

Another World

"5... 4... 3... 2... 1... vacation!" Worksheets flew around and students stormed out of the classrooms.

"Hey Scarlet!" Billy, a tall, black-haired boy with freckles on his face, shouted to a girl in front of the school.

"Hi! Where are the others?" Scarlet asked.

"Here we are," Danny uttered.

So Scarlet, Billy, Danny, Carol, Matt, and Agatha stood in a circle.

Scarlet, with her short brown hair and her big blue glasses, explained: "As discussed, in about two hours Billy will come to pick each of us up. Eat something, finish preparing your suitcases and off you go!"

"I'm really excited!" Burst out Carol, a smaller girl than everyone else with long blond hair.

"But don't forget it's going to be a long drive", added Matt. Matt was a popular boy all girls chased after. Possibly because he was rich and looked very mature for his age. With his chestnut-colored hair and blue eyes, he was simply the eye-catcher.

After the group had said goodbye, everyone went home.

"Ouh man... Matt is such a cool guy... If only he would feel the same way I do..." Scarlet thought on the way home. These thoughts had haunted her for ages. Though he was so popular, he and she had always been good friends, but he had been a bit weird about the relationship between the two of them since high school started.

"Take it easy, Scarlet, you will soon have five days to impress him. Five wonderful days in a tropical forest," she calmed down in thought. She stood in front of her front door without noticing it, lost in thought, went in, changed clothes in a flash, cooked pasta for a quick meal before the long journey, packed the last important items in her suitcase and jumped on her bed. "I hope something happens on this trip, please, please, so that Matt and I will come closer again..." She blushed and could not stop thinking of him until she was suddenly startled by a horn. "That must be Billy!"

She grabbed her backpack and ran out of the house, locked the door, and sprinted to the trunk of the van.

"Hey Scarlet, we just have to pick up Matt and Carol," Danny informed her.

After Scarlet had put her suitcase in the trunk, she started to sit down next to Billy in the passenger seat, but he just laughed and said, "No, no, Scarlet, definitely not. You'll sit in the back, where Matt'll be sitting. We already have a plan, don't worry. Three hours of driving - you can spend a lot of time together."

"All right..." she whispered back uncertainly.

"Then Carol will sit down next to Billy and everything will be settled", called out Agatha.

"Yes," Danny whispered and gave her a kiss. It was clear that the two were sitting next to each other, as they had been inseparable for 2 years. An unusual couple. Agatha's hair pitch black and almost purple-colored, dark eyes, which made her almost resemble a witch. She often only wore clothes in black and purple tones, compared to Danny who often dressed in many colors. Agatha often seemed dark and mysterious, the complete opposite of Danny. She tried to be at the forefront in all opportunities and to be the best. That was probably the reason why she carried a dark, thick book with her and read, she repeated words to herself and was very smart. Scarlet had even seen her once when she whispered some Latin words in front of the open book. Because of this, she usually looked a little crazy. Danny, on the other hand, was quite a show-off. There was nothing he hadn't bragged about. He thought he was the best karate fighter in the world and had also visited a place called "Kanlan" once. Scarlet hadn't even wanted to hear these stories about this very likely fictional place. Still, they were both one of her best friends.

"Buckle up!" Billy yelled and drove off. He was a very self-confident, strong, responsible person, but also the only one in the group who had a driver's license, which was why he could drive the van. Plus, he was the oldest of them all and was the best when it came to crafting. As soon as the group picked up Carol, Scarlet

got more and more nervous. "What if he doesn't want to sit next to me? Or I'll say something wrong, or--"

"Take it easy, Scarlet. You're best friends. And I can tell you that he always gets nervous when we talk about you", said Carol to cheer her up. Even if she looked small and cute, she was usually very tough. She loved video games, especially the shooting and horror games. You should not underestimate this girl! A short time later the van stopped and Matt got in. Scarlet blushed, probably because she immediately smelled Matt's perfume.

"Well, the journey can begin!" he said finally. The trip went by very quickly. Together they passed each other's time by listening to music, playing games, talking and singing. Scarlet and Matt also had fun together.

"Ten kilometers to go, people," Billy announced. "I'm telling you it was an extremely nice idea to have a holiday together."

"Agatha, honey, your ideas are always the best!", Danny said aloud.

"I know ha-ha", Agatha laughed almost like a villain.

"People! Look how beautiful!" Everyone looked out of the windows. The path slowly became more and more bumpy and the atmosphere became more and more like a forest. Green as far as the eye could see, dense bushes, beautiful brightly colored flowers and tall trees. A moment later they came to a parking lot, covered with mud and plants, which lead to a small path further into the mythical forest.

"Final destination. We all get out, take our suitcases and go to our rented holiday home. As soon as we are all there, there will be another announcement," explained Scarlet. When she opened the door and got out, it felt different. So free, warm but humid, you could hear a lot of noises from animals and insects, a light wind and even water splashing. Just a wonderful atmosphere. Scarlet could even feel the positive energy of the others. When everyone got their things out of the van, the group walked down the small path into the thick forest, led by Billy and Scarlet.

"Do you think this will work?" Scarlet asked Billy quietly.

"What? The way to the house?"

"No"

"Ah, that. Yes, of course, I'm sure of that. Soon you will be as happy as Danny and Agatha."

"Let's hope so..." After a 10-minute walk through the spectacular forest they arrived and what they saw would have enchanted everyone.

"That's even better than the pictures!" Carol yelled. Scarlet's thoughts went crazy. She was just as fascinated as everyone else, could not find words. A big house made of wood, built like a luxury villa, lots of windows, a big balcony, a pool and there was even a small pond in the garden! Surrounded by huge trees and bushes, the house looked perfect in the light at this time, so that an atmosphere was created like they were in a dream or in paradise. Nobody said anything, everyone was silent and marveled in front of the gigantic house in which the friends wanted to live for five days.

"Well then, what are we waiting for? Let's go in!" said Agatha impatiently.

Without thinking, Scarlet grabbed her suitcase and ran. At that moment all she could think of was Matt and the wonderful, breathtaking house. But it wasn't until she stood at the front door that she realized that what was happening was real. As soon as Agatha opened the door with a key, everyone rushed in like wild animals. You could only hear excited shouts and Scarlet was standing in the entrance area, lost in thought, until Billy nudged her:

"Hey, are you coming? We'll choose the rooms now."

After they both had gone up the stairs, Scarlet continued to admire the magnificent house. Glass stairs, plants in pots everywhere, large lamps hanging from the ceiling. The walls, the floor - everything matched perfectly.

