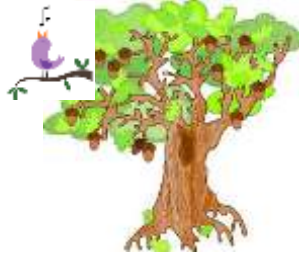


### Molly and the Dream Catcher – Chapter 3

Molly yawned, stretched, and looked out of the window. It was the start of another day in her strange new world, where everything seemed topsy-turvy and a little unreal. The sky was blue and cloudless, and she could hear the tuneful birdsong coming from her wonderful old oak tree.



Molly looked wistfully down the road and could see Jack's red front door, several houses away, and on the cross section of two roads. She called out her window as loudly as she could – "Jack, Jack, can you hear me? I miss you so much and I can't wait to see you."



"Jack", she called again. "I have an idea".

Just then her bedroom door opened, and Alice appeared, in her pink tracksuit.

"Molly", she said, "why are you shouting out the window at the top of your voice?" Molly looked round and saw her sister watching her.

“I need to speak to Jack and I thought he might hear me if I used my really loud voice. Maybe my voice will be carried along in the wind and reach his bedroom”.

“Molly, he might be able to hear you, but so can all the other people who live in the street, and they may not be too keen on all that noise you are making. What is it you want to tell Jack?”

Molly sighed and looked thoughtful.

“I want to share my dreams with him so after the lock down we can do all the things I have missed so much. I’ve been thinking about all the lovely things we will be able to do again, such as seeing my friends, playing in the woods, going to the park, and I want to play hide and seek with Jack.”



“What are your dreams, Alice?” “Are you missing your friends too?”

Alice smiled at her younger sister and sat down on her bed.

“I do miss my friends, Molly, and I sometimes talk to them on Mum’s phone but I have an idea! When we go out for our walk today, we can ask Mum to take us to the woods. I can show you how to make a dream catcher.”

“A dream catcher”, repeated Molly, “what’s that?”

“It’s something special you can make out of sticks and twine. You can catch your dreams in it and hold on to them. We can even make one for Jack and you can hang yours above your bed. You can both keep your dreams safe, and when things return to normal, you and Jack will be able to share all the dreams you have caught.”



“Wow”, said Molly, “that sounds like a great idea. “But how do you make a dream catcher?”

Alice then explained to Molly what they would need to do. “You can make a circular dream catcher or even a triangular one. For the triangle, we will need 3 sticks and string or coloured wool. You will have to join the ends of the sticks together to form a triangle and then you wind the string or wool around the outside of the shape, making a loop, and passing the string through the loop many times. Eventually you create a pretty pattern from the string inside the triangle. When you have completed it, you can hang it above your bed, so that whenever you have a dream that you want to remember it will be caught in the dream catcher. “



“But how am I going to tell Jack about this – I am sure he will be really excited and will want to make one too.”

Molly thought about this and then said, “We can take a photo of the dream catcher and send him instructions how to make one. You can also make one for him and we can leave it on his doorstep.”

After lunch, Mum, Alice, and Molly walked to their local woods. It was a warm afternoon and the 15 -minute walk to the woods was filled with anticipation as they thought about what they would make. They took water to drink, snacks to eat, secateurs to cut the sticks, string, and a rug. The tall trees provided some shade and the 2 girls welcomed the coolness, which made a pleasant break from the heat of the day. The girls got to work, cutting, weaving the string in and out of loops and around the sticks, and before long they had made 2 beautiful dream catchers. Before they left, Molly picked up some extra sticks and told her mum and sister that she would make another one for Jack the following day.



As they walked home, Molly smiled and said how much she had enjoyed the afternoon.

“I’m looking forward to going to sleep tonight”, she said, as she wondered to herself what dreams might find themselves in her cleverly constructed dream catcher.

*Below is a link to show you how to make a dream catcher*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TE0JfKmuGA>