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Write a short story about a wonderful and magical place.

The Library of Possibilities

"Get back to where you came from!" Those words echoed through Josie's head. Tears spilled from her eyes. Why was she different? Why her? Absent-mindedly, she tripped on a piece of gravel, catapulting her into the air. She crashed into a white door.

It was a white door, a tall, slender one with a rusted golden door knob. The door was attached to a derelict building, its bricks rotting of old age. Josie reached forward. Curious, Josie turned the door knob. Taking a deep breath, Josie pulled it open.

The first thing that hit her was the smell. The dark, dank smell of the room filtered through her nostrils. Books. Gold cursive writing was embroidered on a velvet cloth that hung from the ceiling. It read, 'THE LIBRARY OF POSSIBILITIES.' Josie pulled a book from the shelf. "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll," she read, beaming from ear to ear. Excited, she raced to the door. She tugged on the door knob. It would not open. She pulled it again. Same result. Determined, Josie dropped

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Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and reached to the doorknob again.

But something made her freeze.

The book was glowing.

Cautiously, she stepped forward and thrust her hand out. She opened the front cover and a beam of light burst out of the page. Flashes of white, orange, purple and pink lights surrounded her consciousness. Dazed, she stepped forward. But her foot touched grass.

Josie looked upwards. The banner now read, 'THE LAND OF MAGIC.' This was no longer a library. This was a whole new world.

A woman stepped forward, her dark brown curls cascading down her shoulder. She spread her arms wide, letting her wand fall to the soft blanket of grass.

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Josie hesitated.

Then her earliest memories came back,

That woman was her mother.

Josie nestled herself into her mother's arms.

She finally felt that she belonged. She belonged in the Land of Magic.