

# The Comenius Story



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There was once a princess who lived in a castle. One day, when she walked through the castle, she met a prince.

- "Hey!" said the prince.
- "Hey!" said the princess, I wondered where you were!?"
- "I'm here now," said the prince.
- "Yes", said the princess, "can't we get married"?"
- "Yes, we can" said the prince, "of course!"

If there is a wedding, there is a party! And they decided to make a feast in the castle, but first the prince and the princess wanted to get out and play. They met a horse who said:

- "Ihhh!" (Neighing horse).
- "Aren't we nice?" they asked the horse.
- "Yes!" the horse replied.





They went on the road and into the forest and there they met the 2 teddy bears, who said:

- "Hey!" and waved. "We also want to play!"
- "Come on!" cried the prince and the princess

They all walked away and played together. Suddenly, it began to thunder. The prince, the princess and the horse ran home to the castle, but the teddy bears had to go home to their hibernation because they were too big for the castle.

At the palace, they met a girl named Maia.

- "I want to ride on the horse!" Maia said.
- "No, I do not want to!" said horse.
- "No, no" said Maia and she walked towards the woods.





In the forest, there were three little birds that could fly. When they flew high up into the air they saw another bird that was huge. They were so afraid of it that they flew down and straight into the horse stables.

- "What are you doing here?" the horse asked.

- "We were frightened of a giant bird. Can we stay here with you?" the birds asked.

- "Oh yeah!" said the horse, "but it is better if you live up in the palace with the princess. Ihhh!" (The horse neighs).

The birds flew through thunder and rain, and then they saw the little Maia, lonely and afraid. The birds landed next to her and said:

- "Beep, beep, how do you feel?"

- "Solo", Maia said, but she was pleased when she saw the birds.

- "Would you like to fly with us on a tour up to the castle?" they asked.

- "Yes, please" she said.





High up from the air, they saw the teddy bears and then the horse, and they cried:

- "Hey, hey!"

When they arrived at the palace gate they knocked. The Princess opened and they went in.

- "Come in, come in!" the princess told Maia while the birds flew up into the air and said:

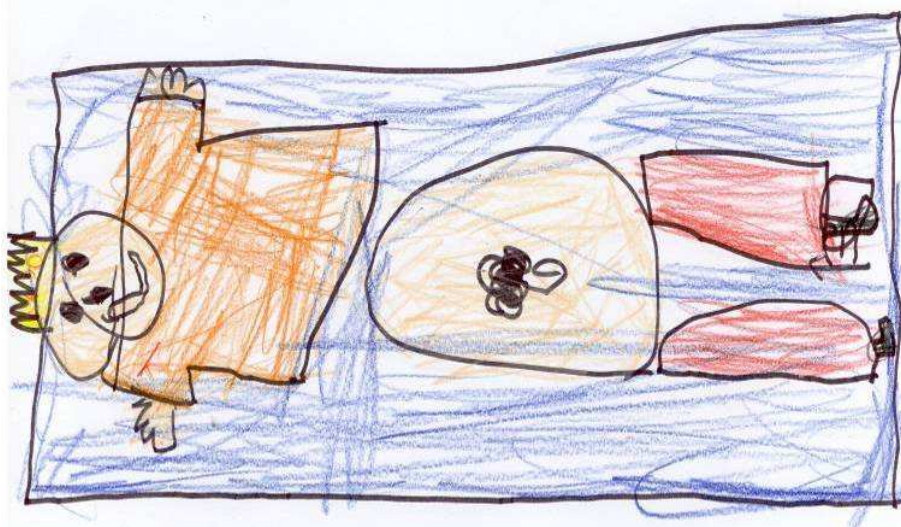
- "Beep, beep, beep!"

The princess began to sing a song (Baa, Baa Black Sheep).

Then everybody started to prepare the wedding. They had lots of food, a big cake and also a *potica*, and lots of cookies with marmalade, of course.

The food smelled so good that even the bears came from the forest and the horse from the stable. They all ate cake and had a good time. After a while, a shepherd came and played on the ceramic flute in a shape of bird called *Žvrgola*. Everyone started to dance, because he played really nice.





Suddenly, the magic happened! The ceramic flute turned into a pillow! The Prince saw the pillow and realised that he was tired, so he went to sleep.

But the pillow did not like that and it said: "Hey! You are hurting me! Please, get off me." The prince woke up and got scared of the talking pillow, he did not want it in his castle so he took it deep into the forest. When he stepped into the forest, the pillow turned into the ceramic flute again. The prince put it near the bear's home and went back into the castle.

Soon the bears came from the wedding; they saw the ceramic flute and took it into their home.





The little bear blew into it and it turned into the pillow again. The bears were really happy because they wanted to go to sleep because they did not like the cold outside. They slept till the spring. Outside the sun was shining and the pillow turned into the ceramic flute in a shape of a bird again and after that it turned into a real bird! The bird flew on the tree near the castle and made a nest.

The bird hatched 4 eggs. And one day, 4 beautiful little birds (two girls and two boys) came out of the eggs. They lived there until they grew up.





In the castle, baby twins were born to the prince and the princess. A sweet baby boy and a beautiful baby girl.

When they grew up the prince became a musketeer and the princess became a queen of the castle.





They lived in the castle "The Royal Palace of Lithuania" (Valdovų rūmai) in Vilnius.

