

4TH PART OF THE FAIRY TALE - PORTUGAL

“Where the rainbow starts and ends”

Leaving Italy behind, Teddy bear arrived in Portugal, dying to learn more about the country and to make new friendships.

Thrilled, he gladly walked to his new school, where he arrived with rosy cheeks because of the walk and the enthusiasm.

In the classroom his teacher of English offered him a warm welcome, but the other kids looked upon him with suspicion and whispered to each other:

- Who is this fatty boy? He doesn't even speak Portuguese!!!

In the playground, the other kids whispered among themselves, calling him “Alien”, he was often gossiped about by them and completely ignored.

Meanwhile, Teddy felt more and more embarrassed and low-spirited. His eyes lost their sparkle and his desire to attend the new school and make new friends faded away.

Saddened, the teacher observed her students' behavior towards Teddy, trying to find a solution.

Seizing the opportunity that Teddy was sick at home, the teacher asked the students:

- Why don't you play and talk to Teddy?
- He is weird, odd and he doesn't speak Portuguese! – answered the pupils.
- No, he is not weird or odd; he is simply different from you. Moreover, you can speak with him in English! – retorted the teacher.
- But... - said João.
- I have got an idea! What about each one of you invite Teddy to spend some time with you at your home? This way I'm sure you get to know him better. – suggested the teacher.

Hesitating, António offered himself to be the first one to host Teddy.

Then, Teddy spent an entire week visiting his classmates and shortly he made them forget his fatty appearance and was fully accepted.

When he was starting to feel he had found a big new family, it was time to leave Portugal towards Iceland. He left the country full of “Saudades”* of his new friends.

- After all, Portugal is a beautiful country, with nice and warm people, tons of sunny days and very good food! – said Teddy.

To be continued.....

*Saudades - melancholic longing or yearning; evokes a sense of loneliness and incompleteness; *Saudade* can more casually be used to say that you miss someone or something, even if you'll see that person or thing in the near future. This word only exists in Portuguese language and there's no translation in any other language.