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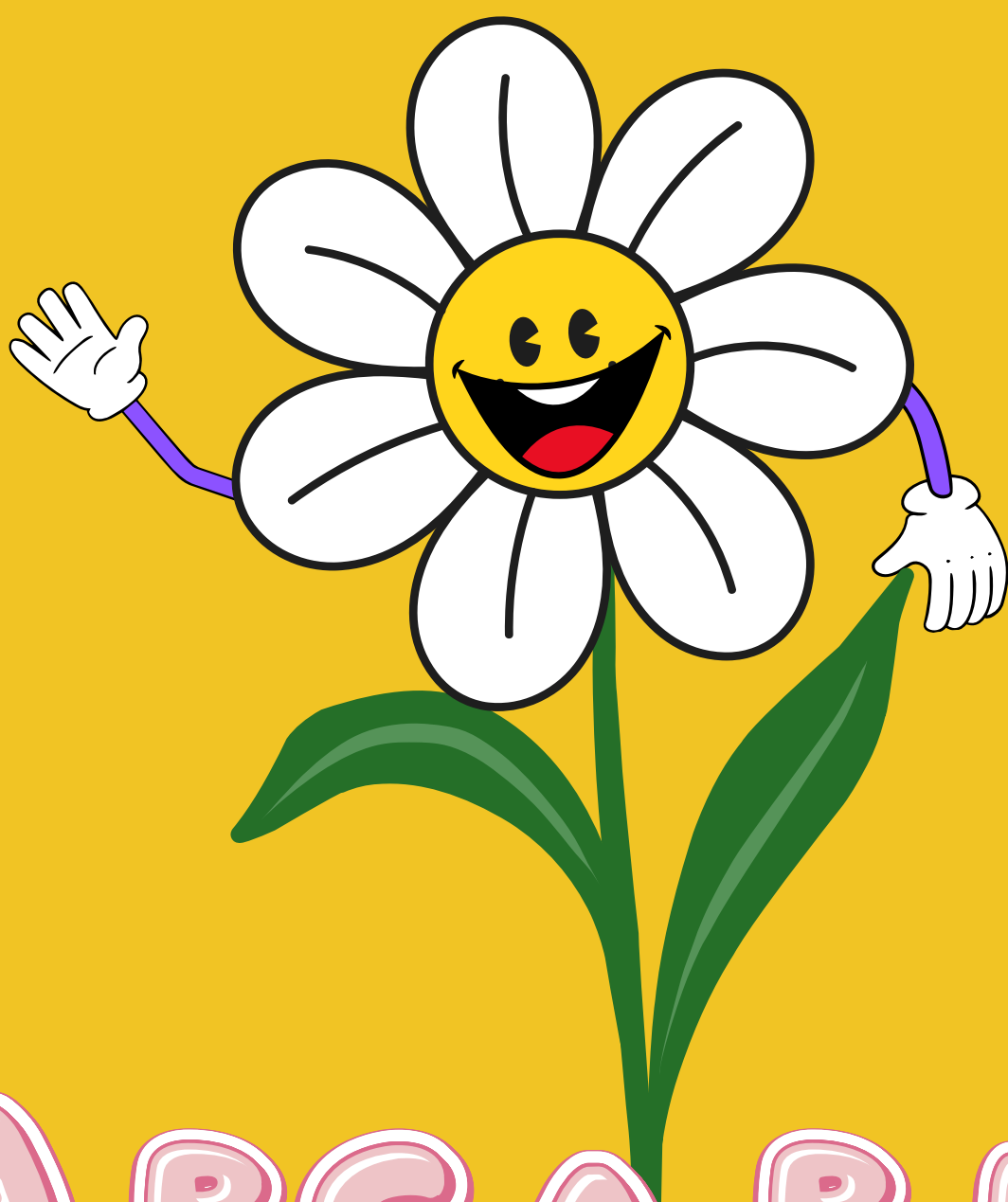
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The path around the world is a path we walk from birth onwards. The countries that the main character visits in the story are different periods of our lives. The experiences in these stories show our perception of life in a humorous way. For example, the land of the giants is the period when we are babies or small children and everything around us is huge and upside down when viewed from the stroller. In each country, we also learn a new Spanish word. Read all the stories and find out for yourself in which period of your trip each country is. I wish you lots of fun reading and don't forget to learn all the Spanish words.

ALONG THE WAY, ONE DAY I WENT THROUGH A MAGICAL FOREST. AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE FOREST STOOD A BIG, TALKING DAISY. OF COURSE, OF COURSE, IF STRAWBERRIES AND PEARS SPEAK, WHY NOT DAISIES? "GOOD MORNING!" SHE GREETED ME. "GOOD AFTERNOON!" I GREETED HER. "WHO ARE YOU?" I ASKED HER. "WHO ARE YOU? WHO ARE YOU?" SHE REPEATED. "I'M A TRAVELER, I TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD," I ANSWERED HER PROUDLY.



