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Once upon a time, long long ago, there was a city called Cappadocia. This city was famous for its underground tunnels and carved houses made of soft volcanic tuff rocks.

One day, the giants invaded this city. These enormous and evil giants started to harm people and damage their houses. Therefore, the king of the city made a deal with these greedy giants. According to this treaty, the



inhabitants of the city would bring enough food for the giants every day and the giants wouldn't attack them in return. Days passed passed in this way. However, the people were very unhappy because they were very poor although they worked hard. They were in poverty as almost all their crops were eaten by the giants.

One day, the king of the fairies heard about these devil giants and wanted to help Cappadocia's King. Therefore, he gathered all his fairies and



they flew to Cappadocia.

The fairies fought against the giants and they managed to win the battle. After the war, all the giants ran away but because of the war everywhere was in ruin. Then, the King decided to rebuild the city and they made their new houses by carving volcanic tuffs. The King offered the fairies to live together and the fairies accepted this idea. The people started to live in the caves where they carved from the tuff rocks and the fairies settled on the small rooms of pointed rocks. A good relationship occurred between fairies and the giants



Fairies and people were living in peace. The King of the fairies had a beautiful daughter called Gülperi and the King of Cappadocia had a handsome son called Revan. One day, they came across near a river and fell in love and started to meet every day. After a while, they wanted to marry. However, when the people of the Cappadocia heard about this marriage decision, they opposed the idea and rushed to fairies' houses to make a war.

The King of Fairies having learnt these ordered all the fairies to turn into pigeons and stay in their places. He didn't want them to leave the city



because he knew that if they departed from the city, the giants would come back. To prevent the war, Gülperi, of course, turned into a pigeon too. Every day, she came to Revan's window as a pigeon. After a while, Revan had realized that the pigeon coming to his house regularly was Gülperi so every day he was looking forward to her arrival. When Gülperi came, he always hugged her and fondled affectionately. Therefore, their love went on forever with the pride of preventing the war between the fairies and the people.