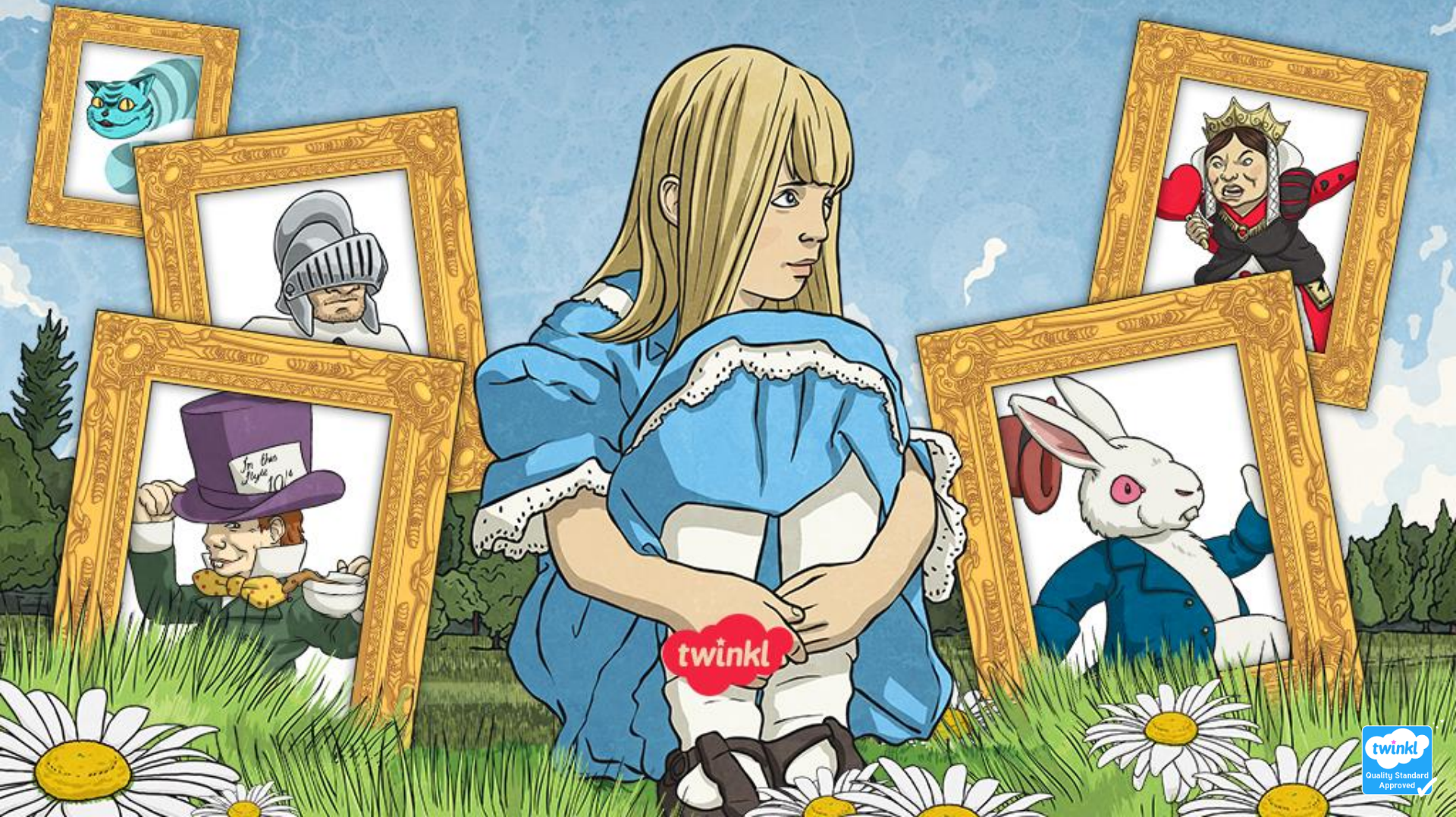


Alice in Wonderland



Alice was beginning to get tired of sitting on the bank of the river with her sister.



There was nothing to do; once or twice, Alice had peeped at the book that her sister was reading but, without any pictures to look at, she had quickly become bored of it.

As Alice considered making a daisy chain to pass the time, a White Rabbit with pink eyes suddenly ran by.



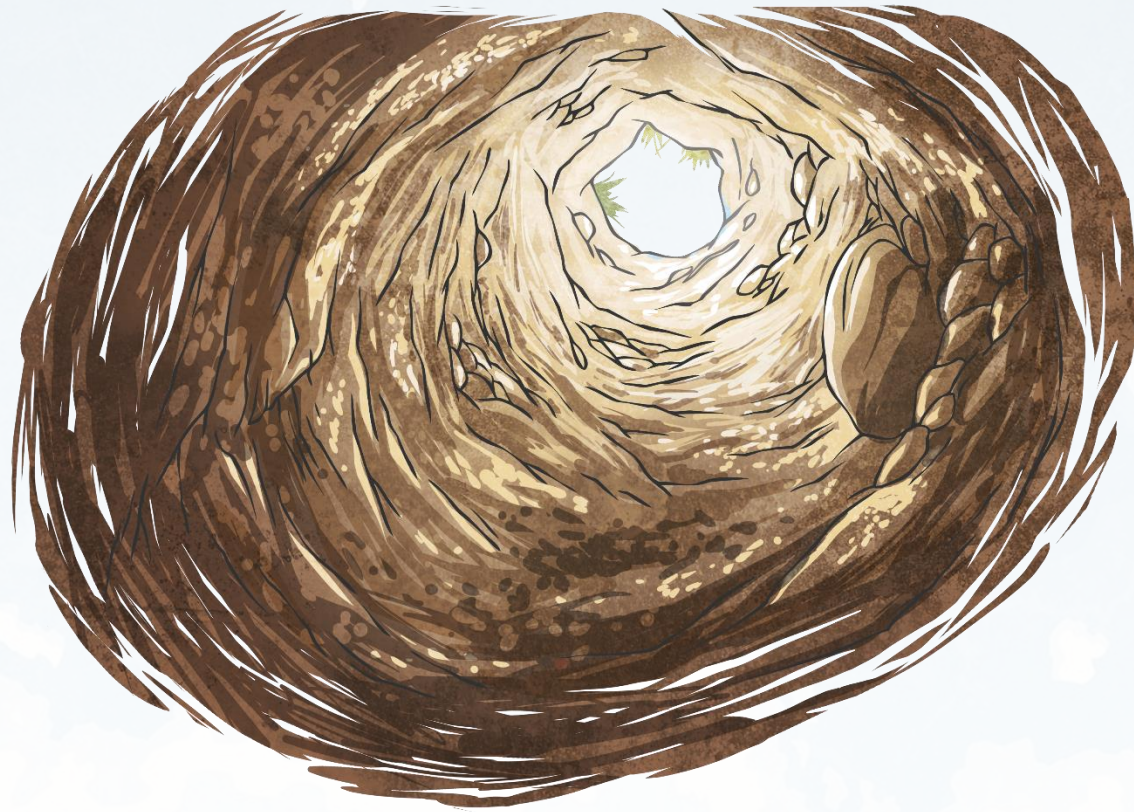
"Oh dear!"



