



Series: The Dance Fairies

Book: Tasha the Tap Dance Fairy

Tapping Trouble

“Wow,” Kirsty Tate said, as she followed her mum through the door of Wetherbury College’s main hall and saw the crowds inside. “It’s really busy in here!”

Her friend, Rachel Walker, who was saying with Kirsty over half-term, nodded in agreement, as she took off her woolly hat and stuffed it in her pocket.

“There’s a pottery stand,” she said, pointing it out. “Ooh, and look, they’re decorating cakes over there!”

The girls had come with Kirsty’s mum to the college Open Day. This was a special event where people could come and find out more about all the different courses the college offered.

Since Mrs Tate attended a wood-carving class at the college, she’d volunteered to help out on the wood-carving stand and answer any questions people might have.

All around the hall there were other display stands showing different skills you could learn at the college.

“There’s the wood-carving stand,” Mrs Tate said, showing the girls. “That’s where I’ll be all morning, OK? But you can wander round and look at everything else. There’s lots to see.”

Rachel and Kirsty said goodbye and set off around the hall. They saw a man at the pottery stand making a vase on a potter’s wheel, and then watched as a make-up artist transformed somebody into a ghoul at the special-effects make-up stand.

It was amazing how the thick white make-up and some fake blood running down his chin made the volunteer look completely different.

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“Spooky,” Kirsty whispered to Rachel with a shudder.

The make-up artist smiled at the girls. “You can create almost anything with the right make-up,” she told them.

The ‘ghoul’ grinned. “It’s pretty strange being turned into something else, though!” he said.

Rachel and Kirsty exchanged a smile. They knew all about being turned into *something* else. Thanks to their fairy friends, they’d been turned into fairies many times!

Only a few days earlier, Rachel and Kirsty had been plunged into another fairy adventure, this time helping the Dance Fairies find their missing magic Dance Ribbons.

So far, the girls had helped find three of the ribbons, but four others were still lost. Just as Rachel was thinking about the Dance Fairies, Kirsty nudged her.

“Look!” she said pointing. “Tap dancers!”

Rachel turned to see. At the end of the hall, some girls in sparkly red tap shoes were practising a routine. Rachel winced as one of them clumsily dropped her black cane on another dancer’s foot, and the girl next to her promptly tripped over it.

“Kirsty, did you see that?” she hissed. “The dancing is going wrong already!”

Kirsty nodded. “And we both know why,” she replied. “It’s because Tasha the Tap Dance Fairy’s ribbon is still missing!”

The girls had learned that the Dance Fairies used their ribbons to make sure that dancing, both in Fairyland and in the human world, went as smoothly as possible.

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Unfortunately, Jack Frost, a bad fairy, had stolen the magic ribbons because he wanted his goblin servants to dance well at his parties.

When the Fairy King and Queen heard that the Dance Ribbons had been stolen, they went straight to Jack Frost's ice castle to get them back, but selfish Jack Frost saw them approaching and flung the ribbons into the human world, along with a goblin to guard each one.

Without their ribbons, the Dance Fairies could not work their special magic, and dancing everywhere was going horribly wrong.

"Excuse me," came a voice from behind the girls. Rachel and Kirsty turned to see a girl of about their age, dressed in a leotard like the other tap dancers.

"Have you seen a pair of red tap shoes and a black cane anywhere?" she asked.

"I won't be able to join in the performance if I don't find them." Kirsty shook her head. "Sorry, we haven't seen them," she replied.

The girl sighed. "Maybe they fell out of my bag in the car park when Mum dropped me off," she said.

"We'll go and look for them if you want," Rachel offered.

The girl's eyes brightened. "Oh, thank you," she said. "I'll carry on looking in here. I'm Ashleigh Hart, by the way."

"We're Kirsty and Rachel," Kirsty replied, smiling, as Ashleigh waved and set off to search the rest of the hall. Kirsty and Rachel turned towards the entrance, but then stopped as they both heard a faint tapping sound which was in perfect time to the tap dancers' music.

Rachel looked over at the dancers eagerly. Did this mean the magic ribbon was nearby, helping the dancers to improve? But the dancers weren't actually dancing at all! *If they're not making the tapping sound, then who is?* Rachel wondered.

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Tap-tap-tap-tappity-TAP! Tap-tap-taptappity-TAP!

"I think it's coming from over here," Kirsty said, walking towards the corner of the hall.

Rachel followed. There was nothing there except a table with some leaflets on it, but the tapping definitely got louder as she and Kirsty approached. Curiously, the girls peeped underneath the table.

Read the rest of Tasha the Tap Dance Fairy and discover what magic happens next!

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