

A Loving Friend!

Once on a dark winter's day, when the grey fog hung thick and heavy in the streets of London, an odd looking girl lay wide awake with such emptiness in her pale little face.

She sat with her feet tucked under her, and leaned against a cold brick wall, as she stared out of the window with a queer old-fashioned thoughtfulness in her big eyes. She was a little girl that one did not expect to see such a look on her small face. The fact was, however, that she was always dreaming, thinking odd things and could not herself remember any time when she had not been thinking things about grown people and the world they lived in. Her name was Sarah Crane and though she thought like a twelve year old, was only the age of eight.

"Oh Sarah! Stop dreaming and come and clean the dishes right away. There seems to be a heap today!" Stumbling out of her reverie, Sarah obeyed as told and followed Miss Amelia to the kitchen.

There was no use being intelligent as Sarah was, because she was an orphan child working at Miss Amelia's Boarding School For Girls. It was always the same. "Sarah this or Sarah." She mainly felt alone and in a world of suffering, compared to the childish laughs produced by girls at lunchtime. She dared not show anyone that she cried alone at night in fear of getting a beating from the headmistress.

Then one night, as Sarah was crying away in bed, a small pink glow shone bright across the attic. Blinded by the light, Sarah curiously followed the pink glow. "Just as I planned!" echoed a tiny voice. Talking to Sarah was a short and tubby princess, wand

in hand and wearing a dainty gold crown embedded with jewels. Shocked on what to speak, Sarah stared in awe at the princess in front of her. "Yes yes, I know this is a surprise, but I have something special to tell you."

"But, but something special to tell to an orphan child like me? It's like in living the life of Cinderella!" Stammered Sarah, hardly believing reality.

"Yes little Sarah, just like in Cinderella I am your princess friend. I will always remain beside your side no matter what!"

"A princess friend? Why, what is a princess friend?"

"A princess friend is similar to a forever friend, but even more loving and supportive. A princess friend is one with love in their heart to fight for and defend what is right and good. A princess friendship carries the soft colours of nature, the delicate browns and the sky; it is an earthiness that lasts a lifetime."

"So miss Sarah, would you like to be in a princess friendship with me?"

Stunned on what to say, Sarah happily agreed, and had a most memorable time with her princess friend and was able to make many other friends as well!

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Description: This is a story about a girl who finds a friend. But not just any friend, ~~but~~ a princess friend!