

Excerpts from the Fairy Handbook

Basket of Understanding

The Basket of Understanding is housed in an old wooden grain silo that is protected by an elf spell. It is a coiled basket made of golden straw and sewn with silver thread. The basket is the source of all understanding on earth. Caring, kindness, tolerance, compassion, good intentions, and sympathy would not exist without the basket.

Blumenthal Castle

Located in Germany, Blumenthal Castle is a haunted castle. Home to enchanted knights, wax figures that come to life, gnarlbeasts, and many cursed objects including a vast treasure, the castle is a very mysterious place. After having been kidnapped and cursed by an evil spriggan, Edelweiss's spirit spent one hundred and fifty years trapped in a wall in the castle, until Sparrow and her friends were able to break the curse to release her.

Canceling Out

This is a mysterious phenomenon common to the Land of Zukse and attributed to the Wizard Lords of Old. For example, whenever a bluebird and redbird get too close to one another in Zukse, their songs cancel one another out, and they must remain silent for the next twenty-four hours. Also, mustard and catsup cannot exist together in the same room. If they are ever put in the same room with one another, whether on sandwiches, or in containers, the mustard and catsup will completely disappear. Though unexplainable as to how and why it happens, *Canceling Out* is responsible for freeing both Prince Liro and Princess Rini from their respective enchantments in *Snowdrop and Four o'Clock Meet the White Elephant and the Dancing Rabbit*.

Dandetiger Flowers

The dandetiger wildflower, extinct for over one hundred years, grew only in Canada and parts of the Northern United States. The flower looked exactly like an orange and black striped version of a

dandelion, but was slightly smaller, of course, since tigers don't have fluffy manes like lions. However, the small, silky flower with narrow, pointy petals was very beautiful during its existence, even with less puff and presence than its bright yellow cousin. An enchanted dandetiger flower resides in the Tree of Joy.

Fairy Hunters

Fairy Hunters are usually non-magical human beings who use their knowledge of fairy lore to attempt to track and trap fairies. These hunters will often seek out toadstool rings and set up traps such as animal snares to try to capture their prey. Fairy Hunters are not usually successful due to the built-in disguise magic of fairies and brownies. However, a Fairy Hunter, with help from a bad fairy and brownie, was successful in trapping Quince and Amethyst using Petrified Apertures in *Quince, Amethyst, and the Forever Journey*.

Lost Fairy Lake

This mysterious lake is located somewhere in the far West. The finest sands from the shores of Lost Fairy Lake are one of the key ingredients needed to make pixie dust.

Machine Graveyard

Developed and cared for by a tiny magician called Hop-On Doody Two-Shoes, the Machine Graveyard is a very special, magical garden. Enclosed inside an enormous concrete wall, the old junkyard has taken on beautiful new life. Many birds, animals, plants, trees, and magical creatures live in the Machine Graveyard. During a particular sequence of events, the missing Box of Illusion is found in this magical place.

Mechanical Devices, Gadgets, etc.

Any items fairies are carrying when they change into fairy form will be magically shrunk with them. Various gadgets, equipment, and mechanical devices will still work even when the items are magically shrunk down to fairy size. This can include a great variety of both simple and complex objects such as cameras,

strings, backpacks, umbrellas, radios, books, stuffed animals, pencils, etc.

Phoobas

Phoobas are goblin-like magical creatures that resemble pigs but have tails like horses and most often walk upright. Phoobas specialize in snatching babies, and are often hired as kidnappers because of their expert skills. They are also notorious for creating spectral monsters using dark magic and genetic meddling. If the sun shines while it is raining, a phooba is nearby. Phoobas also love potatoes.

Riffleberry Hunters

These are magical creatures, about the size of gnomes, who seek umber riffles. Riffleberry hunters wear pale green clothing and have pale green skin. They look a bit like gnomes but have noses that resemble rabbits, complete with rabbit-like whiskers. Their entire reason for living is wrapped up in hunting bright purple riffleberries because riffleberries are the only thing that can lure umber riffles from their tunnels. When a riffleberry hunter lures an umber riffle from his warren, the hunter tries to tame the riffle because umber riffles make excellent pets and are highly prized among riffleberry hunters. In *Jasmine, the Journal, and Magnolia's Sacrifice*, Jasmine discovers the existence of a secret organization known as the Society of Riffleberry Hunters, which explains the higher purpose involved with luring umber riffles. UMBER riffles correspond to specific diseases inflicting mankind. When a riffleberry hunter is successful in luring an umber riffle, a scientist somewhere in the world discovers a cure for the illness corresponding to that particular umber riffle. This is evidence that magic, miracles, and destiny assist science on occasion.

Trows

Trows are somewhat like trolls, but they are not as good-natured. Trows fear sunlight; but unlike trolls, they will not turn to stone if caught in the sun. Instead, they will freeze up, motionless, until the sun goes down when they will be released. Trows are spirits of shadow and gloom and are usually between three and four feet

high. They are shy and like to hide from others. It is commonly thought that trows like to steal babies. This is not the case. Once, long ago, a trow swapped a human baby for a trow baby temporarily as a trick. But most trows would not know what to do with a baby if they were left with one for some reason, so they avoid babies as much as they do bigger people. Trows most often live in caverns and caves. It is believed that the largest populations of trows live in and around Mammoth Cave National Park.

Zuletas

Located in a magical sea directly under Bryce Canyon National Park, Zuletas is a city inhabited by selkies and built into what looks like an underwater version of Bryce Canyon, but with blues and greens as the prominent colors, instead of reds and oranges. There is a lot of vegetation in the city, but of different varieties than the greenery on the land above. Many of the plants look like bushes and trees formed of streaming seaweed instead of leaves. Other vegetation resembles giant anemone and sponges. The buildings and houses of Zuletas all appear to be made of stone and are contained in various-sized underwater bubbles that look like clear glass spheres or giant snowglobes. The houses in the bubbles are not fancy, but they are sculpted very beautifully, mainly in dome and arch shapes, with a few spirals and leaning towers mixed in. Meadowsweet and her friends discover a magic fountain in this underwater city.