

## *The Rain of Flowers*

Once upon a time, there was a tiny little girl named Maia. She lived in a small cottage on the edge of the forest near the Magic Meadow. The girl had a bright face like the morning sun, green eyes like the emerald, and black hair like the ebony. She was kind, courageous, cheerful and loved the flowers very much.

Maia did not live alone. She had a puppy named Toto, who was cute, playful, friendly and eager for adventures. With him she walked every day on the Magic Meadow, admired the fragrant flowers, talked to them, and told them stories. The gardener, the flower keeper, had been her friend since the first day, and the old man loved the little girl because she was the only one who had won his trust and who stood by him on the long summer days.

In that land, in a dark cave, the Wizard of Rain lived. When he was upset, he raved. Since he had been separated from his twin sister, no one had ever seen her. He had one friend: the crying cloud, which was his loyal servant. And he also

had a magical globe that helped him to see everything happening around him.

Seeing the friendship between the guardian and the little girl, he thought to take revenge on them.

He called on his servant and said:

*"I want you to gather all your friends and destroy the Magic Meadow! I want to stop! It should not be any flower in this land! Ha! Ha! I want to destroy the friendship between the two!"*

The crying cloud began to tear, because he secretly loved the flowers and he loved the little girl. But there was no way to escape. He was the servant of the wizard and had to fulfill his wish. So he gathered his helpers and created a great storm that destroyed all the flowers on the Magic Meadow.

Terrified, the guardian immediately went to his girlfriend.

*"Maia, Maia, a terrible thing happened!"*

*"What happened? Say it fast!"*

The Rain Wizard, a dangerous and evil person, sent his army of clouds and destroyed all the flowers on the Magic Meadow!

*"It's not possible! What a ruthless wizard! We need to do something! How can we save them?" Maia asked and her eyes twinkled.*

*"There is a solution. Far from the mountains, there is the Fairy of the Nature, who protects every living thing in the world. She holds the Supreme Flower.*



*Only this flower can bring all the flowers back. But the road up there is long and dangerous, and the wizard will try to stop you. But do not be afraid! If an obstacle stops you, other helpers will come up".*

The girl did not think too much, she said goodbye to his friend and started off with her puppy, Toto.

At this time, the witch looked happily at her crystal globe.

The road was along the water, and along a forest. The birds played cheerfully, and Maia said to herself, "What an adventure!"



But while she was still thinking, the crying cloud sent again by his master had destroyed the road with his tears, so the two woke up frightened in front of an abyss.



*"What are we doing, Toto? How do we get to the castle?"*

Toto responded with a short bark.

It did not take long and some voices were heard:

*"We will help you! We want you to bring all the flowers back as soon as possible!"*

*"Who are you?"* asked the little girl.

*"We are the friendly elves and we want to help you".*

Boom! Buf! Buuup! Bum! And the road was repaired.

The two were greatfull, thanked, and went on.

Not long ago, they woke up in front of another obstacle. The wizard, who saw everything happening through the magical globe, sent the evil spirits to block the road with a wall.

*"Hi, hi, hi!"* they cried.

In vain, the two adventurers tried to escalate, but the wall was very tall.



Still looking up, they saw an owl landing on the wall.

He was not an ordinary owl. He was particularly beautiful and he wore a crown on his head. And he also spoke. The owl stopped in front of them, let the crown fall and told them: *"I could break the wall with the crown"*.



Maia thanked this time and continued her journey with a happy heart.

The wizard seeing that this plan did not work, sent his last hope, the eagle, which he turned into a handsome young man.



He led the two on the wrong road leading to a dark forest. They realized he was an impostor. Toto rushed to him, biting him on his leg, and then the young man shuffled back into the eagle and took his flight.

*"Bravo Toto! You're a good dog and a real friend", Maia said.*

*"Woof,woof!" said Toto.*

When they reached the castle, they were amazed at his beauty and grandeur. It had walls made of white snow-white marble, the roof of green leaves like the emerald, and a rainbow of lights reflected in its windows. In front of them was a huge door, which was guarded by two friendly guides.

*"Hello, the goblins! We want to get into the castle as soon as possible. Please open us the doors!"*

*"Hello, little girl! Doors open themselves only if you answer correctly to three riddles".*

*"We are in a hurry! Say the riddles quickly!"*

**With the scent of its petals**

**Of immaculate white**

**It immediately dazzles you.**

*"I think I know. It's the lily, my favorite flower".*

*"You guessed the little girl! Be careful!"*

**It's a taller flower**

**Moving, colorful,**

**Towards the sun.**

*"It's sunflower. Say the last riddle quickly! We are in a hurry!"*

*"Be careful this is the hardest!"*

**It's more valuable than gold**

**Can not buy**

**It's hard to find**

**And it's easy to lose.**

Maia was grieving. She did not know what it was. She saw TOTO barking and grinning beside her.

She looked into his eyes and immediately found the answer:

*"I found! It's friendship!", she shouts happily.*

Immediately the two huge doors opened and they came in. On a crystal throne sat no one other than the Fairy of Nature. She was incredibly beautiful.

*"I'm Maia and I came to ..."*

*"I know why you came, my magic wand told me everything that happened. My soldiers will lead you in the secret room. There is the Supreme Flower that will help you fill the flower meadow again. Hurry up!"*

During this time, the Rain Wizard watched them carefully through his enchanted globe. Angry, he ordered it to take him to the castle of the fairies. He reached it with a blink of an eye. He broke the doors of the crystal globe and came shouting in his mouth:

*"I want the Supreme Flower! I want to destroy the last flower on the earth! Low impostors!",* shouted at Maia who came up with the flower in her arms, *"You will not ruin my plans!"*

Maia pulled back, waiting for the Fairy of Nature to make a spell with her magical wand. She stared with astonishment at the smile rose to her feet, and with the tears on the cheek, she said:

*"Sister, sister! What happened to you? I thought I lost you forever!"*

The sorceress started to tremble. Among the sighs she began to speak with an unknown voice:

*"And I thought the same thing about you! Since the day you lost your anger, you took control of me and I did not stand to see anybody happy. Now that I found you, I'm sorry for everything I did!"*

*"Sister, sister, come and let's hug it out!"*

The two threw the magic objects and ran to hug.



In their flight, the crystal globe and the wand touched one another and a rain came out. But what can you see? It was

not an ordinary rain, it was a very special rain: a rain of flowers.

In a moment thousands and thousands of varieties, the most colorful and most fragrant flowers filled the castle and then came out for a door led by their queen, the Supreme Flower. And where other thousands of flowers passed, they rose.



The atmosphere was magical. The two sisters were crying for happiness, Maia ran around, not knowing what to do, and Toto hopped cheerfully around her. All the land was enveloped by a dizzying fragrance: the fragrance of happiness.

Since then, the Witch of the Rain has stayed with her sister in the castle and kept the sunny and happy world until deep old age.



And Maia and Toto went back to their cottage and continued their daily walks on the Magic Lawn.



The flowers are forever on Earth, and they will be left to cheer us from now on.

... And I sat on a saddle and told you the story, just like it was.

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