Oh dear!

"I shall be late!"

the Rabbit declared, taking a watch from its waistcoat pocket and hurrying down a rabbit hole beneath a nearby hedge.



Not considering the consequences of her actions, Alice ran straight after the Rabbit and fell down what seemed like a very deep well.



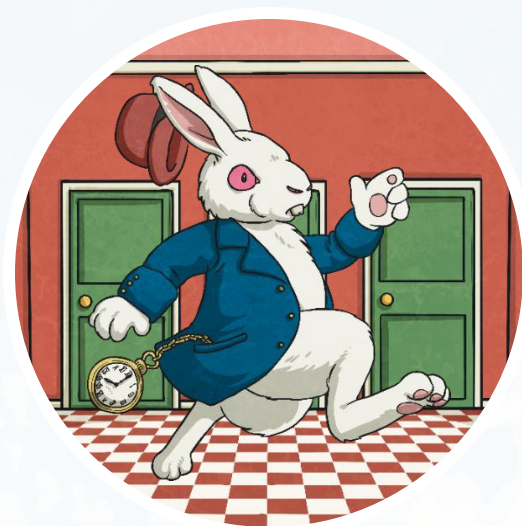
Falling slowly for what seemed like eternity, Alice had plenty of time to observe the strange world around her – the well was lined with cupboards, bookshelves, maps and pictures.



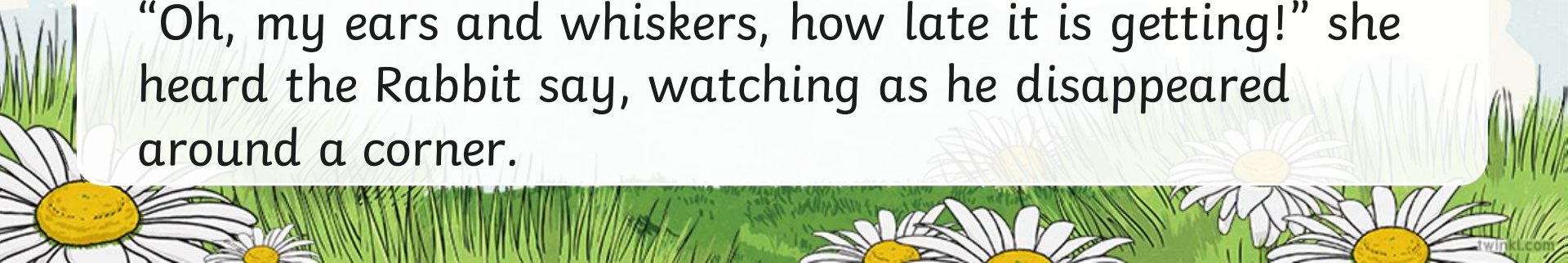
“After a fall such as this, I shall think nothing of tumbling down the stairs!” thought Alice. “I wonder how many miles I’ve fallen now. I must surely be near the centre of the earth!”



Suddenly, Alice landed with a thump in a heap of sticks and dry leaves. Unhurt by the landing, she jumped to her feet and saw the Rabbit scurrying down a long passage.



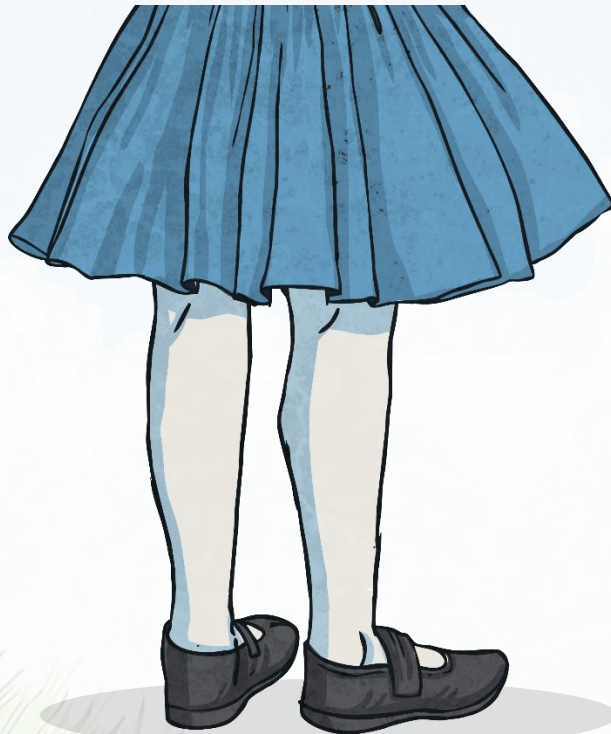
With not a moment to lose, Alice ran quickly after him. "Oh, my ears and whiskers, how late it is getting!" she heard the Rabbit say, watching as he disappeared around a corner.



