



*Princess Banu Saves Her  
Brother*

*A "Draw-Your-Own" Picture Book*

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*Princess Banu rode her horse across the sands. The sun shone bright in the sky.*

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*Her brother Faruk had gone on a dinosaur hunt with their aunt. When they didn't come back from the hunt, Princess Banu knew something was wrong.*

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*A fairy at the gate with a note proved her right. 'We have your brother.' The fairy note said. 'Give us your wishes, and we will set him free.'*

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*When Princess Banu was little, she saved a frog from being stung by a scorpion. As a thank you, the magic frog gave the princess three wishes. Each wish was kept in a magic coin with a hole in the middle.*

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*Princess Banu used her first wish to get a horse. She loved to ride in the sunshine, and with her own horse, she could ride when she wanted. Princess Banu kept her last two wishes on a string around her neck.*

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*Now she rode out across the sands looking for the fairy oasis where she would get her brother back.*

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*High in the sky, a flying dinosaur roared. Princess Banu knew she was getting close.*



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*She rode to the top of a sand dune and saw the oasis at the bottom. Palm trees and bushes grew around a magic pond.*

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*Princess Banu rode down the hill slowly. She knew her brother Faruk was down there. She had to keep him safe.*

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*Princess Banu rode to the edge of the green and got off her horse. Now was the time to be brave.*

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*Little baby dinosaurs ran around her feet. They were eating, and their mouths were full of leaves. Princess Banu wanted to pet one, but a noise scared her.*

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*Princes Banu put a hand on the sword at her belt and looked around. She stepped into the bushes and saw Faruk tied to a tree.*

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*"That's far enough," said a green fairy. He was almost the same size as Princess Banu. His big, green wings were shiny in the sunlight. His eyes were big, round, and bright green.*

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*A purple fairy stepped out from behind a tree. She was small, like a puppy. Once she was seen, the fairy flew into the air. The air around her turned purple with the flapping of her wings.*

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*"Where are the wishes?" asked the green fairy.*

*"Right here," said Princess Banu. She pulled the necklace out from under her shirt.*



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*Three more fairies came out from behind the tree that Faruk was tied to. The fairies got him to his feet and pushed him to walk.*

*"Give me my brother," Princess Banu said.*

*"Give us the wishes," said the green fairy.*

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*"Okay," said Princess Banu. "Let him walk to me and I'll give you the wishes."*

*The fairies untied Faruk.*

*"No tricks," said the green fairy.*

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*"Why do you want the wishes?" asked Princess Banu.*

*"This oasis is too small," said the purple fairy in a tiny voice.*

*"We will wish the pond to cover all the sand," said the green fairy.*

*"Then we will be happy!" shouted all the fairies.*

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*"But what about the villages and the caravans that live on the sand?" asked Princess Banu.  
"They will swim!" shouted the fairies.*

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*Princess Banu took off her necklace and held the magic coins in her hand. She looked at Faruk and used her head to point at the horse. He nodded and headed toward the horse.*

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*"The sand isn't yours to take," Princess Banu said.*

*"We'll make it better!" said the green fairy. "Now give us our wishes."*

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*Princess Banu held the magic coins in her hand and stretched out her arm to the green fairy.  
"You can have your wish." One coin fell out of her hand and dangled on the string.*

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*The green fairy reached for the coin. Princess Banu said, "I wish for the fairies to be satisfied with their oasis home."*



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*The coin that was still in Princess Banu's hand was gone. The string had one coin left on it. The green fairy took the necklace and put it on.*

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*"What will you wish for?" asked Princess Banu.*

*The green fairy looked at her. "We don't know. Our home is perfect. What do you think we should wish for?"*

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*Princess Banu looked at her brother Faruk sitting on her horse. The baby dinosaurs danced around her feet. She smiled. "I always wanted a pet dinosaur."*

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*The green fairy closed his hand around the magic wishing coin and said, "I wish our new friend had a pet dinosaur," he paused and winked at Princess Banu, then looked up to the sky, "that can fly."*

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*The flying dinosaur came down out of the sky and landed at the edge of the oasis. It let out a roar and then lay down in the sand.*

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*Princess Banu said thank you and goodbye to the fairies. She ran through the bushes and hugged her new dinosaur friend.*

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*Faruk rode the horse and Princess Banu rode her dinosaur home. She was happy to have her brother back. She loved her new friend.*

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