

Once upon a time there was a kingdom with a real King and Queen and a very lovely little princess

The Kingdom was on a small island that lay beneath sea level, so around the island were dikes to keep the water out of the lovely little kingdom. This was all very well but the water too often came over the dikes and into the lovely little kingdom, it was such a shame for the kingdom the king and queen and the little princess.

In this lovely little kingdom they did everything they could to keep the water out, to fill the holes and make the dikes bigger and more safe, so that the water couldn't come in and destroy the little kingdom, but no matter what the king and queen and princess did, it didn't really help and the water kept coming, but now in only one particular place. Everyone in the lovely little kingdom tried their best to keep the water out, but it kept on getting through the one dike.

The King and the queen and the little princess were in despair, they didn't know what they should do. If they couldn't stop the water, the kingdom would perhaps be flooded and they would lose their beautiful meadows, the lovely forests and the beautiful flowers. In desperation the king went to see a wizard, as the kingdom had a wizard too.

The King went to the Wizard and asked him to help stop the water.

The Wizard was a friendly wise old man, so he of course agreed to help the king and stop the water, so the water couldn't come in and destroy the lovely little kingdom.

The wizard worked for many days reading in many old books to find out what could be done to keep the water out, but never the less he couldn't find the right answer.

It was as if the dike was under a spell. At last the wizard went to his big crystal ball and spoke some secret words and asked the crystal for help, so the king could stop the water.

The Crystal answered the wizard that there was only one in all the whole kingdoms that could stop the water, who do you think this was?

Yes you are right ... it was the princess

The crystal ball said that the lovely little princess must stay on the dike for 10 days and 10 nights, and if she could then the water would never again come into the lovely little kingdom.

The King was given some magical flower seeds to take home with him and give to the lovely little princess. He was to give the lovely little princess the magical flower seeds to take with her out to the dike, so she could sow them there and then there would grow magical flowers on the dike.

The King was not happy about sending the lovely little princess out there all alone, but he had no choice, he had to do it to save the lovely kingdom.

So the princess went out to the dike to stay there for 10 nights and 10 days, because she didn't want the water to keep coming into the lovely little kingdom.

But when night came the little princess became sleepy and fell asleep. What do you think happened then?.....

The water sneaked over the Dike!

The Princess was very upset and thought what shall she do, when she remembered the magical flower seeds that the wizard had given her. She quickly began to sow the seeds on the dike. Straight away the seeds began to grow and became the most beautiful and most amazing magical flowers.

Can you imagine what colours they had? Now these were magical flowers, not ordinary flowers, these flowers could speak!

So now when the lovely little princess feels asleep at night, the beautiful flowers took care that the water didn't come. If the water tried to sneak over the dike and into the beautiful kingdom, the flowers whispered..... what do you think they whispered?

Yes exactly, they whispered 'Princes wake up the water is coming', then the princess would wake and the water dared not come.

After 10 days and 10 nights the dike was no longer under its spell and the water NEVER again came into the lovely little Kingdom.

The lovely little Kingdom grew even lovelier. The green meadows, the green forest and all the flowers become greener bigger and even more colourful, thanks too the little princess.

The King and the Queen and especially the little princess were very very happy that they could live happily in their lovely little kingdom and the princess became the kingdoms heroine.

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