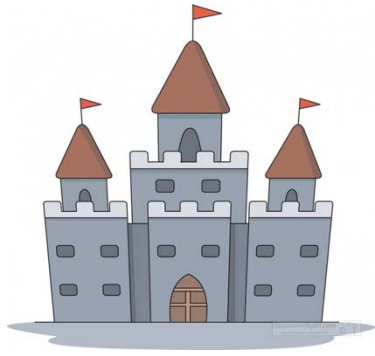


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The Secret of the Clockwork Castle

In the magical land of Cloudville, there was a mysterious place called the Clockwork Castle. The castle was filled with strange, clicking sounds and was known for its giant clock that could control time. The kids in Cloudville loved to tell stories about the adventures that happened inside the castle.

One day, three friends named Clara, Cliff, and Chloe decided to explore the Clockwork Castle. Clara was a clever girl who loved puzzles, Cliff was a brave boy who enjoyed challenges, and Chloe was a curious girl who loved to laugh.

As they approached the castle, they noticed a large clock above the entrance with its hands stuck at twelve. "We need to find a way to fix the clock," said Clara, pointing to a clue engraved on the castle door: "Turn the hands with a click, find the clue where gears stick."

Inside the castle, they found a room filled with gears of all sizes. Cliff spotted a cluster of gears that seemed to be jammed. "Let's unclog these gears and see what happens," he suggested. With a bit of effort, they managed to unclog the gears, and the clock above the door clicked and started to move.

A hidden door opened, revealing a spiral staircase. Chloe giggled with excitement as they climbed the stairs. At the top, they found a clear, glass dome with a clock inside. Clara noticed a small keyhole at the base of the dome and a riddle engraved nearby: "The key you seek is where the clover meets the clock."

The friends hurried to the castle's garden, which was filled with clusters of clover. They searched the garden and soon found a tiny, clock-shaped key hidden among the clovers. Chloe exclaimed, "I found it!"

They returned to the glass dome and used the key to unlock it. Inside, they found a collection of tiny clockwork animals that came to life when wound up. There was also a note that read, "To the clever kids who solved the clock's riddle, may these treasures bring you joy and wonder."

The friends cheered and admired the clockwork animals, thrilled with their discovery. They took the treasures back to Cloudville and shared their adventure with everyone, making the Clockwork Castle even more famous.

