

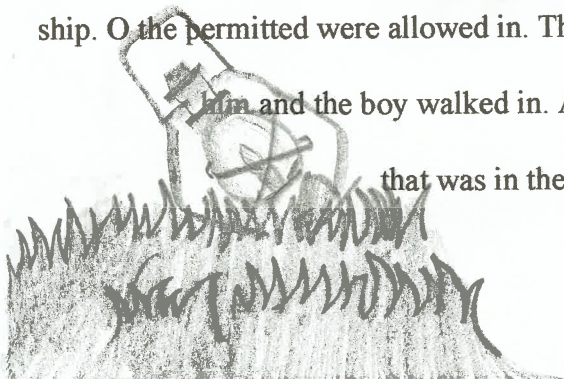
## The Secret Forest

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In the kingdom of *Carinthia*, the king and queen anxiously awaited the arrival of a package. A young boy had been sent on a mission to deliver the package, which was very important to the kingdom. The boy knew nothing about its contents. On the boy's travel, he ventured deep into the kingdom's secret forest. Not one soul except for his and the royalty knew about this forest. The creatures that lurked in the forbidden forest had been frightening, that many years ago the royalty had to hide it from the rest of the kingdom. At least, that was what he was told.

The king and queen ordered everything be shrunk and put into a bottle, as if it were a pirate ship. Only the permitted were allowed in. The bottle knew what the boy was doing so he shrank him and the boy walked in. As the boy walked through this forest, the only light that was in the forest was given from the lantern that the boy held.

As the boy ventured further into the forest, he dropped the lantern.



The lantern burst into flames. He watched the blazing ashes soar across the forest grass. The fire did not spread outward, rather crawled deeper into the forest in a single line. The boy followed the fire until he came to a clearing. The clearing held a door with beams of golden light emerging from the cracks. The door looked astonishingly beautiful and was so intriguing that he couldn't continue onward. But the fire kept charging deeper into the forest, and the boy finally walked back to follow the flames. That is, until he realized that the door was slightly ajar. He pushed the door open just enough to examine the inside. Once the boy opened the door, light flooded the forest. This must be what the royal family kept locked up. The forest wasn't dark anymore. All darkness was penetrated in golden beams of light. The light shone out from the forest and filled the kingdom. The boy looked back at what was once a forest, and stepped into the threshold of another world...

