

WHERE ARE MY TOYS?
A play for Caroline
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Setting: The Land of Flowers and Vegetables

Characters:

Narrator

Molly Bunny

Pink, a glow worm

Blue, a glow worm

Dragon

Princess Caroline Cinnamon

Wind

Narrator: Once upon a time, in the land of lush flower gardens and colorful vegetable patches, there lived a little bunny named Molly. She was a lonely bunny because all of her bunny friends were away on a summer holiday and she had no one to play with. One day as she hopped around the vegetable garden, Molly Bunny spied something strange.

Molly: Eek! Eek! What is flying around me? I'm so afraid I think I'll hide.

Narrator: Molly Bunny jumped into a wide hole between the rows of yellow corn stalks and green peppers. There she waited as the day stretched on and on and on... then night finally came. In the darkness, Molly was surprised to see two little glowing bugs flying near the hole.

Molly: (purring) Ooooo, little glowing bugs, what are you?

Pink: My name is Pink. I am a glow worm. And this is my brother, Blue.

Molly: It is very nice to meet you. My name is Molly and I am a bunny.

Blue: Why are you hiding?

Molly: I was frightened when you flew around me in the daylight. Now in the darkness, I can see how beautiful and friendly you are.

Pink: Thank you, Molly.

Molly: What brings you into the vegetable patch?

Blue: We're looking for our friendly dragon. His little keeper, Miss Caroline Cinnamon, left him outside yesterday and we've been searching all over trying to find him.

Molly: May I help you?

Pink: Of course you can. We haven't searched the vegetable patch. We just finished looking through the lovely flowers.

Blue: Oh my! Do you hear someone calling?

Pink: Yes! That's Princess Caroline Cinnamon!

Caroline: (calling) Draaaaa – gon! Dear sweet Draaaaa – gon! Where are you?

Blue: Let's see who can find the dragon first!

Narrator: Molly Bunny, Pink and Blue scurried through the vegetable patch looking under each leaf and at the top of each vine. Suddenly they heard a little whimper.

Dragon: (crying) Oh, oh, oh. What shall I do now? My glistening wing is caught on this grapevine wire and I have no way of getting untangled.

Molly: Look! I can see the dragon way up there at top of the vine. Blue and Pink, can you help get him down?

Narrator: Swiftly, Pink and Blue flew to the place where Dragon was stuck on a pointed wire. Quickly, they saw how to loosen dragon's wing, so they approached him carefully so as not to get caught. Slowly they fluttered under Dragon's wing and carefully lifted it up, easing it off of the wire. Then Dragon flew freely in loops and circles in the air.

Molly: Hooray! Pink and Blue, you've done it!

Dragon: (happily) Thank you so very much, little Pink and Blue. Now, what may I do for all of you?

Molly: I wish I could fly like you and Pink and Blue.

Dragon: I know what we can do. Hop on my back Molly Bunny and together with Pink and Blue, we can fly high into the sky.

Narrator: It was easy for Molly Bunny to hop onto Dragon's back.

Molly: Oh! How exciting! I can see the whole country side and it's so beautiful!

Narrator: All day, Dragon, Molly Bunny, Pink and Blue sailed up and down and all around valleys and hillsides. Daylight was dimming as they flew close to home. Meanwhile, Princess Caroline Cinnamon was tired of searching so she stretched out on the velvety green grass and wept.

Caroline: (crying) I am so unhappy. I can't find my Dragon. Even Molly Bunny, Pink and Blue are gone. I shall close my eyes and dream that I can find them.

Narrator: By the time Dragon, Molly Bunny, Pink and Blue landed, Princess Caroline Cinnamon had fallen fast asleep. Silently, they tiptoed beside her and whispered her name.

All: (whispering) Princess Ca – ro – line Cin – na - mon... Princess Ca – ro - line Cin – na – mon...

Wind: (loudly) SWOOSH! SWOOSH! SWOOSH! (whisper) Wake up! Wake up!

Caroline: (rubbing her eyes) Oh! My precious, precious toys! Oh, how I have missed you.

Narrator: When Princess Caroline Cinnamon reached out to grab the toys, they closed their eyes and turned away from her.

Caroline: What is the matter? Why do you turn away from me?

Wind: (loud whisper) Remember your mother's words. "If you want to keep your toys, you must take good care of them. Always treat them gently and with respect."

Caroline: Oh! I forgot! Oh, I want to keep my toys! I'm so sorry. I am sorry for leaving you outside where you would get dusty and dirty. I am very, very sorry. Will you forgive me?

All: (happily) Of course we forgive you, Princess Caroline Cinnamon.

Caroline: Then, let me give you each a big hug. I'll take you home and tuck you in bed for a good night's sleep.

Narrator: And that's exactly what happened! And, the toys? They were never left lying about again!