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"Come in and have supper," said the good woman, "for you both must be hungry after your journey." So the princess and the monkey entered the cottage and were shown into the small kitchen, where the table was set for the evening meal. On one side were three little plates, and at the sight of the empty chairs arranged beside the table, the poor mother cried afresh.

"Do not weep," said the little princess, laying her hand on the good woman's arm, "surely no harm can have befallen them. They will no doubt return at any moment."

"Thank you so?" said the woman, drying her eyes and setting the humble supper on the table, yet I am sorely troubled."

The princess and the monkey finished their repast as quickly as possible, and went out again to the roadside to watch for her children. In a few minutes the good woman joined them, and the three strained their eyes anxiously for a glimpse of the three little forms, but to no avail.

Slowly the shadows of the evening fell around them and the evening breeze began to gently sway the tree-tops.

"Come, I will pick you a rose," said the good woman, trying to hide the tears that were falling from her eyes, "for I know you love roses." Then she and the little princess and the pet monkey turned from the roadway into the little gate in the fence and entered the garden. A narrow pebbly path wound in and out among the flower beds, so they went in single file towards the three beautiful roses. "Is it not lovely?" asked the good woman, leaning over the nearest rose. And with a sudden movement she leaned over and kissed the beautiful flower, while her tears fell upon the trembling petals. But before she had time to pluck it from the bush it turned into one of her children. With a glad cry the child threw its arms about the mother's neck, promising again and again never to be disobedient again. But the good woman could hardly wait to give a kiss in return, so anxious was she to press her anxious lips against the petals of the other two roses. And they, also, turned suddenly into the forms of her little children at the touch of the mother lips.

There was great happiness in the small flower garden after this and the children, after a short cry and many

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