MARGARITA

"I'M A TRAVELER, I'M A TRAVELER," SHE REPEATED CHEERFULLY. I GOT ANGRY. "NOW I'M ANGRY BECAUSE YOU'RE JUST REPEATING AFTER ME, STOP REPEATING YOURSELF AND TELL ME WHO YOU ARE." "WHAT IS THIS ANGER?" SHE ASKED. OH, I THOUGHT, NOW I'M GOING TO HAVE TO EXPLAIN IT. "IT'S ANGER WHEN I GIVE YOU A NASTY LOOK AND DON'T SAY ANYTHING KIND," I EXPLAINED TO HER.



BECAUSE CURIOSITY PROPELLED ME FORWARD, I QUICKLY SAID GOODBYE TO DAISY. "GOODBYE, DAISY."

"WHAT'S GOODBYE?" SHE ASKED.

"WHAT, YOU DON'T KNOW THAT YET? HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE WORLD?" "LET ME THINK ABOUT IT?" SAID THE DAISY. SHE THOUGHT BRIEFLY AND THEN ANSWERED: "2

HOURS, 5 MINUTES AND 15 SECONDS, WELL, NOW IT'S ALREADY 16 SECONDS AND 17 AND 18." "WELL, WELL, THAT'S FINE, I UNDERSTAND, YOU'RE STILL YOUNG."

TEMPO



"DAISY, I DON'T HAVE TIME TO EXPLAIN TO YOU, BECAUSE I'M IN A HURRY, YOUR PARENTS WILL TEACH YOU." I RUSHED FORWARD, AND I HEARD HER ASKING FOR A WHILE:

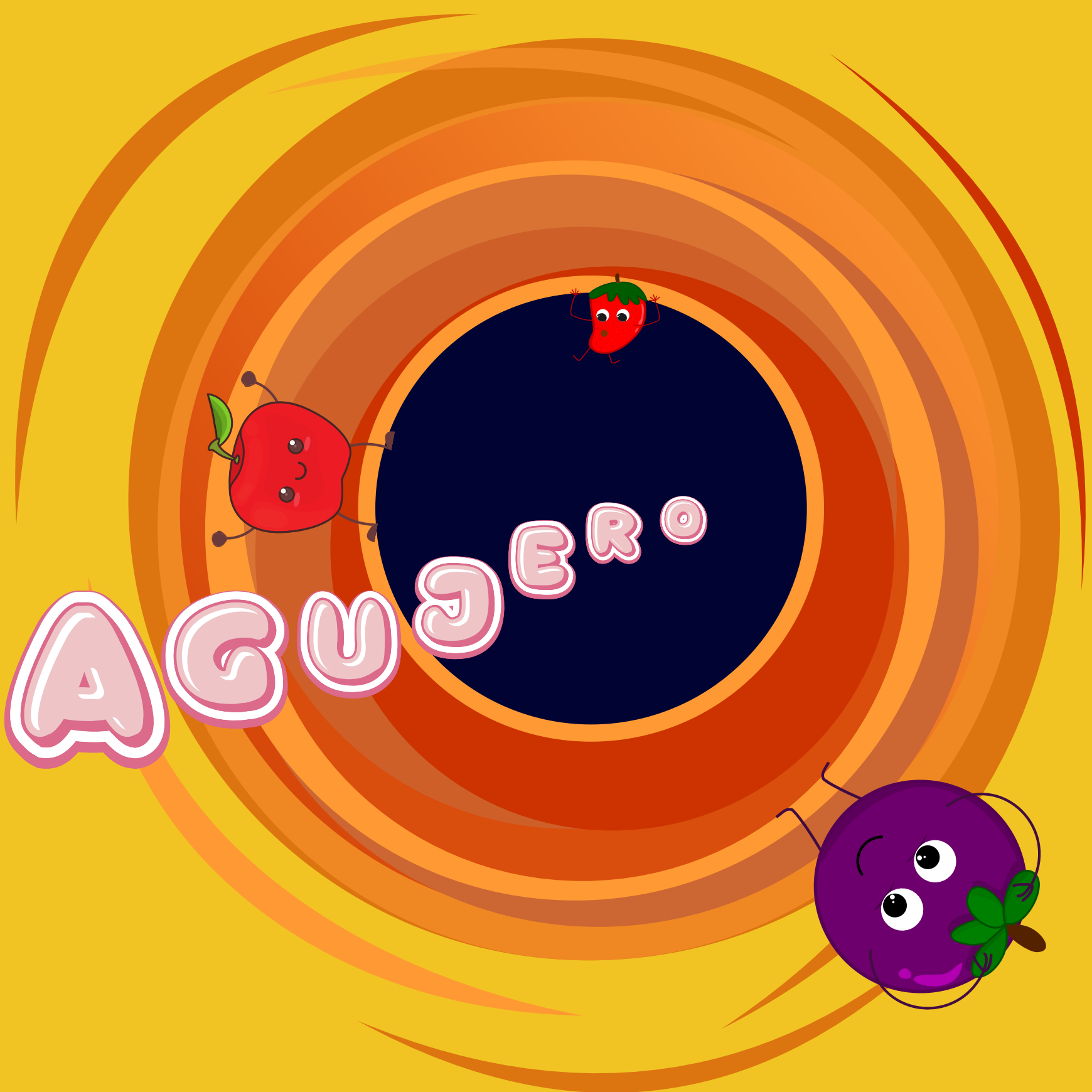
"WHAT ARE PARENTS, WHAT IS THERE TO EXPLAIN AND WHAT AND WHAT?" "OH, OH, OH," WONDERED THE FRUITS IN THE BASKET. "BUT WHEN WILL SHE LEARN ANYTHING?"