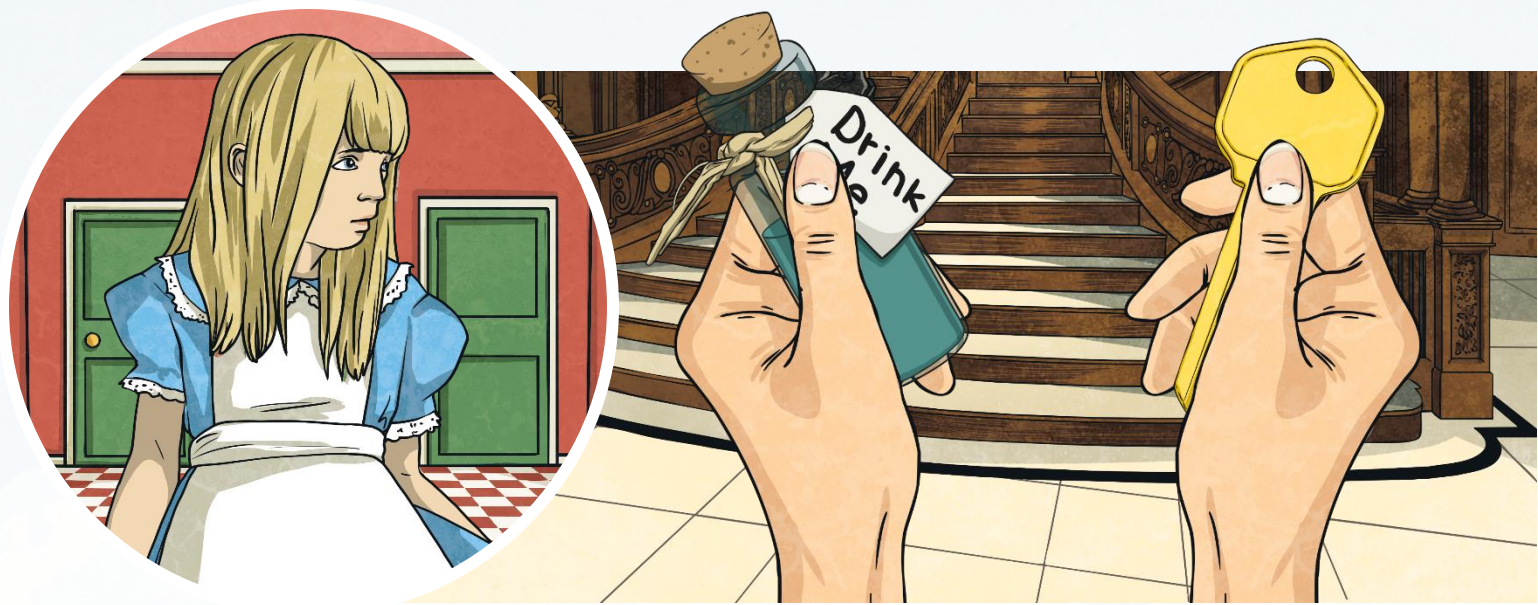
Alice found herself in a long, low hall which was lit by rows of lamps hanging from the ceiling. She came upon a small, three-legged table made from solid glass. Upon it, she found a tiny, golden key.



Using her new discovery, Alice unlocked a small door (which she had found behind a curtain) and knelt down to look through it. It led to a beautiful garden but Alice was much too large to pass through the doorway.

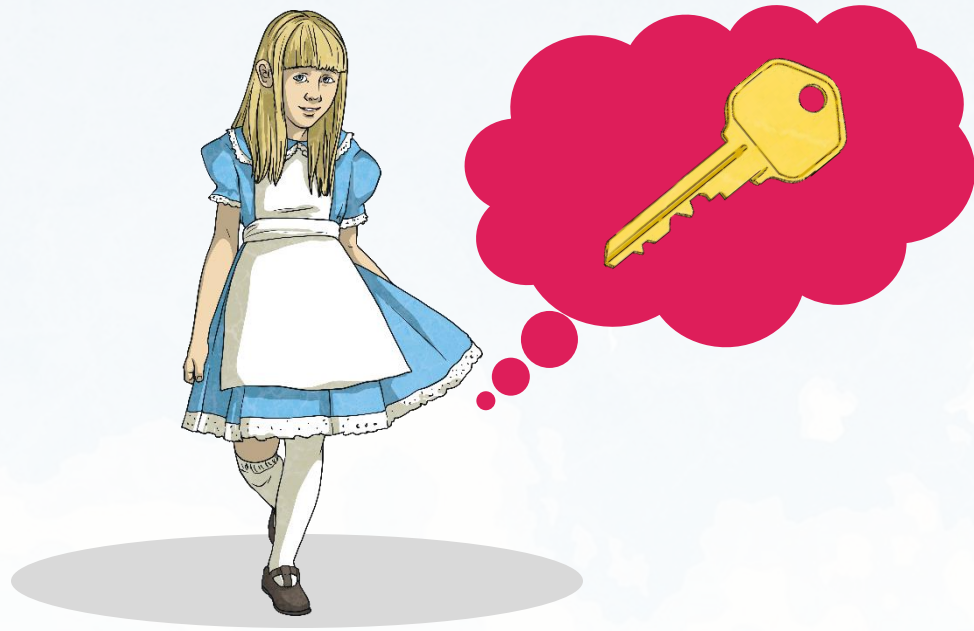


Returning to the glass table, Alice placed down the key and picked up a small bottle which she was certain had not been there before.



The paper label attached to the neck of the bottle read 'drink me' and, although uncertain that the bottle did not contain poison, Alice ventured to taste it.

“What a curious feeling!” said Alice. Now only ten inches tall, Alice had shrunk to just the right size to fit through the door which led to the lovely garden.



