



Molly and Incy

A modern fairy tale of the Magical Baby Tooth

For centuries peace and harmony had reigned in the Kingdom of Dentyland.

Children all over the world knew that when a baby tooth fell out, all they had to do was hide it and by the following morning, it had 'magicked' into a precious coin.

Long ago, there were three important people working in Dentyland.

Toth the Wizard was very rich and supplied the coins.

Fairy Molly collected the baby teeth hidden under pillows.

And Incy the Mouse collected those hidden in cracks in the wall - which is how it was in the olden days.

Toth was a wise old wizard. He lived alone in a big house and didn't know exactly how Molly and Incy did their jobs.

But he knew they worked hard and he was kind to them, even if they were a little bit naughty sometimes.

Everything went along very happily, but times were changing. Old houses were knocked down. New ones had smooth walls, or wallpaper with no cracks to hide baby teeth in. So now the children simply put them under their pillows every time.

Incy, the little mouse, was very sad and worried. No one was hiding baby teeth in the walls for him any more. He was scared that he would lose his job so he secretly started collecting teeth from under the pillows, which was Fairy Molly's job.

So every night there was a frantic race. While Fairy Molly was collecting a molar tooth from one pillow, the little mouse would quickly creep away to the next pillow and



steal a child's incisor, so when Fairy Molly arrived, there was nothing to see.

By morning time, they were both tired out, miserable and fighting with each other.

Toth the Wizard could not understand why the little friends no longer talked to each other and went about with long faces. So he invited them to tea in his big house to see if they could be friends again.

After they had had some tea and cake, Toth said, "This has always been such a happy place but you both seem so tired and miserable. What on earth is going on?"

Fairy Molly was quick to answer, "Incy is stealing my baby teeth so I have to run round and round and flutter up and down like mad to get them!"

"Is that true Incy?" the Wizard asked the Mouse.

"Well, yes, I suppose so", said Incy sadly. "But there are no more baby teeth in wall cracks because there *are* no more wall cracks. How can do my job?"

Toth the Wizard thought very carefully before he spoke. "This will sound very silly to you but I think you are both right and both wrong at the same time! What is right is that Incy has no baby teeth to collect. That's a fact. But what is wrong is you didn't come to me together to talk about it, you just started fighting."

"So", he continued, "let's work out what to do next."

"Incy, you are smaller and quicker than Fairy Molly, so you can be in charge of getting the baby teeth, wherever they are hidden."

"Fairy Molly, I have a new job for you. From now on you can use your Fairy magic to turn the baby teeth into precious jewels so all the mums and dads, and grannies and granddads can have a special treasure to remember from when the child they love was just a baby."

And that is how the lovely idea for *Bambino, the magical baby tooth*, was born. And the precious jeweled teeth are spreading all around the world, like twinkling stars.