

# FLOWER OF LIFE

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The lush green forest was beginning to bloom with flowers and plants. The trees seemed to be dancing as the wind swayed swiftly by them, it felt like the forest was alive. The murky pond was filled with long grass that reached higher than me. I caught a glimpse of one lonely flower and picked it up not knowing the incredible power it held within. The flower was filled with colours of all kinds, kind of like a rainbow. But it was too old to be this colourful, I could see the leaves rustling and the thorns screamed in pain. The beautiful flower looked as if it had been alive for eons.

I heard a faint rustle beside me, as I looked over, I saw a small deer looking straight at me as if

I had something he wanted. I put the beautiful flower down and continued my lonesome journey. As I walked down to the fresh, blue river I noticed the same deer following me, along with a few other animals. At first, I just thought the animals wanted water or maybe to shower in because honestly, they looked quite filthy and muddy. I bent down to fill up my water bottle in the river but all it had in it was fish! I spat the water out and threw the fish back in the water. I suddenly felt something jump upon my shoulder... I slowly turned to see hundreds, possibly millions of wild animals surrounding me!

I leapt with fear, causing the animals to go wild! I closed my eyes wishing with all my heart that it was a dream but no... Next thing I knew, a random squirrel was tapping my forehead like it was a nut! "HEY" I screeched. The Animals, looking frightened more than ever, were looking at my backpack. I peeked inside it curiously to see what was so shocking for these animals. When I looked inside my back pack it looked like... vines were growing out! There was also a thorny old flower inside and it seemed the same as the rainbow one. "I remember putting the flower down, how is it in my backpack?" I wondered

Every animal looked mesmerised by the flower. I placed the flower on the ground and studied it for quite a long time. It looked like something had changed... I didn't really know what to do but it seemed like the animals knew what to do with it, so I calmly placed the flower down next to

them. Seconds later the herd of wild animals began running around like crazy! But not one of them stepped on the flower, they were circling around the flower. I mean there was no normal explanation for this or so I thought. It must just be what they do every day. But little did I know the flower chose me, only me.

Suddenly, as I was walking away from the herd of wild animals, one deer stopped to look at me, its amber eyes filled with rage. After that one after another animal was glancing at me with fury. "What did I do!" The animals were getting angrier by the minute, meanwhile I was getting more and more confused by the second. Just then a deep voice said something, "YOU CAN NOT LEAVE US, YOU ARE OUR QUEEN" it said. I thought that it was just a voice in my head but a little while later more voices started speaking. My head started spinning, I asked myself one question, am I going crazy! That was the last straw, and I mean it! At that exact moment I fainted but I somehow woke up in the middle of the forest. I just knew it wasn't a dream now because the animals started carrying me on their back as soon as I woke up.

The animals were carrying me to an unknown destination which was going deep into the forest. I saw a sign saying "DARK FOREST, DO NOT ENTER" I struggled to get off the animals back. Suddenly they dropped me at the entrance of the dark forest and placed a tiny crown on my head. I looked down to a puddle of crystal clear water and saw myself in its reflection. I looked so old... I can assure you I am only twenty-one years old. But I looked like I was ancient news. The animals bowed before me, and not one looked in my eyes. A beautiful parrot came and sat on my shoulder and it whispered in my ear "Sit on your throne majesty."

"My throne, I'm not a queen or anything" I mumbled nervously. I realised I was talking to a parrot! But I thought I should listen to what this parrot had to say before I got in more trouble.

I sat on the throne and the parrot whispered once again "You must save us; the flower chose you." I was trembling with fear, the fact I was talking to animals made it clear I was crazy. But I was curious, what do these helpless creatures need? I asked the parrot "what is it that they want from me?" He answered in anger and fear, "He is back with his dark magic." I wondered who was back? The animals started running as if they had seen a ghost! I turned around to see a bald man with crooked teeth and black eyes, he wore a ragged cloak. HE LOOKED LIKE A GOBLIN! His ears were sharp and pointy. "So y'ere the new queen" he had a British accent. "Well, I think I am" I mumbled back in fear. He suddenly snatched the crown off my head and placed it on his head. "BOW BEFORE ME PEASANTS " he screeched with his evil voice. I got up and found the courage to shout back at him "NO." He glanced back at me and I lost all my courage I had gathered up and sat back down.

But as I looked at his bald head it was burning to ash! "The crown is only for good not evil," said the parrot. He screamed in pain as he burnt to ash. Meanwhile the animals were full of joy and freedom. I was happy for them! But also, sad that I had to leave these animals now. But as soon

as I got off the throne a voice in my head said something strange, "You are the queen, you have been here for more than 50 years, why go now?" I was terrified, 50 YEARS! I guess that was the reason I looked so old. I mean I didn't have any family at home, maybe I could make this my home I thought. I stood up and proudly pronounced that I was staying. The animals cheered once again and I sat down, and boy was I hungry, I asked for grapes.

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