

Elementary School Winner

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The Witches' Ceremony

Introducion

Hello, I am Kyteler (Kite-ler), Founder of The Witches' Society. It's a place where the strongest witches help protect this world of witches from evil like goblins. I will be telling you this heartwarming tale. So, cuddle up and listen.

Before we start just a little tip, we won't be talking about a big fight against witches and goblins. Have you even read the title or did you just open this story without looking at the front cover? Now, let's start for real this time shall we?

Chapter 1: Lonely Life

One beautiful night, the sky was black with a little purple. There was a little girl around the age of 10 with the most beautiful, long, brown hair. Some of the wizards and witches would call her the daughter of Rapunzel. (The witch version of Rapunzel of course) The girl also had beautiful blue and purple eyes. Her name was Estrella which means star in spanish. This was no ordinary week in the witch town though. It was the week of Halloween, the best time of the year for little witches and wizards around the age of 11 or 12. This is because it was time for the Witches' Ceremony. The Witches' Ceremony was the time of year every witch and wizard was tested. There were a series of tests something like an olympics but instead of winning a prize they were judged to see if they were powerful witches. If

so, the winners had to move to a more prestigious school to help protect the world of humans and protect their own from goblins. They could also be a witch in progress which practically means they're doing better for their age and should be most likely move up a grade or two. Then the worst score is the worst witch. The worst witch means they are failing and have to wait until next year to try again. After years of no improvement then they are sent to the human world and they lose their magic and their memory that witches even exist.

Now before we go off track, let's refocus on Estrella. Estrella was a powerful witch from the start. When she was in Pre-K she could perform 2nd grade spells and was quickly moved to 1st grade. It might sound amazing and it was, but because Estrella was the youngest she didn't have many friends. No one wanted to be friends with a 5 year old no matter if she was amazing at magic or not. Anyways, as she got older she always skipped up a grade or moved schools so after a while Estrella found her one and only friend, Moonglade. She was her neighbor but even sometimes Moonglade couldn't play because she was older and had more responsibility. Estrella was usually left in the shadows with no one to play with except her ghost dog Rufus. Being a ghost dog meant there was not much playing or cuddling that he could do. Even though she had Rufus, he could get boring sometimes.

Chapter 2: Special Surprise

Estrella was sick and tired of moving from school to school to school. So one day she complained to her Mom and step -dad. They were stunned by Estrella's complaint and how she was acting. They thought she loved going to schools that were just right for her. Then in a calm voice with a controlled anger Estrella said, " No I am not content or happy I just wanna be a normal witch with a normal life." After Three minutes of awkward silence Estrellas' mom said, " Star listen-," Estrella cut her mom off and yelled, "DON'T CALL ME STAR!" Yet another awkward silence fell. Estrella or Star was very sensitive to whoever called her Star. It was because her dad used to call her Star, but he became a human and forgot about everything, even his family. He had most likely started a new family on earth, she thought. Usually Estrella didn't care much when her mom called her Star. She even let Moonglade call her Star, because they were so close. In

situations like these, when Estrella feels like she wants to breathe fire or is seeing red because of her mom, she hates it when her mom calls her Star. It makes her feel like her skin is crawling off for some reason. Then before Estrella could have another outburst her Step-dad (Nightowl) stood up and handed her a red envelope that had a little broom sticker to close it up and on the back it read, *"From: the esteemed Witches Society. To: Estrella Arabella Flores II."* Estrella looked up at her parents with a confused look and one eyebrow up thinking that this was some dumb prank they thought was funny just to lighten the mood. Star blinked twice then turned her head back to the envelope, opened it and read the letter it said, *"Dear Estrella Arabelle Flores II,*

I bring you exciting news. We at the Witches society have been observing you from afar and think you are very talented. So we are inviting you to the Witches' Ceremony. Yes, I know you are 1 year early, but I knew you had to do it early with that great potential of yours. Also I will give you my name at the end of this letter so you can find me because it took a lot of pleading and evidence and all that wasteful stuff to get you in so you better thank me!

Yours truly:

Freyja Cordelia IV.

Estrella stood there looking somewhat confused but also very excited. Estrella was standing there scanning the letter over and over and over again she couldn't believe her ears. She would be participating in the Witches' Ceremony, EARLY! First, Estrella apologized and thanked her parents multiple times but then she fled off to see what the activities were. The first one was using water elements, the easiest thing to do. The second activity was the fire element. The third was nature and the fourth was electricity. Then the 5th was potion making, a decently easy subject. 6th was wand mastery and the 7th the hardest for Estrella.....broom flying. She knew she was good at all of those subjects, like literally perfect at all of those subjects except broom flying. The crazy thing was that since the teleportation spell was invented no one really cared that much about flying brooms so in the ceremony they just tested you on if you could teleport to Alandia, the mermaid city, since it was kinda hard. Alandia was Kinda like Tokyo but with mermaids I guess. This was not what Estrella thought would happen and she was devastated that she would have to almost completely master riding a broom in 3 days. 3 days only!

