Kiki Learns to Fly High

A FatesFables Story

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Meet the friends of Whispering Wood



Tilly · Dash · Pip · Bruno · Kiki · Grandma Hoot



At the very top of the tallest tree in Whispering Wood, there was a nest full of the shiniest treasures. Buttons and marbles and bits of silver foil. And Kiki wanted, more than anything, to fly all the way up there.



“Ooh, I have an idea! Today I'm going to fly to the very top!” said Kiki.



Kiki flapped and flapped. Up she went, past the first branch, past the second branch... and then, flump! She tumbled down into a soft pile of leaves.



“Oof! Are you okay, Kiki?” said Dash.



“I'm okay. Let me try again!” said Kiki.



So Kiki tried again. And flump! Down into the leaves. And again. Flump! And again. Flump!



“It's no use. The tree keeps saying no. Maybe I'm just not a high flyer,” said Kiki.



“Kiki, every time you tried, you got a little bit higher. I was watching!” said Tilly.



“The first time, you reached the first branch. Then the second. Then the third!” said Pip.



“And maybe you could rest on each branch on the way up. Like stairs!” said Bruno.



“Ooh! Like stairs! I'll try one more time,” said Kiki.



Kiki flapped up to the first branch, and rested. Then to the second branch, and rested. Then the third, and the fourth. Higher, and higher, and higher.



The wind whistled. Her wings were tired. But Kiki didn't give up.



And then, at last... she landed right on top of the tallest tree!



“I did it! I can see the whole of Whispering Wood from up here!” said Kiki.



Down below, all her friends cheered and clapped and jumped up and down. Hooray for Kiki! Hooray!



“Gather round, little ones. Kiki fell down lots of times. But every no was really a not yet. If you keep trying, you get a little higher every time,” said Grandma Hoot.



And from that day on, whenever something felt too hard, the friends would say: not yet. Let's try again!

The End

Don't stop at no. Keep trying, and you'll get there.

Let's talk about it

Why did Kiki want to give up?

How did the branches help her?

What is something you can't do yet, but will keep trying?

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