"Beautiful, isn't it?" Agatha whispered to Scarlet and Billy when they got upstairs.

"It's so nice, I have no words for it," Billy replied.

"Then can we hear the plan for the rest of the day and all?"

Scarlet asked Agatha.

"Naturally".

After everyone had looked around, Agatha gathered everyone in the living room and discussed how to proceed. In this large room you could smell the wood best, but the light was also best reflected in the chandelier. Everyone agreed that they would take a little walk through the woods today, as Agatha insisted so much on it.

"You and Matt will stay together, promise me that," Danny whispered Scarlet in her ear during the meeting. She just blushed and got goose bumps all over her body. The thought of being with Matt felt wonderful.

Five o'clock. The group was getting ready for a little walk in the woods.

"Everything will be fine," Scarlet reassured herself and went down the stairs to the others.

"Then let's go, quickly," said Agatha enthusiastically. When Scarlet took the first step outside, she felt that it was suddenly very cool and fresh. Owls and crickets made loud noises and the ground was wet, as if it had been raining for hours.

Agatha, Danny and Matt went ahead, Scarlet close behind them, Carol and Billy caught up. The way through the forest was an adventure, they had to be careful not to slip or lose each other. Scarlet lost herself in thoughts again - about Matt - until she realized he stopped and joined her.

"Hey".

"Hi".

"Cold, isn't it?" Scarlet began.

"Yes, yes. Are you freezing?" Matt asked worriedly and took her hand.

This feeling, when he gave her his warm hand, felt like she was floating on a warm cloud.

"You are very cold. I'll give you my jacket," he said and put his jacket around her back. Now it felt as if she was cuddled up with him in a blanket on a warm cloud. She couldn't feel any better, but this wonderful moment was interrupted by Danny.

"Everyone comes here! Look at that big tree!"

"Beautiful, isn't it?" said Agatha slowly.

A large, magnificent tree, with a treetop that was almost three times the size of all other trees, stood out, and this one had a small gap in the large trunk that everyone would easily fit through.

"Is there anything hidden in there?" Agatha asked mysteriously. A gust of wind swept over the tree and glitter fell down. Scarlet was briefly irritated and told herself that it was just dust reflected in the weak light. Still, a strange feeling ran through her body, but she tried to suppress it. Without hesitation, she knelt down by the crack and peered inside. "Nothing," she said afterwards and looked over at the others. She didn't know if she had just imagined it, but at exact that moment when she turned around, there was a hissing sound like fireworks, only not quite as loud and a bright light shone from the crack in the tree.

"What the heck?" Billy yelled loudly.

Scarlet looked closely into the bright light and felt like she had to follow it and go inside. She slowly crawled further and further inside.

"Scarlet! What are you doing? That's absurd!"

She was unable to have clear thoughts as she continued to go forward - as if she was hypnotized. As if it were calling her and she was destined to keep going inside.

"Is she's really gone?" Matt asked in panic, crawled after her and disappeared too.

"I think this is a portal! A portal that will probably take us somewhere else!" Danny shouted and crawled into the crack in the tree, followed by Carol.

"Is that really a good idea?", Billy asked Agatha, full of fear, whereupon she answered: "Come on! In with you."

The way through the portal felt strange, but warm and calm. When Scarlet crawled out of the crack in the tree, she realized that she was no longer in the forest, but on a large mountain in a completely different world that she had never seen before.

It felt right to be here. She couldn't explain whether it was a dream or reality. Scarlet felt a smell in her nose that she had never smelled in her entire life, sweet honey with cotton candy,

chamomile tea mixed with warm freshly baked cakes or maybe like cinnamon with hot cocoa? Whenever she gasped for air in excitement, she tasted the same taste as the one she smelled. She could hear soft voices in the distance, a waterfall splashing down on the hill she was standing on, soft music, noises of glitter that sparkled like in fairy and princess films, wind that swept through the big tree from which she had come out and much more. She wasn't able to focus on a specific sound.

Scarlet couldn't stop looking around. At first glance everything looked very unusual. A large landscape with many cities, five in total, all of which were individually separated from each other and connected to one another by a rainbow bridge. In between there were small villages, meadows and forests near the cities. What she clearly noticed was, however, that every city, every village, forest or place was totally different from all the others, as if everything had its own theme or style. Even the clouds and the light adapted to the corresponding location. Under the floating rainbow bridge was turquoise grass with pink, orange, and red dots that were probably flowers. There were also animals to be seen in this world, green and white dragons in the sky, which was light blue as in her world, but there was no sun to be seen, but huge purple stars. In the background she could also make out large mountains that surrounded the whole country. The girl was so astonished, she had not even noticed that little by little her friends were coming. She turned around for them.

"Witch! How cool is that?" shouted Danny.

"Is that real?" Carol asked.

The others were silent. Scarlet couldn't say any words until Billy said something.

"I don't believe it! Look at you!" Only now Scarlet noticed that the outfits of her friends as well as hers had changed, adapting to the world. Scarlet's short hair had changed to a long bob that was longer from the back to the front and she was now wearing an off-the-shoulder mini evening dress that went to her knees, in dark blue with a scarf on the right side of her chest. It hung casually down on the back. In addition, she wore high-top sneakers

in different shades of blue and a dark blue, decorated with gold on her right hand and left leg, as well as a short necklace in this style.

Carol, on the other hand, suddenly had much longer hair than usual, it was tied in a braid all the way to her feet. With a crop top, a mini skirt and sandals in various shades of yellow, she looked taller. She also wore earrings and a long chain that went down to her navel.

Agatha looked the gloomiest of them all, possibly because that was her way, and seemed like none of this was new to her. Her hair was long, very thick and curly, she wore a purple sweater with a black biker jacket and jeans of the same color, plus biker boots and lots of silver jewelry and chains.

Billy with his hair that fell to the right now had a dark green hoodie with the inscription "Zentopia" on, with black and light green striped, sweatpants and black sports shoes.

Danny now had a tousled hairstyle and a yellow karate robe with a black belt and Matt's hair was now curly and he was wearing a red leather jacket with matching trousers and sports shoes in a dark red color.

Scarlet's gaze caught on Matt. She had never seen him with curls before and it looks extremely good on him.

"So, what now?" Danny asked excitedly.

"I think it might be a good idea to go back," Matt replied and everyone turned around for a quick look back, which was shocking since the portal, all the light, was no longer there. The cleft in the tree was now a normal cleft again.

