

Ming and the Forest Flute

My name is Ming the snow monkey. I am the owner of The Forest Flute. More on that later. Now let's go over Ninjoga, my village. Ninjoga is in the Himalayas, in China.

25 years ago, Ninjoga was a perfect paradise ruled by a kind and caring queen named Hamdo. Hamdo was a magic disc dragon who loved her people. Then Shire came. Shire hated Hamdo and wanted the kingdom for herself. This greedy monkey was very powerful. The people fought and lost. Hamdo tried to stop the people from fighting and failed. She tried to conduct peace with Shire but Shire wasn't having it. She locked Hamdo up in a magical cage that only a powerful ancient artifact could open. Shire banned us all for playing flute and from knowing what the artifact is.

Now, it's mainly normal school, church, markets, and Hot Spring pool days. Oh, and about The Forest Flute. The Forest Flute is an ancient artifact passed down in my family. It has the power to peacefully undo curses and spells of evil. It is made from an ancient golden bamboo that used to be used for healing. This only grows in the Golden Wood, blocked by a very very high wall. No one has ever gotten to the golden wood ever.

Today, the bullies Trek, Conner, and Tucker teased me about how I'm small, again.

"Tiny," teased Conner.

"Baby wah wah," yelled Trek.

"You're small so your brain must be too! Ha Ha!" went Tucker.

I ignored them and headed on to class. We got our report cards and mine was perfect. I don't know what Tucker was talking about.

After school, I went home to have a snack.

"Hi Mom. Hi Dad," I said.

"Hi honey," said Mom.

“Hello nutcase,” joked Dad.

I had a snack, then I went down to my secret cave. My cave is where I secretly play my flute, without anyone hearing. I’m really good at flute because I’m small and my fingers are too so, they easily fit on the keys. When I took a snack break and leaned against the wall, I accidentally pushed in a brick. Whoosh! As a secret door opened I lunged backward.

“Ouch!” I cried. I looked in the room; it was giant. It looked like this was a lab for magic. I saw something moving. It was the queen. I ducked away to hide. She started to talk to someone. I peeked out to see who.

“Well, well, well.” Shire said.

“Why did you do this?” Hamdo asked.

“I wanted the kingdom so I took the kingdom. I think everyone should understand that.”

“I don’t. We could rule together.”

“Nonsense! It’s me or no one. I’m the only one who can keep this town running. Here’s your food.” Shire slammed down the tray and slid it into the tiny cage.

Then the queen left and I walked out to see Hamdo.

“Who are you?” she asked, startled.

“Ming,” I answer, “I want to help.”

“Well, the only way to free me is with the Forest Flute.”

“I am the owner of the Forest Flute,” I say, showing her.

She gasps and sings me the tune. As I play it, the lock turns and Hamdo walks out, free. I tell her that we should confront to and fight Shire. Hamdo agrees but tells me we will fight peacefully. We go and confront Shire.

“Shire, we declare war. Us against you,” we say.

“Ha, fine,” she answers.

We prepare to fight. I go and get armor, a sword, and a shield. But then Hamdo hands me the Forest Flute. She tells me that it can stop Shire’s magic and cast spells to protect us.

Then we fight. Shire at first hits us with a mild power blast and Hamdo blocks it with a powerful roar, knocking Shire off balance. I shoot her with a medium power blast and she gets swirled up in a tornado that Hamdo made, combining with my power blast. Then we both hit Shire with a hard power blast and she surrenders. We capture Shire and lock her up. The kingdom is saved!

Now, we all live in peace and harmony, with Hamdo as our queen. Whenever someone asks me how I braved Shire, even though I was so small, I tell them that you just need to Show your Voice!

The End