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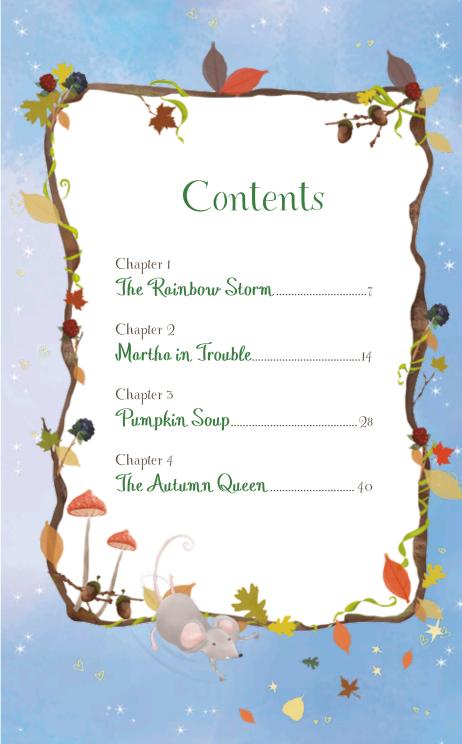
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The Fairy World

The Superfairies of Peaseblossom Woods use teamwork to rescue animals in trouble. They bring together their special superskills, petal power, and lots of love.







Chapter 1



The Rainbow Storm

Superfairy Rose was busy in the cherry blossom tree making a skirt from golden autumn leaves.

Meanwhile, out in the woods, Martha the Little Mouse and Susie Squirrel held hands and danced round in circles under the big oak tree. It had been raining heavily all morning and now a huge rainbow spanned the sky.

"It's quite sunny now. Shall we go off on an adventure?" suggested Martha.

"I'm not sure," said Susie Squirrel.
"Mum and Dad said there's going to be an autumn storm later."

"How could there be a storm when the sun is shining?" giggled Martha. "Grown-ups exaggerate. Let's explore!"

The girls set off along the woodland floor, looking for somewhere to play.

They heard familiar voices. "That's Basil the Bear Cub and my brother Sidney!" said Susie. "Let's see what they're up to!"

The girls teamed up with the boys and chased each other through the woods.

"Autumn is so pretty!" said Martha. "I love the golden leaves and all the berries and fruits!"

But before long, raindrops fell through the copper-coloured trees.

"Dlink! Splash! Splatter!

The rain got heavier very quickly. It spilled onto the carpet of leaves as if a tap had been turned on.

Crackle! Splish! Splosh!

