

Fairy Tale – The Plant Family

Once upon a time there was a little plant named Keline. The little plant had two plant brothers, a Tumbleweed father and a mother called Rain. The little plant was very happy and thought that he had the best little plant life.

One day Dad the Tumbleweed tumbled on by to tell the three little plants that it was time for him to tumble somewhere else. He loved the little plants but Tumbleweeds and Rain are not a good match so off he went. Occasionally the Tumbleweed would roll back into the lives of the little plants, if the wind blew the right way, but the wind was not very cooperative most of the time.

The day after the Tumbleweed first tumbled away a new man came into the little plants garden. The new man's name was Dark Clouds with Lightning. He unfortunately was a perfect match for Rain. The two of them made the most terrible, horrific storms together that most often overwhelmed the little plants. Usually the oldest little plant, Keline, would try and shield the younger plants from the rages of Dark Clouds with Lightning and Rain. Most often Keline would get damaged. His little plant body was not injured but on the inside he hurt very much for the way he was treated and he began to slowly turn from a beautiful green, healthy plant to limp, brown sickly plant.

Then some good news happened, Dark Cloud with Lightning and Rain had to work their chaos others places so they left the three little plants alone. This was nice because there was no longer any storms or damage being caused. Instead all that was left was peaceful blue sky. Keline was left in charge of taking care of the little plants even though he was still young. For the next six years he would wake up the little two plants and get them ready for plant school, make their lunches, help them with their homework, make their dinner, give them baths and put them to bed. Sometimes the little plants would only see their parents for a few hours on Sunday. They once went three weeks without seeing them even though they all slept in the same garden.

Keline became angry with Dark Clouds with Lightning and Rain. They did not do the things that he thought parents should. He had questions about what kind of plant he was and what kind of things he should do but he never got any advice. He tried to have the family spend time together but Dark Clouds with Lightning and Rain were too busy.

One day Keline was maturing a very bad gardener tried to take Keline and his brothers from the garden. The bad gardener pulled them out of the ground to kill Keline and then take the other little plant away so that Dark Clouds with Lightning and Rain would pay the bad gardener money to get the littlest plant back. When Keline was pulled from the roots and lay on the ground getting ready to die a miracle happened. The Sun began to shine. This was the first time Keline really understood the Sun for what He is, the giver of life. The warmth from the Sun brought peace to Keline even as the little plant knew that his time on this earth was nearly done. Keline was going to be with the Sun and he was excited. But the Sun had other ideas so he shone so brightly that the bad gardener was confused and forgot to stomp on Keline. Then the Sun replanted Keline and told Keline that he was an oak. Someday he would be big and strong with roots that would dig deep in to the soil. Eventually, when the time was right, the Sun would use Keline to bring new oxygen for the world to breath. What an incredible gift that Keline had been given!

From that day on Keline was no longer a little plant but a Growing Oak. He turned green again as the Sun taught him how to grow strong and true. There were many times that the Growing Oak would forget who he was and try to be the Little Plant again or other times when he would consider leaving the light of the Sun altogether. But each time the warm embrace of the Sun's rays would remind Keline to stay rooted in the good soil and connected with the giver of life.

Eventually Keline moved to his own garden where he met another tree. This one was like none other than he had ever seen before. Keline was transfixed as Sun shone through her leaves and branches. A refreshing breeze was always around her. She was beautiful and grounded in the good soil as well! Keline and the new tree, Leticia, started their own garden and had four young oaks that are growing stronger each day. This is not a perfect garden but it is one full of love.

And the Sun shines on it every day.