



THE BLUE BIRD

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Tytyl and Mytyl are transported to a magical world by the Fairy Bérylune who helps them in their quest to find the elusive blue bird of happiness. In this scene, THE CAT (who has donned the classic costume of Puss-in-Boots) is talking to the animals and elements whilst the children visit the Fairy's daughter.

THE CAT

I know every inch of this palace. It was left to the Fairy Bérylune by Bluebeard. Let us make the most of our last minute of liberty, while the children and Light pay their visit to the Fairy's little daughter. I have brought you here in order to discuss the position in which we are placed. Are we all here?

Listen to me! All of us here present, Animals, Things and Elements, possess a soul which man does not yet know. That is why we retain a remnant of independence; but if he finds the Blue Bird, he will know all, he will see and we shall be completely at his mercy. This is what I have learnt from my old friend, Night, who is also the guardian of the mysteries of of Life. It is in our interest, therefore, at all costs to prevent the finding of that bird, even if we have to go as far as to endanger the children themselves.

Much muttering and unrest from the animals, things and animals present.

Do you remember the time when we wandered at liberty upon the face of the earth? Fire and Water were the soul masters of the world; and see what they have become. As for the us puny descendants of the great wild animals...

THE CAT hears the Fairy coming.

Look out! Pretend to be doing nothing. I see the Fairy and the Light coming.