

## An Unexpected Adventure

In the Land of Butterflies, there once lived a butterfly called Rosie. She had a very happy caterpillarhood and was playful and adventurous. One day, King Farfalla and Queen Mariposa asked her to go to the Butterfly Palace. The King and Queen were sending her on her first mission. She packed her spare wings, toothbrush and caterpillar teddy, called Legsies, and set off to a secret destination.

The secret destination was not far from the Land of Butterflies. When Rosie arrived there she saw apple trees, sunflowers and other insects. Against the stony wall she saw a butterfly swing, a magical, legendary object with long ropes, a wooden seat and a sign saying, 'Adults only'. Rosie had heard about it before from her mother but had never seen it. She didn't know what to do or to expect.

The wing-writing on the instructions was messy, but Rosie could read it. It said a 38-year old man called Brian, who worked in a bank, needed help to remember his childhood memories. She had three instructions: get Brian on the swing, make him swing three times and say the following poem;

To and fro on the swing  
Remembering everything  
Playing hard, running wild  
Fun and games, like a child

When Brian got on the swing, Rosie flapped her blue wings three times to move the swing. When she read the poem, Brian started to giggle like a child. His childhood memories started to come back. The first memory was when he fell off the trampoline at pre-school. The second was at age 8 when Santa Claus brought him an action figure set he always played with. His third memory was around his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday when he won the spelling competition in school. Brian became a child again.

After Brian got off the swing he thanked Rosie and ran home as fast as he could to his children. When he got there, he asked his children Lily and Ben if they wanted to go for a hot chocolate. It was one of the happiest days of his life. Brian started to work less so he could spend more time playing with his children. Rosie was nicknamed the 'Guardian Butterfly' by the King and Queen. This meant she would try to help adults keep their childhood memories and have more fun. Their lives both changed forever because of that special swing.