

The secret of the forbidden forest

I woke up one morning happy for the first day of summer vacation! I left for the park, but after taking a few steps, a huge butterfly hovered over me in the air. The tremendous insect knelt down and I climbed on it unsurely. We took off and flew over the village and into the dense "Forbidden Forest". I was getting frightened because no one had ever been there since the day a brave warrior went into the forest and never returned. The butterfly landed in a clearing, dropped me off and flew away.

I was standing alone in the middle of an unknown forest. I walked a little further when I heard a voice saying "Who are you and why are you here?" I whirled around and saw a majestic deer right in front of me. I slowly stammered: "A butterfly brought me to this clearing." The deer paused, then said: "Climb onto my back". We rode until we reached another clearing where a herd of horses were grazing the long grasses. I found a white horse at the back of the herd and we set off for a ride. As I started to get used to my surroundings, I wondered how could this forest be as dangerous as people say?

Just then a huge monster covered in bony plates with a snout full of spiky teeth charged in my direction. It was grunting and running at an amazing speed, giving me very little time to get out of the way. I jumped behind a bush hoping the animal wouldn't notice me. The creature was frantically swaying in all directions but he appeared not to see me. I tried to remain as silent as possible. The animal turned towards the forest, which gave me the chance to hop onto my horse and ride off as fast as we could. By this time I wanted to get out of this forest right away!

A man dressed in rags walked slowly towards me. He offered me a few berries and we started talking. This is how I discovered he was the missing warrior, Christopher the Great, who couldn't find his way back to our world. We decided to try together to find a way out of this forest maze so I asked my horse to lead us to the white deer. Unfortunately, when we arrived, the deer told us: "No one from this kingdom has ever discovered the way out yet". Then I remembered the butterfly that brought me to the forest. Christopher said: "I think I know where the butterfly's lair is, I just never thought it would be of any use".

We rode through swamps, trekked over mountains and crossed a large river. Just as we came to another mountain, our horses were too exhausted to carry us any further. We let the horses go and continued on foot. When we reached the top of the mountain we got a clear view of the forest. To my surprise I saw my village down below.

Suddenly I heard thundering footsteps behind me. I didn't even have time to look back to see what it was, I just sprang forward. Christopher was already ahead of me so I had to keep up. We heard growls right behind us and my heart was pounding with fear. I turned to see what it was. A monster with shiny emerald teeth was glaring fiercely at us. Although I was trembling on the inside, I tried to show no fear.

All of a sudden, there was a rainbow of colours in front of us. I realized it was the huge butterfly that got me here! We hopped on its back and we set off soaring high in the air. The butterfly dropped me at the edge of the village, then flew away with Christopher who wanted to return to his kingdom.

I ran back home as fast as I could. When I looked at the clock on the wall I noticed the time was still the same as when I left. My parents did not suspect anything so I decided to keep the whole adventure my secret for now. I said good night to my family, went to my room and wrote the whole adventure down in my journal, so that I would never forget. The next day, I noticed something has indeed changed. Ever since, I seemed not to get scared so easily anymore.

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