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A Fairy Garden

“I think the Fairy Garden must be through here,” Rachel Walker said, pointing to an iron gate. She and her friend Kirsty Tate were exploring the grounds of Blossom Hall, an old hotel where their families were staying for spring vacation. Both girls had been interested to hear the owner of Blossom Hall, Mrs. Forrest, talk as she’d served their breakfast that morning. She told them about the history of the hotel. It once had been a large house with a very special garden – a fairy garden. This caught the girls’ attention. After all, Kirsty and Rachel knew a lot about fairies: They were friends with them!

“It’s known as the Fairy Garden because there is a perfect ring of tulips growing in the middle of it,” Mrs. Forrest explained. “We call it the Blossom Fairy Ring. And you’ve come at just the right time of year. The tulips are blooming and they look beautiful, though I don’t think they’re as bright as they were last year.”

As soon as they’d finished their breakfast, Rachel and Kirsty had asked their parents if it was all right for them to go exploring. The families had arrived at Blossom Hall the night before, and the girls were excited to look around in the warmth of the morning sun. From the breakfast room, the gardens looked very pretty. They had pink-and-white flowering cherry trees, long rolling lawns, and clusters of cheerful flowers.

“Of course you can explore,” Mr. Tate had said. “Just make sure you stay inside the wall that runs around Blossom Hall and its gardens.”

Mrs. Forrest had told the girls to follow the winding path that led through a group of trees at the back of the house. “You’ll come to a walled garden, with a gate on one side,” she’d said. “The Fairy Garden is in there.”

The girls followed Mrs. Forrest’s directions, and now Rachel lifted the latch of the gate eagerly. “Here we are!” she said, pushing it open.

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The girls stepped into the walled garden together. “It’s beautiful!” Kirsty exclaimed, taking in the rambling roses that climbed the walls and the old stone fountain in one corner.

“It’s just the kind of place you can imagine a real fairy visiting,” Rachel said, smiling. “And that must be the Blossom Fairy Ring!” she added, pointing to a circle of yellow and orange tulips.

Continue reading *Tia the Tulip Fairy* to see if Kirsty and Rachel can find the lost petal before Jack Frost’s evil goblins do!