Chapter 3: Cheating

Estrella was freaking out. She had been practicing non stop. She didn't even go to school. Really she just went to the broom practice room and tried her best and of course she was excused. She was literally practicing to try her best to win and represent her school, so if she didn't show up her school just assumed she was trying her best to practice. Almost everyone was relying on Estrella and the pressure was intense. She had been practicing for 2 days and was improving, but not enough to win so she went to some drastic measures. As soon as Estrella got home instead of her visiting Moonglade like always she ran in the house, grabbed her mom's "Secret" spell book and locked herself in her room. She searched for the spell that her mom used to make herself good at cooking, (because before that spell the only thing her mom could make was cereal). The spell was called something like the "Mastering spell". Estrella couldn't find the spell and was getting impatient so she threw the book on the floor, stepped on it a few times and then shoved it under the bed behind some boxes that said, "DO NOT TOUCH," in bold red. Then she turned on her witch-Pad and looked up the spell and read it in about 10 seconds flat. (Fun Fact: A witch-pad is just an apple-ipad but for witches). Estrella picked up her wand and started saying the words, *"I want to be as good at flying a broom as a bomb goes boom or a car goes zoom. So hickory dickory, hocus pocus, make me master my broom flying focus!"* Estrella stood there and waited for the dust to settle. It was purple, black and blue. Then she headed out the door and left for the broom practicing room.

As soon as she got on the broom she was a living pro! Estrella was speechless. She looked up at the glass roof that displayed a pretty night sky, closed her eyes and felt relaxed. 2 minutes later instead of Estrella opening her eyes to an empty room she opened her eyes to the school's Jock and every single girl's crush (Except for her) Apollo. He was giving her a funny smirk while he tilted his head. After a decently long time of awkward smirks and head tilted stares Apollo said, "Why were you up here with your eyes closed?" Apollo was kind of, most of the time, flirting with Estrella. She started to speak but she stopped. For some reason she felt a little shy. For a second they just stared at each other but then Apollo said, "So you gonna tell me why you're here all alone or what?" Estrella felt chills up her spine as she felt Apollo's hand shake hers trying to get her attention. Then Estrella realized they were in a conversation so she quickly

responded, "Oh I'm up here because I'm practicing for the Witches' Ceremony." Apollo soon realized that in the newspaper when it said "10 year Old Girl Joins Ceremony Early" it meant her. Apollo was stunned but was also happy for her. Estrella wondered how he could be so happy for someone he barely knew. She checked her watch and knew she had to head home. It was 12:32 am and the ceremony was at 5 pm sharp so she had to get good sleep and get in a little extra practice. She said goodbye and hurried home.

Chapter 4: Ceremony

Estrella woke up happy and excited. Before she did anything she checked her witch-Pad for any extra info about the ceremony but when she opened Montserrat (it's like witch google) she stumbled upon the page she was on yesterday. She started reading this part that she didn't see that said "IMPORTANT. WARNING READ BEFORE PERFORMING SPELL" what she saw gave her stomach cramps. The spell only worked once a day and you can only redo it at the exact same time you did it before. Estrella saw red. She couldn't do it later because she did the spell around 6 pm and the ceremony was at 5. All day Estrella practiced and practiced until she was tired. She took a 30 minute nap and woke up, grabbed her allergy pills and her favorite black backpack, with "IT'S JUST A BUNCH OF HOCUS POCUS" printed on it. Then she got water, snacks, and her favorite dark blue broom. Estrella got her wand and teleported to the ceremony and waited in line to register. When she went to register some woman with black hair and dark blue streaks, ran to her and squeezed her super tight then dropped her on the floor. Estrella was spinning but once she wasn't dizzy anymore she asked "Who are you? Like not to be rude or anything but you just came over here and almost squeezed all of my internal organs out..." Then the lady backed up and said in a western witch voice, " Oh sorry dear it's just so great to see ya in person. Oh I must still be confusing ya. I'm Freyja cordelia. I'm the reason you're here sweetcakes." Then Freyja squeezed Estrella's cheeks, marked something on the sheet in front of her and then gave her another sheet that said where to go. As Estrella walked to the building she felt more nervous by

the second. She stopped for a second and took 5 deep breaths, walked in that room and did her best work ever. She rocked all 6 of the challenges but then came the 7th challenge. Thankfully she went last so she practiced on the sidelines. Once it was her turn all she heard was cheers, no boos, no quiet, just excitement. After a long time of waiting, the winners were announced. The judges cleared their throats then announced, "And the strongest best witch IS ESTRELLA ARABELLA FLORES!" Estrella said her thank yous and took her certificate and teleported home. When she got there she ran to her mom and cried her heart out..... .but not happy tears. She told her mom that she was happy she won but sad her dad didn't get to see her most special moment of her life. Then her mom hugged her and told her it would be okay. Estrella smiled. She knew she would see her dad again in due time and when she did he would remember her at first glance and she would tell him everything.

Ending

Well goodbye whoever is reading. BUT WAIT, there's more. Before you go I want to tell you a little secret. I'm Estrella. Yep I am the one and only Estrella Arabella Flores. Kyteler is just my Witch's Society name and yes I did find my father! But how? Well that's a story for another time. Now remember.....

**THE ENDING IS JUST THE
BEGINNING OF A NEW ADVENTURE!**