

ΑΡΣΕΝΟΠΟΥΛΟΥ ΣΟΦΙΑ, Γ1 ΓΥΦΤΟΜΗΤΡΟΣ ΠΑΝΑΓΙΩΤΗΣ, Γ1 ΓΩΓΗ ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΗ, Γ1 -Oh no! Rose screamed...



-What happened sweetie? Granny asked...

-Granny, I can't stand it anymore! I have been having the same nightmare for two weeks!

-Why haven't you told to me anything about it before my love? You know that I'm by your side and we can discuss everything that you have on your mind!

-Oh grandma, I thought that it wasn't something serious, so I didn't tell you anything!

-Anyway, do you want to tell me what you saw?

-Of course Grandma! Look, I saw that my parents died and I was there witnessing the whole scene, someone was chopping their heads! They were covered in blood. Seconds later they looked at me with their eyes wide open but I could see their brains scattered all over the floor. The last thing I can remember from my nightmare is my mum who was screaming "Rose, we will be back for you tomorrow! -Oh my baby, that wasn't real! You know that your parents are alive! It is just a nightmare! I have seen several ones similar to yours!

-But Grandma, I have heard you say that dreams can also reveal a future event! Is it true?

-Well Rose, it happens! But it is not 100% certain we can dream about things when we are awake and we can also see dreams while we are asleep! You see the difference, don't you?

-Oh Yeah! That is right, how can I be such an idiot?

-My baby you are fourteen it is three in the morning! Happy birthday Rosemarie!

-Thanks grandma! By the way can I ask you something?

-Of course my teen baby!

-Can a dream come true?!

-Hmm that is a good question, but is too late to answer you now! I have a story to tell you... Remember to ask me tomorrow, Goodnight sweetie.

In the morning Rose woke up with a smile in her face because she didn't have that nightmare again! She went to her Granny and said:

-Hi Granny it's me Rose! Open the door!

Granny opened the door and kissed the girl. Rose didn't forget what Granny had told her the previous night so she said:

-Granny, you told me that you wanted to tell me a story remember?

-Of course my dear! Sit down and I'll bring you a cup of a tea.

-All right...

-Here we go... Once upon a time, there was a girl who....

# \*Drinnn Drinnn!\*



-Just a minute let me answer this...

-Ok, sweetie

### \*After one minute...\*

-Granny I've got to go to my friend's house. She was crying on the phone a while ago!

-Hope It's not bad! Bye, kisses, I'll tell you the whole story tomorrow.

Rosemarie returned home two hours later herself into her room. Her Granny saw her and went to her...

-What happened sweetie? Open the door!

-Granny my friend's parents broke up!

-Well, That's sad but it's for good! Their love ended so there's no reason for them to be together, do you want to continue my story? It's about true love!

-Well, ok then...

-Actually, your friend reminds me of the story that I wanted to tell you last night! Do you remember?

-Yeah, I remember. Could you tell me this story right now?

-Of course but wouldn't you like a cup of tea? This night is going to be like nights we used to have when you were a bit younger Ha-ha!

-Oh and perhaps we can watch a movie later on!

-I don't think so this story is very big!

-So why don't you start then?



-Ok then. Once upon a time there was a girl called Erica who was lived with her father and her mother in the USA. She was very beautiful for her age! When she was born she was meant to be special! She was always happy and friendly. One day she was watching TV when she heard the word "friend"

-Mum! What does friend mean? Erica said.

-Well sweetheart friend is a person who is by your side no matter what happens, he can help you, entertain you and hang out with you when you have spare time! Friends are important in our lives... Mum said.

-But mum I am five years old and I just realized that I haven't got any friends! The only one that I have is dad and of course you is that okay?

-Look Erica, it's too early for you to have friends... It will take time to get some but you will see! It will be the best thing that can happen to you! But I want you to understand something I am here for you okay? I love you so much!

-I know that mum I love you more!

-Okay baby what do you want to do in the afternoon? You know that your dad is on a voyage and he will return home in 7 days okay?

-Yeah mum I remember it! Oh one day I want to go to the park, there are many children there and I may meet my first friend!

-That is a great idea! We will go to the park in the afternoon!

### -Thank you mum!

Erica hugged her mum and they kept speaking about everything in connection with "friendship". Erica fell asleep with her mother. At six o'clock the little girl woke up and told her mother...

