



Who Keeps Ringing the Moon?

Midnight Mischief Club

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Moth and Pebble had just poured their tea when the moon rang. It was the little silver moon above their clubhouse door. “A visitor!” He opened the door. Nobody stood outside.



They sat down. Ding-ding! Moth darted to the window. Pebble flung the door wide. Still nobody. Only a narrow blue ribbon slipped past the top of the frame.



“Our bell cord is going up.” Usually it hung down. Tonight it stretched toward the roof. A silver paper star fluttered onto Pebble's nose. “A very small visitor, perhaps.”



They followed the blue ribbon along the gutter and over the wall. It vanished above the night market, where lanterns bobbed over stalls of buttons, buns and impossible umbrellas.



Mister Button was staring at an empty hook. Blue scraps and silver stars covered his counter. “My sky-whale has escaped! I was mending its tail, and a gust took it.”



“Does your whale ring doorbells?” “Not on purpose.” Ding-ding! The ribbon tightened. Above the clubhouse chimney, two enormous paper fins nodded in the wind.



The sky-whale was a kite. Its tail had tangled around the moon's cord. Every gust pulled the bell, while their visitor stayed high above their heads. “We've been looking in the wrong place!”



Pebble held the bell cord steady. Mister Button wound in the loose ribbon. Moth flew to the chimney and lifted one paper fin clear of the brick. The kite slid free.



Down it floated, filling the doorway from side to side. Pebble bowed. “At last. Do come in.” “Perhaps fold the tail first.”



They spread the sky-whale across the ceiling, safely away from the bell. Mister Button stayed for tea. Its silver stars shone above their cups. “An excellent place for a whale to rest.”



There was a knock at the door. Moth and Pebble looked up, then down. A beetle stood on the step with three warm buns. “That's much more convenient.”

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