

Hawkins wins Imagine This Story contest

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When I help my mom in the garden, I like to imagine a world where fairies help us too by battling cabbage moths, pulling weeds, fighting pests, and helping our garden grow. Once upon a time, there lived five garden fairies: May, Susanne, Charlotte, Nell, and Francis. They lived in my garden in Northern California. Surrounded by the ocean and beautiful redwoods. The redwood trees are so tall they look like they may reach heaven. The Smith River was near the fairies' home and is one of the clearest rivers in the world.

Back at the place where the fairies lived, their garden was filled with flowers such as poppies, roses, marigolds, and bluebells. The poppies and marigolds were sun like orange and the roses were of a perfect pale pink. They grew many sorts of fruits and vegetables. They had an orchard with pear and apple trees where the wild bluebells grew as well as blueberry bushes that were tended to by the littlest apple blossom fairy named Francis. Francis was in charge of protecting the trees from predators such as bears (who love apples and breaking branches!) and elk who tramp on the beautiful grass around the orchard. There are many types of fairies that look over the garden.

They are all great friends with the Queen Bee and like to invite her to dinner sometimes. The Queen Bees' favorite meal was royal jelly which her worker bees specially prepared. After the meal was over, May and Susanne went and battled cabbage moths who loved to eat much more than just cabbage. If they had it their way, cabbage moths can destroy things like Brussel sprouts, tomatoes, broccoli, and sunflowers. May and Susanne would have their guns loaded with neem oil bullets that would stop the cabbage moths in their tracks. After a long evening killing cabbage moths, there was always a great celebration.

One day May decided to go on a walk. While she was walking, she saw a creature. She froze. It was a deer.

He was ruining the garden! May realized they forgotten to deer proof the garden. She made a decision right then to build a nice tall fence and gate, which fairies can build in just a second. As she approached the deer, it ran far into the woods with a belly full of garden goodness.

The next day, May decided she needed to plant herbs all around the garden that deer hate. She dug her holes, dropped in tiny seeds and watered them. The herbs she grew were basil, sage, thyme and rosemary which all keep deer away. The fairies lived out their lives assisting the humans by protecting their garden and having fun while they did. The end.

Uncharted Shores Academy Homeschool Student Adelaide Hawkins won the Regional Imagine This Story Contest with this piece.