I JUST WANTED TO RIDE MY
MOTORBIKE ALONG A BEAUTIFUL
FOREST PATH. THE FRUITS WERE
HOLDING THEIR HEADS AND TELLING
ME: "NO, NOT SO FAST, BECAUSE WE
ARE IN A MAGICAL FOREST AND
MAGICAL THINGS CAN HAPPEN HERE,
LIKE HOLES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE
ROAD."



AND IT REALLY HAPPENED. IN THE
MIDDLE OF THE WAY A BIG HOLE
SUDDENLY OPENED, AND WE FELL INTO
IT, ALONG WITH THE MOTORBIKE AND
ALL THE STUFF I HAD WITH ME. WE
KEPT FALLING. I WAS SURE, WE WERE
GOING TO FALL INTO HOT LAVA.

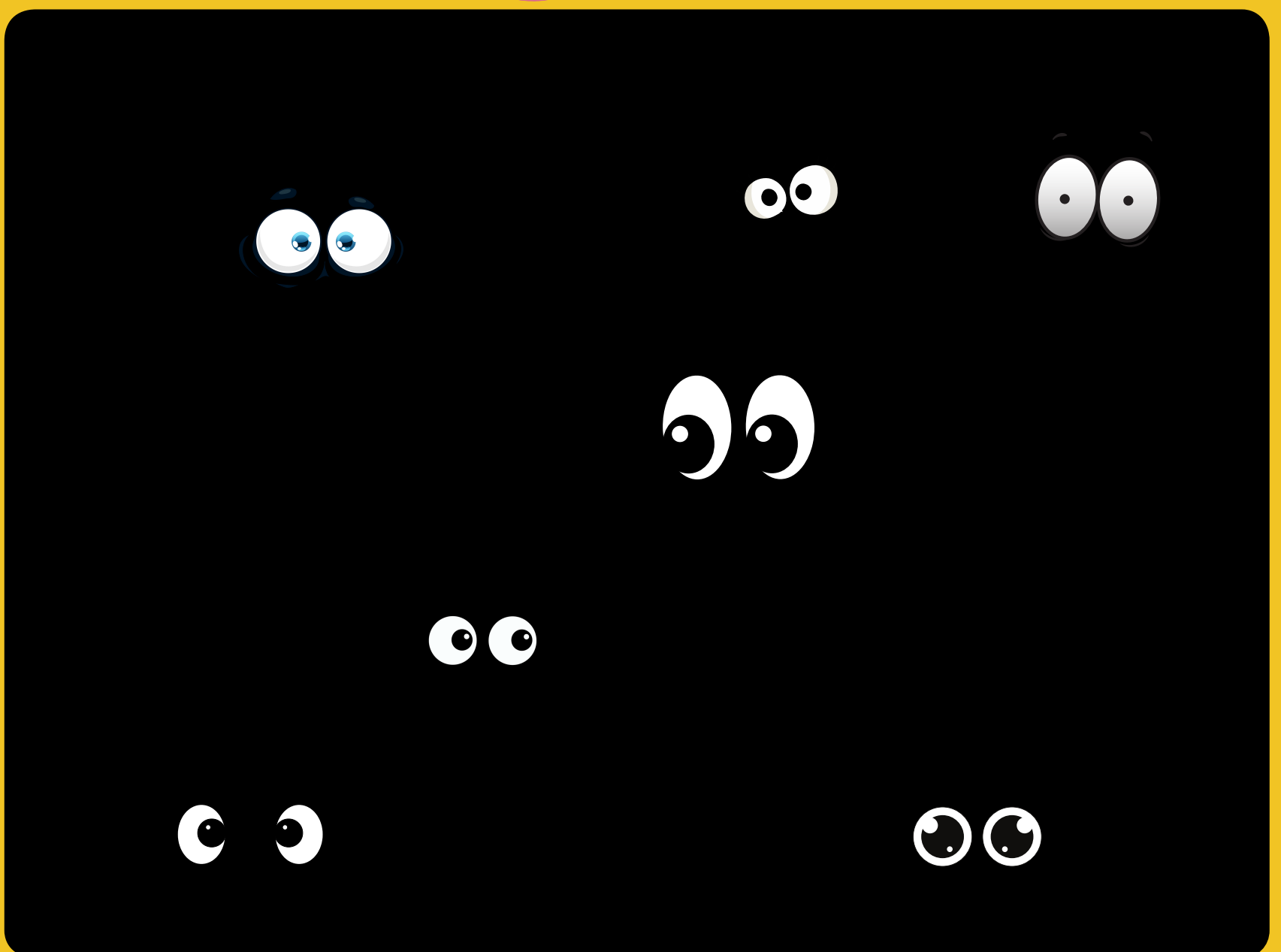


LUCKY FOR US, THERE WERE BIG SOFT, SHINY MUSHROOMS AT THE BOTTOM BUT THERE WAS NEITHER SMELL NOR SOUND OF LAVA. IT WAS AS DARK AS A HORN, AND SINCE IT IS A HORN, I THOUGHT, OR JUST THE ABODE OF THE DEVIL, WHO KNOWS. "OUCH, COME ON," GROANED THE FRUITS. "WELL, WELL, CALM DOWN, WE ARE ALL SAFE. LET'S BETTER START LOOKING FOR A WAY UP!" I ENCOURAGED THEM. "BUT HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO LOOK FOR THE WAY IF WE CAN'T SEE ANYTHING,"



COMPLAINED THE FRUITS. IT WAS DARK, SO I SUGGESTED WE WAIT, AND WHEN OUR EYES WILL GET USED TO THE DARKNESS, WE WILL SEE BETTER. BUT WHAT IF THERE WERE A LOT OF PATHS, AND THEY WERE LEADING IN ALL DIRECTIONS. WHICH IS THE RIGHT ONE, IT WAS NOT WRITTEN ANYWHERE. I THOUGHT SO LOUDLY THAT THE STRANGE CREATURES THAT LIVED DOWN HERE COULD HEAR ME.

OSGURIDA



