

The Myth Of Europe

THE JOYFUL MEADOW

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Many years ago, a bit farther from the place we live, there was a meadow. Everybody said that it was the most beautiful meadow they had ever seen. It was full of white daisies. Daisies loved each other and they had a good time together. Until, one day, a poppy sprang up next to them. In an instant, all the daisies gathered around the new plant. Some of them looked at it curiously, some of them admired it and some turned their backs to it, because they did not want it in their meadow.

DIALOGUES

-She is all red and we are totally white!

- Look how different she is from us!

- Have a look! Her leaves are so rough!

- And her stem is full of thorns!

- She's spoiling the beauty of our meadow!

-She' ll be eating our food!

-She'll be stealing the sunshine from us!

-It's impossible that I, an all-white daisy, can put up staying with her....





-(grandma) What are you talking about? Listen to me carefully! Your grandpa, who had a lot of friends had told me that there are meadows elsewhere, with daisies and poppies together.

-(angrily) What are you telling me grandma? What if next to this poppy even more little poppies spring up?

-Then the meadow will be filled up with little poppies!

-No, I don't want my little daisy playing with them!

-She's different from us. How can we match up? And be friends?

- I'm afraid, it scares me! I don't like her!

--(grandma) Your grandpa used to say that he and his friends had a good time in that meadow!

-But why are you saying she's different?

--(grandma) Remember that poppies too, are flowers like us!

-She won't hurt us!





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-(Daisy) Daisies, my sisters! We, too, are different from each other! Yet, we have matched, we are friends and we love each other.

- (all of them) We're not different from each other! All of us are white daisies!

-(RITA) Count your leaves, your flowers, your stems, your height. Is everything the same?

(they look at each other)

- How strange! you're right, we're all not the same...!

- (grandma) So you can just be friends and remember: You're all the same, flowers!

Suddenly, a herd of elephants rushes in-

(song)

-Help! Help! There are animals in our meadow!

-(elephant) Why are you crying for help?

- (Daisy) Because we are afraid, we don't know you!

- (elephant) We are elephants!

- (Daisy) What do you want here in our meadow?

- (Daisy) Are you going to take it from us?

- (elephant) Hahaha, of course not! We are going to the animals' fest!



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- (elephant) We have stopped to get a rest!
- (Daisy) You are also different!
- This one is young!
This one is short!
This one is fat!
This one is thin!
This one is colorful! He's so pretty!
- (Daisy) What's your name?
- (ELMER) I'm Elmer, the colorful elephant!
- (elephant) He's our favourite elephant!
- (elephant) The happiest!
- (elephant) He entertains us with his jokes!
- (ELMER) I like becoming different. I can see that you also have a totally red poppy.
- (ELMER) You have a very pretty meadow!
- (ELMER) I like white and red!
- (Daisy) You're very lucky travelling!
- (Daisy) You see, hear and learn new things!
- (Daisy) We are unable to travel. So, we don't learn anything new and we get scared easily.



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- (ELMER) You are right, but I will tell you a secret! “Whoever can’t travel, see and learn, can travel along with books!”
- (ELMER) Would you like me to tell you a song?
- Yes!

It’s me Elmer
The colorful Elephant
I like jokes
I like games
I make everyone laugh
And forget their worries.

That’s why I’m going to tell you this:
Everything that’s different
Is not hostile.
If we see it with love
We forget differences at once
And so, we can be friends.

- Goodbye, my friends!
(They leave)

From that day on daisies and poppies became friends and they lived happily ever after.





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