

Special Comfort

Journal Writing Prompt

Ella, who was gifted with obedience by a fairy when she was born, learns that her father is sending her to Manner's School with the repulsive daughters of Dame Olga:

"I hated being frightened, but I was. 'I'll go to finishing school.' I couldn't help but adding, 'But I shall loathe it.'

His grin was back. 'You are free to loathe or to love, so long as you go.'

It was a taste of obedience without an order, and I didn't like it any better than the Lucinda-induced kind. I left the dining room, and he didn't stop me.

It was early evening. In spite of the hour, I went up to my room and donned my nightgown. Then I moved my dolls, Flora and Rosamunde, into bed and climbed in. They had stopped sleeping with me years before, but tonight I needed *special comfort*.

I gathered them on my stomach and waited for sleep. But sleep was busy elsewhere.

Tears started. I pushed Flora against my face."

-Taken from Ella Enchanted
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Think about a time in your life when you needed special comfort. Write of that time and what it was that gave you comfort.