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Deep in the hills of Slovenia, there is an ancient cave named Vilenica. Long ago, fairies chose to live in the tunnels of this cave.





In a village nearby, lived a poor woman with her young daughter, Marinca. One day, they were picking mushrooms in the woods when they met three fairies.

“Why are you in these woods?” asked one fairy.

“We are picking mushrooms,” said the woman. “My dear daughter, Marinca, is a wonderful cook.”





“Please, Marinca, live with us in our cave,” said the fairies in sweet voices. “Cook for us. You can eat all you like. We will sing for you and be your friends.”

Marinca liked the fairies, so she went with them and cooked their food. They were kind to her and the cave was beautiful.



