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Chapter 1

In a Tall House in Paris

Many years ago, in a tall house in Paris, there lived a girl called Elisabeth.

Elisabeth lived with her family – her papa, her mama and her baby brother, Etienne. Their house was always busy, full of cheerful noise and laughter.

Elisabeth's papa was an artist. He wore a blue coat that was covered in spots of paint. He spent every day working in his messy studio at the very top of the house.

Elisabeth loved nothing more than sitting in a corner, watching him work. He let her use his crayons, his paints and his brushes, and she spent hours making her own pictures of everything she saw.



Elisabeth drew their tall house with its green shutters and pots of red flowers. She drew the kitchen table with its blue and white cloth and the brown jug full of yellow roses. She drew the view she could see from the windows – the rooftops and spires.

But one day, everything changed. Elisabeth learned she would be going away to school.

