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The Secret of the Magic Hedge

In a quaint village at the edge of a vast meadow, there was a mysterious place known as the Magic Hedge. The villagers believed that the hedge had magical properties and could grant special wishes. Only the bravest children dared to explore it.

One sunny morning, a girl named Madge decided to uncover the secrets of the Magic Hedge. Madge was known for her courage and adventurous spirit. She packed a small bag with some fudge, her favorite treat, and set off towards the hedge.

As Madge approached the thick, green hedge, she noticed a small badge lying on the ground. It was shaped like a star and sparkled in the sunlight. Curious, Madge picked up the badge and pinned it to her jacket. Suddenly, the hedge parted, revealing a hidden path.

Excited and a little nervous, Madge stepped onto the path and began her journey. The path led her to a beautiful garden filled with colorful flowers and singing birds. In the center of the garden, there was a stone ledge with ancient markings. Madge climbed onto the ledge and discovered a hidden message carved into the stone.

The message read, "To unlock the true power of the Magic Hedge, one must show kindness and bravery." Madge smiled, knowing that she had always tried to be kind and brave.

Just then, a small hedgehog emerged from behind the ledge. "Hello, I'm Hodge," the hedgehog said. "I guard the secrets of the Magic Hedge. You must help me with a special task to prove your worth."

Madge agreed and followed Hodge to a rickety bridge that crossed a sparkling stream. The bridge looked old and fragile. Hodge explained that the bridge needed repair so that all the animals could safely cross to the other side. Madge and Hodge worked together, using branches and vines to mend the bridge. It was hard work, but Madge didn't give up. Finally, the bridge was strong and sturdy. The animals cheered as they crossed the bridge, grateful for Madge's help.

With the task completed, the garden began to glow with a magical light. The badge on Madge's jacket shimmered, and she felt a warm, happy feeling inside. She had unlocked the true power of the Magic Hedge through her kindness and bravery. Madge returned to the village with stories of her adventure. The villagers celebrated her bravery, and the Magic Hedge became a place where everyone went to remember the importance of kindness and courage.

