

Enter but Beware!

Kayla felt excited when she woke up. The Magic Fair was in town! She had heard so many wonderful stories about the Fair. She could hardly believe she was finally going to see it for herself.

When Kayla arrived at the Fair with Uncle Mike and her cousin Peter, she was more excited than ever. But when she saw the sign hanging over the entrance gate, she shivered.



The sign said:



What does it mean? she wondered.

Kayla looked at her Uncle Mike. The sign didn't bother him. She turned to her cousin. He pulled a nasty face at her.

'Scared, Kayla?' Peter sneered.

'What do you think the sign means?' Kayla asked.

'I think it means you're a scaredy cat,' Peter said, and he started to chant, 'Scaredy cat! Scaredy cat!'

'Stop it!' cried Kayla.

Uncle Mike spun around. 'No fighting!' he growled. 'This Fair is magic. It has its own special rules. Don't upset anyone while you're here — especially not you, Peter!'

Kayla smiled to herself. The only rules Peter followed were the ones he made up.

Kayla knew she had to walk beneath the sign. But she didn't want to. What if something strange

happened to her? Maybe coming to the Magic Fair wasn't such a good idea, after all.

Suddenly, it was their turn. Kayla hesitated but Uncle Mike grabbed her hand and pulled her through the entrance gate, into the fair grounds.

Nothing weird happened. Kayla breathed a sigh of relief.

Uncle Mike turned to Kayla and Peter. 'I have a few things to do here. I want you and Peter to stay together, Kayla. You enjoy yourselves and we'll all meet up at the end of the day. Have fun!' Then he strode off.

Kayla didn't want to be stuck with her cousin.

'Please, Peter,' she said, 'don't



play any of your tricks today.' She had a feeling magical eyes were already watching them.

'Sure, scaredy cat,' Peter spat. Then he pinched her. Hard.

Kayla dropped her purse in pain. Peter grabbed it and ran off laughing.

'Come back!' cried Kayla. 'It took me all year to save that money!'

But Peter had disappeared into the crowd.

It was her mother's birthday soon. Now she had no money to buy her something special from the Magic Fair.

What am I going to do? Kayla sobbed.

Chapter Two

