

THE AMAZING ADVENTURE - 1

Read the adventure story.

The twins were looking forward to visiting the mysterious castle dungeons. But as they raced to the enormous, thick wooden drawbridge, they saw that the castle was closed. Only the gardens were open to the public.

'Rose beds and daisies!' cried James in disgust. 'Who wants to look round a boring old garden? Ellen! Where are you?'

'Bet you can't find me!' giggled his sister from behind a tall hedge.

James ran to the hedge and, to his delight, discovered that it was the boundary of a maze. He ran in, following the sound of Ellen's laughter. Before long, he was hopelessly lost. He began to panic, but as he turned the next corner, he realised he was at the centre of the maze. On the ground was an open trapdoor which revealed a flight of steps leading down into the darkness.

With his heart thumping loudly, he slowly began to descend. The steps led to a dimly lit passageway. The air felt cold and damp and it smelled musty. Ahead, he could see a shadow dancing on the mouldy brick walls. Ellen!

'Wow! We did get to see the dungeons after all!' squealed James. 'Look at all this stuff! Scary! I don't fancy being stuck in here for long. Let's go!'

James and Ellen hurried back along the passage and up the steps. They were very relieved that the trapdoor was still open.

'Fresh air!' sighed James, taking a deep breath. 'I think I'd like to take a walk around the sweet-smelling rose beds now.'

'Me, too,' agreed Ellen, 'but first we have to get out of this maze!'

