

The Friendship's Castle



After the adventures with the circus, our five friends decided to go back on the hot air balloon to discover new places and to live new adventures.

The flight was not one of the best because, as soon as they went they saw on the horizon the great clouds black but, by then, it was too late to land and in a second the strong wind pushed them farther and farther and higher and higher, the bunnies clung as hard as they could to the ropes of the hot air balloon. They were going through the worst storm they had ever seen, so they did not notice the direction that they were taking and when they landed they did not know in which part of the world were finished.

The five friends came down from the basket of the hot air balloon and thanked to have come to earth after all they had been through in flight. Miele looked around (now she was no longer afraid of anything because all these adventures had made her the most courageous) and saw a castle in the distance, she turned to Ginger and immediately the older sister with those sweet eyes convinced Mirtillo, Pistacchio and Gianduiotto that going towards the castle would have been the most sensible thing to do. The three poor rabbits were not sure that that idea was just clever but they were convinced and they all set off for the mysterious castle.

At each step, the castle seemed ever more a scary place, but our friends did not stop walking, they climbed the mountains that separated them from that building so imposing and they stopped just in front of the moat that was preventing them from approaching the port of entry. Then Ginger, before the brothers were able to stop her, she began to scream against the inhabitants of the castle asking to open the door and more she screamed more Mirtillo and Pistacchio wanted to run away from that place so disturbing and scary but with a sound not so reassuring the chains of the bridge began to move until the wooden bridge slammed to the ground with a loud thud.



The bunnies, apparently brave, they shook and nearby neighbors went inside the castle. There was no one, it seemed uninhabited but someone had to be there because otherwise how the bridge was open? This question hovered in the minds of the poor bunnies that at each step they shivered more and more at the sight of that place so cold and inhospitable. At one point, a shadow flew over their heads and in less than no time it appeared to them a dragon, the five bunnies fled in all directions, but could not leave the castle because the great dragon was blocking them the door. With a roar he brought down the silence inside the castle and he sat waiting for her young guests come out. After a few minutes Ginger popped out of hiding and she sat down in front of the dragon and, looking defiantly she showed up.

The dragon surprised by the attitude of the little bunny in reply he said: "Hello little one, I am Biscotto, the dragon of this county and I live in this abandoned castle!" Just became friends the other four bunnies took courage and went out of their hiding places to get to know the property owner, apologizing that the reaction had started to know Biscotto, that dragon that frightened them so much but he proved good and kind.

They began to tell of their adventures and how they came to the castle, even Biscotto told his story and bunnies discovered that the poor little dragon had suffered many injustices in his life because of his looks scary and told them that he was very worried because in those days the inhabitants of the county near the castle were trying to drive him away.

Surprised by this news the bunnies were very sorry for what their ears had just heard, Pistacchio and Mirtillo promised that they would go and talk to the villagers to get them to leave in peace the poor Biscotto.

Only then interjected Gianduiotto, who explained that they could not go by the inhabitants of neighboring areas and simply tell them that they had to keep off the dragon, but had to make them understand that he was not dangerous, and maybe, if the dragon was available, also propose an exchange: they would leave him alone and he would protect them flying over the skies and

defend them from possible future enemies. Biscotto gladly welcomed the idea of helping his fellow villagers just to have saved his life.

Pistacchio who had taken very seriously the situation of Biscotto prepared a speech, he went down into country, and he began to talk to the entire great dragon of the castle, the citizens they set around him to listen to what this bunny told. When Pistacchio had all the attention on him began to ask why they did not want the dragon to remain to live in the castle near the village.



The village chief stepped forward and without any fear began to explain that the inhabitants of the county were afraid of the dragon because as each dragon, if they had given him the opportunity to get closer to the country would surely be destroyed in one breath of fire!

Mirtillo then spoke up and asked how according to him, a bunny so small could not be afraid of this infamous dragon that was supposed, according to them, to destroy everything, the village chief was speechless and he stopped to listen to what he was saying little boy who went on to explain that a dragon named Biscotto could not be a bad dragon and with Pistacchio illustrated their plan i.e. that if they had agreed to remain Biscotto in the castle, he would protect them.

Citizens took one night to decide what to do, and the next morning all five rabbits showed up in the main square to find out what, those people, they decided.

The village chief came forward and announced their decision: they would have known the dragon and then would decide if to keep him or not. Miele was glad because at least they could see with their own eyes that Biscotto was the biggest and best dragon in the world!

To celebrate the meeting they decided to organize a party, they called everyone, even the inhabitants of neighboring countries, even the four princesses left their castle to get to know the great dragon who asked only to be accepted and that in return would protect all those who had shown love.

The bunnies cleaned the whole castle, put in order and prepared the throne room for the reception, everything was shiny and ready for the guests' arrival. The first to arrive were the inhabitants of the neighboring counties, then with a coach arrived princesses and some residents of the dragon's county for the last.

Biscotto for fear of being rejected hid inside the tallest tower in the distance, and he could hear the music of the dances and the laughter of the guests, he realized that everyone was having fun. Ginger looked around and realized that Biscotto was not present in the room, went to look for him, and when he found him convinced him with those big smart and beautiful eyes that it made no sense to be afraid to show themselves, those people had gone to the castle to meet him! The great dragon came down the stairs and when he arrived in the lounge all guests looked at him and for a moment, all were silent. Raja, one of the princesses, came forward and she went to the dragon to present herself, she bowed and smiled at Biscotto who did not know how to behave in the presence of a princess so he just smiled and wagging his big tail. In no time at all lined up to greet the property owner, it seemed that no one had more afraid of that "dangerous" dragon.

The party ended late at night and everyone was happy with how the party was gone. At dawn, the bunnies were awakened by noises coming from the road leading to the castle. They opened the door and found the whole town in front of them. The village chief cleared his throat and told everyone that, given the exemplary behavior of the dragon on the night before the county would welcome Cookie and named him patron of the counties of the mountains. Bunnies and Biscotto were filled with joy at hearing the news because they were happy that all the efforts made were repaid. Gianduiotto enthusiastic taught the bunnies a great truth: "Often when we judging something we let drag by the view that others have and not from the true essence of the thing itself, lowering the barriers of mistrust the inhabitants of the counties have accepted Biscotto and began to love him because they have discovered that he is good and kind! "

The scientist with Ginger, Pistacchio Mirtillo and Miele greeted this new great friend, and they set out on their balloon in search of other adventures to live and new friends get to know.

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