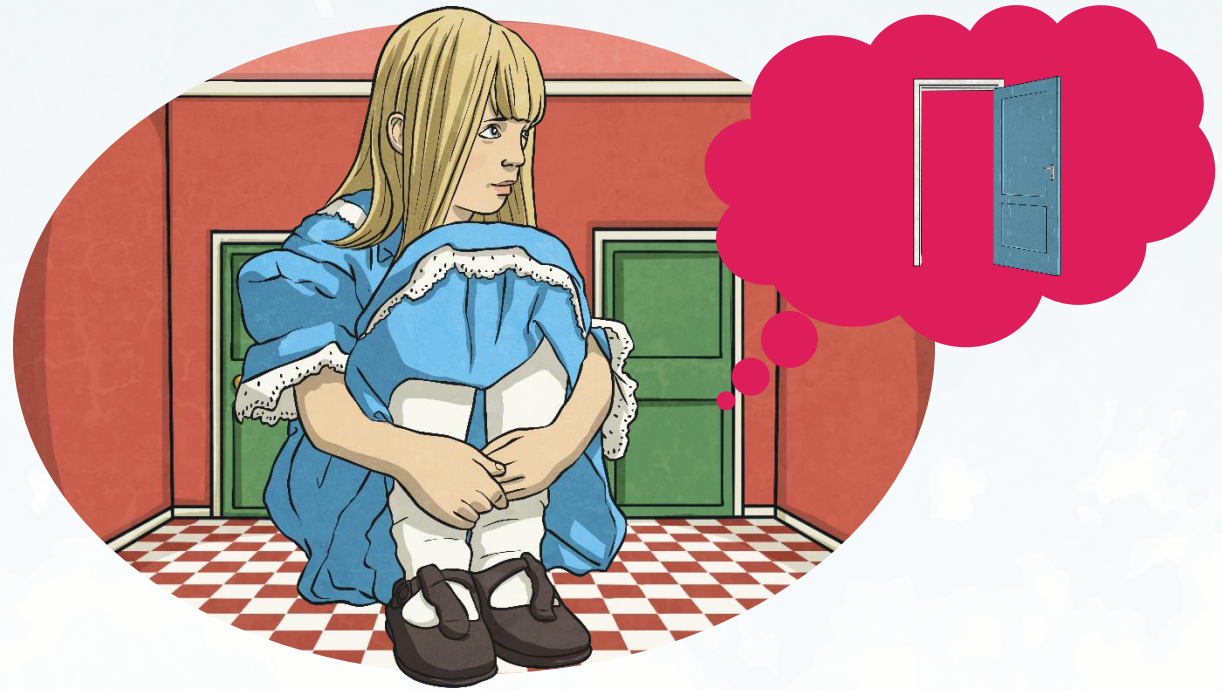
However, it was then that Alice realised she had left the golden key on the table and she was now much too small to reach it.

Soon, Alice's eye fell upon a little box lying beneath the table. When she opened it, she found a very small cake with a label attached which read 'eat me'.



“If I eat it and it makes me grow larger, I’ll be able to reach the key. If it makes me shrink, I’ll be able to creep under the door. Either way, I’ll get into the garden and I don’t care which happens!” declared Alice. She set to work and soon finished off the cake.

“Curiouser and curiouser!” cried Alice as she grew so tall that she struck her head against the roof of the hall.



Now more than nine feet tall, Alice took the tiny, golden key and hurried towards the garden door but she was now much too big to pass through it.

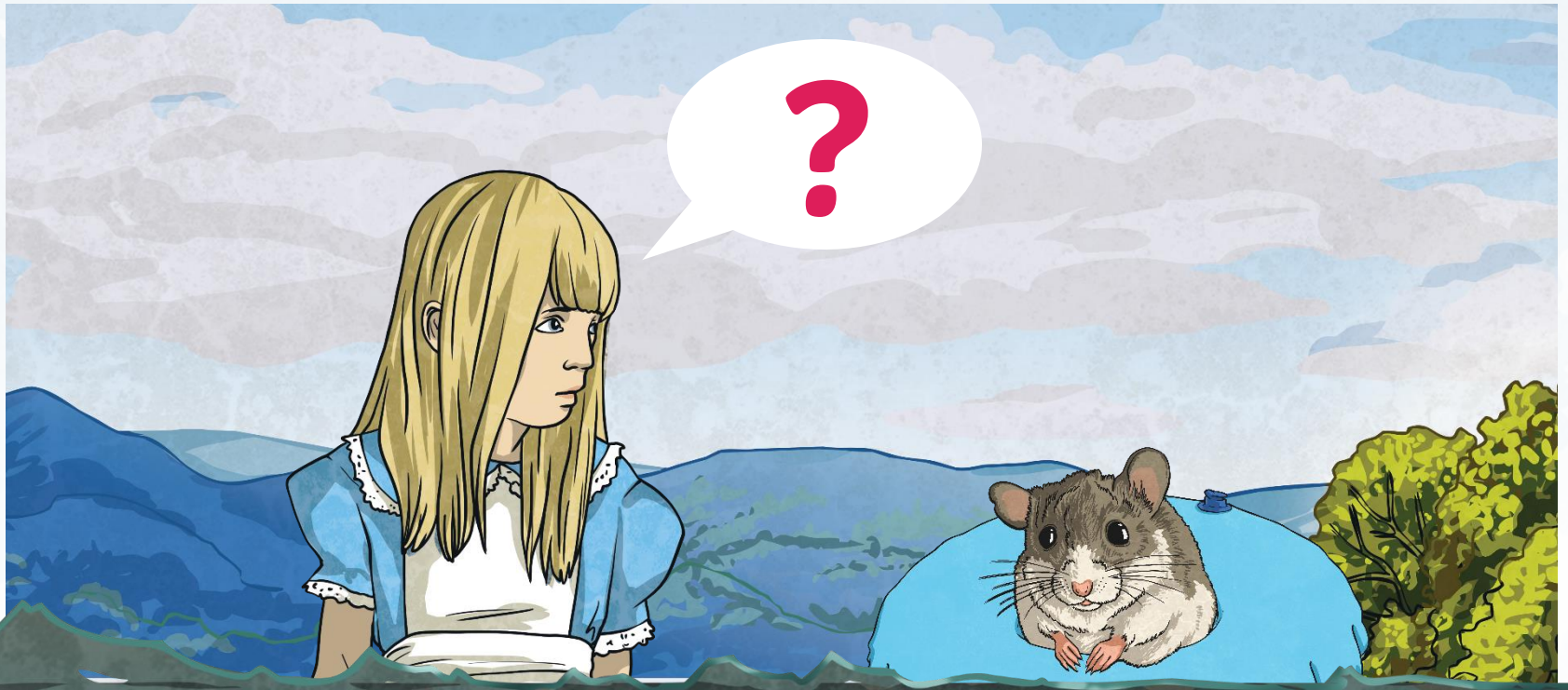
Frustrated, Alice began to cry and a pool of tears began to form around her. Alice wondered who she had become and, as she did, she realised that she was shrinking again.



