



**Book:** Belle the Birthday Fairy

### **Parties in Peril!**

"I can't wait to see Mum's face when she arrives at her surprise birthday party!" Rachel Walker said with a little skip of excitement.

"Yes, she'll be so amazed when she realises that you and your dad have arranged it all!" replied her best friend Kirsty Tate, swinging her rollerskates happily.

Kirsty was staying at Rachel's house in Tippington for the half-term break. Rachel's mum thought that Kirsty was just visiting for a holiday, but she was also there to attend Mrs Walker's surprise party!

"Everything's ready," said Rachel, counting the list off on her fingers. "The food, the music, the decorations for the village hall..."

"What about the cake?" Kirsty asked.

"Dad's ordered that from the baker's," said Rachel with a smile.

"He's not very good at baking and he wanted it to be perfect!"

The friends were on their way to the local park to go rollerskating. As they passed the village hall where Mrs Walker's party was to be held, Rachel squeezed Kirsty's hand.

"Let's just quickly look inside," she said. "I want to show you where I'm planning to put all the decorations on the day of the party."

"Ooh, yes!" said Kirsty eagerly. "I'm really looking forward to helping you decorate the hall and lay out the food."

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They put their heads around the door and their mouths fell open in astonishment. A group of boys and girls were there in their best party outfits, but no one seemed to be having a good time.

The guests were talking in low voices and they all looked upset. Some of the parents were kneeling on the floor, clearing up squashed cakes and spilled party snacks. A box of decorations sat untouched by the window.

There was a stereo on the stage, but it was making a strange whining sound and there was smoke coming out of it.

A little girl was standing by the door with her head hanging down. She was wearing a pretty pink dress with a white sash, but she looked very sad.

“Hello,” said Rachel. “Is this your party?”

The little girl nodded her head and her big blue eyes filled up with tears. “Everything’s gone wrong!” she sobbed. “Half of the guests forgot it’s my birthday today and didn’t turn up. The food tables collapsed and squashed my birthday cake. None of the decorations would stay up on the walls. Now the stereo has broken so we can’t even do any dancing.”

Kirsty put her arm around the little girl’s shaking shoulders. She didn’t know what to say. The girl’s mum hurried over to them.

“I’m sorry, Maya, but Dad can’t mend the stereo. We’re going to have to have the party at home.”

“But we can’t fit everyone into our house,” said Maya, looking miserable.

“I know, but we have no choice,” said her mum sadly. “You’ll have to pick ten friends to bring with you. Everyone else will just have to go home.”

Trying not to cry, Maya walked off with her mum. Rachel and Kirsty left the hall and carried on towards the park.

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"I feel so sorry for Maya," said Rachel. "It's really unlucky that all those things went wrong."

They arrived in the park and sat down to put on their rollerskates. They both felt upset about the little girl's birthday being ruined.

"If only one of the Party Fairies had been here," Kirsty said with a sigh. "I'm sure they could have helped."

Rachel and Kirsty were good friends with the fairies, and had often helped them to outwit bad-tempered Jack Frost and his naughty goblin servants.

The girls stood up, wobbled a little and clung to each other for balance.

"It's ages since I've been rollerskating!" giggled Rachel. "I'm sure I'll be the first to fall over!"

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