-Mum, come on! We have to go to the park don't you remember?

-You're right! Get dressed and we will be there in five minutes!

Erica got dressed quickly and they left their house. Erica was so happy!

-Oh mum we are at the park, I'm so happy!

\*Erica's mother was reading a magazine when she heard her daughter Erica talking... -Hi! My name is Erica and I'm five years old! My mother is the woman who is dressed in blue and... I haven't got any friends so I want you to be my first friend little boy!

Erica put her best and cutest smile...

-Hi my name is Bruno, I'm five years old and I'm alone here! My mum is at work and yes Erica I want to be your first friend! The little boy said.

Erica's mother was so proud of her daughter, a tear rolled down her cheek! Her little girl was a sad and a lonely person, sometimes this fact made her worried but now she was relieved! She was watching the kids play for hours, until the sun went down!

-Erica we got to go! It is late and you have to eat. Erica's mother said.

-Okay mum!

Erica kissed and said "goodbye" to her friend.

-Erica does this boy have a family? Her mother asked.

-Yes, he has but he spends his days at the park waiting for the time to go by until it's time to meet his family at home.

-Bruno! Come here please.

-Yeah, what's wrong? Bruno asked.

-Come with us, we're going to take you home!

-Okay...

Erica and her mother took Bruno to his house and took his mother's phone because they wanted to meet Bruno again. After all these hours mum and daughter returned home. Erica was impressed by her new friend and she was thinking about him all the time.



-Mum, when are we going to go to Bruno's house?

-Oh cutie I think that I may be available on Sunday!

-Okay mum, I am tired now, goodnight!

### -Goodnight my girl!

Erica fell asleep immediately. That night was special for the five years old girl because she dreamed about her friend Bruno! She was very proud of herself. The following days went by very quickly. Erica was very happy, she and her friend were having amazing times together. They became best friends and they were together all the time. They were also sitting together next to each other at school when they grew older, their mothers became friends too. The only gap in Erica's life was her father who worked hard abroad. But one day something changed her life...

-Mum, we are going to go to Bruno's house today, aren't we?

-Of course my dear, but tomorrow we won't go because dad is coming back!

-Oh yeah, I miss him so much, I'm the only eleven years old girl who sees her father so rarely!

-Oh my girl, we have spoken a lot of times about this issue! Don't be sad about this fact, you have me!

-Okay mum, I'm going to get dressed and then we leave okay?

-Fine.

The two women were on their way to Bruno's house when Erica's mum's phone rang!



-Yes, I'm his wife, what happened? What? What? What? Oh noooo!

-What happened mum?

-Nothing! I'm going to leave you for a couple of days cutie, you will stay with Bruno!

-Okay mum, take care.

Meanwhile Erica's mother talked to Bruno's mother!

-Yeah Liza, he is dead, my husband is dead! I can't take it anymore, I want to die! The only one I've been thinking about is Erica! How could I break such news to her? She may be depressed for years! You know how she loves her father, she was very happy that he would return home! I'm desperate. Can I leave her to you for three days? I want to see him! Erica's mother begged Liza!

-Of course! It would be my pleasure, I'm so sorry about your husband, you can leave her here as long as you wish if it is difficult for you to get used to this situation!

*-Thank you Liza, I love you see you then!* Erica's mother said and left Bruno's house.

-Erica and Bruno, come downstairs, I want to tell you something!

-What happened mum? Bruno asked.

-Erica will stay here for a couple of days!

-Seriously? THESE ARE GREAT NEWS!

Happily they went to sleep and next morning left for school...

-Oh Granny I'm too tired! I want to sleep now if you don't mind, I have to wake up early tomorrow. Rosemarie interrupted her Granny.

-Oh yes my dear! It's half past eleven. Go, go fast!

-Goodnight Granny...

The girl kissed her Grandmother and went to sleep. Next day after school the little girl went to her grandmother's house just to say hello.

-Hi Grandma! How are you?

-I'm fine baby, how was your day at school?

-The same things!

-Oh I see, so you want to tell you the rest of the story or you got to go?

-I got to go, I have a tennis lesson, I'll try to come back after that, otherwise I'll come tomorrow!

-Okay baby see you tomorrow, love you!

-Love you more!

