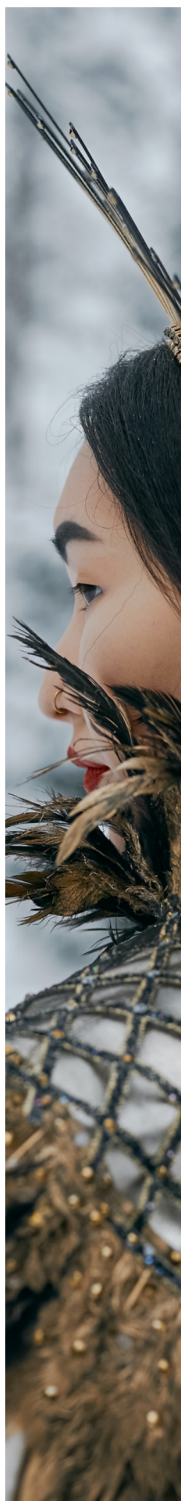




belonging

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A fairy princess who descended from the mountain
and a dragon lord who surfaced from the sea
knew nothing of each other's existence
until they happened to one day meet.

Aside from exchanging greetings and names
the princess and lord shared a gaze
that grew into a love nurtured by yearning
and lasted innumerable days.

As a result of their union,
the fairy princess laid a sac of eggs
that would soon hatch into 100 children
who could walk and swim with their own legs.

But time wore on, and the fairy and dragon
could no longer deafen the call of their homes
that overpowered their love for each other
though they would never be alone.

The two agreed they would each take fifty
children to live on land and the ocean,
so upon parting ways
they would remember each other's devotion.

Âu Cơ was the fairy princess's name,
Lạc Long Quân was the dragon lord's,
and although the two don't meet again,
they forged a future their children look toward.