

MARIANA & RITA

THE JOURNEY OF FRIENDSHIP



Mariana's Small Moments

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Mariana sits by her window in Portugal every afternoon, surrounded by Spanish language books. With a bright smile, she practices new words, dreaming of the day she will finally cross the border and begin her great adventure in Spain.



After canceling the trip due to her sister's chickenpox, Mariana and Rosa share a warm cup of hot chocolate in bed. Although it is raining outside and their plans have changed, the laughter and warmth of home make the moment feel magical and special.



On the school bus, Mariana and Susana sing songs and tell funny stories to keep María do Céu distracted from her car sickness. Thanks to their constant cheering, their friend completely forgets her discomfort, turning the ride into a rolling party.



Facing a tangled pile of canvas and poles, the girls burst into laughter at their own failed attempt to pitch the tent. Luckily, Mr. Ernesto appears with a helping hand and expert skill to raise their shelter under the tall trees.



Inside the tent under the soft glow of a flashlight, Mariana patiently listens to Susana's secrets despite being exhausted. In that shared silence, she realizes that true friendship often just means being there and knowing how to listen.



Since they cannot go into the pool, Mariana and her friends transform into secret spies roaming the park. They run between the bushes and create imaginary missions, discovering that fun doesn't depend on the activity, but on the company.



Before leaving, Isabel puts up a farewell sign upside down with such a silly explanation that everyone bursts into laughter. The group says goodbye to the campsite with hearts full of memories, feeling as if a single weekend lasted a lifetime.



Back home, Mariana visits her friend Rita, who is going through the difficult separation of her parents. They sit together in silence as the rain falls, sharing a quiet moment that says much more than any words of comfort could.



Mariana pulls out a piece of chocolate and offers it to Rita as a small gesture of love amidst the sadness. Seeing her friend's faint smile, Mariana understands that while problems don't disappear, they become lighter when they are shared.



In a cozy café, Mariana finally invites Rita to travel to Spain with her family. Rita runs toward her through the rain, her eyes sparkling with hope, shouting with joy that she is ready to start a brand new adventure.