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CHAPTER ONE



“A Story to Tell”

Granny Dot sat back in her chair and sighed. It had been a long while since she'd thought of the story. Well, all the stories, really. There had been so many adventures—none of which she could have imagined would happen, and none she could really believe *had* happened, looking back now. But as a glint of

silver sunlight caught her eye, gleaming off the high shelf where her most prized possession rested, she knew that the stories were true.

“Glinnie, come sit with Granny. I have a story to tell,” Granny Dot called to her granddaughter, eight years of good-natured, fanciful fun. “And Twinkie, jump up here, you dear old pup,” Granny added, stroking Twinkie’s bristled coat as he snuggled into her generous lap.

“Now, granddaughter, did I ever tell you about the woodsman? He had trouble with his ax, you see—and trouble in love too. He couldn’t make either one swing true. Listen closely, and I’ll tell you about it.”

Glinnie settled in, wide-eyed. If Granny was telling it, any story was bound to be a good one.

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