

The Rose and the Chameleon

ROSE: Oh, I'm such a beautiful rose!. Everybody tells me that!. The bee told me that my colors were marvelous, and the butterfly said the other day that I'm the prettiest flower in the garden. But I don't know why people only stare at me. How come they don't get closer and smell my sweet perfume?.

(She sees that there's a Chameleon beside her)

ROSE: Who are you?. I have never seen you before. Where have you been hiding?.

CHAMELEON: I don't hide. I just change my colors to fit into the place I stand, that's why you haven't seen me.

ROSE: Do you mean that you have been here all the time?.

CHAMELEON: Yes!.

ROSE: But you're so ugly!. Agh, you're disgusting!.

CHAMELEON: I have never seen my reflection in the water, so I don't know if I'm ugly or not. But, if I am, I'm sorry.

ROSE: I want you to go. Maybe that's why people don't get near me.

CHAMELEON: I am here to protect you. But, if I bother you, then I'll leave.

ROSE: Protect me from what?. I don't need you!.

CHAMELEON: Before I leave you must know why I'm here.

ROSE: All I know is that you scare people. Please, go away.

(Chameleon exits. Rose starts to struggle, swatting at bugs. Chameleon returns.)

CHAMELEON: Hello, pretty rose!.

ROSE: I am not pretty anymore. Something happened since you left. Don't you see?.

CHAMELEON: Well, yes. What happened?.

ROSE: As soon as you left, a huge amount of insects and ants came to my stem and they started eating me, even my beautiful petals, and now look at me!. I'm so ugly!.

CHAMELEON: I'm sorry, but you told me to go.

ROSE: What? Did you have something to do with this?.

CHAMELEON: I told you I was here to protect you, and you didn't listen. I was the one who was eating all those insects and ants, before they harmed you. That's why you were the most beautiful rose in the garden.

ROSE: I was so selfish and vain, and now I'm paying the price. I didn't see what you were doing for me. Please forgive me, even though it's too late.

CHAMELEON: It's not too late. I'll stay with you and soon you'll become once again the prettiest flower in the garden.

ROSE: Thank you, I don't want to be away from you anymore!.