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Rubel Manor is a testament to Michael Rubel's unwavering commitment to sustainability. He ingeniously incorporated recycled materials into the castle's construction, transforming discarded items into architectural wonders. The castle's design seamlessly blends Gothic, Romanesque, and Moorish elements, creating a unique and captivating architectural style. Its intricate details and hidden messages reveal the depth of Rubel's creativity and imagination.

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Chapter 1: The Visionary's Dream

Michael Rubel's childhood dream

Michael Rubel's passion for castles began at a young age. Growing up in the suburbs of Chicago, he spent countless hours poring over books about medieval architecture and dreaming of one day building his own castle. As a child, he would often construct elaborate cardboard castles, complete with turrets, drawbridges, and moats. His fascination with castles only grew stronger as he got older.

In his teenage years, Rubel began to travel to Europe, where he visited some of the most famous castles in the world. He was particularly inspired by the grandeur of Neuschwanstein Castle in Germany, which was built by King Ludwig II of Bavaria in the 19th century. Rubel was also drawn to the romantic ruins of castles in Scotland and Ireland, which evoked a sense of history and mystery.

Rubel's dream of building his own castle took a concrete form when he moved to California in the 1950s. He purchased a plot of land in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, with stunning views of the surrounding countryside. It was on this land that he would eventually build Rubel Castle, the fulfillment of his lifelong dream.

Rubel's vision for his castle was ambitious. He wanted to create a structure that was both beautiful and unique, a work of art that would stand the test of time. He drew inspiration from a variety of architectural styles, including Gothic, Romanesque, and Moorish. He also incorporated elements of his own imagination, creating a castle that was truly one of a kind.

The construction of Rubel Castle was a labor of love for Rubel. He spent years gathering materials and recruiting volunteers to help him build his dream. The castle was built using a variety of recycled materials, including wood, stone, and metal. Rubel also

incorporated many sustainable features into the design, such as solar panels and a rainwater collection system.

Rubel Castle is a testament to the power of dreams. It is a reminder that anything is possible if you have the vision and the determination to see it through. Rubel's castle is a source of inspiration for people all over the world, and it continues to be a popular tourist destination to this day.

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Inspiration from European castles

Michael Rubel's dream of building a castle was inspired by his travels to Europe, where he was captivated by the grandeur and beauty of the ancient castles he visited. He was particularly drawn to the castles of Germany, France, and England, and he studied their architecture and design in great detail.

Rubel was especially fascinated by the castles of Ludwig II of Bavaria, known as the "Mad King". Ludwig's castles, such as Neuschwanstein and Linderhof, were built in the Romantic style, which combined elements of Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque architecture. Rubel was particularly impressed by the way that Ludwig's castles seemed to blend seamlessly into the surrounding landscape, and he wanted to create a similar effect with his own castle.

Rubel also drew inspiration from the castles of the Loire Valley in France. These castles, such as Chambord and Chenonceau, were built during the Renaissance period, and they are known for their elegant architecture and beautiful gardens. Rubel was particularly impressed by the way that the Loire Valley castles combined elements of French and Italian architecture, and he wanted to incorporate some of these elements into his own castle.

Finally, Rubel was inspired by the castles of England, such as Windsor Castle and Warwick Castle. These castles were built during the Middle Ages, and they are known for their sturdy construction and their rich history. Rubel was particularly impressed by the way that the English castles had withstood the test of time, and he wanted to build a castle that would be equally durable.

Rubel's travels to Europe gave him a deep appreciation for the beauty and history of castles, and he was

determined to build a castle that would be a worthy addition to this architectural tradition. He spent years planning and designing his castle, and he used the finest materials and craftsmanship to bring his vision to life.

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The journey to California and the acquisition of the land

Michael Rubel's journey to California was a long and arduous one. He left his home in New York City in 1887, traveling by train and stagecoach across the country. He finally arrived in Los Angeles in 1888, where he worked as a pharmacist for several years. In 1895, he moved to Glendora, California, where he purchased a small piece of land on which he would build his dream castle.

Rubel's land was located in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, overlooking the San Gabriel Valley. The land was covered in scrub oak and chaparral, and it was not an easy place to build. However, Rubel was determined to make his dream a reality, and he began to work on the castle in 1921.

Rubel worked on the castle for the rest of his life. He used recycled materials whenever possible, and he often worked with the help of volunteers. The castle slowly took shape, and it became a local landmark. Rubel died in 1957, but his castle continues to stand as a testament to his vision and determination.

The journey to California and the acquisition of the land was a major turning point in Rubel's life. It was the beginning of his dream, and it set him on the path to creating one of the most unique and iconic castles in the United States.

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