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## LIST OF CHARACTERS

ESTHER (Clara's Grandmother)

CLARA

GENOVEVA (The Librarian)

THE MAYOR

THE SHOEMAKER

MARIA (The Sculptor)

THE KING

ANTONIO (The Dustman)

THE CLERK

MERCHANT 1

MERCHANT 2

MERCHANT 3

MERCHANT 4

THE POLICEMAN

# ACT I

## SCENE 1



*It's saturday morning. CLARA wakes up in her grandmother's house. She is there for the weekend. It's snowing outside.*

ESTHER: Good morning, Clara! How are you feeling today?

CLARA: Good morning, grandma. I'm fine, I suppose. Hey look! It's snowing!

*ESTHER, Clara's grandmother, looks through the window.*

ESTHER: It's true. Oh, it's beautiful! But it must be very cold out there.

CLARA: What are we going to do today? I want to go to the park! We can throw snowballs and make a snowman.

ESTHER: I'm afraid we cannot do that, Clara. You have a cold, and you can't play outside. Not today... I'm sorry.



CLARA:

But that's not good! Today is a special day, it is snowing! What if it never snows again? I can't miss this opportunity to play with the snow!

ESTHER:

*(Laughing)* It will snow again, Clara, don't worry about that. Besides, there are lots of things we can do at home. We can play with your puppets, for instance. What do you think?

CLARA:

I have a better idea. Why don't you tell me a story about the snow?

*ESTHER thinks for a moment. Then she smiles sadly.*

ESTHER:

Clara, I'm so sorry. I can't remember a story about the snow right now. My memory is not very good these days.

CLARA:

It's okay, Grandma. I don't have a very good memory, either.

*They both look through the window in silence, until ESTHER speaks again.*







ESTHER:

There is something we could do about that story. I know a place where we can find it. But it's not easy to get there.

CLARA:

Really? And where is that place? Is it very far from here?

ESTHER:

*(Smiling)* Well... Yes and no. The entrance is quite near. It's in the Public Library. You know the Public Library, don't you?

CLARA:

Of course I do! I often go there with my parents.

ESTHER:

The Public Library is a great place. You can discover lots of books and have a look at them. They let you choose one or two and take them home, as long as you are careful with them. When I was a little girl,



I went to the library all the time.  
And one day, when I was there...  
Something happened, I think.  
But I'm not sure. I was so little...  
maybe I imagined it all.

CLARA:

What happened, grandma?

ESTHER:

Well... I found something. It was  
behind a bookcase.

CLARA:

What was it? A special book?

ESTHER:

It was special, but it wasn't a book.  
It was a door.

CLARA:

A door? And what can be special  
about a door?

ESTHER:

Well, that door was special because  
it was the entrance to another  
world, a wonderful world. I used to  
call it Story Land, but its true name  
is 'Revipitricuetabritri'.

CLARA:

Revipi- what?



## Story Land

Clara had never imagined that a library could have a door to a different world. It's Story Land, where people buy and sell things by paying with stories, instead of money, and where everyone can make their dreams come true by using the power of their imagination.

### With this book you will learn...

How to use different tools to invent your own stories and you will review and practise the use of synonyms and antonyms. It is written as a play, so you can set up a theatre stage and act it out with your classmates.

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