





BEDKNOBS AND BROOMSTICKS



Synopsis

In World War II England, apprentice-witch Eglantine Price is charged with three young orphans who quickly learn her secret. In order to keep them from telling the world she's a witch, she places a traveling spell on a bedknob of the bed they share. It proves more than fanciful when the children travel to London with Eglantine to discover the second half of a spell that could help the war effort.

Discussion Questions

- Before the children see Ms. Price flying around on her broomstick, there were some clues that reveal she's a witch. What were they? Did you guess early on that she was a witch? What sorts of traits do you think a witch has?
- Initially the kids want to run away back to London. Why did they hate living with Ms. Price so much? Would you have liked to have stayed with her?
- Professor Brown suggests that they find the other half of the spells book on Portobello Road. What kind of place is Portobello Road? Have you been to any places like Portobello Road? What was it like? Did you buy anything there?
- Paul got to visit the world of one of his favorite books,
 Naboombu. If you could visit the scene of any book, what would it be? Why?
- Professor Brown was upset with Ms. Price because she kept changing people into rabbits, but he would have preferred to have been an eagle or a tiger! What animal would you most like to be changed into? Why?



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Activities

- Hop onto your own bed, and go on an adventure! Tell your bed to take you where you want to go. Bring a brother, sister or friend with you and discover new places together as you let your imagination run wild!
- Create your own Star of Asteroth using construction paper and yarn that you can wear around your neck. Do you remember the five words on the star? If you don't, create your own spell!
- Professor Brown went off to battle, but what was Ms. Price doing back in the English seaside if she wasn't studying witchcraft anymore? Come up with an answer to this question, and then write an end to her story.

Get Involved

Ms. Price eagerly wanted to become a witch to help the war effort. There are much easier ways to assist our troops who are also at war and far away from home.

• One of the most important things you can do for the troops is to give them support in any way possible. Some examples of things you can do:

- Send books, movies and magazines.
- Send cards and become someone's pen pal.
- Create care packages to send with cookies and other treats.
- There are many places online that have troop connection programs. Do a simple search and make sure an adult helps you through the process.
- Whenever you see someone in military uniform, tell them you appreciate their service. What they do is very important for our country.



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