ILEANA'S ADVENTURE

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Ileana, a young woman from a small Romanian village situated within the Carpathian Mountains, Brașov, was known for her beauty, but also for her pure heart, as she always helped everyone in need. She had a beautiful, long, blonde hair and her eyes were as blue as the sky.







Ileana usually helped her mother in the kitchen and, one day, while she was taking some vegetables for the soup ("ciorba") from her garden, something happened. Ileana discovered a mysterious tree, which helped her go into another realm through a little wooden door. She didn't notice it's presence until now. Without hesitating, she is brave enough to step into this adventure.



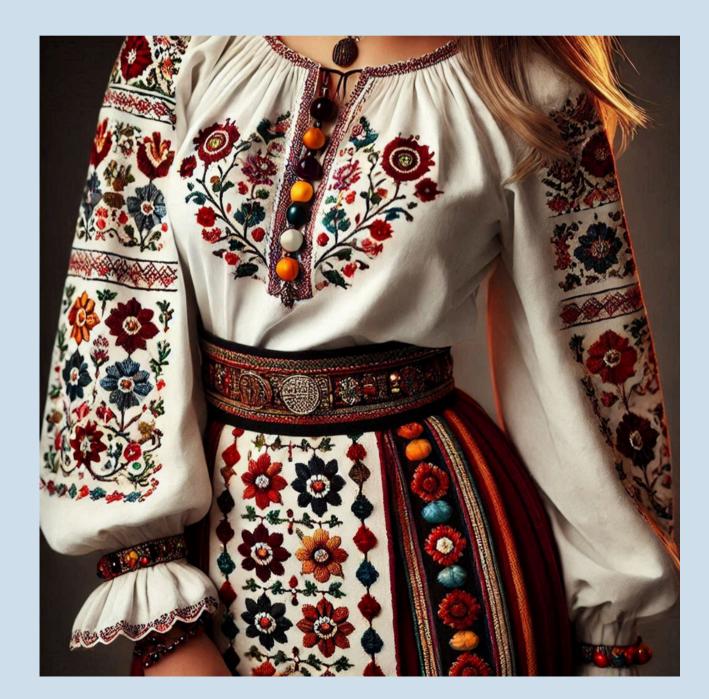


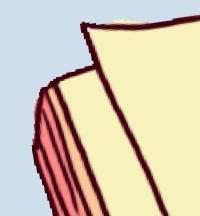




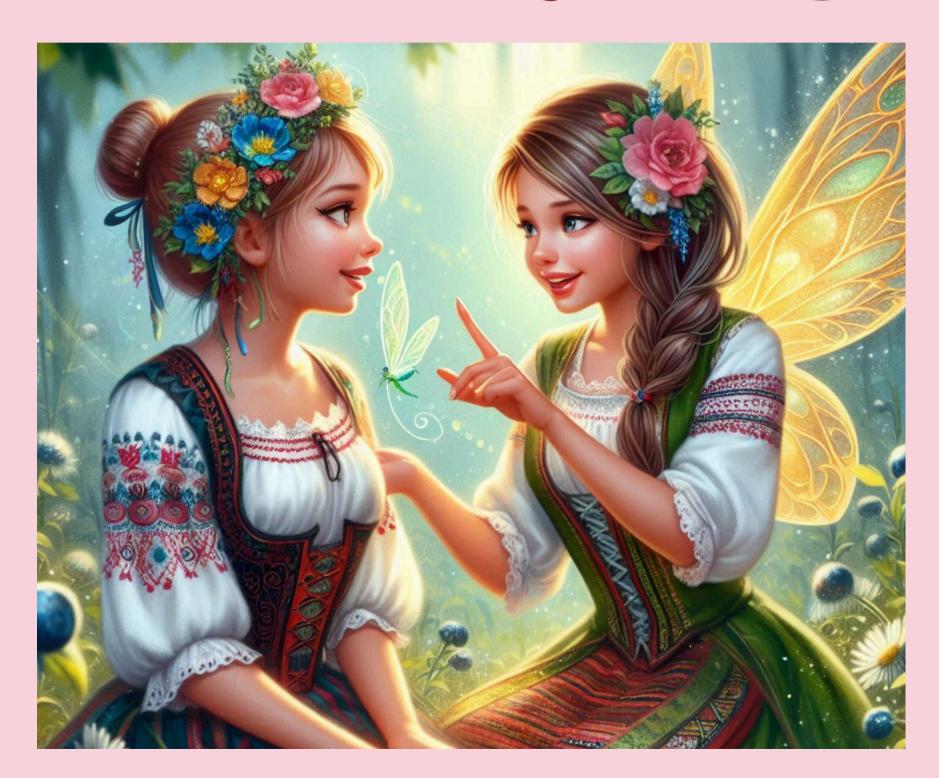
This land was filled with beautiful flowers, crystalclear lakes and mystical creatures. There were fairies and animals that lived in peace with one another.

