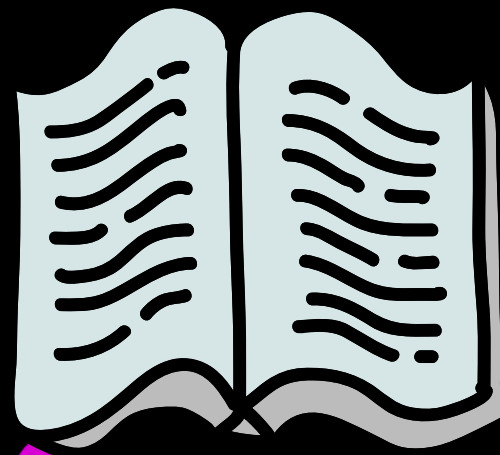


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## The Big Tree

Once upon a time, there was a big tree. It was the biggest tree in the forest. All the other animals were afraid of the big tree. They thought that it was dangerous.

One day, a little bird flew into the forest. He was lost and he didn't know where he was going. He saw the big tree and he was scared. But he was also very tired, so he decided to rest on the big tree's branches.

The big tree was surprised to see the little bird. He had never seen a bird so small before. He asked the little bird why he was so scared.

The little bird said, "All the other animals told me that you were dangerous."

The big tree laughed. "I'm not dangerous," he said. "I'm just a big tree."

The little bird didn't believe him at first. But then the big tree told him all about himself. He told the little bird about his roots, his trunk, his branches, and his leaves. He told the little bird about the animals that lived in his branches and the animals that ate his leaves.



The little bird listened to the big tree's story and he realized that the big tree wasn't dangerous at all. He was just a big tree who wanted to be friends.

The little bird and the big tree became best friends. They played together every day. The little bird would sing to the big tree and the big tree would tell the little bird stories.

One day, a group of hunters came to the forest. They were looking for animals to kill. The little bird saw the hunters and he was scared. He flew to the big tree and told him what was happening.

The big tree was also scared. He didn't know what to do. But then he had an idea. He told the little bird to fly to the other animals in the forest and tell them to hide.

The little bird did as the big tree said. He flew to the other animals in the forest and told them to hide. The animals were all very scared, but they listened to the little bird. They all hid in the trees and in the bushes.



The hunters came to the big tree and they couldn't see any animals. They were very disappointed. They decided to go back to the village.

The little bird and the big tree were very happy. They had saved the animals in the forest.

The little bird and the big tree continued to be best friends. They lived happily ever after.



## Three Friends!

Once upon a time, in a green forest, there were three animal friends. A rabbit named Robbie, a squirrel named Sammy, and a bird named Benny. They lived in a cozy treehouse, high up in a tall oak tree.

Robbie, Sammy, and Benny were the best of friends. They liked to do everything together. They played games, shared stories, and helped each other when needed. They knew that true friends were important.

One sunny morning, as they played near the river, they heard a faint cry for help. They followed the sound and discovered a tiny, frightened mouse named Molly. She was trapped on a small, slippery rock in the middle of the river. Robbie, Sammy, and Benny knew they had to help.

Robbie used his strong legs to hop across the river and reached the rock. Sammy climbed up a tree to gather some leaves for Molly to stand on, so she wouldn't slip. Benny, being a bird, flew over to provide some shade with his wings.



Together, they made a bridge with the leaves so Molly could safely walk back to the riverbank. Molly was so grateful for their help, and they soon became good friends. Molly, Robbie, Sammy, and Benny spent their days exploring the forest, having picnics, and sharing their stories.

One day, while they were exploring, they found a mysterious cave. Curiosity got the better of them, and they decided to explore it. They ventured deep into the cave, discovering sparkling gems and hidden treasures. But as they went further, they got lost!

Robbie, Sammy, Benny, and Molly were scared, but they remembered the importance of sticking together. They held hands and walked in the dark cave, singing songs to keep their spirits up. Their friendship and bravery helped them find their way out of the cave.

Finally, they emerged from the cave and saw the sunlight once again. They were relieved and happy to be outside. Their friendship had led them through a difficult time.



From then on, they continued to explore the forest, but they always remembered that their friendship was their greatest treasure. They knew that as long as they had each other, they could face any adventure that came their way.

And so, Robbie, Sammy, Benny, and Molly's friendship grew stronger every day as they continued to share their adventures in the big, green forest, where they learned that true friends stick together through thick and thin.



## ● Comprehension Questions

Why were all the other animals afraid of the big tree?

What did the big tree tell the little bird about himself?

What did the little bird do when he saw the hunters coming?

What happened to the hunters in the end?

## Questions

Who were the three animal friends in the story, and where did they live?

What did Robbie, Sammy, and Benny like to do together as friends?

How did Robbie, Sammy, and Benny help Molly when they heard her cry for help near the river?

What did Robbie, Sammy, and Benny use to create a bridge for Molly to safely return to the riverbank?

How did Robbie, Sammy, Benny, and Molly react when they got lost in the mysterious cave?

What helped them find their way out of the cave?

What was the main lesson that Robbie, Sammy, Benny, and Molly learned from their adventures in the forest?

How did their friendship change or grow over the course of the story?

What did the friends discover in the cave, and how did it affect them?

Why did Robbie, Sammy, Benny, and Molly believe that true friends are important?