

When the snow had long since melted and the birdsong had become even louder, Sofia found herself outside. New adventures and discoveries awaited her. Finally, she was allowed to leave this gloomy building with its many rooms, steps and corridors. The most interesting things were ahead.

The warmth and freshness of the first spring flowers already smelled all around. The animals that lived in the nearby forest had already begun to actively search the garden in search of goodies. Sofia prudently grabbed a few half-eaten apples and hid them in the grass.

Soon a gray hare appeared. It walked cautiously, sometimes stopping and looking around. Sofia froze. She was afraid to even move a little so as not to disturb the eared one from enjoying breakfast. As soon as the hare disappeared, Sofia relaxed and took out her favorite tattered book. And sank into oblivion. Fantastic adventures, new discoveries and unknown beasts awaited her. She felt like a heroine saving the world on a giant dragon.

The day was coming to an end. On the horizon, with its last rays, the sun wished Sofia good night. Her imagination was far from this place when Sofia heard her being called.

- Sofia? It's already time for dinner and bed.

The nurse carefully approached the girl and touched her shoulder.

- So quickly? But I haven't saved the village from the evil wolf yet. He almost caught up with the little hare, but I intervened and saved the long-eared one.

The girl told her with admiration.

- How well you did. - The woman laughed. - Well, I think that soon the people in the village will also fall asleep and you will be able to continue the rescue tomorrow. And now, let's take care of you.

The nurse carefully took the book from the girl's hands, put it in the side pocket of the stroller, and rolled it inside the shelter. Children were running here and there along the corridors. Nurses and teachers tried to make them go to dinner. Sofia looked gloomily at the horizon and promised that one day she would find out what was behind it.

The next day, a young couple visited the orphanage. Their clothes resembled those of researchers and scientists. They had been traveling the world for a very long time. Here and there, they studied and saved wild animals from poachers and extinction. Their life was incredible, but they could not have children, which saddened them more and more. They decided that their child had already been born, they just needed to find it. As befits true scientists and researchers. This was the first shelter they had visited. The day before, flying in an inflatable balloon nearby, Martha, a woman scientist, saw a girl through a telescope, who was reading a book alone, while children were playing and running around. Her heart stopped for a moment and she realized that she was their daughter. They already knew that Sofia was the very treasure they had dreamed of for so long.

A month passed. Sofia, full of happiness and smiling broadly, sat in a new chair with impeccably agile wheels and wrote something down in a notebook. Nearby, on a thin pole, a bright parrot named Teddy tapped its beak, and mom and dad coordinated the flight. Their balloon ship flew over the desert, sparkling with its bright colors from the last rays of the sunset. Ahead was the horizon.