Scarlet felt heavy and very dizzy. Her brain only thought about how she would come home again. Out of sheer shock and fear, however, she forgot that the moment Matt had mentioned going back, she heard a flick from the direction of Agatha and Danny.

"Don't worry, maybe someone can help us," said Agatha, not quite so worried.

"That's not real. It's absurd," Scarlet shouted louder with every word. She looked up at the sky. A fraction of a second later she spotted a figure in the air that seemed to be slowly approaching.

At first, she could only see a turquoise stain, then a head, long hair. The uncertainty gripped Scarlet again. Would the human-like figure help them? Or wanted to kill her? Questions she couldn't answer now. Matt, Billy, Agatha, Danny and Carol had already discovered the mysterious figure and looked enchanted into the sky.

"Then let's hope this thing can help us," Billy said expectantly. "Hey!" The voice shouted from afar, "I'm Rosalina! The princess of the stars! I am overjoyed that help is finally here!" Now you could see her completely. Blonde long hair that completely covered the right eye, a very long, turquoise dress and a magic wand in her hand. "I hereby welcome you!"

"What's this all about?" Matt asked.

"Ah yes. You come from another world. It must all be pretty confusing and new to you guys, but I'd like to explain everything. This is the world of Zentopia, it emerged from the base of your world. I've been waiting for more than four years for the rescue to finally arrive.

Zentopia, the word that stood on Billy's hoddie, was the name of this country.

"What kind of rescue?" asked Carol.

"An apocalypse is spreading in Zentopia. Two cities plus a forest, village and meadow are already affected. They have gone from wonderful to cruel places, and we don't know why."

"And why us?" Danny asked.

"Because you are destined for it. The only way to stop the apocalypse is to bring the Magical Artifact to Queen Medusa at the Queen's Castle. Only she can stop it with it. You're probably wondering why neither of us does it. The Queen's last message said she saw the future. Six friends from the mother world of Zentopia would save us, no one else could ever make it."

"But we just want to go back home", Scarlet pleaded with her.

"That is not in my power. Once you come here, you won't come out again. Well, there is still one possibility."

"Which ones ?!", shouted Matt.

"You have to bring the magical artifact to Queen Castle as

previously mentioned, there Medusa can bring you back to your home with the help of a portal."

Scarlet now felt even more lost than before. "It can't get any more absurd!" she thought to herself.

"What do we have to lose? We can't get out of here anyway. Let's dare the adventure! You wanted an adventure. It can't be that difficult," said Agatha.

"You're right," Scarlet finally admitted, feeling uncomfortable.

"Where can we find this artifact?" Carol asked.

"In Magic City. Stella will help you from there, but to find your way around better, Steve will help you in Minecraft Village, you'll have to pass through anyway. Just go straight down, always follow the rainbow!" After these last words, Rosalina flew back into the sky without saying goodbye, in the direction from which she had come.

"Hey!" Billy shouted after her, but she flew further and further away until she could no longer be seen.

Scarlet ventured forward. She walked step by step through the grass of the hill until she slowly felt stones under her shoes, they were getting more and more, she looked down and saw a stony path leading to a village.

"It has to be," she said afterwards.

Billy and Danny followed her and talked about the village and what to expect there. Carol and Agatha quickly joined them, but Scarlet stayed in front, and Matt too. She enjoyed the view of the world. He came closer and took her hand. Her heart was filled like a light in the dark. They walked down the path along with the others until they got almost to the bottom and Matt quickly let go of her hand. She felt disappointed.

The hill was very high, but the mountains in the distance towered above everything. The wide landscape with scattered trees and houses looked familiar. They could already recognize the village, it would only be a few meters down the path and they would be there. It smelled more like a farm with every meter.

"What? Why is everything square?" Billy asked.

Then Matt said: "You don't know the game?"

"Yes, yes!" Carol called out and ran straight into the village. The others ran after her. Scarlet immediately realized that everything was made up of squares. She knew the video game but had never played it. There were no round or triangular objects, even the villagers who lived there had square legs, arms, heads and bodies.

"That's absurd," Scarlet whispered again, but this place had a calm atmosphere. She could see potatoes, beetroot and wheat in a field that was being harvested by one of the villagers.

Pigs, cows and chicken noises could be heard.

"Hello. Wait a minute, are you the salvation?", a callous and somehow controlled voice shouted behind her back. A square man like the other people with brown hair, purple and light blue clothes and a gray pickaxe in his hand.

Danny interrupted him and said: "Yeah, the flying one with the blue dress said you could give us a map of this world? We have to move on quickly, old man".

Wind swept through the village.

"Yes of course. By the way, I am Steve". Steve walked through the village, probably to his house, and the group followed him.

On the way Matt said: "We really should get on straight away, the village seems peaceful, but as soon as night falls it'll be hell."

"Skeletons, Endermen and Creepers. No thanks," said Agatha.

When they all got to Steve's house, he made a gesture that they should wait and took out a piece of paper with a pen. He drew the whole map in seconds and handed it over to Scarlet. It was a strange feeling to be so close to a video game character.

"The place just before the castle, nobody knows what happened there. So... I can't draw much more."

"Okay, thank you, we'd better going," Danny interrupted again.

"Don't be so rude," said Billy quietly.

"He has no feelings anyway," Danny said.

With a quick glance at the map, Scarlet and the others said goodbye to Steve and quickly left the village. The moment they left the village, the atmosphere changed, and it felt and sounded like before the village. Without worrying about it, they walked

on. In the distance, the first rainbow bridge could already be seen, which lead to a large city.

"That must be Magic City," Scarlet announced.

Very soon they stood right next to her, in front of the large bridge that lead directly into the city. Nobody dared to take the first step.

"What if the bridge disappears in the middle? And we'll fall down forever and die? Or maybe-", many such thoughts plagued Scarlet's head, but despite her fear and worry, there was that feeling again, as if the way across the rainbow bridge was calling her, it was a magical attraction for her. She breathed with her mouth open because she liked the air, which tasted like cotton candy and waffles. First step. Second. Third, fourth, and so on. The rainbow bridge felt soft, but she could hear glass crunching under her feet. She ignored it.

"Haha crazy!" Danny yelled out loud.

"Scarlet, not so fast!" Carol called out loud as well. She had probably not noticed that her friends were falling behind. Finally, they came running and they walked the rest of the bridge to town together. With every step, the city grew bigger, more powerful, more magnificent and more magical. When the end of the bridge could be seen, everyone dashed off and stepped back on solid land with joy.

