

Luna Limecake's Treasure
Time, Treasure & Adventure

There was once an eighteen year old girl called Luna Limecake who lived in a small village in Cornwall with her parents and her little puppy, Fifi. Luna's daddy was a great scientist, who had invented a "chef" robot. You just had to give it a recipe and ingredients, and the chef robot would cook it beautifully in no time at all! Many restaurants from around the world bought chef robots and Luna's daddy had become very famous and rich because of his invention.

One night, though, her family got robbed. They woke up in the morning and found that all their treasure was gone. The strangest thing was that the cellar where it was kept was still locked! The police could not figure out how the thieves had come or gone. The only clue was a single white feather with a swirly black pattern on it that no-one had ever seen before. Eventually the police gave up, but Luna didn't. She contacted ornithologists and bird watchers everywhere to find out what sort of bird this feather could have come from.

A year went by. Luna wanted to go to university to be a scientist like her father. But now the Limecake family was quite poor, and Luna didn't want to use up their savings. She had to start working to earn money to pay her fees. She started working for a pleasant, middle-aged widow called Mrs. Leafy. Nobody in Luna's hometown knew much about Mrs. Leafy as she had moved there a few years ago after a terrible fire in their old home, in which Mr. Leafy had sadly died. The household consisted of a housekeeper and Mrs. Leafy's two little twin girls, Jasmine and Rose, who Luna was now looking after. She settled quite happily into her new position. The little girls were sweet and well behaved (most of the time!) but very lively and kept Luna busy. While Mrs. Leafy was very kind to her, there was something mysterious about her. There was one particular room in the house which she forbade everyone, even her daughters, to enter. This seemed very odd to Luna, but there was no reason for her to disobey.

One day, Luna and the girls were playing hide and seek when she saw Jasmine darting into the forbidden room! She shouted out "Jasmine! NO!" and went running after her. She opened the door to the room and peered cautiously in. Jasmine was nowhere in sight. In fact, there was nothing in the room but a huge wardrobe at one end. It looked like a perfect hiding place. Jasmine must be there, thought Luna. She nervously crossed the room, opened the door to the wardrobe and stepped into it. It seemed empty at first, but as she looked more closely, she saw that there was a chink of light coming from the back of the wardrobe. Wondering where on earth this light could be coming from, she pushed gently and it swung open exactly like a door! She walked through it and found herself in a brightly lit room.

The first thing she saw was Jasmine gazing around with eyes wide open with wonder. Luna immediately started scolding her but Jasmine interrupted saying "Look Luna!". Luna turned around and looked in the direction Jasmine was pointing in and saw a beautiful winged horse standing in a stable. It was a glossy pearl-white with huge wings covered in feathers with a black swirly pattern! She rushed towards it in excitement, and as she got closer her eye was suddenly caught by something shining in the stable. Her family's treasure!

As she looked in amazement, she heard a gasp behind her. She swung round and found Mrs. Leafy glaring at her. "Luna Limecake!" she thundered, "How dare you disobey me?". Before Luna could say anything, Jasmine piped up. "I'm sorry, Mummy. It was all my fault". "More importantly", said Luna, "this treasure belongs to my family. It was stolen from us a year ago, and now I have found the thief - this horse."

Mrs. Leafy shook her head sadly. "I loved my husband very much and when he was dying, he told me about this room and this horse, and said that my needs would be provided for by it. But I never knew where this treasure came from and always wondered. I am very sorry for your family's troubles."

After that, everything worked out happily. Luna took the horse (who she called Swirl) and the treasure home with her. She spent a happy few weeks galloping on the hills and beaches and sometimes (when they were alone) they soared high up above the clouds and had many adventures. Luna left for university, sad to leave her parents, Swirl and Fifi behind, but

excited about becoming a scientist at last. She gave Mrs Leafy enough of the treasure for her to be able to live comfortably. She and Luna and the girls stayed friends for the rest of their lives.