

Roco Riki
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There once lived a girl named Sarah. She lived on a farm near a forest. One day, when she was ten, her mother died. Her dad remarried a woman named Riki. A year later, her dad died.

After that Riki was Sarah's only family but she loved her. One day, ten days before Sarah's fifteenth birthday, she told Riki what she wanted for her birthday. "Oh, Mother, I was thinking and could I get a raccoon for my birthday?" "Oh, sweetie," replied Riki, "I don't have a raccoon but in the forest there can be one." "Can we please go find one?" Sarah asked. "Well" replied Riki "I can try to find one for you" she said. "It will take 10 days to find one" she said. "Until I come back, live with our neighbors." So she went. Riki took a rope, thirteen water bottles, five apples, three bananas, and a cookie. She went the next day. It was cold so she took a jacket. When she got to the forest, she took a breath and went in. It was cold and wet. You could hear strange sounds in the trees. "But I didn't take a bug repellent" she said. And true there were lots of bugs. Then there was a dip and dap, dip, dap, dip, dip, dap. It was music! Rainy music! Then, she saw a big tree but she wasn't the only one there. There was a little monkey. It looked hungry. Riki closed her eyes and gave the little monkey the banana that she was about to eat. The next day, Riki woke up there were two more monkeys. She gave all her bananas away. She stood up and walked on a path. Three hours later she saw a fish in a puddle! The puddle was drying out. She took out the water bottles and made a path to the creek. She used up eleven water bottles. She lay against a tree trunk and fell asleep. When she woke up, she ate an apple, gave two apples to two super cute bunnies and noticed she has only eight days left to Sarah's birthday. She walked some more and noticed two birds. She gave them one apple and kept walking. After four more days, she got tired. "How am I supposed to find a raccoon?" she cried. Then, she heard a rustle, three monkeys jumped out of the tree with two birds carrying a fish in a water bottle. From the bushes jumped the bunnies. These were the animals Riki met. The bunnies talked first, "We know where a raccoon lives" they cried out. Then the birds started screeching, "It lives in a tree near here!" Then, the monkeys started shouting, "He is very fat and a rat." They loved to sing silly songs. Then, the oldest and smartest animal, fish, started talking, "We know where a raccoon lives" he said. "You do?" cried Riki. "He lives in the old tree in the west." "Thank you, thank you." Cried Riki. "No

problem” answered the animals. So she went to the west and saw the biggest tree she has seen in her whole life. She climbed the tree and saw a raccoon. It really was fat! “Um...raccoon, could you come to my home with me?” she asked. The raccoon turned around and said, “ If you give me two water bottles, two apples, and one cookie.” “Where am I going to get all that stuff? Oh, I know.” She took all her stuff and gave it to the raccoon. “Now, I can go.” Said the raccoon. It was already 11:55 and in 5 minutes Sarah’s birthday would be here. “How are we going to get there in time?” asked Riki. “I have an idea.” Said the raccoon. Then, in that moment, 1000 fireflies carried them into the night. At 12:00, they arrived and when Sarah saw her mother she began to cry from happiness. “Mom!” cried Sarah. “You found a raccoon! I will name it Roco Riki.” Which in their language meant, “Thank you, Riki.” And they lived happily ever after.