

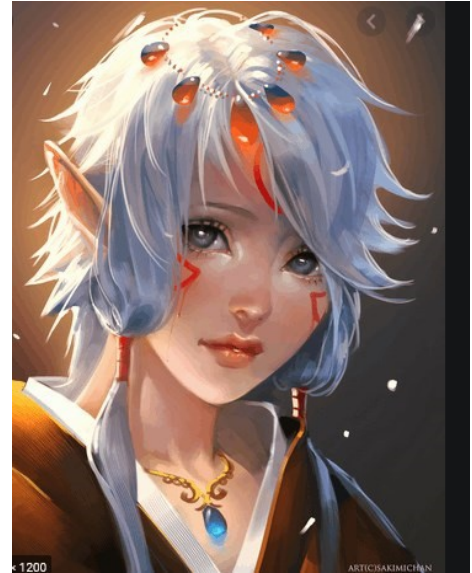
Willa-Lee and  
the  
Eagle



Once upon a time, there was a little elf-girl named Willa-Lee. She lived in a cozy elf-house

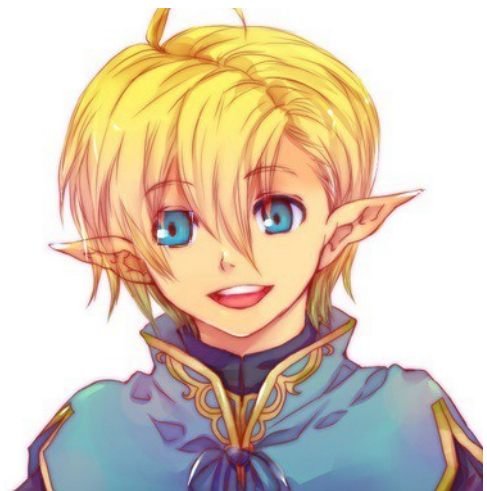


with her Mom, A-liza, and her Dad,



Dan-i-el. A-liza was a Master Harper and Dancer. Dan-i-el

was Forest Keeper for the forests, meadows, ponds, rivers, and lakes where Willa-Lee lived. She also had a little brother named Ar-lo-lo. He was very curious, even for an elf. Willa-Lee loved him very much and was waiting for him to grow up so she could teach him the trails through the forest.



Young elf-children go to school at home with their Mom and Dad. Willa-Lee had so much to learn! She had to know all about trees and animals, rocks and leaves, bees and birds, as well as learning the history of elves and the world that the One has made. Most of all, she loved to help her Dad take care of the forests and meadows. She was a big help because she could talk to the birds and animals living in the forest.

One day Willa-Lee was walking by a big lake far away from her house. She saw something very strange. It was a big bunch of sticks in the top of a tree! Maybe it was a big tree house! Maybe wind had blown the sticks



into the tree! Willa-Lee walked closer and looked up. Then she saw something high up in the sky. Even with her elf eyes and far-sight it was hard to see what it was.

It was so high up Willa-Lee thought it might be an airplane but there was no noise. Then it flew closer and Willa-Lee saw that it was a giant bird with black



wings and a white head. It flew closer and closer. Then it landed on the bundle of sticks. Willa-Lee



knew that it must be an Eagle, the king and queen of all the birds. Maybe there were going to be eagle babies in the nest soon!



Soon the eagle flew back up into the sky.

Then Willa-Lee saw something very bad. A raccoon was climbing the tree! Willa-Lee knew that raccoons like to steal the eggs from bird nests and eat them! What



could she do to warn the eagle? She quickly gathered some feathers that had fallen out of the nest and tied them to a bush. They looked like a bird that had gotten caught in some vines. Then she hid and watched. Soon the eagle flew down from the sky to see whether the "feather-bird" would be good to eat.



When the eagle was very close, Willa-Lee jumped from her hiding place. She had never talked with an eagle before, but she had talked with the great hawks, which are cousins of eagles. She shouted "Skreee-i-Chee-Eriee", which is hawk-language for "egg-stealer near". The eagle looked over at the tree and saw the raccoon. Poor raccoon! The eagle picked it up and flew high over a pond and dropped it in!

Splash! The raccoon had a long cold swim back to the shore.



Then Willa-Lee went home and told her Mom and Dad about the eagle and the raccoon. She told Ar-lolo too, but he didn't understand very much. Dad

asked her how she had known to make a pretend "feather-bird" to get the eagle to fly down so she could talk to it. Willa-Lee said, "Well, I know that hawks like to eat chickens, so I thought eagles might eat chickens too".

Dad and Mom told her she was very smart to figure that out. Now there were sure to be more eagle babies!



Willa-Lee played with Ar-lo-lo until supper time. Then she ate her dinner. After that, her Mom told her a story and she went to bed, a happy elf-girl.