

The Enchanted Garden

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Once upon a time, when all the animals of the **Green Forest** were feeling worn out by the burdens of life, they decided to make an **Enchanted Garden**, where perfumed flowers would serve as homes for all the bees and the little birds, such as the Hummingbird. However, their main purpose was to have a big plantation of **PEACE** and **UNITY**.

In order to do so, they started to walk in search of the **Rainbow** of Happiness, but they did not know which direction to take.

The wiser animals, such as the Lion, the Owl and the Fox, said that the **Rainbow** was on the north side of the **Green Forest**.

The most intelligent ones, such as the Elephant and the Hawk and the Pink Dolphin said that the **Rainbow** was on the south side of the **Green Forest**.

The most humble animals, such as the Nightingale, the Turtle and the Deer, amongst others, said that in order for them to find the **Rainbow**, they should first cultivate **PEACE** within their hearts.

Since they all had different opinions about which direction to take, they decided to have a vote. By doing this, all the animals would be able to participate, and once they had the result, they would all take the same direction together.

But in the end, they decided that some should go to the north side of the **GreenForest**, while others should go towards the south.

Also, a few of them would remain where they were, meditating on what the Nightingale had said, with his beautiful birdsong that gave such pleasure to the entire **Green Forest**.

Then the Nightingale start singing so loudly that his song touched their hearts and they started to feel **PEACE**.

At this moment, when **PEACE** had filled all their hearts, **the Rainbow was seen**. 'What a marvellous surprise', they all exclaimed.

There were many animals, big and small, with birds of all sizes, coming from everywhere, from all corners of the **Green Forest**. Even fish and insects joined in. Every inhabitant of the **Green Forest**, indeed all of Nature, was attentively listening to the marvelous song of the little Nightingale.

The animals no longer needed to take the journey to the North or to the South, for the multicoloured **Rainbow** was right there, embracing all of them in the sweet **PEACE** of their hearts.

How good they felt, because with **PEACE** in their hearts, the inhabitants of the Great **Green Forest** could have the **Rainbow** there forever, uniting all of them!

The wiser creatures clearly understood that everyone having the same thoughts of love and **PEACE** would unite them. And on being united, everyone could find his or her heart's desire. United, they could build their beautiful **Enchanted Garden**.

The **Rainbow** of Happiness was there, with its lovely colours arching over the sky of the **Green Forest**. All the animals became very happy and started working together to make the **Enchanted Garden**.

Now, for the first time, **PEACE** was in the hearts of **all** the inhabitants of the **Green Forest**.

The End

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