



A Sleepover for the Wind

Lanternwood

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Bunny was shaking out the doormat when a little wind arrived inside a swirl of leaves. One yellow leaf stuck to Bunny's nose. "Are you visiting?" "Could I sleep over? I've never tried a bed." "I have a spare pillow."



Bunny laid the pillow beside the bed. The wind curled onto it, wriggled underneath it, then gave a little puff. The pillow rose into the air. “Is this how pillows work?” “Usually they stay lower.”



They tried a blanket. It bulged into a hill. It billowed into a mountain. Then Bunny's slippers shot out of one end. One stood on the cupboard. The other landed in the wastepaper basket. "I think I found your feet." "Those are only their houses."



The wind tried lying completely still. Its cheeks puffed. The curtain trembled. At last, a sneezy gust sent Bunny's handkerchief fluttering onto both their heads. "I can't seem to stop being windy." "You don't have to. Let me think."



Bunny lifted the handkerchief. On the shelf stood a paper boat Bunny had folded that afternoon. Its small blue sail leaned sideways. Bunny fetched the washbowl, filled it with water and set it on the floor. “Perhaps your bed needs to move a little.”



The wind climbed aboard and blew. The boat raced across the bowl. Splash! A little wave washed Bunny's toes. "Was that a good journey?" "A little shorter next time." They put a folded towel beneath the bowl. Bunny dried both feet.



This time, the wind made one tiny puff. The boat drifted to the far side. Another tiny puff brought it back. The yellow leaf floated behind like a small golden passenger. Nothing splashed. Nothing flew onto the cupboard. “Oh. This is a very good bed.”



Bunny rescued both slippers and climbed under the blanket. The wind fell asleep beneath the blue sail. Its tiny sighs rocked the boat softly from side to side. By morning, neither of them had gone very far. But the yellow leaf had sailed all night.

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