



# Granpa's Stories

The adventures of  
Lumo the Elf

Look before you leap





Rolly the rabbit always felt that he was the fastest runner. Yet all the Forest Friends felt that Twilla the fairy could fly faster.

So, both agreed to a friendly race. And today was the big race between Twilla and Rolly. A shiny, golden trophy stood on a wooden table. Everyone cheered and clapped with excitement.

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Twilla smiled. “I can fly fast.” Rolly thumped his feet. “And I can run even faster!” The Forest Friends giggled.



Granddad Elf said, “Let’s see who wins!”

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No one knew that the small wooden bridge on the race path had broken during last night's heavy rain.

The pieces lay scattered, and the river rushed below.



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Lumo felt a little worried.  
“I will check the path before  
the race,” he said. He walked  
off carefully, humming softly.  
Twillla nodded, but Rolly bounced  
impatiently.

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Rolly hopped in circles. “Let’s start! I saw the path yesterday. It was fine!”

Twilla said, “We should wait for Lumo.”



But Rolly begged and begged until Twilla finally agreed. Granddad Elf raised the starting stick.

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“Ready... set... GO!”

Granddad Elf fired the tiny pistol.

Rolly shot forward like a streak of brown lightning.

Twilla flew behind him, her wings sparkling.

Everyone cheered loudly.

Meanwhile, Lumo reached the bridge and gasped.

“Oh no! It’s broken!”



He turned to run back and warn them. Just then he saw Rolly racing toward the broken bridge at full speed.

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“STOP! STOP!” Lumo shouted.  
But Rolly couldn’t hear him.  
With no time left, Lumo jumped  
and tackled Rolly to the ground.  
They rolled and tumbled—



and stopped just before the  
broken edge.  
Twillla flew down, eyes wide with  
shock.

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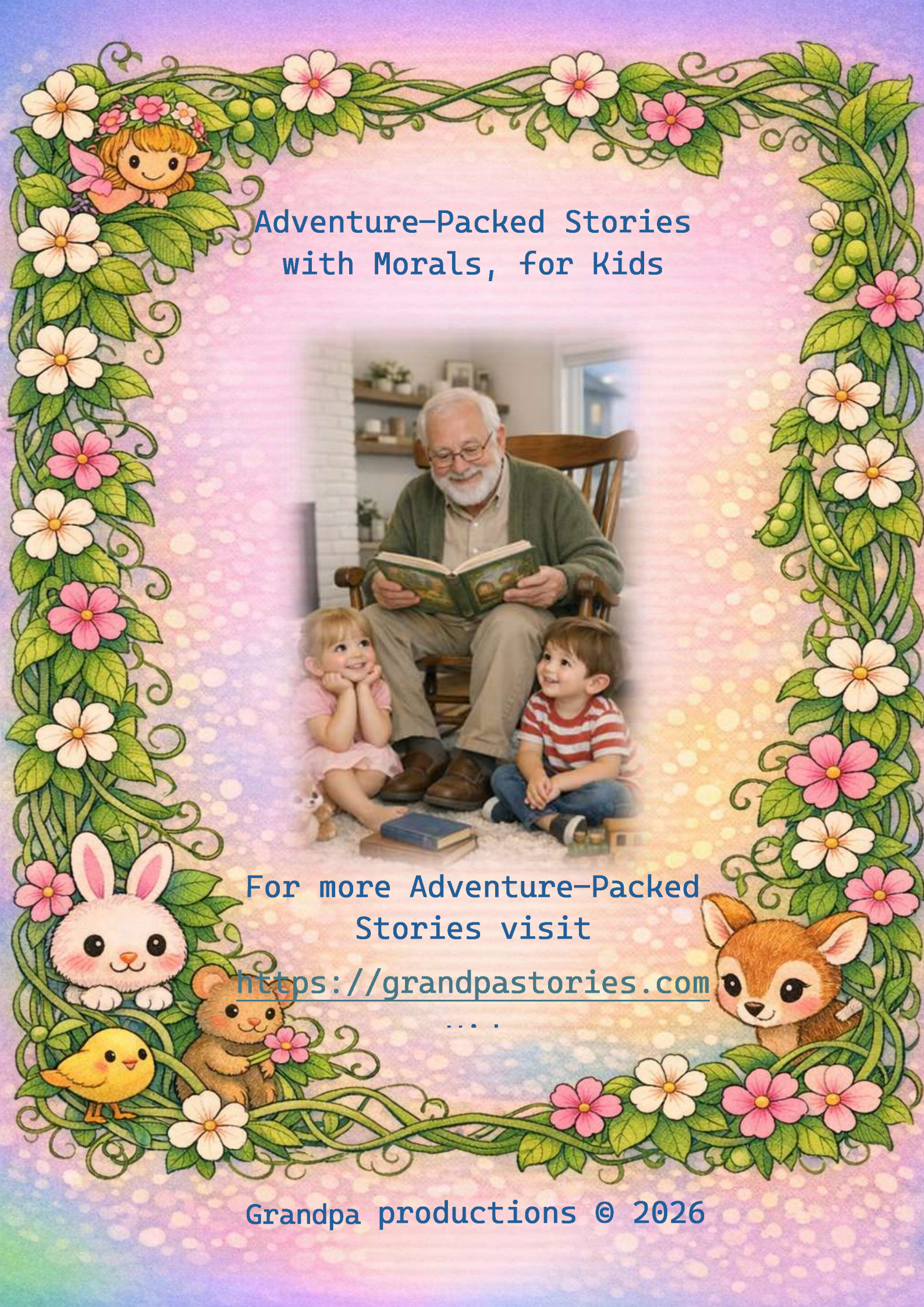


Rolly stared at the broken bridge. “Oh my goodness... Lumo, you saved my life!”

Lumo smiled gently. “Always be careful. Look before you leap.”

### The moral of the story

Think before you act.  
Being careful keeps everyone  
safe.



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