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A Modern Fairy Tale

Summer holiday started and going camping was an ideal activity for a family. Thomas

asked cheerfully, "Are you all ready heading for our delightful camping in Sai Kung?"

The children exclaimed with excitement, "YES! Dad, we can't wait to go!"

Jane, their mother reminded them, "My lovely Sean and Sarah, remember to bring

your backpack."

The Chan's drove for around two hours to Sai Kung, stopped for lunch in a well-known

seafood restaurant, before arriving at Shui Long Wo. They stepped out of the car

energetically with their backpacks. Before reaching Shui Long Wo Campsite, they needed to

hike along the trail. Sean and Sarah skipped along the path while their parents ambled after

them.

Once they arrived at the campsite, they were surrounded by fresh country air with

beautiful sunshine; a lush green meadow filled with tiny yellow wildflowers was in front of

them. This natural beautiful landscape refreshed and relaxed them.

While Thomas and Jane were busy setting up the tent, the two young children were

scampering off around the grassland. Suddenly, Sarah noticed that a wildflower which grew

inside the woodland was sparkling. For a ten-year-old girl, she burnt with curiosity about the

shimmering object. Therefore, she murmured into her brother's ear, "Look! Can you see the

beaming flower?" Sean turned around and glanced towards the direction. Then, he

whispered, "Oh yes! We shall have a closer look."

In order to avoid being discovered, these two imps needed to tiptoe quietly towards the

shinning wildflower. When they successfully reached the woodland, they squatted down and

gazed at the wildflower.

"Sarah, you're wrong. It's a butterfly glinting on a wildflower," Sean said in great

delight, "I've never seen a butterfly with golden wings. It's extremely attractive." The

butterfly was basking in the sun with its wings spreading out.

Before Sarah responded to Sean, they heard a voice fill with awe saying "Help!" Both of

them were shocked since there was no one except themselves. "Is me. Please don't be

scared," the butterfly said softly, "In fact, I'm a fairy. Unfortunately, a wicked witch is

running after me and attempts to steal my magic in order to enhance her power."

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"A witch?" said Sarah confusingly, "I can't see any witch."

The butterfly explained, "Only the innocent children can notice her existence. However, your innocence has been disappearing when you're growing up." Sean and Sarah were completely puzzled and she continued her explanation, "If you are willing to save me by fighting against the evil witch, I can help you to get back your innocence."

Sean and Sarah were filled with excitement when they heard that they could battle with the vicious witch. Therefore, they promised to rescue the butterfly.

The butterfly flew over their heads and she spread the shimmering golden dust onto them. After that, Sean and Sarah's minds were as innocent as lambs. They felt like going back to kindergarten which they did not have any burden concerning their academic results and competitions among classmates.

"Be careful!" shouted the butterfly loudly, "The witch is over there!"

The witch was a bony woman with messy silver hair, big nose holes, violet lips and a deep terrifying voice. Moreover, her long-shaped face was as pale as a sheet.

Sean and Sarah spotted the ugly witch with a hat flying towards them with her broomstick. Before they could find a hideaway, the evil witch casted a spell by shrieking, "Fire!"

Immediately, three little fighters were surrounded by fire. Sean and Sarah were terrified and burst into tears. The butterfly spoke to them calmly, "Crying is one of the sources of witches' power. The only weapon to combat with her is your laughters. Witches hate people being joyful."

Hence, the two kids stopped their crying and roared with laughter. Their gleeful and childish laugh weakened the witch's power and the fire vanished into the thin air afterward. The witch realized that she could not capture the golden butterfly with the presence of Sean and Sarah, so she held her broomstick and flew towards the sky.

The butterfly was grateful to Sean and Sarah for their help and praised for their courage. When Sean and Sarah were sharing their happiness of beating the witch with each other, the butterfly fluttered her wings with fairy dust and danced in the breeze. Finally, she disappeared without being noticed.

They suddenly remembered that their parents must be worried about them, so they dashed back to the campsite. Unconvincingly, the tent was not yet set and Jane did not scold them for their absence.

Sean and Sarah believed that this must be due to the butterfly's magical power and they would never forget this mysterious summer camping.