

The Magic Woods

Once upon a time, there was a magical forest. Just outside the forest was a village and a castle ruled by cats.

The King lived in the castle. The houses were made from white stone with thatched roofs. In one of the houses, there was a cat named Rose. Rose was an orange tabby with dark blue eyes. She looked like her mother, Sunny, though Sunny's eyes were light blue. Her sister Starlight, who was a black cat with pale green eyes, looked like their father Midnight except Midnight's eyes were orange.

"Let's go to the Park", said Starlight to Rose. The Park was actually called the Fountain Park but most cats just called it the Park for short.

"Sure", Rose replied. She loved going to the Park. There were trees of different sizes to climb with rope ladders to get down. Dirt roads circled a small cherry orchard at the edge of the Park. And in the center of the Fountain Park, a fountain made of marble stood, with turquoise water in it.

"Let's race!" Rose called out to Starlight.

"Okay," Starlight said. Then she quickly ran off towards the Park. Rose ran after her and soon, she caught up and began to pull ahead. Suddenly, Starlight changed direction and ran toward the Magic Woods.

"What are you doing?" Rose called. "I'm taking a shortcut", Starlight replied before racing into a hedge.

Should I go after her? Rose thought. But she didn't know the way. Just then, she heard Starlight yelling.

Quickly, Rose ran toward the sound. She suddenly stopped running, for a large hole was in front of her.

Rose looked into the hole and saw Starlight in it. "Are you okay?" Rose asked. Starlight nodded. "I was going too fast and didn't see the hole", she said. "Then I fell in but I'm okay."

"I'll get you out", said Rose. She looked around and saw a vine wrapping around a thick tree. She grabbed it in her mouth and pulled it off. Then, Rose wrapped the vine around a tree stump, tied a knot, and then tossed the other end into the hole.

"Climb out", said Rose. Starlight grabbed the vine in her paws and pulled herself up the hole. "Thanks, Rose!" she said. Rose nodded. "Let's go!" said Starlight, and she and Rose quickly ran back to the Park.