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High up, suspended in the clouds, there is an enchanted fantasy world where everything is light and colorful. It is the Land of Clouds, where beautiful fairies and mythical creatures live, ruled by Queen Nephele.

The Land of Clouds

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Queen Nephele lives in the Cloud Castle and rules over the Land of Clouds with great wisdom. Her subjects love her for this, and for her kindness.

**Galatea** is a member of the Grand Council of Fairies and is best friends with Ariette.





**Ariette** is one of the Weaver Fairies, who weave the strands that make up the clouds. She also knows how to read the dreams of other fairies while they sleep!

The Hundred Handed Giant

was cursed by a spell and must always keep his hundred hands busy.

The Color Pixies love to play tricks. They live in Fairywing Village and are also great cooks!





**Airavata** is an elephant with seven trunks who guards the passage into the Land of Clouds.

The Wind Elves are as light as feathers. They blow the winds that move the clouds in the sky, and they live in the Windy Cave.





Sleep Fairies are sweet, kind creatures who watch over sleep in the Land of Clouds. They live in Sleep Flower Woods.

King Nebus rules the Kingdom of Nimbus and is a just and courageous leader. He is secretly in love with Queen Nephele.





The Scarlet Lightning Fairies

live in the Valley of Infinite Storm Clouds and have the most explosive personalities in the Land of Clouds!

## Summer is here!

**SUMMER** was in the air at Mouseford Academy. The students chattered excitedly in the hallways, **happy** that it was almost time for vacation. The Thea Sisters walked out into the school courtyard after their last **MARINE BIOLOGY** class.

"I really liked learning about **tropical** fish," Violet was saying. "I would love to paint pictures of them during our break."

Colette got a dreamy look in her eyes. "I would love to design a dress the color of a **BLUE STARFISH**."

" "Well, I'm thinking of doing some **©Gean diving** around here," Nicky said.

"That's because you can't sit still," Pam teased. "Me, I think I'll try to invent a new

SUMMER is



recipe for some **SEAFOOD PIZZA**."

Paulina's long black braid swung behind her as she turned to look at Nicky. "I think diving sounds like fun, too. There are some old **Shipwreck** sites out there," she said. "I've been researching the history of them. Some of them are —"

Before she could finish her sentence, someone tapped her on the shoulder. It was me, THEA STILTON!

"Hi, Thea!" my friends greeted me, **surprised**. I hadn't told them I was coming, and I wasn't **teaching** there that semester.

"What are you doing here?" Pam asked.

"I have something to tell you," I said. "Can you follow me into my office?"

"What's going on, Thea?" Paulina asked eagerly when we were all settled.



"I was thinking of organizing a class in **fantasy languages** for you, with Will Mystery from the Seven Roses Unit," I told them. "Are you interested?"

The mouselets shared a look and **Smiled** happily.

"**Yes**" they shouted together.



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The **SEVEN ROSES UNIT** is an important department in a top secret research facility. The unit specializes in fantasy worlds, and the Thea Sisters and I have helped them solve several fascinating **MYSTERIES**.

"I know it's your break," I went on. "But I thought brushing up on fantasy languages would be a **good idea**. This way, if Will Mystery calls for our HELP again, we'll be ready."

"Of course!" Pam said.

"Does that mean we'll go to their headquarters?" Nicky asked. She loves to **TRAVEL**.

I nodded. "Yes."

Paulina happily clapped her paws. "This will be more fun than any **Vacation**!"

Just then, there was a **knock** on the office door.



I opened it and found a deliverymouse there. He was tapping his foot impatiently.

"**YOU THEA STILTON?**" he asked, in a very sharp tone.

When I said yes, he didn't reply — he just had me sign a receipt, and then thrust a SMALL PACKAGE into my paws.

