

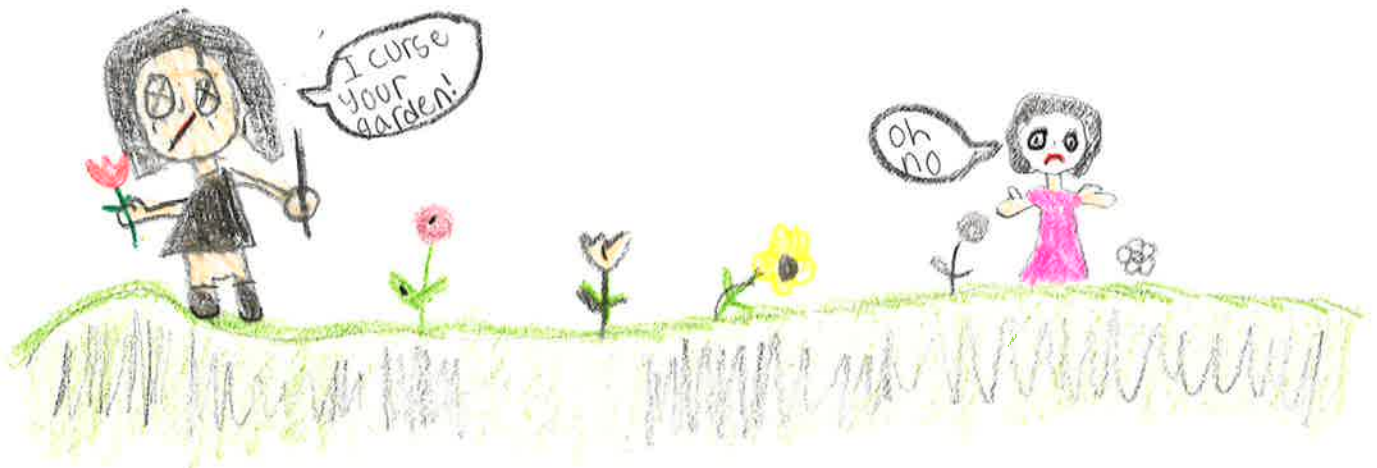
The Black Carnation

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One Sunny afternoon, Isabelle was gardening in her backyard. Her neighbor Odette came to help. "Why don't you have flowers in your garden?" asked Isabelle.



"Many years ago an old lady would come to my garden and steal flowers. One day, I decided to stop her. She got angry and put a spell that no flowers would grow in my garden. She said the curse would only be lifted if I got a black flower from someone. Since there are no black flowers on earth my spell can't be broken," said Odette.

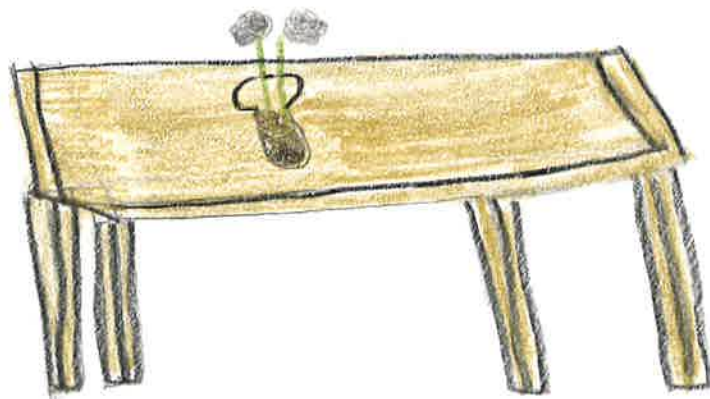


"I'm sorry," said Isabelle.

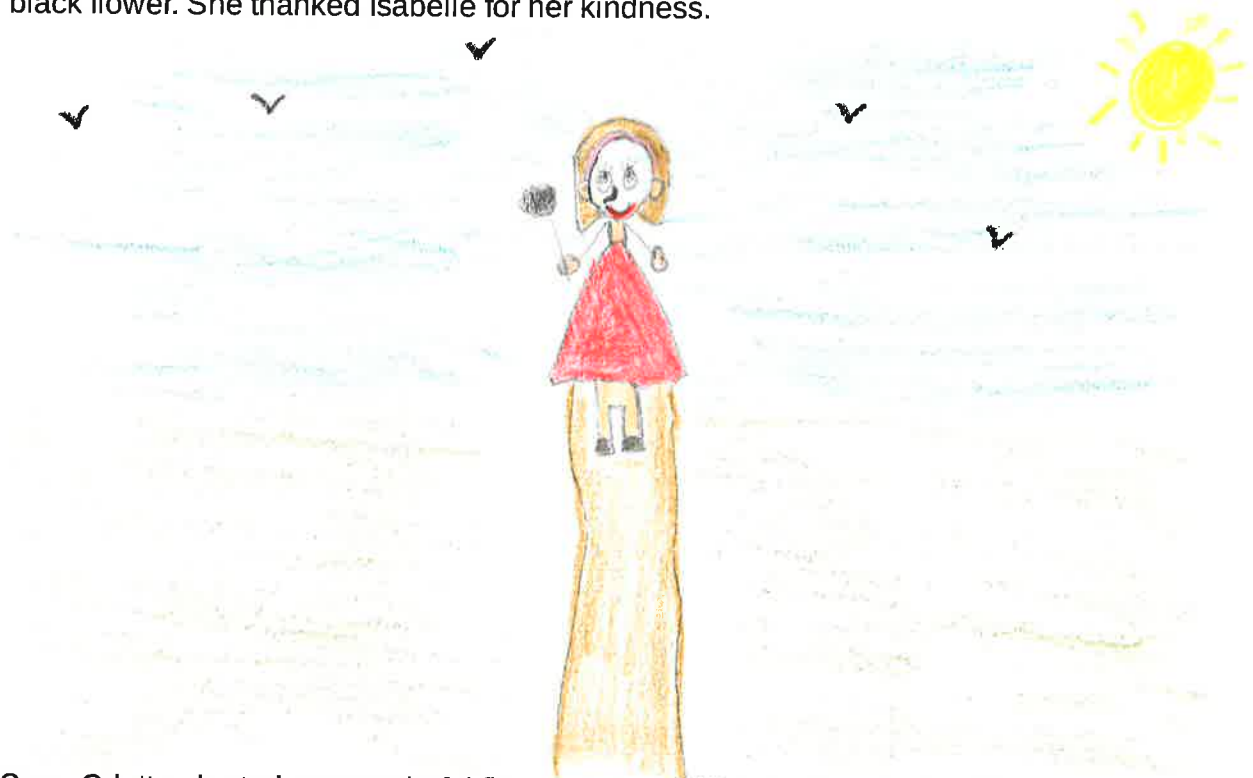
Isabelle felt bad for Odette. Suddenly she had an amazing idea. First, Isabelle cut two white carnations from her garden. Then she put the white carnations, water, and black food color in a vase.



Isabelle waited patiently hoping her idea would work. Few days later she saw the white carnations had turned black.



Isabelle went to Odette's house to give her the flower. Odette was surprised to see a black flower. She thanked Isabelle for her kindness.



Soon Odette planted many colorful flowers in her own beautiful garden. The curse was finally broken!

