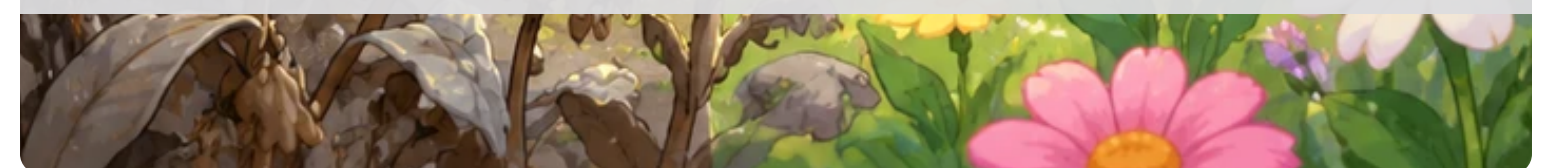




Benny Bunny and the Rainbow Garden

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Benny is a cheerful cream-coloured bunny with long floppy ears and a tiny green backpack. One sunny morning, he spots a glowing rainbow butterfly floating down a secret, leafy trail. Curious and excited, Benny hops along the hidden path to see where the magical butterfly is leading him.



At the end of the path, Benny discovers a secret wonderland filled with flowers of every bright colour imaginable. But as he looks closer, his big eyes fill with worry. The beautiful red, yellow, and purple petals are slowly fading, drooping, and losing their magical glow.



Benny hops quickly to find his loyal friends in the forest. He gathers Daisy, a gentle deer with a pink flower by her ear, Pip, a playful squirrel with a fluffy tail, and Coco, a cheerful little blue-and-yellow bird. Benny tells them about the fading garden, and together they hurry back to help.



At the very centre of the garden stands a giant, wise magical flower. In a soft voice, the grand flower tells the friends that the garden can only regain its magic through true kindness, teamwork, patience, and love for nature. Benny and his friends nod eagerly, ready to do whatever it takes.



The friends jump into action right away. Benny and Daisy carry small wooden pails filled with sparkling spring water to soothe the dry, thirsty stems. Pip gently sweeps away fallen leaves, while Coco sings sweet, encouraging songs to the drooping blossoms.



Next, the group searches for scattered rainbow seeds that were hidden throughout the garden. Coco flies up into high treetop branches to spot them, while Pip bravely squeezes into thorny bushes to retrieve glowing seeds that had rolled away.



Together, the friends dig soft patches of soil, plant the glowing rainbow seeds, and gently pat down the earth. They build tiny twig fences to protect the fresh garden beds and water every spot with deep care and gentle hands.



The next day, Benny rushes back to check the soil, but not a single tiny leaf has sprouted yet. Feeling disappointed, Benny sits on the grass with a sigh. Daisy gently rests her head next to him, reminding him that magical and beautiful things sometimes take time and patience to grow.



The following morning, magical green sprouts burst up from the soil! Before their eyes, splendid flowers blossom in vibrant shades of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple, sending tiny shimmering lights floating up to weave a giant rainbow across the bright blue sky.



The giant flower beams with brilliant radiant light, thanking the friends for their gentle hearts and hard work. Benny, Daisy, Pip, and Coco join hands and celebrate under the glowing sky, promising to always protect their magical Rainbow Garden together.