In a big city in South Africa, there lived a mother and her two children. They had a farm just outside the city. The boy whose name was Cedalo, was about 22 years old. His sister, Gowamu, was about 16. Day after day they worked hard on the farm.
One spring morning, Cedalo and Gowamu were planting in the fields. A stranger passing by stopped to buy some food. He told them stories about a magic school. He said there was an opening at the school for one more student. Cedalo and his sister were really excited.
They ran and told their mother all about it. They convinced her that if they could learn magic they could come back and help the whole city. They agreed they would leave together on Tuesday morning at 7:30.
Gowamu was not very nice. She decided to leave Monday night to get there first. She traveled north to Jaiden Forest.
In the forest she met a family who was trying to build a house. They asked her for help, but she said she had no time for them. And she rushed past.
A little while later, she saw an old man. He asked her to stop, because he had to warn her about something. But she told the old man to get out of her way. As she hurried past him, he shouted his warning: “Don’t dance with the dancing birds.” He also shouted, ”When you see a woman with an empty bottle, don’t take the bottle from her.”
Soon, Gowamu came to a big field full of birds. They were doing a wonderful dance. Gowamu thought they were making fun of her so she danced with them trying to make fun of them. When the birds saw this, they flew away.
After a while she was approaching a great bridge. She saw a young woman, about her brother’s age, holding a big empty bottle. The woman held out the bottle. Gowamu grabbed it and threw it into the water, just to be mean. Then she ran up onto the bridge. From the bridge she could see many wooden buildings, surrounded by a brick wall.
As she approached, the gates opened up and let her in.
Meanwhile, back at home, Cedalo was just getting up. He couldn’t find his sister anywhere. He finally decided to go alone.
Soon he reached the forest. There he saw the family trying to build a house. They asked him for help, because they needed more materials. Cedalo said, “Wait here,” and he dashed back into the city. He went to a store and bought lots of supplies. He arranged to have them delivered to the Jaiden Forest.
When Cedalo got back to that place in the Forest, the family was very grateful because now they could finish the house.
Later, Cedalo came to the old man. He stopped and listened to the old man’s warnings. He promised that he would not dance with the birds, and not take the bottle from the young woman.
Soon, Cedalo came to the field full of birds. Their dance was so exciting and fun it was hard to resist dancing with them. Cedalo had to close his eyes and carefully walk across the field. When he could hear that all the birds were behind him, he opened his eyes and continued on.
Finally, Cedalo reached the bridge. A young woman was standing at the bridge with a big empty bottle. She held the bottle out to him, but he didn’t take it. Instead he politely walked around her and onto the bridge. He could see the school up ahead. He ran for the gate, excited.
Suddenly his sister came running out, screaming, “Don’t go in there! That place is full of witches.” Cedalo was brave. He walked right through the gates.
To his surprise, he saw the family he had helped, the girl with the bottle, the birds, and the old man. They all welcomed him. Then their leader came out. He was a great fairy. “My name is Wofe Vitaho. I am the principal at the school, and you will be my new student.”
Cedalo stayed at the school for a whole year. He learned many things. He even learned a magic spell that could show his sister how being kind would make life better for everyone. When Gowamu learned to be kind, she was welcomed into the school too. They both became great magicians who were famous for helping people all across the land.