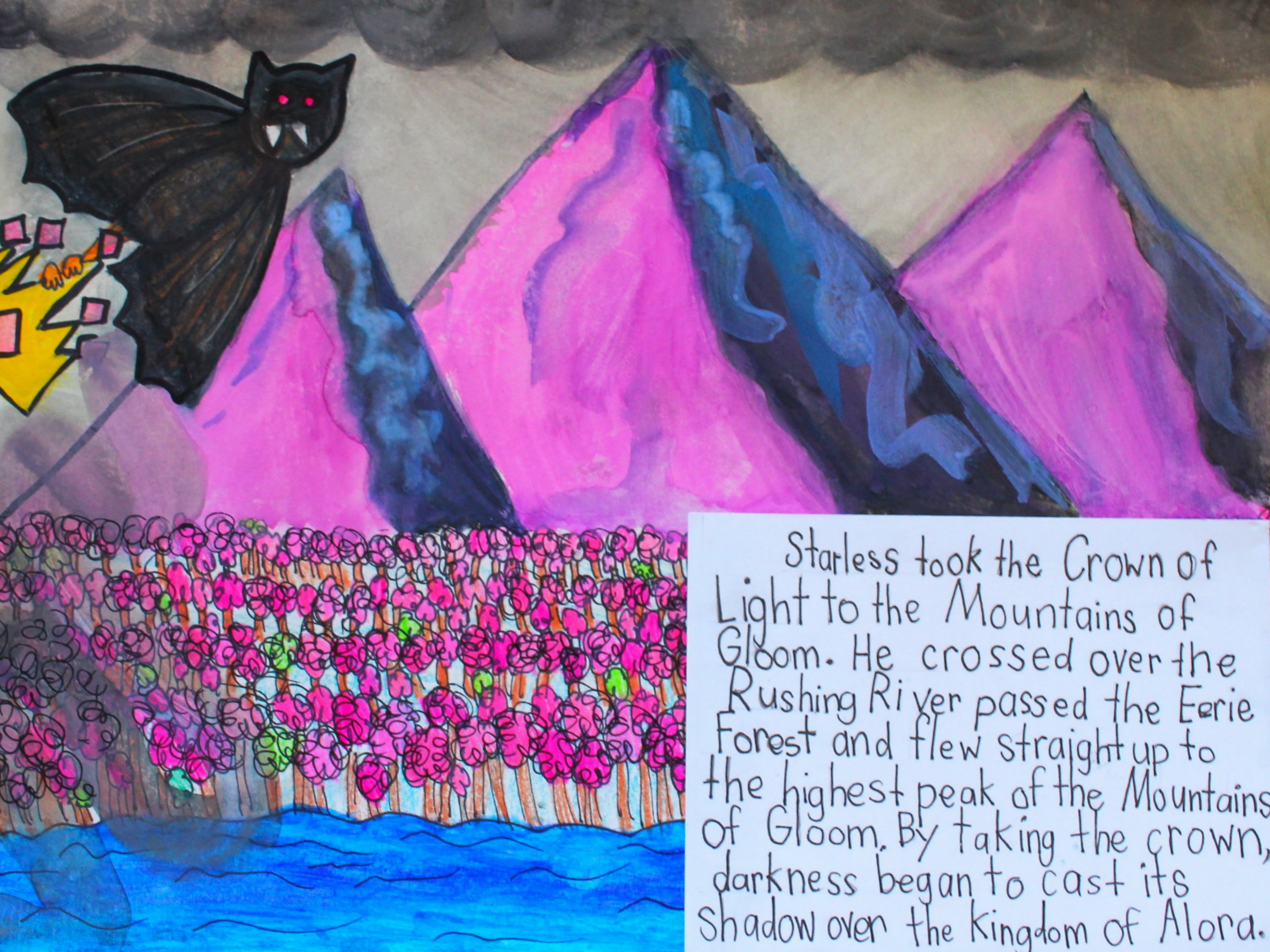
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The Kingdom of Alora was full of life and beauty. The light that shined from the kingdom made everyone feel merry and happy. Every day, Princess Elina of Alora would ride her horse Sapphire with her dog Lucia through her kingdom.



