

Mirror, Mirror on the Wall...

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Many adults think fairy tales are just so much nonsense and that the characters will never appear in reality.

They say that, in reality, the wolf should have swallowed Little Red Riding Hood; Cinderella's step-sisters should have fitted into the glass slippers and tricked the prince; Snow White's stepmother should have changed her mirror for one that would have given her consistent, favourable answers to the eternal question: "Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is fairest of them all?"

However, the adults have all forgotten that when they were small, they absolutely believed in fairy tales.

In fairy tales, all the wicked people learn their lesson or die at the end of the story and the main characters usually live happily ever after. After reading such a delightful ending, children normally find it fair and believe that justice really exists in the world, while adults just feel bored.

Actually, what counts is experience. When a person grows up, he or she has to face up to life's realities and tackle plenty of problems or difficulties, which, cruelly, make them mature. They will gradually understand that fairy tales only happen in the world of make-believe where life is less complicated than in reality. Fairy tales are dreams, but we may not make our dreams come true.

Adults will tell you there are many grey areas instead of just black and white. They think that fairy tales are just toys for simple kids. Nevertheless, children become absorbed in the innocent world of fairy tales and have good, fanciful dreams. That's why they are so much happier than adults.

Even though I agree that fairy tales aren't likely to exist in our reality, I'm still fascinated by them. Good guys survive in the end, and villains fail at the last hurdle.

When you keep going, you will one day become successful. Fairy tales, like children, are something to make you happy and full of hope. They are for simple, innocent, and naïve students like me.

With life's heavy burden, occasionally we should relax. Also, don't bother yourselves with baffling things. When there is a will, there is a way.

What are you waiting for? "Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is cleverest of them all?" Students! We know how to make us happy and full of hope.