

Love by post

There was once a princess who was trapped in a postage stamp, under the spell of a wicked fairy.

She despaired of being able one day to marry a prince as is the tradition in fairy tales. She lamented her fate, caught between two packets of stamps...

One day, a young boy went to the counter to buy special stamps in the "Wonderful World" series. It was, indeed, to write to his grandmother to wish her a happy birthday.

So it happened that the princess was released from her dark and silent cupboard and found herself in the boy's schoolbag.

Having arrived home, James, for that was his name, prepared to write the most beautiful message for the sweetest of all grandmothers.

At that moment arose from the papers in front of him a tiny voice, sweet and melodious: at last the princess had a chance to speak! Inevitably, she took advantage of this occasion:

"Little boy", she said, "I am very unhappy, for I am a princess and I have been stuck for years in this postage stamp. My dearest wish is to find Prince Charming. He would fall in love with me, ask me to marry him, and release me from this spell which my wicked stepmother cast on me years ago to get rid of me. But my wish will never come true. Poor is me!"

"Lovely princess", James replied, "I am not a prince. There is only one solution: I will choose your stamp for my letter to my grandmother; she lives in a kingdom where the prince seeks a new wife desperately after the death of his first wife many years ago. Perhaps my grandmother, who is a bit of a fairy in her spare time, will be able to arrange for you to meet him".

"Oh my dear boy! Thank you! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the kindness you have shown me!"

Thus the princess literally flew, by post, to a wonderful kingdom where, indeed, James's grandmother accepted to arrange a meeting between the Prince and the princess. It was love at first sight; the Prince asked the beautiful girl in miniature to marry him without delay.

Immediately, the spell was broken and she recovered her normal size. They lived happily together to the end of their days in that faraway kingdom.