

Story 5: The Tale of Snezhnika

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The Story:

Once upon a time, there lived an old man and an old woman. They had no children, so they decided to make a little girl out of snow. They went into the yard, where there was plenty of snow, and sculpted a girl. They named her Snowflake, and she became their daughter.

All winter long, Snowflake lived with the old man and the old woman, and everything was wonderful. When spring passed and summer arrived, Snowflake, who had many friends, decided to go with them to the forest to pick mushrooms. The old man and the old woman didn't want to let her go, but Snowflake insisted, and eventually, they allowed her to leave.

In the forest, the girls gathered mushrooms and flowers, and in the evening, they decided to light a fire and jump over it, like in a game. The first friend jumped, the second friend jumped, the third friend jumped, and then it was Snowflake's turn. Snowflake didn't want to jump, but her friends insisted, so she jumped over the fire. She jumped—and disappeared...

Story Moral: *The moral of the story is for the children to listen to their parents advice and trust their instincts.*