"I could get used to that," said Matt.

"You don't have to be so cautious, everything is fine," said Agatha, very chilled.

Scarlet was briefly unsure and didn't know what she meant by that but didn't want to ask too much either.

"Let's go!" Billy triumphed and went ahead with Matt and Scarlet, followed by Agatha, Danny and Carol.

Horses, carriages, that strong sparkle, fluttering birds and a great many voices could be heard. It smelled differently now, of fresh, sweet roses. The atmosphere was even nicer and more calming than the one in Minecraft Village. All the buildings were painted in soft pink, blue, green and purple tones, flowers grew everywhere on the colorful grass, an orange path led through the

whole city, stables and boutiques could be seen, but the most important thing: fairies with big wings flew around in the most varied of colors. Princesses with large crowns on their heads and breathtaking dresses rode through the grass, on unicorns with magnificent manes. Next to small ponds sat mermaids with tail fins like from stories and fairy tales.

Scarlet couldn't handle any of this, but at least she tried. Every now and then the magical figures looked promisingly at her and her friends.

"Hall oils!!" A fairy flew towards the friends. "I'm Stella!" She was wearing a short, green dress that was as long as a cloak at the back, long red hair that moved without a break, as if in the wind, and tall wings, like a butterfly, with gold and silver ends. "Agnes, hi. Is it really you? What are you doing here?" She called out and looked at Agatha.

Scarlet felt a bit queasy in the stomach and she had a strange feeling. Where should she know her from and why did she call her Agnes? Something was wrong here.

"I? Who is Agnes I'm Agatha and I don't know you," she shouted. That would just have to be a mistake. Stella looked completely confused and shook her head, as if she would simply forget this situation and looked like she did before. Excited.

"You have to-" Matt began but was interrupted by the fairy:

"Yes! The special fairy who will give you the key to save Zentopia!"

Slowly the whole rescue operation felt a bit silly for Scarlet. Everyone thought they were heroes, but she didn't even know what to expect there.

"I can't wait any longer! Come with me, I'll get the artifact for you," said Stella.

On the way up to a tower in which the artifact appeared to be, they saw even more fantasy figures, such as elves with bows and arrows, dwarfs, deer with wings, but also trees with trunks made of cinnamon sticks and leaves made of pancakes, luminous mushrooms, jumping people, sweets and rotating flowers.

"Crazy, but beautiful," Scarlet thought, fascinated, but in the

back of her mind she was still thinking about the thing with Agatha. It generally seemed strange to her how quickly Stella changed her feelings from completely overwhelmed to the Happy Fairy from before.

A moment later, after they had got to a tower, Stelle disappeared into it and came out with the artifact in her arms. The tower was shimmering purple and shaped like a unicorn's horn. Stella presented the artifact like a prize. It looked like a golden goblet, only with lots of detailed flourishes and decorations, with light red tones in the cracks and a great sheen ran through the whole object.

"My job is done," she said as she carefully put the piece into Scarlet's hand, but shortly before that, Scarlet gave Billy the map of Zentopia.

"I'll accompany you to the end of our town," Stella said.

A large gate led directly from Magic City onto the rainbow bridge to the next city.

"I'm sorry that I couldn't answer many questions along the way, but I'm sure you can be helped in the next city, Modern City. Good luck," she called and fluttered back immediately.

"Why is everyone leaving immediately?" Danny asked, but nobody said anything.

With a longer look at the map, Billy motioned to move on. "Next stop, Modern City!"

The first steps on this magical bridge were always something very special, you just couldn't stop moving. Scarlet was a few meters ahead of the others and this time Matt ran up to her.

"Scarlet". She was startled when she heard his voice next to her and almost dropped the artifact. Her heart started pounding wildly. The two of them went on for a short while and Scarlet enjoyed every moment, then Billy joined in and got serious

"Sorry if I bother you two, but doesn't Agatha seem strange to you too?"

"I wanted to talk to you guys about that," Matt replied.

Scarlet turned around quickly and noticed that Danny, Agatha and Carol were walking a little further back.

"She can't hear us. Agatha looked as if she didn't know her, but Stella could recognize Agatha."

"Exactly. And I noticed that she never looked as surprised as we did, as if this wasn't anything extraordinary," said Billy.

Then Matt added: "Or still in the holiday home, she really wanted to make a walk today. Did she know about the crack?"

"Since you're talking about it: She found and rented the holiday home," uttered Scarlet.

"Wait a minute! When we got there, where did she get the key to the house from? I noticed that right away, but I was too excited to realize that", Billy said quickly.

Scarlet said: "Yes! I didn't even think about it, but after we had had gone through the portal, I saw through the corner of my eye that Agatha was flicking, and at that moment the portal disappeared into the tree!"

"That's really scary," Matt said. "She always seemed so mysterious to me..."

Deep in thoughts, Scarlet thought about Agatha. Was her best friend a traitor? What was she hiding? A lot of bad things came to Scarlet's mind and she just hoped that everything was a misunderstanding.

"What are you talking about?", Agatha asked next to Scarlet.

"Nothing ha-ha", Scarlet shouted loudly, full of fear that their conversation had been heard.

"A horse race!" Carol shouted. From the bridge they could look down to the Giant Meadow.

"Yes. That must be it!" Billy said and showed the others the meadow on the map. Riders - all different - sat on horses and had a race. A western-style cowboy sat on a brown horse, he was in the lead, just ahead of a princess on a unicorn. In the last place was a silver robot with a robot horse, a Leune, i.e., a horse with a human upper body. A Pegasus, a horse with wings, could be seen in the middle. They watched the race while walking the rest of the way.

"Luckily this race distracted Agatha from her question," muttered Scarlet.

"What are you talking about? Take a look: We're here!", Danny said to Scarlet.

Skyscrapers towered over the clique, although they were still standing on the bridge in front of the city. Everything was reminiscent of science fiction or future films. Huge, modern, glass skyscrapers, towers, flying cars or spaceships flew through the sky, there were loud noises like in a huge city such as Tokyo or New York. Horns, traffic and loud voices could be heard. The smell was different too. It no longer smelled fabulously sweet, but of fast food, barbecue, gasoline, exhaust fumes, but there was still a touch of fresh nature. Mixed smells that didn't quite go together.

