

BORA,

Soffio d'amore

A wonderful story, inspired by carsic legends(rocky areas of the hinterlands) and adapted by Mario Vitta

Aeolus, the father of Winds, was running around the world together with his beloved sons : **Tramontana, Libeccio, Ostro, Scirocco, Greco, Maestro, Ponente e Levante** and last but not least, his favourite one, the young and capricious **Bora** ..

Bora got distracted by the clouds and swept away from her father and brothers and found herself by chance on the green high plains. She ran off to play with all the clouds present in the sky at the time and between one gust and another , she made them dance. She especially liked making fun of a strange cloud called **Nimbus Cirrus Rumbler**.

She also enjoyed swaying the branches of small oaks and chestnut-trees. They were quite frightened by her speed and exuberance as she blew by.

A little while later, whilst playing and running here and there, she was struck and fascinated by the **Fairies and Elves** who were strange enchanted creatures. They led her to find shelter in a kind and friendly manner.

Meanwhile, upon his return from a long journey, the mythical **Tergesteo** had found solace in a cave. He was so young and strong, handsome and charming that **Bora** fell madly in love with him. **Tergesteo** too was struck by **Bora's** charm and he returned her love with the same intensity. The young couple happily lived their glorious love story for seven days in that cave.

When **Aeolus** realized that **Bora** had disappeared he was desperate and decided to go and look for her with his sons' help. He turned to **Sea, Earth and Sky** during his search but **Bora** could not be found anywhere. **Nimbus-Cirrus** knew where the two lovers'hiding- place was and because **Bora** had teased him,he sought revenge by **whispering** the secret of where she was to **Aeolus**.

Without hesitating, **Aeolus** went to the cave and saw **Bora** in **Tergesteo's** arms. Furiously he threw himself onto the young man and wounded him. **Tergesteo** resisted him heroically yet without success; **Aeolus** blew him to the seashore with a strong gust and took **Bora** away with him.

Sea immediately covered **Tergesteo** up and protected him from the fury of the Wind.

Bora was able to escape from her father, looked around for **Tergesteo** but did not find him and broke down crying. The **Fairies**, who had witnessed this violent scene, wanted **Aeolus** to realize the cruelty of his reaction by turning every single one of **Bora's** tears into stone. She cried so much that the ground of the green high plains turned to stone. At the same time, the blood of **Tergesteo's** wounds turned into **sumac**.

In the end the **Fairies** convinced **Aeolus** to let **Bora** remain freely in the place where her wonderful love story had developed. They allowed **Bora** to see **Tergesteo** once more with the eyes of the heart and mind so as to materialize him next to her . At the peak of their compassion and joy, the two lovers experienced the passion of love for the last time.

Bora found herself alone, but from that day on, she visits that magic place each year, blowing through with such gushing force to look for her lost love . In honour of **Tergesteo**, the populations who would have settled in those legendary places founded the town of **TERGESTE** , now known as **TRIESTE**..