“That was a narrow escape!” called Alice as she swam through the pool of tears she had created.



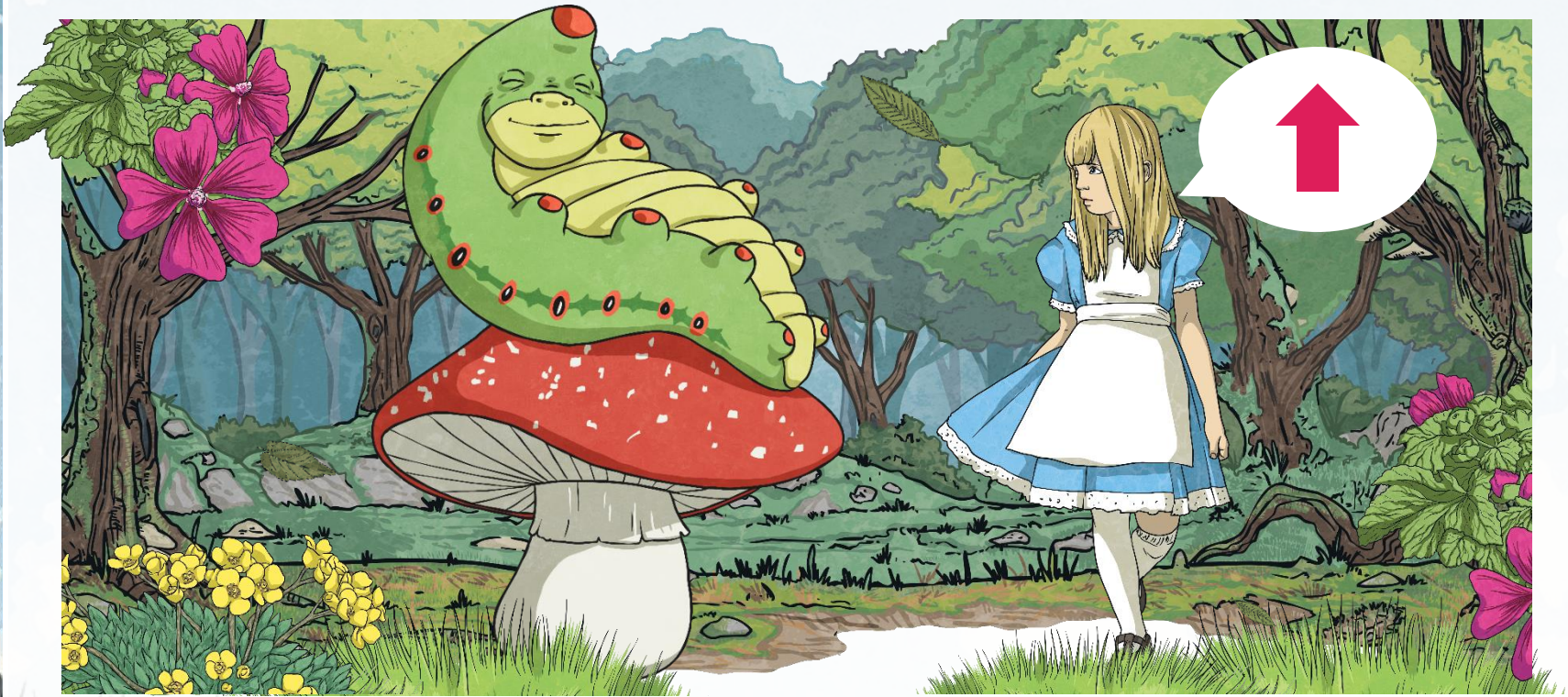
It was then that Alice spotted a mouse. “Mouse, do you know the way out of this pool?” asked Alice.



The Mouse agreed to lead Alice out of the pool and she found herself amongst the grass.

