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SHADOW AND THE MAGIC VOLCANO



In the extended waters of the Indian Ocean, there was a strange little island, called Barren. The only inhabitants of this island were animals, especially birds.

Despite the diversity of animals, they lived peacefully together and they were happy. Shadow was a weak and little bird that was born during the month of May. Its mother had died during a fight to defend it from a predator. Shadow had managed to save itself, but it had been wounded, for this reason it was afraid of flying. It was the mascot of its community and everyone tried to protect it in every way. On this island there was a magic volcano, in which lived the soul of a magical creature that had the task of keeping the inhabitants of the island safe. The name of this creature was Saka.

The birds were very obedient to the creature, because, according to a tale, centuries before all the birds had found shelter inside the volcano, and it saved their lives. Since that moment they had been friends.

After several years of serenity, one day some ships of humans moved close to the island and the volcano started to erupt. Immediately the humans got scared and ran away quickly.

However, the birds were very frightened, because they had never seen or heard a volcano erupting. They thought that the soul of the special creature was angry for something that the birds had done.

After some days the humans tried again to move close to the island, this time not with ships, but flying with planes. Luckily the special creature noticed it once again and saved the birds. Saka understood that they were really in danger and called a meeting to inform the community about what had happened.

The volcano said: "I'm so sorry, because I'm not doing my task to protect you. Unfortunately we are in danger and we must find a solution".

All the birds listening to these words got very upset and scared.

One bird that was very angry told Saka: "It is only your fault, you have the task to protect us!".

All the other birds tried to calm it down and one of them said: "Don't worry, we will find a solution".

The days passed and the inhabitants of the island were more and more in danger, so Saka decided that everyone should have left the island and fly away to save themselves.

Rasly, who was Shadow's best friend, said: "But, we don't want to run away and separate. We have always been living together."

Saka said: " I'm so sorry and that's not what I want for you, but it's the only solution to save you."

The following days the birds got ready for departure, but there was a problem, Shadow could not fly. The magic creature obviously had magic powers, it could make all the wishes of the island's inhabitants come true, but only if these wishes were really important for the situation,

Saka told Shadow: "I can make you fly."

Shadow: "Really?".

Saka: " Just it! In this way, you can fly away with your friends."

Shadow replied: "But I don't want you to solve my problems. I want to try to do it by myself. It has been a long time since I was afraid of flying and now it's the time to overcome my fear."

The little bird tried very hard to learn how to fly, and all his friends helped it.

Obviously it was very demanding and difficult, Shadow fell many times, but it never gave up. As long as it managed to learn, It overtook its fear.

Everyone was very happy to see this, and finally they could run for their lives.

A few days later the island was invaded, but fortunately the birds were already gone.

Many years later all the birds met again by chance, and remembering the old times they decided to return to the island. Luckily the island had not been destroyed. Saka was very happy to see them again and together, with the power of the creature, they reorganized the island. And they all lived happily ever after.