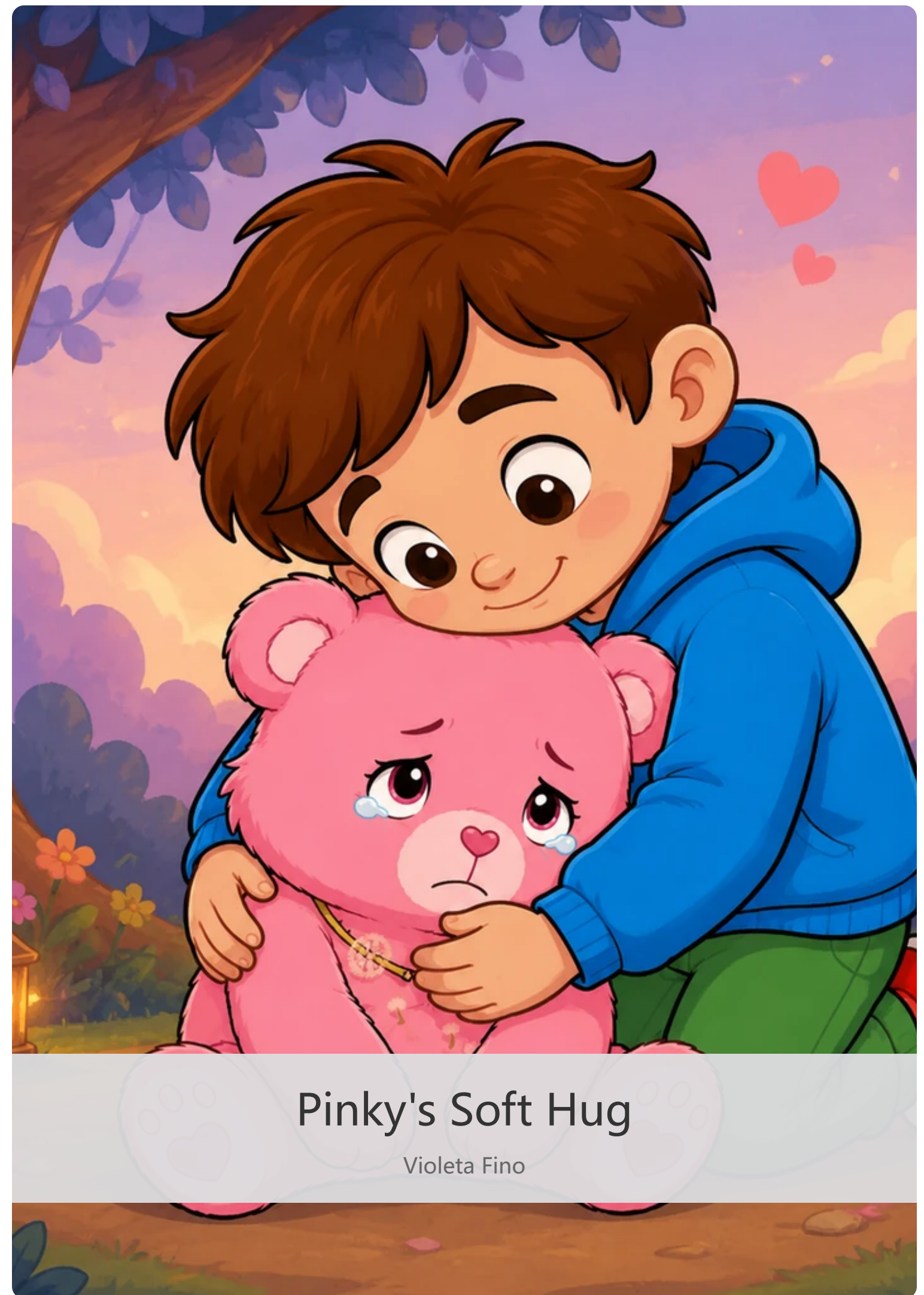




Pinky's Soft Hug

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Pinky was a happy little pink bear who loved to bounce and play in the sun-dappled forest, wearing a lovely dandelion necklace.



One windy afternoon, Pinky found a shiny silver balloon stuck high in a thorny bush.



Trying to reach the balloon, Pinky accidentally brushed against a sharp twig, and her beautiful necklace snapped, scattering dandelions everywhere.



Pinky sat down on a mossy log and looked at the broken pieces of her favourite necklace, feeling her heart sink.



Her usual cheerful bounce was gone, replaced by a quiet, heavy sadness that made her want to hide.



Just then, a friendly face appeared through the trees, noticing that Pinky seemed very down.



Pinky's eyes filled with tears as she looked up, feeling smaller and sadder than she ever had before.



Without needing any words, the kind friend came over and gently wrapped Pinky in a warm, comforting hug.



Pinky melted into the safe embrace, feeling her sadness begin to soften and ease.



As the hug continued, Pinky felt the warmth and security, knowing that everything was going to be alright now that she wasn't alone.