

Pippinela and the white flower of happiness

Many colorful flowers were in full bloom in the country where the fairies lived. Nearly hidden at the base of a mighty tree, the White Flower of Happiness lovingly grew seeds as light as a feather. However, these seeds could no longer float across the country when wind abruptly stopped. The queen of the fairies blew on the Flower, and then the seeds rode on the wind of her breath, past the clouds, past the winds and past the oceans to distant lands.

After many, many days, the seeds lightly fell on a land with a magnificent castle and a beautiful harbor.

Sadly, most of the seeds got crushed when they landed on roads or drowned when they landed on rivers or lakes. Others that bloomed after landing on farms or playgrounds were swiftly pulled out. But one seed landed in the flowerpot in an old house where a beautiful girl named Pippinela lived. One day, Pippinela saw a bud blooming in the pot.

“Ahh, what a pretty flower” cried Pippinela, who watered the bud daily, and watched it blossom into a beautiful flower with a delightful fragrance.

In this land also lived a beautiful prince. The prince was looking for a gracious lady to be his wife. One day, the prince was riding with his men, when the flower’s delightful fragrance wafted over to him. The prince, seeking out this rare flower, met Pippinela and was enchanted by her beauty. He asked her for her hand in marriage and they set the wedding day.

Unfortunately, the evil queen of the neighboring kingdom learned of the marriage plans and ordered her dragon to kidnap Pippinela and lock her away. The queen then bewitched the prince into marrying her and looted his kingdom.

As Pippinela pined away in the tower a full moon rose in the night sky. A moonbeam slipped between the bars and changed into a small fairy with golden wings.

“Well, who are you?” Pippinela asked and the fairy smiled sweetly and said “My name is Mimi and I am the flower that you gently took care of day after day. Don’t worry, I’ll protect you.”

Mimi bathed her with golden light and Pippinela's white dress was perfumed with the fragrance of the White Flower and grew larger and larger, flowing across the sky until it reached the prince. After smelling the fragrance the prince broke free from the evil queen's dark magic and from his balcony of his castle he looked out and saw Pippinela's dress flowing in his direction. Rapidly mounting a white horse, the prince galloped towards the dress and followed it to Pippinela's tower where he quickly freed her.

As they and Mimi returned to the prince's castle, the evil queen on her dragon appeared before. When Mimi cast her spell, the prince's white horse grew a pair of wings and flew away with the prince and Pippinela holding on for dear life. The dragon followed hard on their heels, launching blasts of fire. The horse hid behind the clouds and then started flying towards the moon. But then, just as the dragon was about to swallow the horse and its riders, Mimi cast another spell and Pippinela's dress wrapped around the dragon like a ribbon and it spun out of control. Quickly, the prince grabbed his sword and slashed the dress and the dragon and queen fell into a deep cliff.

When they got back, the prince and Pippinela married and planted the Flower of Happiness in their royal garden. And gradually, the castle looked like it was floating in a sea of white flowers and all of the citizens lived in eternal happiness.