

3. THE HEDGEHOG AND THE BUTTERFLY

Inspired by Eva and Berta

Many years ago, the hedgehog was not feeling good and began to feel dizzy, so he decided to lay down and rest. Soon, he was fast asleep and began to dream. He was dreaming about the times in his youth when he was very playful.

Up the hill he ran, into the creek he jumped, laughing and singing. He remembered all the good days and he was happy, and he was very happy in his dream. Then something strange began to happen; he was seeing a bright colored light coming towards him.

“Why? What is the meaning of this?”, he thought.

Then the bright light turned into a small beautiful bird; like a fluttering insect, with many colors on her wings.

“Who are you?”, asked Hedgehog. “I am your friend”, said the little flying insect.

“When you’re in trouble you should call me and when I’m in trouble, I should call you. You see, we are all born with healing friends. I am yours and you are mine”.

Then the insect flew away. Hedgehog felt good about this dream and soon awoke from this wonderful sleep. As he tried to sit up, he was still very dizzy and now not feeling well.

Hedgehog was sick, very sick.

Hedgehog’s friends quickly gathered around him.

Then, Dr. Ant looked at him and said,

“You need medicine from the flowers. But, the strongest of the medicine flowers is very far from here and very high. I’m not sure how we can get the medicine”, he said.

Then suddenly a Butterfly appeared, and Hedgehog was very surprised as the same creature was in his dream.

“Maybe I can help”, the Butterfly said. “I can reach the highest flower and draw the sap from their pods. Which ones shall I look for, doctor?”

The doctor told her and soon she was flying...to look for the flowers. “Quickly!”, the doctor said, “We don’t have much time”.

Soon it was an hour, then two, suddenly the butterfly returned with the medicine and injected the medicine into Hedgehog.

Hedgehog fell asleep and all the animals prayed for Hedgehog to get well.

For three days they prayed. Hedgehog slept and again in his dreams he saw the flying insect and realized it was the butterfly who came to help.

Then he awoke, rested and healed from the medicine and sleep.

“How did you know”, he asked the Butterfly, “to come and help me?”

I didn’t know until the night before I came, that you needed my help.

Many days ago, I had this strange dream of making friends with someone, and something drew me here. And when I saw you – it was you who became my friend.”

That evening, all the small animals and the different colored butterflies, met and agreed to help each other in times of need.

Hedgehog stood up and gave the butterfly and very long hug and said,
“We shall be friends for life.”

And that is how the Hedgehog and Butterfly became friends.

To this day you can still see the Butterfly and Hedgehog planning together, laughing, and running and helping each other.

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