The castle was very big and beautiful and it was the place where many watchmen, servants, keepers and cooks worked.

The horse who lived in the stables became old and the princess had the idea to beautify the stables so that the horse could be happy and joyfull. So, he found some good and happy friends..





They played and lived happily

- "Come to visit me" said the horse to the bird. "You will see my new home and my good friends".
- "Ok, I will come, " said the bird.

He came to play and found good friends there. And then they travelled around the world to have many adventures.





They went on the road and found a magic stone. They touched the stone with a hoof, wing and foot and they found themselves in another planet.

It was a magical planet. There were sweets on the trees, rivers with lemonade, castles made out of chocolate, hills of biscuit, cars with caramel and ice-cream. All the friends were so surprised and when they turned to look and saw a rainbow. It was made out of coloured candy (red from strawberries; orange from oranges; yellow from lemons; green from apples; blue from mint; indigo from blackberries and purple from plums).



As they were walking, they saw a castle which looked like a cake. They knocked on the door, and a girl answered them. It was Maria, who was living along with his mother, the queen of the magical planet. The girl welcomed them to her house and asked how they got there. They told her how they managed to come to this planet and also that they were very tired because of the long journey, and starved. Maria led them to the table and introduced them to her mum. She was very happy because she hadn't seen terrestrials for a long time. Maria told them that she came from Earth as well, she slipped on a magic rock, and because she couldn't come back to her world, she was adopted by the queen.

- "So we can't go back home?"
- "Well I didn't want to get off this planet. Here is very good. On Earth I was an orphan; my parents died when I was little".
- "If we find a way to get off from here will you come with us?"
- "Of course! Thank you!"



The following day, Maria said farewell to the queen, she thanked her for all the things she did for her and left along with her friends to search for the magic stone that would bring them back to Earth.

They arrived at the magic rainbow on which drops of lemonade were glowing. There they found the magic stone, they climbed on it and started their journey to the Earth.

The magic stone was floating through ether. From there they saw a coloured ball in green and blue.

- "Wow! that ball is so beautifully coloured!" the horse said.

- "What is that? Another planet made out from chocolate and mint?" the bear asked .

- "I really don't know! But it is really beautiful! I feel like singing when I see it!" the bird said.

As they got closer, they understood that the ball was their planet: the planet Earth.

Everybody started to hug and sing joyfully.



The magic stone arrived on Earth and landed at..... Bran Castle. They knocked at the door but nobody answered, so they went through the gate and met a keeper.

- "Who are you? What are you looking for?"
- "We would like to speak to the prince. We have just come back from a long journey and now we are tired and we would like some help to get home."
- "Ooooo! The prince is away in a long journey as well."
- "Really? To the magic planet?"



- "Nooo..... The prince was invited to visit castles from Sweden, Slovenia and Lithuania."
- "Then we must wait till the prince comes back."

Suddenly, the prince appeared with his backpack and his slippers. He looked surprised, took a piece of paper out of his backpack and said:

- "Thank you very much for coming. This is an invitation for a party here at Bran Castle."
- "Oh! No!" - said Maria. "Do you think Bran Castle is the best place for a party? Come on!... If we could only dance with the Count maybe, but since he's no longer seen in the neighbourhood... Wait! I had an idea! Let's go to Portugal!"
- "Portugal?! I have already heard about it. It's the country of the 3 "S": *Sun. Sea and Saudade.*"
- "Ok, then! Portugal, here we goooo! Oh... And how can we get there?"
- "Well, we have the magic stone, don't we? We climb on it and it will take us to Portugal" - the horse said.



The prince went into the castle, took some clothes and his computer, and sent some e-mails to his friends in Sweden, Slovenia, Lithuania and Romania. Then, they tried to climb on the stone but they couldn't. The stone was too small to carry them all.

- "We can ask the rainbow for some help", said the prince. "It is always so big and nice!

I'm sure it will give us a stripe we can use as road!"

So, some of them came to Portugal by magic stone and others by rainbow. They crossed Transylvania forest and landen in Portugal, near Zêzere River. It was such a beautiful place! They found a good place to spend the night and they got some rest.

The following day, Maria said:

- "Prince, it's better if we give a garden party near the river. We shall eat typical Portuguese food. I've heard they have codfish, sweet rice, potato and cabbage soup. That will keep us strong and ready to big adventures. Well, and for the toast...Oporto wine! Huum...yummy, yummy...  
So, at 4 o'clock the garden party began and everybody was there: from Slovenia came the Dragon; from Romania came Dracula and from Lithuania came the wolf Vilnis. Everybody was so happy! The dragon spent most of the time spitting fire and the flames became rockets. The wolf Vilnis was playing hide-and-seek with Dracula. Maria and the Prince were talking by the river.
- "Come on! Let's us eat all these good things and make a toast!", - said the prince.
- "Wait, wait" - the horse said - "what about my Swedish friends?! There is no one here yet...Maybe their flight was delayed because of that angry volcano..."



Suddenly, a car got down from the magic rainbow and they all could see the ABBA group waving at them. They got out of the car and they began singing "Mamma Mia". Everybody started to sing along and danced joyfully!



Somewhere in the rainbow, Comenius put his hands on the head and said:

- "Mamma Mia! What a party! Thank you all!"



**The End!**

**Slut!**

**Konec!**

**Pabaiga!**

**Capăt!**

**Final!**



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