

The Magic Library



'The Great House had many hidden treasures. As a 10 year old girl, many of the rooms were out of bounds for Elsa, but her desire for adventure often got the better of her...

She peeked back over her shoulder to check that the coast was clear. She could hear one of the butlers clattering around in the kitchens at the far end of the hall; no one knew she was there.

She carefully turned the ornate, golden door handle, hearing the mechanism inside clunk, and eased the heavy, wooden door open just enough to slip inside the room.

Immediately, Elsa was bathed in light as it poured down from the circular windows in the ceiling. She could see dust dancing in the beams of sunlight.

With a flutter of excitement inside her chest, she strode confidently into the centre of the room, her shoes click-clacking off the chessboard-like floor. She loved this library – it felt like she was 'in' history. How many lords and ladies had graced this great room? It has stood here for centuries, and Elsa doubted that little, if anything, had changed over the years.

Elsa loved reading, but that wasn't why she had come to the library. She approached one of the golden orbs lined up along the centre of the library floor, and carefully placed her finger on the top. It had worked last time. Would it work again? She longed for the magic to happen, and closed her eyes in silent prayer...

<i>Question</i>	<i>Answer</i>
<i>How do you know Elsa wasn't allowed in some of the house's rooms?</i>	
<i>What tells us that Elsa was acting suspiciously?</i>	
<i>What sound could the girl hear that told her someone was in the house?</i>	
<i>What are 3 ways Elsa was very careful when she opened the door and went into the room?</i>	
<i>Find and copy a word that means 'highly decorated'?</i>	
<i>Look in paragraph that starts 'Immediately, Elsa was bathed' What does the description suggest about the room?</i>	
<i>Copy the phrase that tells us the room was old.</i>	
<i>How do we know that Elsa was pleased to be in the room? Give two reasons.</i>	
<i>What does the phrase ' her shoes click- clacking off ' tell you about the floor?</i>	
<i>Why was Elsa in the library?</i>	
<i>How do we know Elsa had been in the library before?</i>	
<i>What do you think Ella's character is like? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.</i>	