The Dragon Fruit!

Once in a village in Japan known as the ever-tree green village lived a poor girl named Millie with her grandma. They were very hardworking people, they worked day and night in their farm growing crops, taking good care of them, once dried they harvested them and separated the stalks from the grains and grinded them to make flour and then they walked to the market place and sell the flour. Along with flour they also grew different vegetables, some they sell, and some they keep for themselves and the rest they would distribute to neighbours in the village. Millie enjoyed her work but she had a separate personal dream of her own for which she was saving money that her grandma gives each month as her pocket money.

One day Millie was roaming in the nearby jungle looking for fruits like guavas, oranges and lychees that she could share with her friends for a little picnic. But instead she found a small different looking tree with many weird looking fruits and an old man sleeping under the tree. She tried to pluck out one but she accidentally woke the old man up. The old man said “I was having a nice nap, who dared to woke me up!?” Millie quickly apologised and said that she was trying to take a look at the unusual fruit. The old man replied “Ahh... I see, that’s a dragon fruit and they are edible and juicy, you should take some home with you. But don’t forget to wash them because there might be some insects on it”. Millie took some and returned home.

Her grandma was very happy seeing them. Millie and her grandma and some of her friends ate the dragon fruits together. One of Millie’s friend said “It tastes tasteless!”. But Millie could feel the taste inside as she closed her eyes and dreamed how she will gather sufficient money and open a restaurant with dishes all made out of healthy vegetables and fruits and live a happy life with her grandma and her friends.