

## **“A STRANGE LITTLE BUG”**

Once upon a time, there was a little girl who lived in the castle with her family and her dog, named Kinder. The little girls' name was Princess Isabel.

Princess Isabel lived in Portugal, close to the ocean and spent most of her time playing on the beach.

One day, as she was leaving the castle to play outside, her parents, King Pedro and Queen Constança heard that there was a new virus on planet Earth... no one knew anything about this virus, people were getting worried, they could get ill and have to stay in the hospital.

King Pedro didn't want the people to get sick, so he decided to build a huge building and put everyone inside so that they would be safe.

The days went by, until, one day, Princess Isabel heard someone knocking at the door... (Written in Portugal)

It was a stork carrying a bundle in its beak. Was it a child? Nooo .. it was the virus that had disguised itself as a baby to be airlifted around the world. The stork, in fact, came from a very distant country and during her long journey, from time to time, she had stopped in this or that country to have a rest ... and it was then that the virus had moved away from her, had infected all the people he had met and then had returned to the stork disguised as a baby.

So, the stork came to the castle and everyone was happy to see her because they thought she was carrying a baby, so they opened the heavy gates and let her in with her little bundle, fed her and put the fake baby in a crib but as soon as a maid had taken him in her arms, she immediately began to cough and sneeze and with her one after the other all the inhabitants of the palace. The king, the queen and Isabel also fell ill. King Pedro was desperate and didn't know what to do..(written in Italy)

So, the King sent a reporter to a hospital next to the castle to ask for a help. When the reporter arrived in the hospital, he met an old, clever and intelligent nurse. He said that the King asked nurses to help the people who lived in the castle and others that live around the castle. The nurse thought quite a long time, looked in her advice book and said that only special medicines prepared according to a secret prescription can help the sick in the castle but the only person that can find this ingredient is the stork that caused the disease. The reporter was sad and returned to the castle. Suddenly he met a stork without a fake baby in its beak. The stork was very tired and exhausted.

With the last strength it promised

to look for the secret herb and slowly moving the wings the stork flew away. It flew and flew further and further above lots of countries but it couldn't find the secret herb. It felt worse and worse and nearly couldn't move its wings. Suddenly the stork saw the clear blue ribbons like rivers, hundreds of lakes, wonderful sand cliffs , colored meadows and large forests. He heard lovely sounds of singing from people who worn folk costumes. The stork

flew lower and lower, and sat on the big stone next to the sea. People passed him and they all were wearing flower or oak leaf wreaths. They lit bonfires, sang and danced and were happy. It was the shortest night of the year. The stork finally found the magic herb, magic plant, magic flower and fell asleep.

A fisherman, whistling a beautiful song, with some pieces of amber passed by. Stork woke up and told its story to the fisherman. After hearing that sad story of the people of the kingdom, the fisherman decided to warn King Pedro and Queen Constança and cheering Princess Isabella. He gave the stork a small parcel with pieces of amber, named pine tears, with small beautiful insects in them.

The stork felt tenderness and love and felt better and better and was ready to return back.....(written by Latvia)

When the stork started to fly to return, the weather was very cold. Since it couldn't fly in so much cold, it decided to change the route and began to fly over hot south countries in order to arrive in Princess Isabel's Palace. Through its travel, as it saw the people sick with the virus, it felt deeply sad. Surprised by what it saw, the stork took a break in a plain covered with greenery and flowers. It came across other storks there and told them about the disease caused by the virus in King Pedro's country and the desperation of the people it saw in the countries it passed through during its journey. The stork said that the cure for the disease was in the magic herbs and flowers it carried. The stork also mentioned that it had to deliver them to the old nurse in King Pedro's country as soon as possible. Other storks said that a stork like them caused the virus to spread to people in many countries; therefore the storks also should help for healing. They

stated that the magic herbs and flowers of the stork could only heal the people in King Pedro's country. They also stated that more herbs and flowers would be needed to help people in other countries. So, the storks decided to fly and find more herbs and flowers and meet at King Pedro's country as soon as possible.

Thanks to its friends' support and help , the stork felt better and better. With this hope it began to fly through Princess Isabel's country, Portugal. On the way, the stork remembered the small parcel of fisherman. Why did the fisherman give the stork a small parcel with pieces of amber with small beautiful insects in them ? (Written by Turkey)

The stork thought again and again, until he drew some



conclusions.

Maybe he gave him the parcel with pieces of amber with insects because the storks eat insects. He didn't pay much attention and just continued his journey to the palace of Princess Isabel. He got tired on the way but wanted so much to help the sick people so he continued. Suddenly, he felt something strange. He started sneezing and coughing, maybe he had caught the virus.



Fortunately, the palace wasn't far away so he flew quickly to help the sick people and himself. But he began to feel hungry and thirsty. The stork went down to a nearby lake to drink water and ate some frogs which he caught until it got dark and he fell asleep.



The next day, he got up and he continued his journey but he wasn't feeling good. His tummy was hurt and he didn't want to eat. The stork was watching the people from the sky.



They were all sad and they seemed sick.



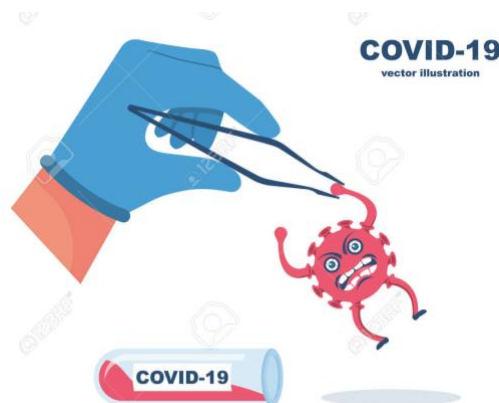
He was so sad and he wanted so much to help them until he saw the palace.



He finally came to Portugal! He went directly to the hospital to give the herb to the nurse but he couldn't see all these patients who fought for their lives.



What had happened to all these people? He did not know what to do but he was desperately looking to help them. He flew sadly over the laboratory of the hospital, where the scientists were desperately looking for a solution, a medicine, a magic, a vaccine.



He was still holding the parcel with pieces of amber with insects in his beak, which he did not eat despite his hunger, because he knew he was carrying it for a good cause.

He entered the laboratory through the open window and flew left and right to be noticed but no one paid any attention to him.



Who cares about a bird that flies aimlessly? Were people dying



and would they deal with a stork now?

So a doctor, who had recently come to the hospital from Poland to help, picked up a broom and tried to pull it out of the window.

The stork was startled, started crying and suddenly the parcel fell into the bottle with the serum. Then, suddenly, a miracle happened and the Polish doctor said....(Written by Greece)

