

The Jaguars Disguise

Not too far from the city lived a jaguar by the name of Keith. Every day he would stalk his territory looking for food, shelter, and especially love. He longed for love all his life but never had luck. All the ladies in the forest were either taken or weren't interested in Keith. So every day he would feel sorry for himself, longing for love... Until, one day a girl fell from a plane. She hit her head badly, causing a concussion and breaking her ankle. Keith heard the fall and went to see what happened. He found her lying on her back. Her breathing was bad and she was cut across the head. He took her back to his cave hoping she would live. The next morning she awoke. She was so frightened she didn't know what to do. As Keith was giving her something to eat (her name was Mia) she spoke to him and he understood her. She said, "Hello! What's your name?" To her amazement he said, "Keith." He recalled his father's words, the father who didn't like him. The only advice he gave him was: "Once you can talk to a human, you have fallen in love." Well he was talking to a human, so he must have fallen in love! She must have loved him because she could understand him, too. So days went by and they got to know each other. Mia even taught Keith to walk like a human, which he caught on very quickly to. But one day right after they played Mia said, "I have to return to the city now." These words caught Keith by surprise. "Why would you want to go? I'd miss you, and you'd miss me, so you can't leave me," he said in a whimper. "I'm

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sorry but I have to go.” And with that, she left. She was gone for many days, and the days turned into months. “That’s it I’m going to the city.” But he didn’t think that through very well. When he got to the city, he almost got shot, so he went and found a pants suit in the trash (brand new), and he put it on. He used the skills Mia taught him, the ability to walk like a human, to fit in. He found Mia in a coffee shop. He went up to her and tried to give her a hug, but it didn’t work. She pushed him causing him to show his face (he wore a brim hat to cover his face). When she recognized him, she wasn’t happy to see him. She took him outside and gave him a talk, telling him to go back to the forest. He didn’t listen and he followed her home, so she let him come in. He told her, “Come we can live in the jungle together. We can go to the witch of the forest and have you turned into a jaguar, like me.” So they went back to the jungle. It took a while, so Keith let Mia ride his back the rest of the way. They reached the witch, and to their amazement she was pretty young. “Hello! How are you doing? What potion do you need?”, she jumped sentences like a kangaroo. “Ummm, we need you to turn her into a jaguar, like me,” he said with pleasure. “Why would you want to do that?” she asked in shock, as if the statement offended her. “We would like to live together in the forest,” he stated. As if the witch had fallen into a trance, she stated this riddle: “One true kiss can turn you into what you want to be, if only you could see what I see, the curse

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upon the,” and with that she vanished in a puff of smoke. “See what I see? Woman, what do you see?” Keith said, a little too harshly. But he started to think about what kind of animal can talk, what animal can walk on hind legs just like a human, who was his only true love. Then it hit him, he was the only animal who could talk, he was the only animal who could walk, and his true love was Mia. So he thought that all he had to do was get Mia to kiss him and she’d become a jaguar. So Mia kissed Keith but nothing happened. Then Keith kissed Mia and they both rose up in the sky, and to their amazement Keith turned to a human. “But, but how?” they stuttered in amazement. Then the witch appeared and she turned into a jaguar that Keith thought looked familiar. But he thought his eyes were playing tricks on him, his mom was dead, or that’s what he thought. His dad left him when he was young, so who was this strange but familiar person, and why was he human instead of jaguar? But then the jaguar spoke, “Hi son. I see you broke your curse, but mine is still here,” she said very sadly. They talked until the sun went down, and then Keith brought up the subject, “So you’re telling me that I was a human the whole time and you dying was a hallucination, and that my dad wasn’t even real?” he asked kinda sad that he was tricked and lied to. “Yes I’m so sorry, but it was for your own good or you would have died,” she said even sadder than before. Well after that day it was totally different. They traveled through town found a mansion

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and kept Keith's mother. They lived for a long time and even had a jaguar for a baby. The curse was broken.