Scarlet felt like she was in Future World, but that made her ponder. It would stop looking like this in the real world at some point, there was simply too much global warming, which could lead to many disasters. The gang was already on their way into the city center and Scarlet slowly followed. Matt ran up to her again, took her hand, whereupon she held the artifact in the other hand, and ran with him to the others. Even when they got to them, he didn't let go of her hand. It felt wonderful. Scarlet just enjoyed it. They all stopped a few yards away. A small dwarf robot with huge button eyes stood in front of the group and greeted them: "Hello. My name is Robo. Welcome to Modern City. Scan." A kind of blue laser penetrated the clique. Suddenly the robot Robo went crazy. "Unknown. Unknown. Unknown..."

"What the heck?" Matt said, releasing Scarlet.

"I'll help", called a voice. A young man with white hair and a worker's apron ran to Robo with a toolbox and opened a flap on his back. He took a wrench, turned it a few times, and closed the door again. "Zane. An android. With artificial intelligence. From where you come, you won't know anything like that," said the young man with a fluid, human voice compared to Robo.

"Do you live here?" Carol asked.

"No, I only work here a lot, but I come from the village of Ninjago. I suppose you have to go through there to get to Queen Castle, you saviors.

Scarlet and Co. rolled their eyes.

"Yes, you've heard that often enough. I'll have to leave you right now anyway"

"Can we join you?"

"Well, I hope so!" Despite the fact that Scarlet would have definitely preferred to stay, like in the other cities, and explore everything or have a date with Matt, they would have to continue, after all. Everyone wanted to go back to their real world, although life here seemed much better. Passing countless restaurants, shopping stores and a space station, it became more and more quiet, till they arrived the end of the city. The feeling of being drawn to the rainbow bridge grew again.

On the way to the next city called World of all Worlds, they chatted with Zane.

"What happened here? And why are we known as the predestined saviors? It feels so unreal..." Scarlet asked.

"A long time ago, everything was perfect and peaceful. But suddenly everything changed. Almost half of Zentopia went dark and evil ... One city full of ghosts, the other full of zombies. That was the only thing we found out. Although I'm a smart android I don't know exactly what happened ... Only the Queen's letter gave us a little more information. This is your destiny - to save us!"

"Hold on, this thing is supposed to save everything?" Billy asked, pointing to the artifact in Scarlet's hands.

"Yes. It has the power of peace and enlightenment."

"But why isn't it in the castle?" Matt asked.

"Too dangerous to keep everyone or everything in the same place."

A grunt could be heard. Scarlet and the others looked to the right - a forest that looked very inviting. Another grunt and the chirping of birds could be heard at the same time. In this flat world there was finally a forest. A small wild boar which wore a horn like a unicorn, peered through the trees, but then disappeared again. The trees of the Walden were roughly five meters tall and looked like fir trees with a red tinge.

"There is more?" Danny asked.

"Two have disappeared, where to, I don't know. Look, we'll soon be in Ninjago."

"Is there anything else we should know?" Carol asked quickly.

"Yes. The queen had an assistant, but she also disappeared. Some say they saw her travel to another dimension..."

Scarlet felt as if someone had betrayed her. She immediately thought of Agatha and the conversation with Matt and Billy, but also that Agatha never asked questions. As if she knew the world ...

They got closer and closer to Ninjago.

"You can stay for the night," Zane offered after they had entered the village. "It's getting late."

"How does he know? I don't even know what time it is and how long we've been here," Matt whispered to Scarlet.

"It looks just as bright as when we came here." Carol joined them and had probably heard their conversation. "Never mind. Zane says there are zombies, ghosts and we've seen fairies, mermaids and unicorns so far. I'm not surprised anymore!"

She was right, Scarlet thought. The weather probably was another special issue here.

"Here is a dojo that you can use. Get some rest," said Zane.

Ninjago smelled of countless herbs, tea and fresh wood. Scarlet felt like she was in a new country. The village was inspired by Chinese and Japanese culture, which she could tell from the decorations on the houses, as she had to examine its culture more closely for a lecture in the school's history. Now that she thought about it: Would the vacation be over yet? Or had they only been in this world for a few hours? Her head started to hurt. Only now did she understand the seriousness of the situation. Perhaps their parents were already sick of worry or school had started again and they were stuck here. There was nothing they could do but move on. Someone grabbed Scarlet by the shoulders. It was Matt.

"Are you ok? You're walking off the path again."

"Everything's fine," she said. He put his arm around her and led her into the hut, where the others were already making themselves

comfortable. For the first time she felt a strong connection between her and Matt, and this time really strong on his side. Danny and Agatha were on the couch, Billy on a beanbag, Carol on a mattress and Billy on the floor. A double bed for Matt and Scarlet was still available. They stood in the middle of the room and there was an uncomfortable silence, which was broken by Zane and a stranger. They stood in front of the door with a tray full of food.

"Hunger or exhaustion, negative feelings are not so strong in this world, so you do not notice it when you have to sleep or are hungry, maybe even too late. But some feelings, no matter how negative, can still prevail from time to time," explained a black-haired, strong boy who seemed to be the same age as Zane. Scarlet found that she often appeared absent or worried compared to the others. As if most of the negative feelings had not been suppressed by her in contrast to the rest of the world.

"I'm Cole," he introduced himself. The six nodded and Billy took the tray from him. Scarlet put the artifact aside and a short time later Zane and Cole left again and the group took a seat at the large table in the next room. It tasted very special; she had never had such a taste in her mouth in her entire life before. Six bottles with an orange, red overflowing smoothie that tasted like sweet watermelon with pineapple, but something gave it a special twist. They all sipped it briefly and loved it. They had a lot of fruits to eat that looked even more exotic than those in their world. Everyone took one. Scarlet decided between a pear-shaped banana with green and blue dots and a red banana with blue stripes. In the end it was a golden apple. She bit into it. To her surprise, the apple tasted like a strawberry that was far too sweet. The smell was just as intense as the taste, sweet and fruity. The whole group was smacking their lips.

They hadn't realized how hungry they had become. Danny shouted with his mouth full: "It tastes so damn good!"

When the gang had taken the last bite and the last sip, they looked for places for the night to fall. A few minutes passed and everyone except Matt and Scarlet lay there and slept.

Scarlet couldn't explain this. How did everyone fall asleep so quickly?

"Come over. I want to see how it looks outside," Matt whispered to her, took her hand and ran through the door. As soon as he opened the door, a bright pink light shone outside. A sunset. It looked so beautiful. They kept running out, sat under a large tree and looked up at the sky. The pink slowly turned to orange.

