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Matina's Eye

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A short preview from the story

One evening, Matina, a plump and beautiful baby only forty days old, woke up crying. Her face had turned dark and blue, almost like coal.

Her mother, Mistress Theano, a young and inexperienced woman, was terrified when she saw her like that. She called out to her husband, "Manolis, the child!"

Manolis jumped out of bed. As soon as he saw Matina, he quickly put on his trousers, threw his jacket over his shoulders and ran out into the courtyard toward the small house of Mistress Pagona.

Mistress Pagona was the healer of the neighborhood. She gave the villagers old remedies, knew many folk cures, and also knew how to remove the evil eye. She had learned the practice from her own mother.

Manolis knocked on Mistress Pagona's door and cried, "Mistress Pagona, our Matina is dying!" She looked at him in surprise and said, "Let us go to your house quickly."

Because Matina had not yet been baptized, everyone felt she had no protection. Theano and Manolis, desperate and afraid, asked Mistress Pagona to perform an emergency baptism, a simple baptism done in a time of need.

Everyone watched with awe and expectation. Would Matina live?

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