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Daisy lived in a cozy village called Sunnybrook, where the streets were tidy and the gardens bloomed. She had warm brown skin, curly black pigtails, and a gap-toothed smile. Her green satchel bounced as she explored every path. One bright morning, she skipped past the bakery and the fountain, humming a tune. Little did she know, today would bring a magical surprise.



At the edge of the woods, Daisy spotted a shimmering light. There stood a flower with five petals, each glowing like a tiny lantern. 'Oh!' gasped Daisy. Her friend Pip, a plump sparrow with a red scarf, landed on her shoulder. 'Careful,' he chirped. 'That looks like a wish flower!' Daisy's hazel eyes grew wide with wonder.



Daisy remembered Grandpa Ollie's stories about the wish flower. Each glowing petal grants one wish, but only if you truly mean it. 'I can wish for anything!' Daisy cried, bouncing on her red sneakers. Pip flapped his white-tipped wing. 'Maybe think first,' he warned. But Daisy was already dreaming of mountains of toys and giant cakes. She plucked the first petal without a second thought.



Daisy closed her eyes and wished with all her might. 'I wish for a mountain of toys!' she shouted. The petal floated up and burst into sparkles. Suddenly, toys rained from the sky! Dolls, balls, and kites piled high in the village square. Daisy laughed with delight, but the toys kept coming, blocking doors and windows. Mayor Bumble, in his navy waistcoat, ran out sputtering, 'What is this chaos?'



Pip tugged at Daisy's sleeve. 'The toys are everywhere!' he chirped. Daisy tried to climb the mountain, but it wobbled and toppled. Toys bounced down the street, knocking over flower pots. Mayor Bumble's gold buttons jingled as he waved his arms. 'My tidy village is ruined!' he cried. Daisy felt a twinge of worry, but she still had four petals. 'Maybe the next wish will help,' she thought.



Daisy plucked the second petal. 'I wish for a giant cake!' she declared. A huge cake appeared, taller than the bakery, with frosting and sprinkles. But it blocked the main road, and its sweet smell attracted swarms of bees. People couldn't walk to the market. Grandpa Ollie, leaning on his owl-handled stick, shook his head. 'Wishes can be tricky, Daisy,' he said gently.



Daisy frowned. 'But cakes are nice,' she said. 'I wanted everyone to be happy.' Pip fluttered nervously. 'The bees are chasing the mayor!' he squawked. Indeed, Mayor Bumble was running in circles, his moustache dotted with frosting. Daisy sighed. She still had three petals left. 'Maybe a garden full of butterflies will fix things,' she said, and plucked the third petal.



The third petal shimmered and vanished. Suddenly, butterflies swarmed everywhere! They covered the toys and the cake, and flew into people's faces. 'Too many butterflies!' cried the baker, waving her apron. The butterflies were beautiful, but they made it hard to see or walk. Daisy's friends began to grumble. 'Daisy, please stop wishing,' said a little boy. Daisy felt her heart sink. What had she done?



The village was in chaos. Toys blocked the streets, the cake attracted bees, and butterflies clouded the air. Mayor Bumble's pocket watch chain tangled in a kite string. 'This is a disaster!' he wailed. Daisy looked at the wish flower. Only two petals remained, glowing softly. She knew she had to fix everything, but how? Pip perched on her shoulder, his black eyes full of worry.



Daisy sat on a bench, feeling small. Grandpa Ollie came and sat beside her. 'Wishes are powerful,' he said, stroking his grey beard. 'But they should be made with care. Think of what everyone needs, not just what you want.' Daisy nodded slowly. She looked at the chaos around her. 'I need to make things right,' she whispered. Pip nodded. 'I'll help!' he chirped.



Daisy plucked the fourth petal. 'I wish for all the toys and cake to disappear, and for the butterflies to return to the garden!' she said. The petal sparkled, and whoosh! The toys and cake vanished. The butterflies fluttered away to the flower beds, where they belonged. The streets were clear again. Mayor Bumble blinked in surprise. 'Oh my,' he said, adjusting his bow tie. 'That's better.'



Daisy still had one petal left. She looked around. The village was tidy, but her friends seemed tired and unhappy. 'What should I wish for?' she asked. Grandpa Ollie smiled. 'Think of something that will bring happiness to everyone,' he said. Daisy thought hard. She remembered how much her friends loved the village fair. 'I wish for a village fair with games, treats, and music for all!' she declared.



The final petal glowed brightly and floated up. Suddenly, the square was filled with colorful tents, a merry-go-round, and a band playing cheerful tunes. Everyone cheered! Mayor Bumble's eyes lit up. 'A fair!' he exclaimed. 'How wonderful!' Daisy smiled as her friends laughed and danced. Pip chirped happily on her shoulder. The wish flower's stem remained, but Daisy knew she didn't need any more wishes.



The village fair was the best Sunnybrook had ever seen. Children played games, and adults shared stories. Grandpa Ollie handed out ribbons for the pie contest. Mayor Bumble, with a smudge of frosting on his moustache, declared it a grand success. Daisy felt warm inside. She realized that thinking of others made her happier than any toy or cake ever could.



From that day on, Daisy kept the wish flower's stem in a pot by her window. It never bloomed again, but it reminded her to think carefully before making wishes. She learned that true happiness comes from considering others. Pip often perched on the pot, chirping, 'Good wishes, good friends!' And Daisy would smile her gap-toothed smile, knowing it was true.



Daisy's story spread through Sunnybrook, and everyone learned a little lesson about wishes. Mayor Bumble became less fussy, Grandpa Ollie told the tale often, and Pip wore his red scarf proudly. The village remained tidy, but full of laughter. And Daisy? She still explored with her green satchel, always ready for a new adventure—but now she thought before she wished.