

## **The Missing Key**

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The moment she stepped inside, Lily dashed to explore every corner of the house. She eagerly inspected the bedrooms, searching for the perfect one for herself and she found it! Her room was spacious, modern and bright. She literally jumped up and down with joy.

After a while, her curiosity led her upstairs to the attic. But when she tried to open the door, she was surprised to find it locked, with no key around. She searched everywhere but it was nowhere to be found. She called her parents for help and together they looked again but still they couldn't find it.

Suddenly, their dog began barking vigorously in the garden, near a flowerpot. Lily and her parents ran outside to see what was wrong. To

their surprise, the dog was barking at something hidden beneath the pot — the missing key! For some reason, it had been left there. Lily felt delighted as she picked it up but she wondered, why was the key hidden here? What's in the attic?

Moments later, she unlocked the door to discover a magical room filled with a gaming set and mysterious decorations. She excitedly began to add her own unique touches to her new secret room. From that day on, she spent countless joyful hours in that stunning attic.

## Annotated Version:

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setting (time)

characters

setting: place

beginning

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descriptive language

adverbial  
phrase

middle: logical sequence of events before reaching to the problem

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linking word / phrase

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end: solution + feelings

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