

BRAVING THE STORM



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Leslie sat by the window watching dark clouds roll in. Thunder rumbled far away. Her hands shook. "I don't like storms," she whispered. Suddenly, sparkles filled the air. A tiny hummingbird appeared, glowing blue and green. "Hello! I'm Pen," chirped the magical bird. "Don't worry, Leslie. I'll help you be brave today. Storms aren't scary when you understand them. Will you come with me?" Leslie nodded slowly. Maybe Pen was right.



Pen's wings sparkled brighter. Magic dust swirled around Leslie. She felt herself floating up, up, up! They flew right into the clouds. "Touch one," Pen said. Leslie reached out. The cloud felt soft and wet, like cotton candy. Lightning flashed nearby, but Pen explained, "That's just electricity dancing in the sky!" Thunder boomed. "And that's the sound clouds make when they bump together," Pen chirped. Leslie smiled. It wasn't so scary up close.



"Watch this!" Pen zipped through raindrops. Each drop sparkled with rainbow colors. Leslie laughed as gentle rain tickled her nose. Below, she saw flowers opening their petals. Trees stretched their branches high. A rabbit hopped out to drink from a puddle. "The rain helps everything grow," Pen explained, doing loop-de-loops. "Without storms, there'd be no flowers, no green grass, no water to drink!" Leslie watched the world below turn fresh and clean. Rain wasn't scary. It was beautiful!



Pen's magic gently lowered Leslie back to her window. The storm was ending. A huge rainbow stretched across the sky. "Thank you, Pen," Leslie said, hugging her tiny friend. "I'm not afraid anymore!" Pen sparkled extra bright. "Remember, every storm brings something good. You were brave today!" Lightning flashed one last time, far away. Leslie didn't flinch. She waved at the sky. "Goodbye, clouds! Thanks for the rainbow!" Pen winked and disappeared in blue-green sparkles. Leslie smiled, ready for the next storm.



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