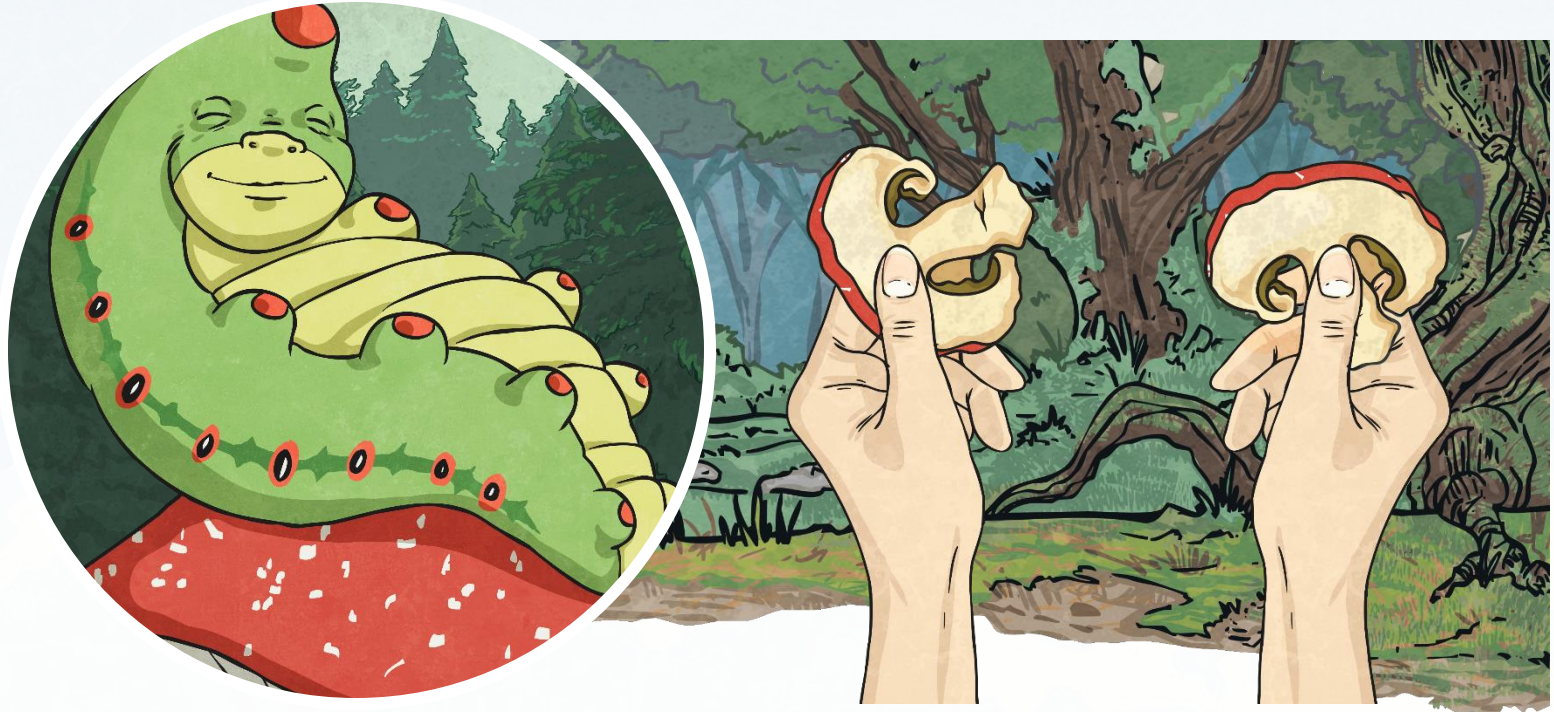


Alice looked around and peeped over the edge of a large mushroom. Immediately, her eyes met those of a large caterpillar that was sitting on top of it.



“I feel I should be a little taller,” Alice told the Caterpillar.

“Take a piece of the mushroom,” the Caterpillar replied. “One side will make you grow taller and the other side will make you shrink.”



Unsure which side was which, Alice broke off a piece from each edge and swallowed a morsel from the left-hand side.

Not long after this, Alice caught sight of a grinning cat sitting on the bough of a nearby tree.



“Cheshire Cat,” Alice began, “could you please tell me which way I ought to go from here?”

“Well, that depends on where you want to go,” said the Cat. “The Mad Hatter lives that way and the March Hare lives that way,” he said, pointing in opposite directions.

