

ISOLATION FRIENDS AND THE MAGICAL BOOK TREE!!!!!!!!!!!!

Once upon a time there lived a girl called Holly. She had brown hair, hazel eyes and always had a big smile on her face. She was nice, caring, smart and above all else she loved to read. Holly and her mum and dad were in isolation because of Covid-19! They had just moved to Outcome two weeks before lockdown hit, and so Holly did not have many friends in the area she could reach out to. Holly had played every game and read every book in her house, and she could no longer go to the library.

One day Holly was lying on the floor of her room, she was so bored she did not know what to do. Her mum suggested she go for a walk and get some fresh air. So, she went for a walk to the park and saw an extraordinary tree. Instead of growing Blossoms the tree grew books! Actual small books that were attached to the branches just like leaves. Holly looked at the tree in amazement, she could not believe her eyes. Holly decided to climb up the tree and see if she could pick the books. She grabbed a book and pulled, and it came free from the branch. She was amazed! She had found her very own natural library. No more being bored; she could have all the books she liked. Did anyone else know about this magical tree, she wondered. Just to be sure that no one would steal all the books she quickly gathered five books and then set off home to read them.

Every day Holly would walk to the park and take one or five books to take home and read them that day! The books entertained Holly during lockdown. She loved reading and she had never seen these books before. They were full of adventure books, comedy books, romance books and much more. Each new book bought Holly a new adventure she could feel like she was a part of. One day Holly went to the park to get more books, but there was a surprise waiting for her!

The tree was missing! That meant Holly could not read her favourite books by her favourite author who she was named after: Holly Country. Holly tried not to sit on a bench because of Covid-19, but she did and started crying and shouted, "This is the worst lockdown ever!" She was angry and sad. Who had taken her magical book tree? Holly just wanted to at least read 'Giddy Up', a tale of a girl whose life is changed by a spell that transforms her into a cowgirl. Then when all seemed lost a young girl with long blonde hair, brown eyes and rosy cheeks walked into the park with a boy with black hair and blue eyes.

"Hi, I am Katie, and this is David." Said Katie.

"Hi." Said David. "Are you ok?"

"Hi, my name is Holly." Said Holly.

"What is wrong? Why are you crying?" said Katie.

"The book tree is missing." Said Holly.

"What is a book tree?" said David unsure.

"A book tree is a tree that grows books. I found it, right here! But now it is gone." Said Holly.

"Wow that's pretty cool and Magical!" Said Katie surprised. "I don't think I've ever seen anything like that, but we can help you find this book tree." Said Katie jumping up and down with excitement.

Katie grabbed the binoculars out of David's backpack, which he carried with him because he loved to spot birds while he was out walking. They searched around the park.

"I thought so." said Katie.

"What?" said Holly nervously.

"It's the big bully from Flower Spring College; Andy. He lives in that house with the big balcony just over the creek there. There's a trail of dirt leading to his house like something has been dragged there." Katie explained.

Katie passed the binoculars onto Holly. She looked through and could see the trail that Katie had explained. Just over the fence she could see the tip of the book tree with all its little books dangling off its branches.

"That's it! Right there! It is the book tree!" exclaimed Holly.

Katie took charge, "Now let's split up. David you go left. I will go right. Now Holly, I say, 'fire away' and you will run to Andy's backyard while David and I come at him on each side and distract him by hugging him tight. You take the tree off him and take it around the corner as fast as you can. Then we will meet you there and help you take it to your house and plant it in your backyard. That is the plan okay?" Said Katie. Holly and David agreed.

The crew crept closer to the house and got into their positions. Andy was standing just outside his house along the side of the creek, but he was not a big bully at all – in fact, he looked quite short Holly thought to herself.

"Fire away!" Said Katie.

Katie and David were hugging Andy tight, he was confused about what was happening and why they were suddenly hugging him.

"What are you weirdos doing?" questioned Andy.

"We thought we could shower you with love and cure your bully ways" said Katie enthusiastically.

"Get off me you weirdos!" shouted Andy as he struggled to get away from the onslaught of hugs. He was groaning and moaning trying to get out of their hugs.

While he was distracted, Holly crept through the fence and over to the book tree, grabbed hold of the trunk and dragged it out through the back fence. She dragged the tree with all her might around the corner and hid until Katie and David had caught up with her.

Katie, David, and Holly grabbed hold of the trunk and walked it to Holly's house. They planted it in the middle of her backyard and stepped back to look at the incredible magical tree.

"Thank you so much for helping me" said Holly.

"That's what friends are for" said David.

Holly loved hearing that she had friends at last. "I would love it if you could come over any time you like and share the tree with me. Actually why don't you come for dinner tonight and we can read some books?" asked Holly.

"What's for dinner?" asked David.

"My mum and dad are making homemade Margherita and Hawaiian pizza!" squealed Holly.

"YUM! I'm in" said Katie. "I LOVE to eat!"

"We'll be there" said David.

The three friends spent the night laughing with joy, Katie loved the pizza and they all had fun reading books from the magical book tree. They decided that it would be best to share the gift of the magical book tree with others, and so they placed a box outside Holly's house with 'FREE BOOKS' written on its side and once they had finished a book they put them in the box so that other kids could enjoy the adventures too. Best of all, the three friends lived happily ever after.

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