"This looks just as wonderful as you, Scarlet," he whispered in her ear. It couldn't get more romantic. Her heart raced and she felt butterflies in her stomach. The sky was now yellow, a little bit darker. Scarlet looked over at Matt. Without any premonition, Matt moved closer than usual, close to her face and kissed her cheek. Did that really happen? Her greatest dream had come true! "Come on, let's go to sleep," he said finally when it got very dark and bright, huge stars appeared, three moons could be seen and lanterns in the village were lit. After they had lain down in bed and closed their eyes, they fell asleep immediately.

The next morning everyone woke up at exactly the same moment and was irritated. The last thing Scarlet could remember was a "good night" from Matt just before she closed her eyes.

Suddenly Cole stormed through the door: "I have a drink for you that gives you a lot of energy for the rest of the journey, my saviors!"

Scarlet could freak out that they were called saviors again, but then - she couldn't. She was still very relaxed from the last evening with Matt. On the way to the exit of the village they said goodbye to Zane and finished their drink that smelled like Fanta and tasted like cherry juice. Here it was again, a short walk over the rainbow bridge and you were already in the city of World of the Worlds. Mixed smells came to Scarlet's nose, a different one with each breath. Once again that sweet scent, then more like ash, but also like a salty, fresh sea breeze. That was probably because this city was different from the others. Every building, every square differed enormously from the other and there were different themed areas, including many from the ordinary world. This time

animals, vehicles, voices could be heard again, like in a big city, but this time music could be heard more clearly. She briefly heard the melody of the typical "Super Mario" video games, but that was drowned out by eerie, scary music. She also heard insider songs like "Dance Monkey" or "Bad Guy" from a different angle. A huge, modern tower with a capital "A" on it could not be overlooked. Many other buildings were unique, such as a stone age house, a small Egyptian pyramid, arenas and more. Scarlet felt very much at home and before she knew it, someone welcomed her for the first time. Carol ran into this person unpredictably.

"Oh my God. Are you Zelda? I cannot believe it! Cool!"

"Yes, hello, that's me. Do not be surprised, many come here from the most varied of universes. You, the rescuers, are from Universe-Earth-Original-1"

"And you?" Danny interrupted Zelda.

"I'm from Universe-Earth-Digital-2685." Even though Scarlet did not understand what this code was supposed to mean, she only knew that this person came from a video game that Carol spoke of so often.

"I'll show you around town."

"But we have to go on quickly" Matt began.

Zelda said: "Don't worry. You'll have to go through the center to the end of the city."

First, they saw a small castle.

"Here you can see our Disney Castle. All the princesses you know live here."

Memories came up. Ariel had been Scarlet's all-time favorite childhood princess.

"On your right you will see a big tree that you shouldn't go near. A portal leads you into another world.

"Scarlet's eyes widened, twitched briefly and she immediately asked: "Ours?"

"A dark, demonic one. Also known as the Upside Down. It only reflects this world in the negative."

Her hope for a faster way home faded again. A few meters further, Zelda said again: "Here is a gigantic system to countless portals

of digital dimensions. But, not yours. Only universes like that of DC or Marvel. The Facility is like a football stadium. This is the last of the short tour. Of course there would be a lot more, but you'll have to go on," she said, somewhat disappointed. "An animal enclosure for lost or sick beings will be included here." After her last word, a young girl came up to the group with a living being: "Zelda! Here, the Velociraptor cub is fit again. It can go back to the meadow."

"Excellent! Hey, you could take Blue with you on the way, right? And don't worry, it's not dangerous."

"Sure, come on people. The dinosaur meadow is right on the way to the next town!" Agatha said.

"How do you know?" Billy asked like a detective who caught a perpetrator in the act. Agatha hesitated briefly, but then replied: "I have analyzed the map in Ninjago more closely. Problem?"

"No ... "

"Well then we can go!"

Before the clique climbed onto the rainbow bridge, however, Zelda stopped them briefly: "I almost forgot! From the next town on it will get really dangerous. You will enter the Cursed Area. Be careful!"

With that warning, Scarlet's stomach felt uncomfortable. And that was exactly what Agatha had kept from them, she was planning something... She felt an enormous pressure and a gray mood spread inside of her.

Agatha held the baby dinosaur, Billy the map, and Scarlet the artifact. What was surprising, however, was the fact that, compared to everyone else, Agatha was not at all afraid of the carnivorous Velociraptor. Scarlet thought about it for a moment, but quickly the thoughts spilled over to the next city. Matt noticed that she was depressed again and came to her. "A ghost town then... We'll just have to run through inconspicuously, right? Don't worry, everything will be fine!" Matt tried to cheer Scarlet up and kissed her cheek again. Suddenly her worries were gone and she felt better.

There was a dinosaur noise. "Aaaarrrr." The Baby Dino broke away from Agatha's hands and ran towards the meadow. Out of reflex, the whole group started running after him until they realized that the baby wanted to go to their family. Everyone stopped and watched as the adult parents Velociraptors conceived the baby. Other dinosaurs such as a T-Rex or herds of brachiosaurus and triceratops could also be seen. A large pond and many bushes also covered the dinosaur meadow.

"Welcome, to Jurassic Park!" Billy shouted.

"The fact that I see dinosaurs is crazy!" Carol bellowed. It felt fantastic to watch such interesting creatures that were long gone, Scarlet could literally hear the usual Jurassic Park tune. Unfortunately, they had to move on.

"Well then, it's not far," announced Billy. With every step, Scarlet became more and more frightened. Could they die in this world? Would she lose her friends? Her flow of thoughts was interrupted by Billy.

"We're here."

Scarlet hadn't noticed. There she stood now, in front of a great, deserted, ghost-haunted city that seemed possessed by evil forces. It reminded her a lot of the "Ghostbusters" films. It was really quiet, with low noises. Crunching, low whispering and thick fog enveloped the entire city. Goosebumps spread over Scarlet's body, she was trembling with fear and her hands were ice cold. She could also feel the fear of the others - more and more.

"How do we go about it?" She stuttered.

"Eyes shut and go for it. We'll all take each other by the hand and run through quickly," Matt suggested.