A fairy noticed Ileana and she was instantly impressed by her clothes. Ileana wore a white traditional blouse, with floral designs ("ie"). Over her blouse, she wrapped the "fota," a richly decorated skirt with bold stripes and detailed patterns that swayed gracefully as she walked.

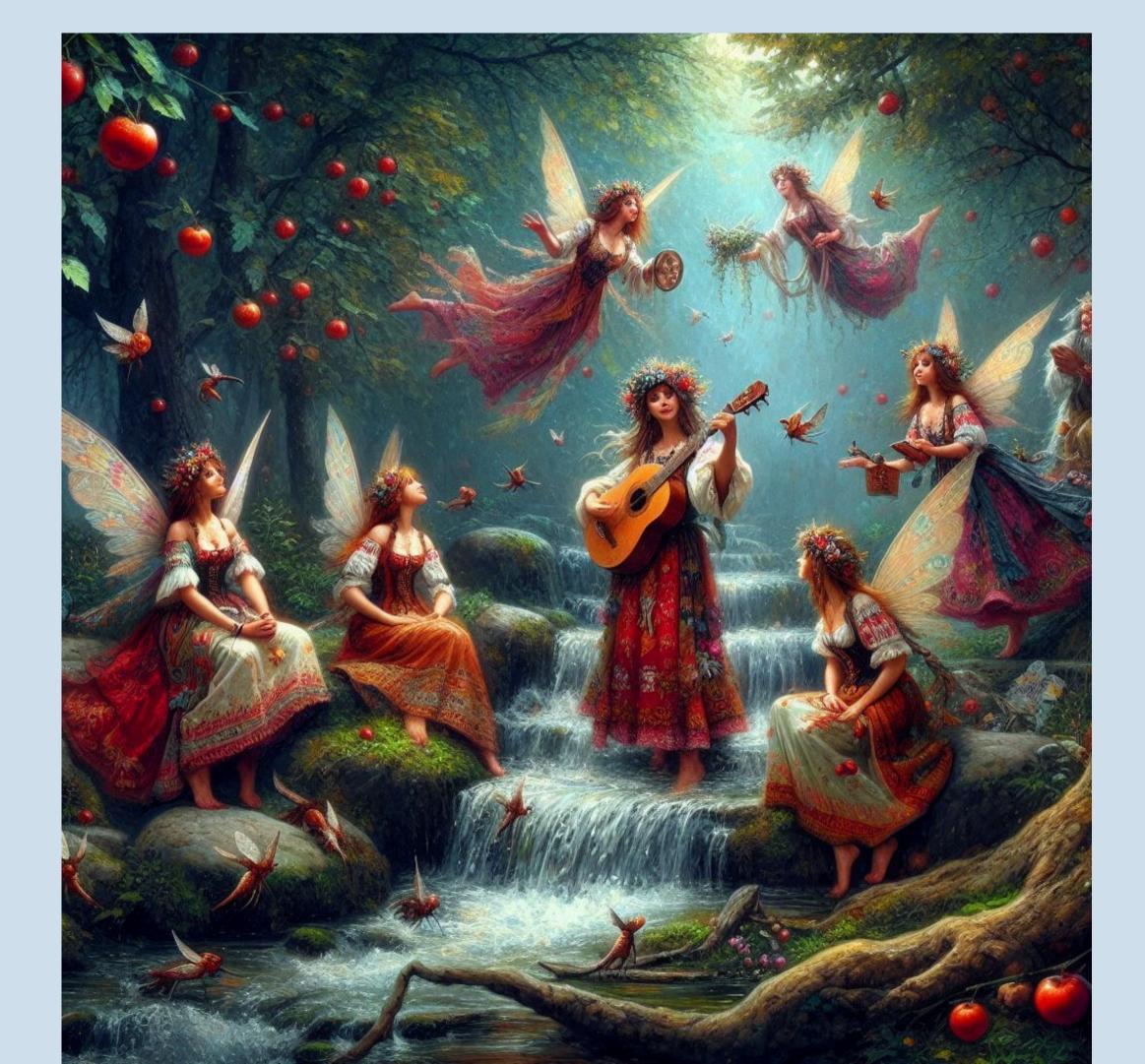




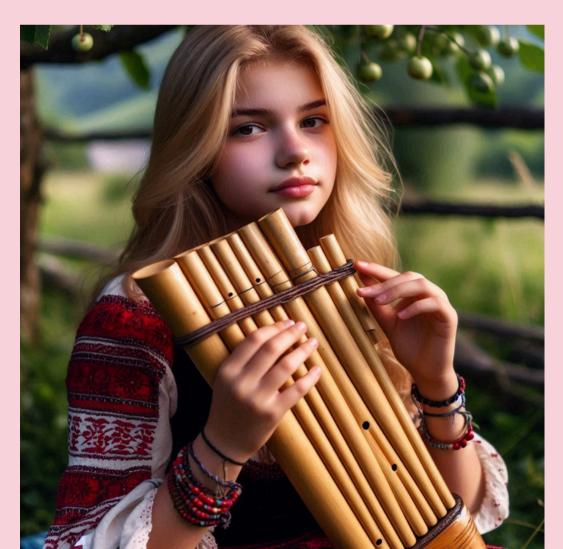
Noticing her clothes, the fairy realized that Ileana is from another world, so she tries to warn her that she should leave immediately, as the land is threatened by a dragon ("zmeu").



Being a brave young lady, Ileana decides to help the fairies fight this danger. The only way to win this battle is to convince the fairies to find a rare mytical creature, a powerful woman named 'Sfanta Duminica'. With determination and courage, Ileana and her partners set off on their journey. Along the way, they encountered many challenges and made new friends. As the night deepened, the fairies took lleana to their most sacred place, a hidden waterfall shining under the moon's glow. Here, they shared stories of their own adventures, battles with mythical creatures, and friendships with other mystical beings.



When the morning came, they continued their journey. As they approached an old castle, they encountered a man fighting with a fierce bear. The fairies surrounded the bear, while Ileana started to sing a beautiful Romanian ballade using a pan flute. The bear calmed down and set free the man.



The wise man gives her an enchanted amullet which can make one wish come true if your heart is pure. Ileana thought that she could use her wish in order to go back home, but she couldn't leave the fairies. So, she used it to find Sfanta Duminica.



Once they meet the old fairy, Ileana tells her their problem and the lady agrees to help them. She already knew the story of this dragon and she comes with a solution. By using a spell, the old fairy turns back the dragon into a young man, giving him the identity that was stolen from him. The young boy decides to protect the fairies' village forever. The old fairy helps lleana to get back home, in her land. She also gives the girl an enchanted mirror, as a goodbye present. She will be able to see the fairies' world thorugh this mirror whenever she wants.





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