

Two Petals of a Rose

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Soon after Rosepaw's naming ceremony, she and her friends discover a portal that sends them into the country of Mossflower. In a struggle to return to White Hart Woods, and to StreamClan, Their curious mistake leads to a swashbuckling adventure!

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0 - Prologue

Rosepaw wriggled in anticipation. Streamstar had chosen for her to become a warrior today. Today, and now! Her mother, Dawnflower, smiled at her from the queens' assortment. Streamstar had been Rosepaw's mentor, and she was sure she could feel pride beaming from the StreamClan leader.

"From this day forward," Streamstar announced, pride dripping from each word, "you will be known as Rosepetal!"

"Rosepetal! Rosepetal! Rosepetal!" her clanmates chanted her name with eager enjoyment.

Rosepetal was a good cat, and a tabby queen with two tails, Twotail, was agreed with that, as she put it, "A good cat was given to us from StarClan for a reason."

A lion's purr is loud, but it would sound like the faint buzz of a single fly compared to that of Rosepetal. Her purr almost blotted out the happy meows and chants.

Rosepetal had been jealous that all her friends had already been made warriors, and becoming one herself was an even better feeling now. Her best friends of all, Lightfur and Nightfur, squeezed between the other warriors. "Don't worry, Rosepetal," Nightfur meowed to her humorously, "We'll fix you a den in a nice spot where the dew can keep your fur ruffled!" She raced off with her younger sister Lightfur hot on her heels, while Rosepetal laughed heartily.

"Hurry up, Sunda!"

Far from StreamClan, in the heart of Mossflower country, a young ottermaid was racing across the orchard of Redwall Abbey, chasing after a squirrel and followed by a squirrel. The ottermaid was ginger-red, like Rosepetal, and was named Rosepetal as well. The squirrel she chased was Midnight, a black-furred squirrelmaid with golden-hazel eyes. The squirrel chasing her was an almost-albino squirrelmaid with red eyes, Midnight's little sister Sunbright. By nickname they were the Terrible Three, Midna, Rosey and Sunda.

Midna skidded to a halt, panting heavily, only to be crashed into by her pursuers. The three maids giggled uncontrollably, and a passing molemaid stopped to look curiously at the three, "An' wot be ee oop to this toime, missies?" she asked.

Midna straitened her ears with a paw, as they had been bent in the crash, "Not much, Milly, just playin' 'bowl the otter and squirrel into Midna', hahahahaha!"

1 - The Meeting

"Rosepetal, c'mon! Hurry!"

Rosepetal gave up hunting her now startled rabbit, and raced to where Nightfur and Lightfur had called her. They, Hawkpelt and Badgerclaw stood in a small clearing. In the middle of the clearing stood a large black hole. A hole the was upright. This hole was a portal, a rip in reality. Rosepetal explained her knowledge to her friends. Badgerclaw and Hawkpelt, adventurous if any cat, were first to approach it, "Let's see what it does, c'mon." Hawkpelt called over his shoulder. Rosepetal quickly clamped onto his tail to stop him, but Badgerclaw had already been pulled into the portal. Hawkpelt instinctively lunged at the portal, calling to his brother, "Badgerclaw!" and was quickly sucked in to join him. The three she-cats jumped into the portal after the brothers.

Rosepetal crashed onto the woodland floor, her head spinning. The five cats had landed in a forest much different from the one the remembered. Sniffing, Lightfur reported, "No Clan cat scents, but no prey scents...oh wait, I smell two squirrels and an otter!"

Suddenly Midna, Rosey and Sunda broke through the foliage, racing until they skidded to a halt in front of the five cats. The maids were anthropomorphic (human-like) but the cats had stayed as they were in their home realm. The animals looked blankly at the others for a while, until Sunda broke the silence, "Those are the oddest cats I've ever seen!"

The feline Rosepetal nodded up at the Redwallers, "Yes, and you are the largest squirrels and otter we've ever seen. I'm Rosepetal, by the way, these are my friends, Nightfur, Light fur, Hawkpelt and Badgerclaw. Who, may I ask, are you?"

Rosey chuckled heartily, "At least these cats are kind-hearted! Good humor, too! My, did you say your name was Rosepetal?"

Rosepetal nodded. Rosey chuckled again, "Well, stripe me! If it ain't a cat with me own name! I'm also Rosepetal, this 'ere are Midnight and Sunbright Rangu. Call me Rosey an' them Midna an' Sunda."