

A house in the shadow of the cliff

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It was a beautiful morning. The weather was clear and sunny. In the near forest the birds were singing and making wild sounds. There was a big, monumental house with three floors and stone foundations. Near the house there was a massive cliff covering the house with a shadow. In the house there was a teenager boy. He was very lonely and forgotten. Why he was lonely and forgotten you ask. He had a crazy idea. He had a lot of time to complete his idea. But what was this idea you will ask again? I will tell you, perhaps someone will finally believe me. He wanted to know the secret of being immortal. Believe me or not, I don't care! But you can absolutely feel confused. So let's start from the beginning.

One day, in the XIXth century there was a boy. The boy went with his parents to an island that belonged to their family for generations. When the boy was playing in the garden his mother said to him not to leave the house and not to go to the cliff. The boy of course didn't listen to his mother and the next day he went to the cliff and fell down to the water. When he was falling he had a vision. Some kind of creature with a squid instead of head told him, that if he stays here he will be immortal but nobody will be able to see him or talk to him. The boy was scared and confused so he didn't think too much and accepted the offer of the creature. When he came back home from the cliff he discovered that the house is abandoned and no one was left on the island apart from him.

At the beginning he was happy and explored the island and its' secrets, but after some time he started to think of his family and friends and wanted to find them. He wanted to build a boat but he didn't know how to do that. He needed help but help never arrived.

The house belonged to his family but with time he started to forget it and finally he lost his mind. After this he wanted to die but he discovered that he can't die and he can't escape the island because if he did this then the curse of immortality would stop and he would instantly die and suffer for eternity. So he is still sitting in his island, forgotten and lonely to the end of the world. Maybe if he knew the creature would tell him the whole truth. ... He died that day when he fell from the cliff.