The girl left her grandmother's house and went to the tennis club. Two hours later Rosemarie returned to Granny's home. She was very tires and she was feeling a bit sick, so Grandma made her a tea and suggested her to have a bath. Rosemarie agreed with her lovely Grandma and after all those things they sat together in front of the TV.

-Grandma could you tell me the story that you have started telling me?

-Yeah sweetie, do you remember where I stopped?

-Yes, you told me that the children let for school...

-Oh, I remember...

Well Bruno and Erica went to school on foot, you see, school is not far away from Bruno's home. Erica was so happy. She and Bruno were having amazing time together. Something that's important to be told is that the two children weren't just friends! Bruno was in love with Erica and Erica was in love with Bruno, but that was a secret! They couldn't even realize it! Anyway, time was rolling too fast until Erica's mother come back to take her daughter.

-Hi Erica, I came back! I missed you so much!

-Mum I missed you too! Where have you been all this time? Where is dad?

-Oh sweetie we are going to talk about it on home! Now say thanks to Bruno for accommodating you! -Thanks Bruno!

### \*She kissed him\*

Mother and daughter returned home! That was a difficult moment as Erica's mum had to announce her husband's death to her little girl...

-Erica, I have to tell you something, I missed you so much all this time, but I had a reason for being away...

-Mum I missed you too, but I missed dad too, where is he?

-Hm, I have to tell you something about your dad!

-Tell me!

-Your dad... isn't with us! He is dead Erica...

-Wha... What?

\*Erica burst into tears!\*



-Mum, what do you mean? Is this true? What happened? Why didn't you tell me earlier? Mum? Mum? Why? My father? I loved him...

-Calm down! Please I'm sorry I didn't mean to hurt you!

-Okay mum! I don't want to hear about this anymore! Can we forget dad? Can we say that he never existed?

-Okay honey.

-Goodnight mum...

-Goodnight, I love you.

Erica went to sleep...

-Oh grandma, this is so touching!

-Rose, do you want to eat now?

-No, I want to hear the whole story, this story reminds me of my mum's story, is that the same?

-You'll see, let me continue... Next morning Erica woke up happy, but something ruined her good mood, she heard her mother talking on the phone...

-Yeah, It would be a good idea to move there, it would be good for me and Erica, let's take this as a new beginning, I hope Erica will be okay with that!

# \*Erica starts crying\*

-Okay Susan I got to go now!

-Mum, What did you say?

-Did you hear me?

-Yeah!

-Look Erica, this is the truth, today we are leaving for Canada, it's my final decision! Don't speak or cry! Please, accept it!

-Fine!

Erica spent her last day at school happily and she made the best of it! Bruno was ill so she couldn't say goodbye to him! Erica left her life behind and went ahead!

-What? I hope it doesn't end here grandma, does it?

-Oh cutie, let me tell you!

Erica and her mother packed their suitcases and left the house, on the way Erica was thinking about Bruno because she hadn't said goodbye to him!

-Mum, can we call Bruno when we arrive? I want to say goodbye because he was ill today and I didn't see him.

### -Of course we can!

Erica sat back and the only thing she was thinking about was Bruno and their moments how they met the time they spent together and the games they played even though they hadn't known each other for many years!



\*Back to Bruno's house\*

### \*Drinnn Drinnn!\*

-Yeah? Oh hello sweetie, how are you? Bruno's mother asked.

-I'm fine, can I talk to Bruno?

-Yes? Erica? How are you? How was school? I'm ill but I'll come tomorrow to see you...

-Well Bruno, my mother and I left town, we are going to live in Canada from now on so we won't see each other for a long time!

-What? Why? Are you kidding me? I want to see you again, I want to talk to you everyday like we did before...

-We will talk by letters or on the phone, I promise, I just called you to say goodbye!

-I'm very sad, I will call you tomorrow got to go, BYE!

Bruno hang up the phone and started crying. His mother already knew it but she didn't say anything. She hugged him and told him that in the summer they would go to see them! As the days went by Bruno and Erica kept touch with each other their love wasn't over yet! The distance didn't mean anything for their feelings. Even though they were living in different areas, their hearts were beating faster and faster every time they were thinking at each other. As the time went by the summer came! Bruno and Erica met again. They couldn't take their eyes off of each other. Their love was obvious!

-Erica... Do you want to marry me when we grow older?

-Yeah Bruno, but do you think you'll still love me then like grown-ups do?