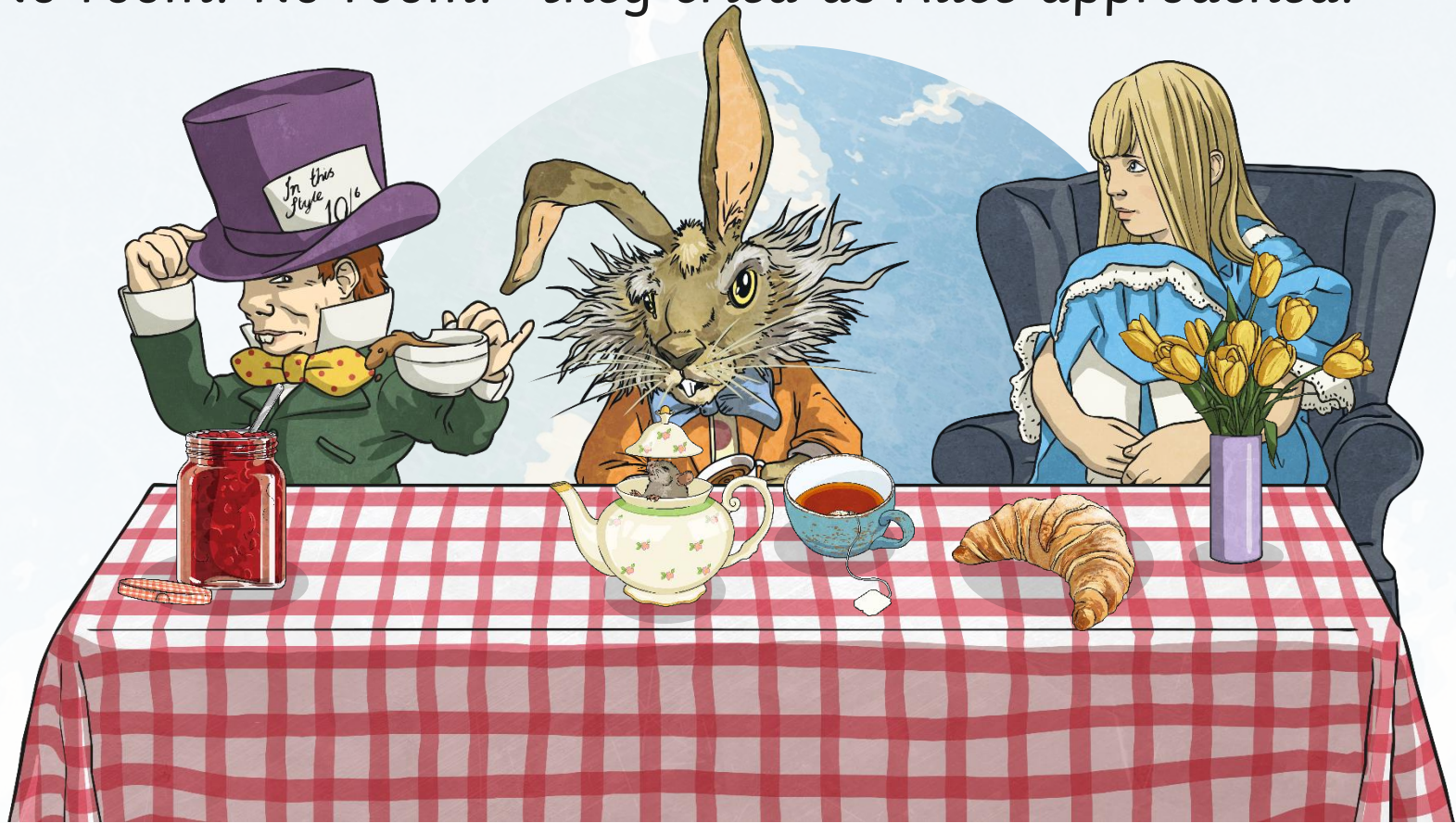


Alice decided to head towards the house of the March Hare. In front of the house, there was a table set out beneath a tree.



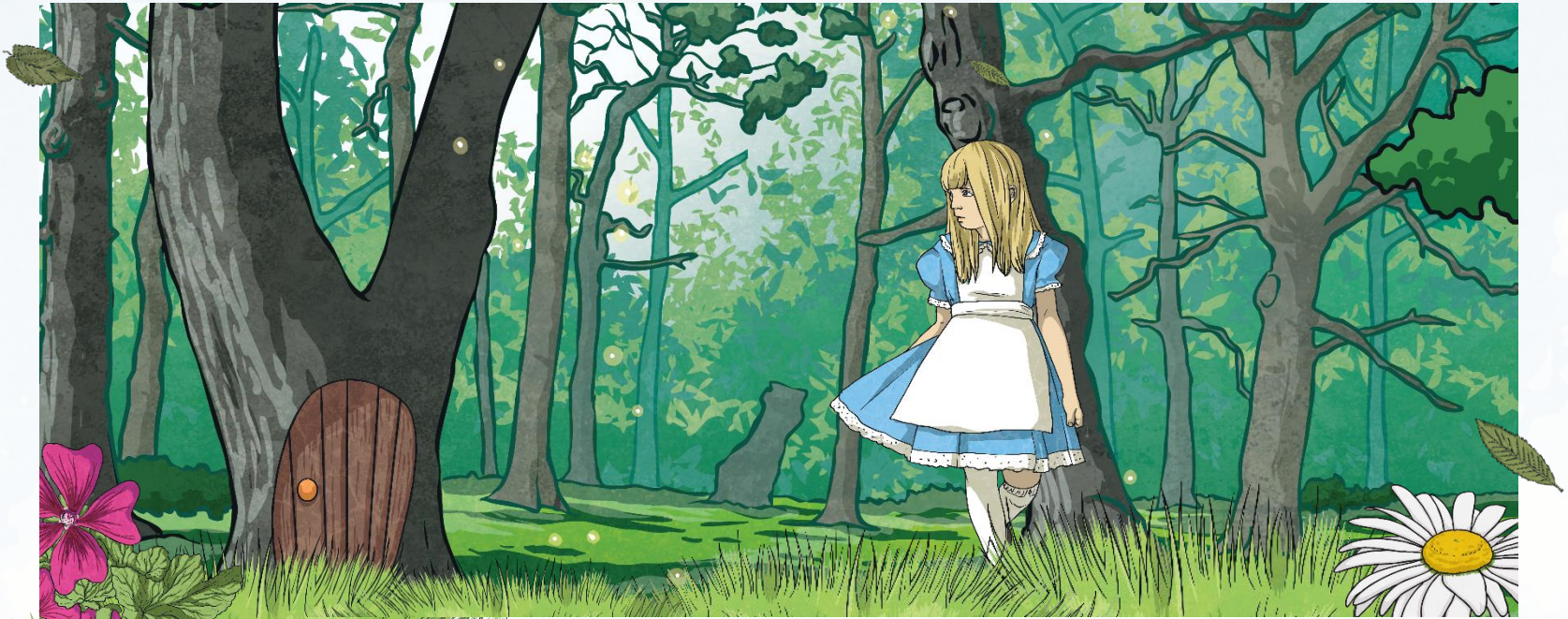
The March Hare and the Mad Hatter were both having tea at the table with a dormouse sitting between them, fast asleep.

“No room! No room!” they cried as Alice approached.



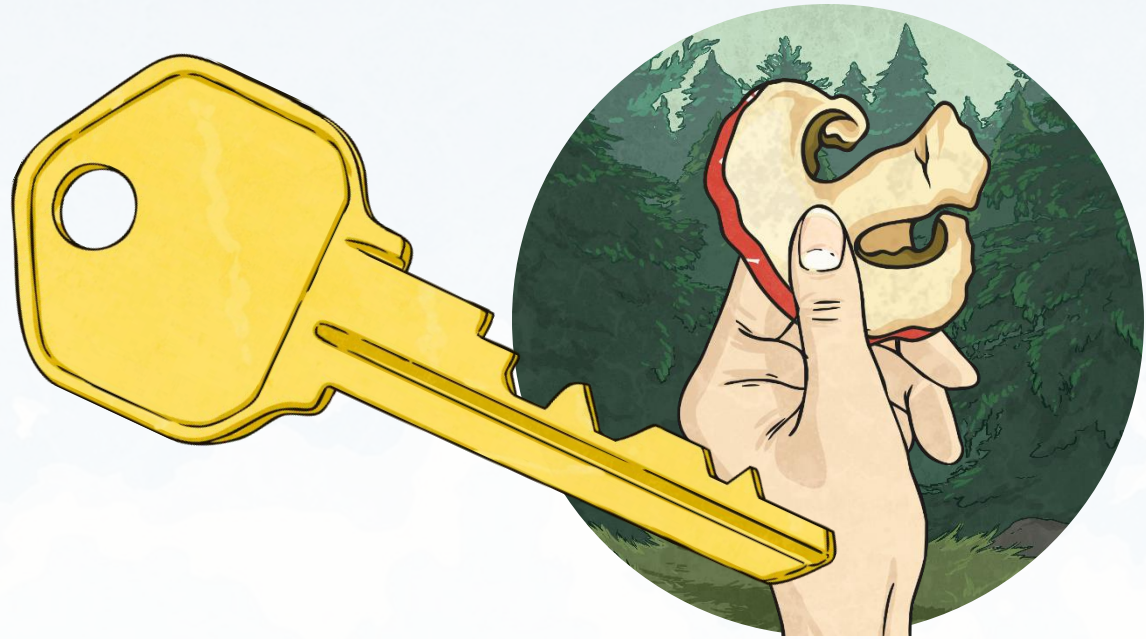
“There’s plenty of room!” Alice argued and she sat in a large armchair at one end of the table.