Scarlet took a deep breath and let it out again, volunteered as a guide. Matt took her left hand because she had to hold the artifact with her right. They were joined by Carol, Danny, then Agatha and finally Billy, who gave the command to run. Without thinking too much, with the bad certainty that they might get into trouble, she ran forward. It was gloomy in the city and smelled of smoke. She had difficulty seeing the right way, as she was distracted by all the spooky noises that were getting louder and

louder. A loud laugh, right in front of Scarlet. Suddenly a green, fat, round ghost with no legs was floating in the air in front of her face. Her heart was pounding faster and louder than ever before. A shiver ran through her whole body, she screamed out loud and ran even faster, but dropped the artifact when she screamed. She let go of Matt's hand.

The others didn't know what was going on, kept walking in the lane, but Billy saw the artifact on the ground as he passed, let go of Agatha and ran back to it. He picked it up, but then the others were gone. The thick fog made it impossible to see far. "People!?" he shouted as loudly as he could, but no answer.

"Oh no! The artifact!" Scarlet shouted.

"Billy will get it. Just keep running!" Agatha yelled at Scarlet from behind. The nervousness in Scarlet increased now and she hoped that Billy would be fine.

"Billy!" Agatha called.

"Agatha?" Billy said it so quietly from a distance that only Agatha could hear him. She shot purple smoke from her hand, which enveloped the artifact in Billy's hand, and pulled it forward towards her. Billy was confused - what was happening? - and stopped but did not notice that a white ghost with an oversized mouth was standing right behind him.

"Boo!"

The ghost startled Billy, whereupon he turned around and from one second to the next he was bitten in the head by the ghost.

However, the rest of the group did not know about it and ran on until they reached the end of town. They let go of each other and let out a relieved breath, only Scarlet quickly became alarmed.

"Where's Billy?" WHERE IS HE? ", she yelled, " And why do YOU have the artifact? We have to go back, get him!"

"Scarlet, I saved the artifact when you lost it. Billy let go of my hand and ran into a crowd of ghosts", Agatha lied.

"He's dead. We don't have time. It's what it is."

Scarlet fell to the floor. Tears flooded her eyes. Billy was actually dead. How could this have happened? She was also gripped by fear. It could have gotten anyone. What should she do

now? It was almost as if her world had just died. He was such a good friend, was always there for her and now he was gone. She could never see him again, talk to him, go to the cinema with him or see one of his action films. The double date between him and his future girlfriend, Matt and Scarlet, which he promised her, was impossible now. Scarlet felt the danger, it felt like she was going to faint at any moment. She couldn't believe it. The others cried with her, full of sorrow, only Agatha went a little further to indicate that they had to move on.

On the rainbow bridge, which no longer shone as brightly as the others and did not trigger any motivating force, Scarlet sobbed and her eyes were already aching from tears.

"You look like you don't care!" Matt yelled at Agatha.

"Why should I? Crying doesn't bring him back again! The worst is yet to come," she yelled back with the artifact clutched in her hands. At that moment, Carol collapsed.

"Oh, no, Carol! Are you okay?" Scarlet asked, helping her up again.

"I can't do that anymore," she moaned.

"You can do it, don't give up," Scarlet whispered in her ear. She was very worried now and felt how lost she actually was. Nothing made sense anymore, she just wanted time to deal with it, but there was that little hope that Billy could still be alive when they handed over the artifact and maybe he would come back. Over the time, a village became visible in front of them. A very dark and horror-like one. Not at all welcoming with a very dark and deadly atmosphere.

"We're not going in there. Just quickly to the next city," Scarlet sniffled.

"To Dead City, I think," Matt added slowly and worriedly. When the troop had lost Billy, they had also lost Steve's map. There were growling noises. It sounded like it came from the village. Lightning struck one of the houses, and Scarlet and Danny screamed. "Run!" Agatha said loudly. Completely exhausted, Scarlet tried to keep up, but slowed down opposite the village. Out of nowhere, a Faceless Man roared. It made her run so fast that she

surpassed the others by far. When she saw this monster, she almost passed out, she had never seen anything so cruel. Her heart almost stopped.

"We are now in front of Zombie City, and we need a plan. A good plan. So that nothing happens to anyone," Scarlet explained and began to cry again. Matt tried to comfort her and hugged her.

"Zombies. I know my way around them. They are slow, want to eat us, will follow us if there are not many there, just run through, but we have to be absolutely quiet not to attract any," said Carol.

That didn't reassure Scarlet at all, but she had no choice, as much as she would have liked to undo everything now.

"Come on," Agatha called out.

The thought of losing someone else made Scarlet weak. Agatha and Danny ran, Matt pulled Scarlet behind and Carol followed. It was so far. The group hurried through. There was nothing to be heard. As soon as Scarlet saw the first half-dead zombie, she felt nauseous, and she realized how strong the smell of corpses and moldy or rotten stuff in this town was. The buildings were destroyed, neglected and abandoned. She could hardly breathe. Another zombie. Unwashed, dirty clothes appeared and a dirty face that belonged to it, she could even see protruding bones. The third one even had his hand gone; dry blood stuck to his shirt. She saw two more again. Her hands were sweating. Matt kept pulling her forward so she wouldn't stop again. There were more and more zombies. Scarlet felt Matt begin to tremble. She looked over at a half-dead man and was startled when he looked straight into her eyes.

"They noticed us. They are coming towards us!" Carol tried to say it as quietly as possible. It was now getting narrower and there were more alleys. Panic spread through Scarlet and she wanted to get out of there. The end of the city could already be seen, but behind them a whole swarm of zombies came towards them from all corners. Everyone tried to be faster with their last bit of strength, but it was hopeless. The zombies would catch up with them.

"We won't make it!" Danny shouted.

Scarlet could hear the horror hum of the half-dead and lost all clear thoughts.

"Yes, you can do it," said Carol hopefully.

They kept running.

"I love you!" Carol shouted and dropped into the zombie crowd as she tried to stop them.

"No!" Scarlet shouted, turned around, wanted to run to her, but Matt pulled her further on the way to the end of town. The only thing she saw was the zombies biting Carol's neck, her arm and her head. Covered with blood, she fell to the ground and was eaten by the living body. Carol sacrificed herself for the group as the entire zombie crowd stopped and threw themselves on Carol. For Scarlet, it was like seeing it in slow motion.

"It should have been me," she whispered.

The moment she saw Carol die, she felt completely numb. She was tired and still couldn't realize it at all. She was at the end of her strength and started to feel nothing. The chances were high that this world would get her too, but now she wouldn't care any longer. Let her die - but what about Matt? It would tear her apart to see him like that... He deserved to survive, more than she did. Now two of her best friends had died horribly. Scarlet was likely to have a lifelong trauma. Why did it have to happen?

