

Chapter 1

Throughout the castle, murmurs could be heard in every hallway. There were girls scattered throughout the stone walls, some were sitting in the large stained-glass windows basking in the blues, reds, and greens of the flowers in the stained glass. The other students hid in the darker more forgotten hallways. They did not like to be around everyone else feeling a bit more comfortable in the shadows than in the open. But no matter if they preferred the shadows or being in the light they all were preparing for what was to come in the next week. Their first assignment. They all knew this day was coming but worry still courses through them. They had lived their entire lives with their magic, and they did not want to lose it. If they were to fail they would be banished to the human lands unable to remember anything from their time at the school which for most was their entire life.

One by one each girl is called into the Head Mistress's office, where they are each given their assignment. The headmistress felt as though it was her duty to inform the girls who they were being sent to as she had taught all the girls here but also because the same was done for her when she got her first assignment.

She can still remember the nerves she felt before she was called into her head mistress's office. So she tries to help calm the girl's nerves while they are in there hoping to allow them to not be too worried about the consequences of failure as she knows they can all pass they just have to be smart and remember what they have learned. But there were always those select few that no matter how much they studied or how good they were in school crumbled like sand under the pressure.

It was halfway through the week when Anneliese was called into the headmistress's office. She was actually in the middle of helping another fairy get prepared for her journey, now she was not allowed to know where she was going but she helped make sure that all the necessities were packed. As she was walking from the dorms to the headmistress's office the halls were packed. The dorm halls are almost always filled even when class is in session. But the closer she got to the office the fewer people were there. Most of the girls she did see were carrying bags or talking in groups hoping that they could get an easy assignment.

But at the end of the hall, there were the large office doors. They are a pale white double door but on each side, there were panels on the top taking up most of the length of the door. But the panels looked as though they were framed with vines as flowers were growing out of the door. There were even vines around the frame. The flowers thought they looked as though they were spiders. With what seemed like many legs growing from the center each curling in on themselves. They were beautiful and Anneliese realized that this was going to be the last time she saw these flowers here as after this meeting she would be preparing to journey to her assignment.

Anneliese opened the doors and stepped inside the Head Mistress's office and it was smaller than she expected. It was a large room but most of the walls were covered in bookshelves. The wood of the shelves was a deep oak color almost looking like the tree bark itself with the small darker parts scattered throughout.