After a brief tea party full of nonsensical conversation and rude remarks from the Mad Hatter, Alice got up in great disgust and walked away into the woods.



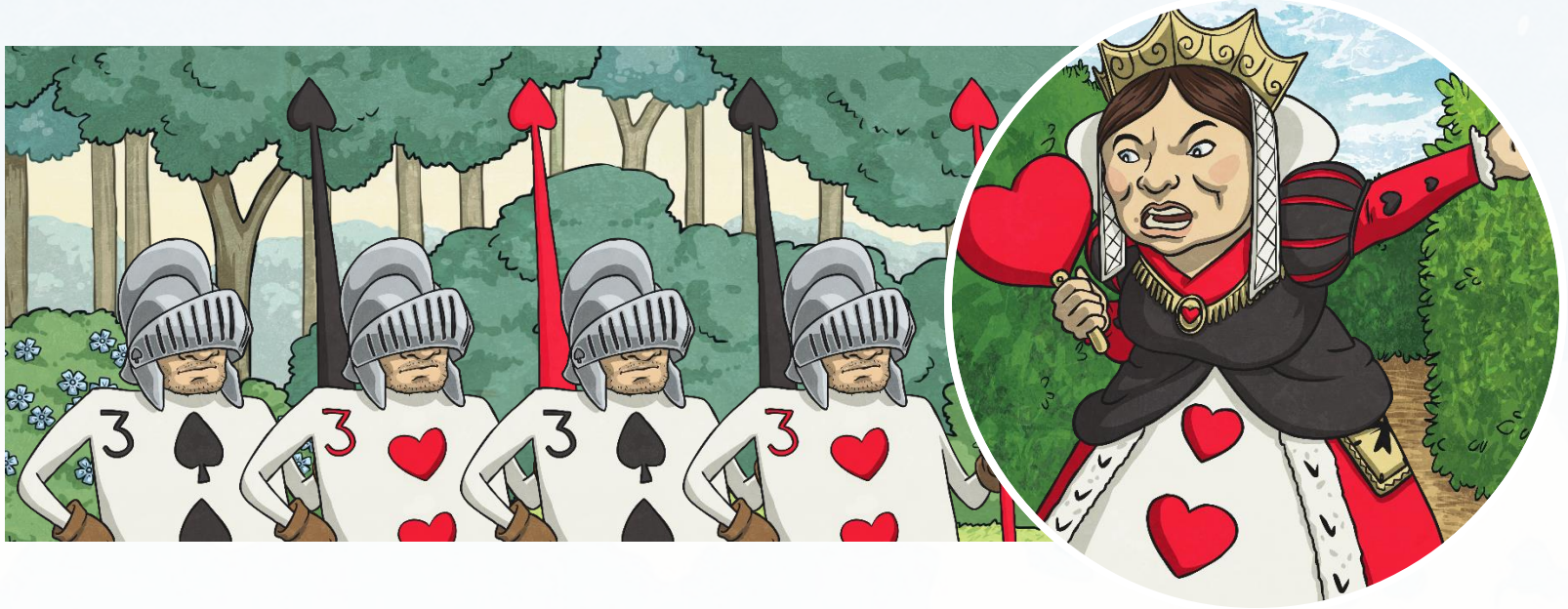
Just then, she noticed that one of the trees had a door leading straight into it. "How curious!" Alice said to herself. "I think I might as well go in at once!"

Once more, Alice found herself in the long hall and close to the glass table. She began by taking the golden key and unlocking the door that led into the garden.



Then, she nibbled at the piece of mushroom that she had kept in her pocket and shrunk until she was small enough to pass through the door.

Upon hearing the sound of footsteps, Alice eagerly looked around. Preceded by a crowd of soldiers, Alice could see the King and Queen of Hearts making their way through the garden.



“Get to your places!” shouted the Queen in a voice of thunder.

People began to run in all directions and they set up a curious game of croquet, which used hedgehogs as balls and flamingoes as mallets.



As the Queen shouted angrily at the players, Alice searched for a way to escape from the garden unnoticed.

A little while later, Alice happened upon the King and Queen of Hearts. They were seated on their thrones with a great crowd assembled around them.



Stood before them were their prisoners who were about to stand trial. Just at that moment, Alice felt a curious sensation: she was beginning to grow larger again.

Alice jumped up in a hurry, causing the prisoners to scatter and disrupting the trial. Everyone looked at her.



“You are nearly two miles high!” commented the Queen. “Off with her head!” she ordered at the top of her voice. Nobody moved.

With a little scream, Alice found herself lying on the bank of the river with her head in her sister's lap.



“Wake up, Alice!” her sister called. “What a long sleep you’ve had!”



“I’ve had such a curious dream,” said Alice and she told her sister everything that she could remember from her strange adventure.