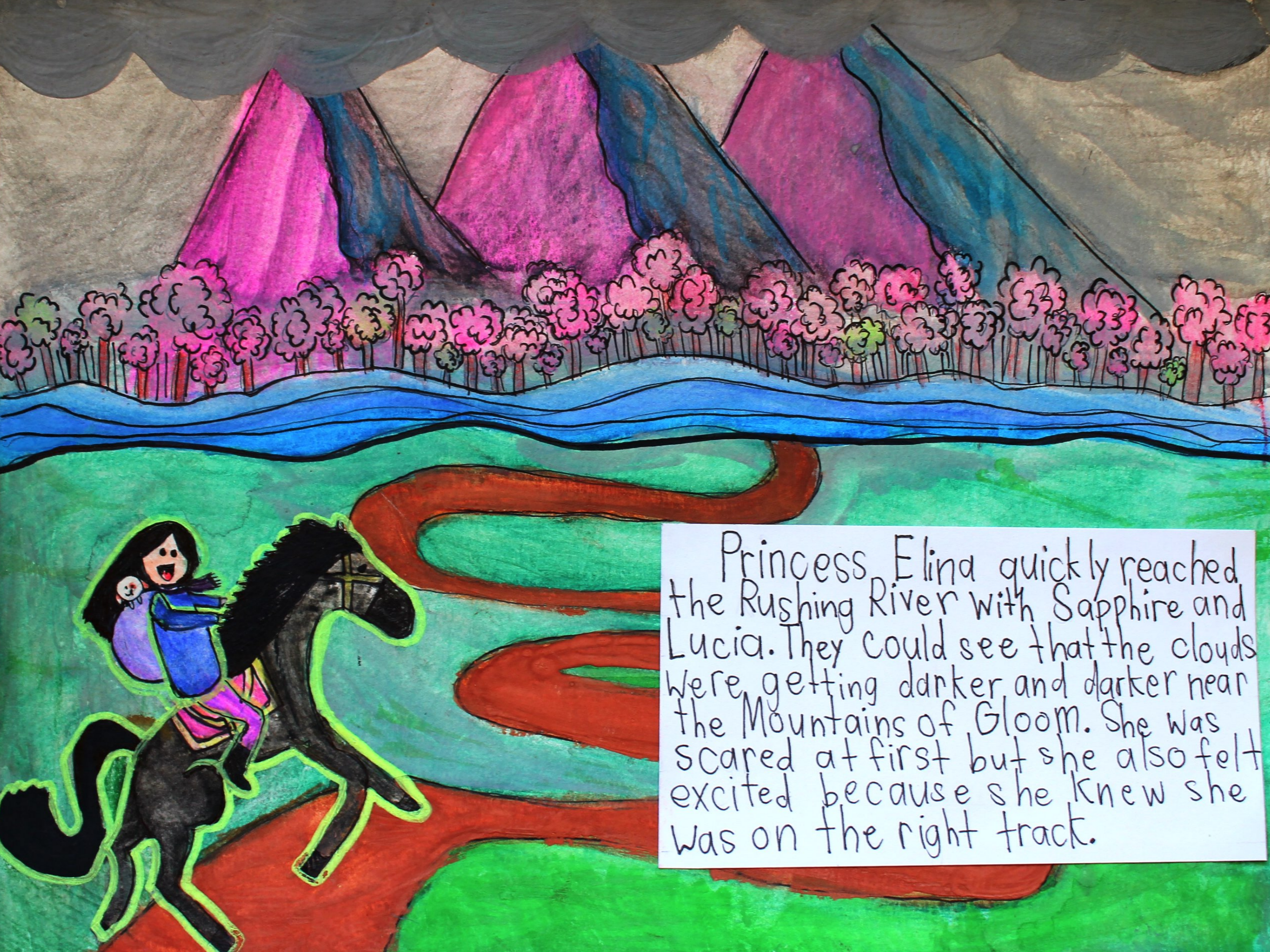
The source of all this radiance was the treasure of Alora, the Crown of Light. It sat on the head of King Abner. Whenever he would put on the crown, the morning would come. One day, as King Abner was sitting on his throne, an evil bat named Starless flew into the throne room. He snatched the Crown of Light from King Abner's head!



Starless took the Crown of Light to the Mountains of Gloom. He crossed over the Rushing River passed the Eerie Forest and flew straight up to the highest peak of the Mountains of Gloom. By taking the crown, darkness began to cast its shadow over the Kingdom of Alora.

The radiance of the Kingdom of Alora already began to fade. King Adner told all his servants to find the crown and restore light to the Kingdom. But Princess Elina knew where Starless would most likely go: to the Mountains of Gloom. So she packed her bag for the journey ahead and brought her faithful companions with her. The light within her guided her through her fears.





Princess Elina quickly reached the Rushing River with Sapphire and Lucia. They could see that the clouds were getting darker and darker near the Mountains of Gloom. She was scared at first but she also felt excited because she knew she was on the right track.



As she got closer to the Rushing River her heart sank. She could not find a way to cross the river. Then Princess Elina noticed some hungry ducks swimming her way. She remembered the bread that she had packed and shared some with the hungry ducks. She then asked if they knew how to cross the river.

The ducks gladly showed her the shallowest part of the river. Princess Elna then crossed the Rushing River with Lucia in her backpack and rode on Sapphire. But as they crossed the river she thought she saw some more creatures on the other side. She swallowed her fear and courageously crossed the other side into the Eerie Forest.







Princess Elina continued through the Eerie Forest. The Princess realized she was surrounded by many Vicious Wolves. Thinking quickly she remembered that she packed some bones for Lucia. She tossed the bones to the Vicious Wolves and they became Happy Wolves.

The Happy Wolves allowed princess Elina to continue on her journey. Now she headed for the Mountains of Gloom. Princess Elina felt scared but was focused on finishing her quest.





The journey up the Mountains of Gloom was challenging. Princess Elina used her rope to climb the mountain. Halfway up the mountain, she met Starless! He used his wings to make the wind wilder. It was so wild that the rope snapped!

Just when she thought all hope was lost, the Wolves came running up the mountain to help Princess Elina. They grabbed the rope with their teeth to help her and her companions climb. The Ducks came to help by distracting Starless.



They found a dark cave at the top of the mountain. It looked lonely and sad. Starless seemed to have no friends here or anywhere.



But Princess Elinawas surrounded by friends. So instead of fighting Starless, she decided to give Starless an apple as a sign of friendship.





This act of kindness changed Starless' heart. Instead of a cold selfish heart, Princess Elina helped him to have a kind heart. Starless decided to give back the Crown of Light to Princess Elina. When Princess Elina received the crown it began to glow!



With the Crown in her hand she returned to the Kingdom of Alora. As she did, the morning started to rise. All the people and all the animals began to celebrate together! The Crown of Light from that day on, began to shine in everyone. Even in those who chose darkness.