-No, I truly love you Erica and one day you'll be my wife for sure!

- I love you Bruno!

\*They kissed\*



That was their first kiss. They were very young for that kind of things but age doesn't matter when it comes to love. Our young couple was very excited about their feelings! However, Bruno and his mum had to go back home.

-Goodbye my love...

#### -Goodbye my wife!

Erica and Bruno missed each other but they dealt with this problem patiently. Our little heroine saw one more dream, she was dreamed that she was older and she was wearing a long white dress, she was about to marry Bruno... Erica was crying but her tears were full of happiness. She woke up soon and for the rest of the night she was thinking about Bruno. As the years went by Erica and Bruno kept talking on the phone every day...

Erica and Bruno got older, went to high school and Erica went to a college where Bruno was living and she called him to announce the good news!

-Bruno! I have to tell you something very sad...

-Oh my god!

-Well, I passed the exams for a college in Greece...

-Why? Why? Why?

-Hahaha! I'm kidding!

-You little devil girl!

-Haha, I passed to the college near to you baby...

-Seriously? This is the best day of my life...!

Next month Erica went back to her town and her lovely Bruno! Years went by and Bruno and Erica lived their love! Erica graduated and became a successful layer and she got pregnant! Bruno was very happy in his marriage. Erica was a wonderful and amazing wife! He looked forward to having his baby, he was thinking about the baby all the time, he thought that it would complete their happiness, but it wasn't what it looked like.

Erica was about four months pregnant when the terrible thing happened. She was crossing the road, when a careless driver knocked down! He left leaving her in blood, police called Bruno in order to announce the news. His wife Erica was in danger, their baby wasn't going to be born! Erica had lost her first baby. It was a girl...



-Bruno, what happened? Why I am here?

# \*Bruno weren't talking for a while...\*

-Bruno, tell me!

-Erica my love, keep calm, everything is okay!

-No, it isn't, tell me what happened!

-...Erica, I'm sorry, baby died because the driver left you in blood and doctors weren't able to save our baby, you'll see everything is going to be okay!

-Nooo, nooo, nooo!

Erica burst into tears, she couldn't believe that her unborn baby was "dead"...

-My dear, I don't want to see your beautiful eyes in tears, you deserve the best my cutie!

-Please Bruno, leave me alone!

-Okay my love, see you later.

About half an hour later, the doctor came to announce something to poor Erica...

-Erica, I'm sorry, I've got to tell you something...

-Yeah, I'm listening.

-You'll have a problem, the car which hit you, injured you so bad that it will be impossible for you to have a baby...!

-What? Is that true?

-Yeah Erica, I'm sorry...

Erica was in bad mood for almost two years, she tried to commit suicide three times, she took pills, she cut her veins but she didn't die, Bruno was there for her but she was desperate...

Fortunately, the miracle happened, Erica was pregnant again! It was the most beautiful moment of her life when she heard the doctor saying "Yes Erica, you are pregnant! It's a miracle."

Bruno was also happy. She was waiting for her daughter, yeah, it was a girl! On 29-5-1995 their baby was born, they named her Rosemarie...



-Grandma, that is my parents' story, isn't it?

-Yeah, it is!

-Oh my god! It's so moving!

-Yeah I know! It's such a pity that they're not here to see you now! They have been working hard so that you have everything you want!

-Yeah Grandma, I know, I'm so lucky! They're coming tomorrow...

-Oh yeah! I totally forgot about it!

Next day in the morning Rosemarie's Grandma got a sad call! Her kids were dead by a car accident! Rosemarie were sleeping so she didn't heard anything but Grandma couldn't keep that as a secret, when Rosemarie woke up, her Grandma burst into tears! She couldn't say anything at all!

-Grandma! What happened? Is everything okay? Why are you crying?

-I have something to tell you and I want you to be strong!

-Tell me!

-It's about your parents...

-What happened? Are they okay?

-Well Rosemarie, they're....

-What Grandma? What?!

-They're dead my love I'm so sorry, I'm so sorry. Grandma said and burst into tears again!

Rosemarie couldn't believe it! She went to her room and didn't talk all day!

The pain and the sadness disappeared as the years went by! After two years, Rosemarie and her Grandma moved to Mexico, they hoped for a better future!



\*Not all the fairytales have a happy end!\*