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Once the rabbit found the most beautiful of flowers!



She cherished it and had it by her side at all times.



She felt good having it close by and looked at it often.



Over time she dreamt of it when she was sleeping and her sleep was restless and bad. Why was that?

It was a beautiful flower, it made her feel good all day. Why couldn't she sleep well at night?

The birds payed the rabbit a visit one day and they saw the beautiful flower.

Hi rabbit! What a fine flower you have there! Yes its one of a kind, the rabbit replied. No no, the birds said, there is a field full of them, come and look.

Waaaaow look all these flowers, look so many of them, and so beautiful!

A few days later the birds visited the rabbit again, and this time they noticed he didn't have any flower at all. Where is your flower? the birds asked.

I don't want it any longer, it's lost its charm. Charm? What do you mean rabbit? the birds asked.

There is beauty everywhere, the rabbit responded, and in every season.

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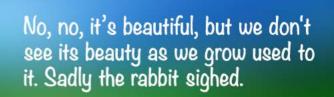
The lakes are beautiful

The deserts are beautiful

The mountains are beautiful

There is beauty everywhere... But we grow used to the beauty and it looses its charm.

It's not beautiful anymore? the birds ask.



Well then there is a flower you haven't seen, it's on the top of that mountain.

The rabbit squinted and looked up to the mountain.



So they started to climb up the mountain.

Well, the birds they flew, but the rabbit had to climb.





And finally she was on the top of the mountain with the help of the birds.



Mmm, the rabbit sat there for a long time and couldn't bring herself to take the flower. Finally she said, birds, my lovely friends, I have learned one thing today. You are the most beautiful thing in the world. Friends are the beauty of this world. Fields of flowers, mountains, lakes, they all stay and they are there always. But friends, they are swept into and out of our lives. Friends my dear bird, friends are what I need to take care of and keep close by.



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