They arrived at the already black rainbow bridge. Scarlet fell to the ground and let out her anger on the bridge. Matt pulled her back up and calmed her down.

"Everything will be fine," he whispered to Scarlet with tears in his eyes.

Nothing would ever be good again, she thought.

"We've made it. I can already see the castle", Danny encouraged the rest of the crew with a stuffy nose and red eyes.

"About time," said Agatha impatiently. A hole formed in Scarlet's heart. Agatha showed no sadness, she just wanted to reach her goal - but which one?

The four went on, soon they saw a forest, Scarlet couldn't bear

one more horrorful contact with a demon or the like, which was why she ran off quickly, just before the forest started.

Danny, Matt, and Agatha followed. Wolf howls and rattling noises came from the thick trees and she dared not turn around.

"Stand still!", she heard the warning behind her, but ran on until she hit something and fell. A hard bang on her head followed and she got dizzy, pain ran through her head. Danny and Matt helped her up and Matt patted her head.

"Finally," Agatha said.

They had arrived the castle and had thus reached their destination. A gigantic fairytale castle with many turrets, windows and trees around it. The gate that Scarlet had slammed into opened slowly, but the gloomy mood remained. There was nothing to be heard, only her own quick breath and she couldn't smell anything either. Agatha stepped in first, Scarlet followed immediately.

A huge chandelier hung from the ceiling and the walls looked like they were in a church. A brief shock - in the middle of the palace was a huge crack that seemed infinitely deep, across the whole entrance area. Huge stairs led to a second floor, which - luckily - the crack did not block. In addition, the floor seemed a bit slippery.

Every step made a squeaking sound.

"Get away from the rift!" Scarlet warned.

"Where's the damn queen to help us now?" Danny said angrily.

Suddenly a yellow light came down the stairs, it shone from the first room on the second floor.

"I think we'll have to go up there," Agatha said and gave Scarlet the artifact. "Come on, let's go."

Scarlet leaned against Matt and they went up the high stairs together.

"Danny, Agatha, come on!" Matt shouted down and went up with Scarlet.

"Danny!" Agatha screamed.

"No!", Agatha cried.

Out of reflex, Scarlet ran back downstairs with Matt following

her. Danny was gone.

"What's happened?" Scarlet yelled.

"He slipped and fell!" Agatha cried.

Scarlet was stunned. Just before she was about to fall down the rift herself, Matt caught her.

First Billy, then Carol and now Danny. Her irritated eyes started to tear again. She had lost three of her very best friends. Anger, both fear and sadness flooded her. Scarlet kept wondering whether this had really happened.

For a fraction of a second it occurred to her that Agatha had something to do with the accident, but the thought was quickly suppressed. Agatha came up to them and helped Matt and Scarlet back upstairs. The purple light disappeared. When she came through the door, she saw something truly terrible.

Next to a couple of bookshelves and tables with lit candles was a glass sarcophagus, right in the middle of the room. The sight of who was lying in there was terrible. A woman in a gold, glittering dress and red hair, a magnificent crown on her head. It was Queen Medusa! It looked like she had fallen into a deep sleep like Snow White. The door is closed with a loud bang.

"Haha!" Agatha laughed. Now everything became clear to Scarlet. Agatha lit up in front of them. The purple-colored magic light, like they saw the way up, came from her hands.

"It was you!", Scarlet yelled at Agatha and could hardly believe it herself.

"You pushed Danny down!"

"Just like I left Billy with the ghosts and lured the zombies for Carol. Haha!" Agatha laughed.

"How could you?" Scarlet shrieked in hatred.

"Just like the letter I wrote that you would be the predestined saviors and the holiday home with the portal. Hahahaha!"

Music started to play in the background and Agatha sang to the beat: "That was Agatha from the beginning!"

"Why!" Matt said softly.

"I had always been just the queen's silly helper. I was sick of that. Just stole two artifacts from the other cities and called

out for the darkness. That was fun haha!"

"You brought us here?" Scarlet asked.

"Of course, honey. I came into your world, chose victims, brought you here, and now, here we are!" She laughed.

"But what's in it for you?" Scarlet asked, full of hatred.

Agatha replied: "You ask me that? Isn't that obvious? I had fun seeing your confused faces and reactions to everything! The chaos! The deaths were fabulous. Maybe I'll miss Danny somewhat... But when I think about it... No. I will soon find the next victims haha! The carnage between the worlds is better than your silly films ever could be!"

Scarlet looked into Agatha's eyes, mouth open. She became weak, everything spun. Her head started to hurt like hell again, her eyes got heavier and heavier, she knelt down, then lay down and closed her eyes. She fought against it, but then everything turned black. Agatha's devilish laugh could be heard loudly in her ears, louder and louder. Suddenly the laugh turned into a beep and she woke up.

She tore herself out of bed. The beep continued and she pounded her alarm clock with her fist. It said 7:00 a.m. Scarlet was distraught. A moment ago, she and Matt were in a room with Agatha, where she was terrified, but also deeply sad. Had it all been just a dream? She couldn't believe it. Everything seemed so real, the people, the impressions, the feelings. So were Danny, Billy, and Carol still alive?

Her clothes were soaking wet, she was freezing and shivering. She quickly put on fresh clothes. With the thought that it was all just a crazy dream, she brushed her teeth, ran to the front door, took her keys and her school bag, put on her shoes and ran out to school. She didn't even know what she was doing. It was the normal rhythm like every day.

On the way, she felt a stomachache, and a headache. She still hurried. When the school was in sight, she ran and gradually fear grew in her. She pushed her way down the hall through the other students until she got to her classroom and that of her friends.

The noise of the conversations made her nervous. Bathed in sweat, she stood in the middle of the room. The lesson had not yet started, and the teacher had not yet arrived. Someone grabbed her from behind.

"Well?" Someone asked gently, kissing Scarlet on the mouth. It was Matt!

"What?" She asked, very confused.

"Are you okay?" he asked her.

"Where is Billy, where are Carol and Danny?" She asked with a feeling that something was definitely wrong here.

Matt looked at her worriedly.

"They're dead, Scarlet. They died in the car accident at the vacation home. You, me, and Agatha were the only survivors. You said we shouldn't talk about it".

A black hole enveloped in Scarlet's inner body. Matt went to his bench. So, it was true. It hadn't been a dream. Anger simmered in Scarlet, but it was combined with the grief for her beloved friends. She looked up.

Straight to Agatha's place, who just smirked at her. As if she had been waiting for just this one moment.