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Summary:

***Ta Magemena Petala tis Margaritas
(Daisy's Enchanted Petals)***

A couple is strolling through the park. The girl sees a daisy in bloom in a flowerbed and on a whim, without a second thought, she picks the flower and starts to remove the petals one by one, saying "He loves me, he loves me not..." In the end she throws away the petal-less daisy and walks away, carefree, with her boyfriend.

At the sound of the injured Daisy's cry, the Spirit of Life rises from the depths of the earth and, affectionate to all his creatures, asks what is wrong. "I've never harmed anyone," sighs Daisy. "Why have they cut the thread of my life?"

The just Spirit of Life asks Daisy what he can do to reverse the harm that she has suffered and she asks him to bring her lost petals back to life so that they may experience the life she has lost. And so it happens. The ten petals are given breath and they become svelte young girls who begin swaying to an enchanting dance. Mother Daisy gives them each a name: Love, Daring, Grace, Success, Liberty, Fortune, Modesty, Patience, Expertise and Humour.

The ten daisy girls begin their life in the magic world of the fairytale. Many pathways, full of secrets, miracles and pitfalls open up before them. Each girl, armed with her own talent and the valuable support of her sisters, will choose her own path. Dragons and kings, witches and fairies, crystal castles and silent waters, love, hate and bravery all form part of this rich fairytale recipe.

The conclusion? In order to progress, Love needs Fortune, Fortune needs Liberty, Liberty needs Expertise, Expertise needs Success, Success needs Modesty, Modesty needs Daring, Daring needs Patience, Patience needs Humour and, all in all, each needs the other.