



The Magical Seed - Kristi Maisha

One day a girl named Zinnia had a birthday party. An unexpected guest came. She had bright red hair that came down to her waist, blue eyes and freckles. Zinnia was surprised but let her join the party. When it was time to open presents, the guest, whose name was Poxxie, gave her a seed. It was golden and felt warm in her hands. "Plant it and take care of it," Poxxie said.

When the party was over, Zinnia did as Poxxie told her. She planted it and watered it every day. But nothing happened. After several weeks, a humongous present popped out. All of a sudden, the box opened up and Poxxie came out. She grabbed Zinnia and took her into a world that Zinnia had never seen. It was beautiful with fresh green grass and colorful flowers. Everyone was happy. It was Poxxie's birthday. Zinnia enjoyed a day with Poxxie. They played games and ate cake. Poxxie and Zinnia became best friends. Then Zinnia wondered what time it was so she asked Poxxie, "How can I get out?"

Poxxie showed her to the place where she had gotten Zinnia's birthday gift. It was a big, dark cave which had millions of those seeds. Poxxie told her, "With the seed you can get out of this world. But an evil monster has moved into the cave and he won't let anyone get any seeds or else he'll eat them."

Zinnia said, "Let's go into the cave and maybe we'll get lucky and the monster won't eat us." Poxxie was scared. "Bu-but- what if it does!" She exclaimed. "Well..." Zinnia said. "We'll figure something out."

So together they went in. Then the monster came charging at them! He was big and hairy. He changed colors with his mood. He was scary! Zinnia and Poxxie ran away just in time. The monster couldn't come out of the cave because the sun boils his skin.

Panting, Zinnia said, "Well. That didn't go too good."

Poxxie glared at Zinnia. "Ya think!?" She said, annoyed.

Zinnia suddenly remembered her friend's birthday party a few weeks ago. Somebody had given her a seed too. She searched wildly for her friend. She spotted her friend and dashed toward her. Poxxie, Zinnia, and her friend all made an invention called a sucker-upper. With the invention, they sucked up all the seeds from the cave. They could hear the monster howling with madness. After Zinnia and her friend got a seed, they said bye to Poxxie and left.

After Zinnia and her friend got back, Zinnia said, "I sure will miss Poxxie."

"Don't worry," replied her friend. "I have a feeling we will see her soon enough."

Just then, something caught Zinnia's eye. There was a note with a seed that looked just like the seed they used to go in and out of the magical world. The note said *whenever you want to come and play again just use this seed!*

"You were right!" Zinnia said to her friend.

She picked up the seed and the note, and they went home already planning their next trip.