When Butterflies Fly

A Ray of Sunshine for every kid in the days of Coronavirus

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Once upon a time, there were beautiful caterpillars that lived in a world filled with blossoming flowers, surrounded by nature with so much love. Amongst the caterpillars, there was one whose name was Linamandla.

Lina, as her friends called her, was a very kind caterpillar who could not wait to see her wings grow. The caterpillars were so happy, as they could change their colours and play hide and seek and all sorts of fun games.

One day a big grey cloud came and there was Coronavirus. Coronavirus was a silly and a tiny bug in the air, shaped like a ball with spikes. It loved to jump from one person to another, it thought it was fun to make people cough, have a sore-throat and become very sick with breathing problems.

But nobody was having fun at all, the caterpillars had to stay at their homes so the silly Coronavirus does not jump to anybody. The caterpillars were really sad and blue for many days because they could not see their friends.

Suddenly Lina started to cough, she began to be very sick, but the doctor told her she was going to be well. The doctor told Lina that the silly Coronavirus didn’t like clean places or clean hands.

Lina had to always remember to wash the hands with soap and water. Cough on the elbow and cover the sneeze.

Lina didn’t like vegetables such as the green leaves, but the doctor told her she will be perfectly fine and grow into a beautiful butterfly as long as she is healthy and takes her medicine.

Lina spent so much time lonely in her bedroom, without being able to hug her mommy and daddy. She cried very sadly and every time she cried she would turn grey and didn’t think she was ever going to become a butterfly.

One day Lina was looking outside her window and she saw how a big sunflower had continued to stand tall even when there was a big grey cloud.

Lina thought of herself and how she could also stand tall and eat the vegetables her mommy made for her. She began taking her medicine, coughing on her elbow and covering her sneeze. She even made a song about how to wash her hands so that she and her friends can all be safe from Coronavirus.

Lina started to grow healthier and better. She felt much happier and could not wait to go outside and play with her friends again.

One morning Lina woke up, as she opened her eyes, she saw a shadow behind her and she quickly closed her eyes. Afraid it might be the Coronavirus hideous monster, Lina did not know what to do, but she told herself to be brave. She slowly opened her eyes, taking a step forward, the wings stretched from behind while lifting her up and brightening the room.

Lina had grown into a beautiful and colourful butterfly with pretty wings. There was sunshine outside and the big ugly cloud was gone with silly coronavirus monster.

Lina could hear some of the caterpillars shouting happily as they finally stepped outside to play. Lina was not sick anymore, she could not wait to share with her friends the song she made for washing her hands and staying clean. To Lina's surprise all the caterpillars had changed into butterflies.

They all clapped and they were so proud of Lina because she had the prettiest wings. Linamandla just like her name, had truly showed power over the silly coronavirus. Lina and her friends were overjoyed to fly so high and make the world a colourful and a beautiful place for all.

THE END

When a dark and ugly cloud makes its way to a happy world, it brings with it a hideous monster called Coronavirus. The caterpillars are left feeling sick and grey. Their hopes of becoming butterflies diminish. Through a sunflower Lina is able to find new hope that becomes a magical journey to feeling colourful again, creating happy childhood memories.

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