

Wicked Turns Good

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On a cool summer day all the Munchkins were at work. They were cleaning, planting, and taking care of their children. The Munchkins saw Galinda's bubble arrive and were filled with excitement. They ran to her.

Galinda said, "I am going to try to make Elphaba good! She is hurting all of you." A little Munchkin said, "You will never turn her into a good person. She's too wicked and powerful!"

Galinda said, "I have to try!", then poof she disappeared. She reappeared at the edge of the forest where Elphaba liked to walk. Elphaba saw her and said, "Everyone in Munchkin land is saying you wanted to see me?" "Yes, I need to show you something." "What is it?", said Elphaba, annoyed. They walked further into the forest. Galinda said, "There is a little girl who is struggling with her magic and needs your help."

"Ugh, why do I have to do it? Can't you?" "I already tried and it did not work properly. I think my powers are weakening from age.", said Galinda with a sly smile. "Fine, I'll do it."

Elphaba angrily walked over to the girl and said, "What are you trying to do?" "I am trying to make animals speak because I love them," said the girl. Elphaba remembered a time when animals could speak. "What is your name?" The little girl said, "My name is

Nessa". Elphaba thought of her sister and knew she had to help. Elphaba said, "What do you have so far?"

There was a little bunny nearby. Nessa raised the wand that Galinda gave her and chanted, "Make this bunny speak." Sadly, the bunny hopped away. Elphaba said, "Listen. First, you need to focus. Then, you need to be calm. However, the secret is to say "make this bunny speak" but backwards!"

"Also, you were excited and not calm. You were focused but you need to be both focused and calm at the same time." "Can I try again?" Nessa asked. "Hmmm ...There is a bird in that tree. Try it on that." Nessa took a deep breath and said, "Speak bunny this make". The bird beautifully chirped and flew away. Nessa began to cry. Elphaba said, "It's not a bunny, it's a bird. Try it again on that bird over there."

Nessa pointed her wand at the bird. She was calm and focused and said, "Speak bird this make!" Just then the bird said, "Hello, Nessa! Thank you for giving me a voice."

Then, the bird flew away. Nessa said, "Thank you so much for helping me. I've always wanted animals to talk to me and you made that dream come true." Elphaba felt a feeling she hadn't felt in a long time, real happiness.

Galinda walked over to her and smiled, "Are you ok?" "Yes, I am. I was just thinking about the last time someone said "thank you" to me. It was so long ago." Galinda said,

“That doesn’t matter because you can help them now and more people will appreciate you.” Elphaba actually smiled and together they walked out of the forest towards Munchkin land.

The Munchkins were all wondering why Galinda and Elphaba were smiling and laughing together. Galinda said, “Elphaba is now good!” All the Munchkins cheered! Elphaba was so happy. Galinda said to Elphaba, “I have been waiting a long time to give you this.”

She pulled out a pair of ruby red slippers. Elphaba said, “What are these?” “They were your sister’s slippers, remember?” With a tear Elphaba said, “I do.” She carefully slipped on the slippers. They fit perfectly!