SLOWLY THEY CAME OUT OF THEIR HIDING SPOTS. I HAVEN'T SEEN SUCH BEINGS BEFORE. BIG BLUE EYES, LONG ARMS AND SHORT LEGS, BEAUTIFUL SHINY RED HAIR SPOTTED WITH WHITE SPOTS. JUST IN CASE, I BLEW MY MAGIC WHISTLE, WHICH WAS INAUDIBLE TO THE GOOD ONES, BUT THE EVIL ONES JUST DISAPPEARED AT ITS SOUND.



BUT NOTHING HAPPENED. THEY JUST STOOD AND LOOKED AT ME IN AMAZEMENT. NOW WHAT IS THIS, IS THE WHISTLE BROKEN? I WONDERED. BEFORE I COULD FIND OUT, THEY DISPERSED AND HID BACK INTO THEIR LOCATIONS. HOO, HOO, I SCARED THEM BECAUSE I THOUGHT THEY WERE AFRAID OF ME. WELL, I WAS WRONG. WHEN YOU SAW THE SIGHT OF MY FRUITS, YOU WOULD KNOW THAT SOMETHING TERRIBLE WAS COMING.



I KNEW IT AS SOON AS I HEARD A LOUD ROAR AND RUMBLE BEHIND ME. I SLOWLY TURNED AROUND AND SAW A LITTLE ELF WITH A TAIL AND FLOWERS. HE OPENED HIS BIG MOUTH TO EAT ME. SO, I BLEW MY MAGIC WHISTLE AS HARD AS I COULD.



IF YOU COULD JUST SEE IT. HE
DISAPPEARED AS QUICKLY AS HE
APPEARED. BECAUSE I SAVED THE
CREATURES FROM THE DEVIL, THEY
BROUGHT ME A BASKET FULL OF
SHINING DIAMONDS AS A THANK YOU.
HOW BEAUTIFUL THEY WERE. I CHOSE
TWO AND LEFT THE REST FOR
TRAVELERS WHO WILL STILL VISIT THE
MAGICAL FOREST.

D I A M A N T E





What would you do if you
were faced with an
insurmountable obstacle?
Would you like to find the
strength within yourself, like
our heroine?

The following story can be
found in book 7, titled:
THE LEARNED HEAD