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**A Brighter Day**



ARFEE WAS WALKING ALONG A LITTLE PATH TO EXPLORE THE AREA, THEN HE DIDN'T NOTICE IT, BUT THERE WAS A LITTLE PUDDLE OF WATER. BECAUSE OF IT HE SLIPPED AND FELL AND GOT HURT. BANANAS WAS WALKING ALONG THE SAME PATH MAKING A MAP OF THE SAME AREA, THEN HE CAME ACROSS ARFEE. HE SAW THAT ARFEE COULDN'T WALK PROPERLY WITHOUT HIS LEG HURTING.



“OH, ARFEE!” SAID BANANAS. “I’M GLAD I WAS HERE TO HELP YOU. LEAN ON ME WHILE I HELP YOU OVER TO THAT BENCH OVER THERE.

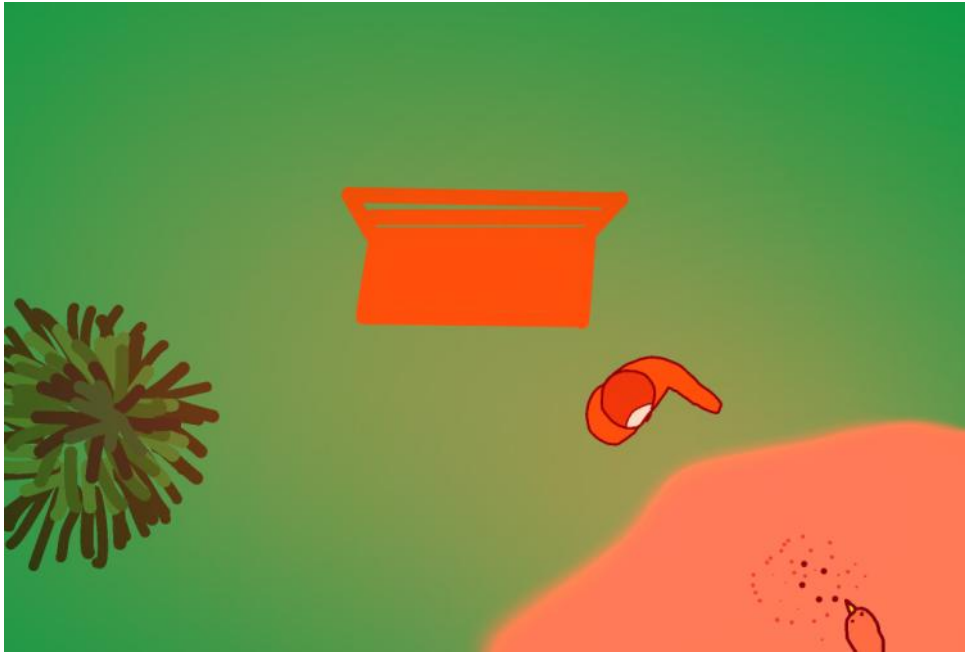
“THANK YOU, SO MUCH!” SAID ARFEE. “I REALLY NEEDED SOMEONE TO HELP ME.”

THEY SAT DOWN ON THE BENCH TOGETHER, AND BANANAS SAID, “YOU ARE A GOOD FRIEND TO ME, ARFEE. I APPRECIATE THE WAYS YOU HAVE HELPED ME BEFORE.”

JUST HEARING THOSE KIND WORDS MADE ARFEE SEEM TO HEAL SO QUICKLY, THAT HE COULD GET UP AND CONTINUE HIS WALK.



BANANAS STAYED ON THE BENCH A WHILE LONGER, FINISHING THE DETAILS OF HIS MAP. THEN HE HEARD A PECKING NOISE. HE LOOKED AROUND AND SAW KEN TRYING TO NIBBLE SEEDS OFF THE GROUND, BUT SEEMED TO BE HAVING A HARD TIME. HE COULDN'T GET SO MANY BECAUSE THEY WERE A BIT BURIED IN THE GROUND AND WERE HARD TO GET.



BANANAS PAUSED FOR A MOMENT AND THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT TO SAY. THEN HE TOLD KEN, “YOU ARE SO GOOD AT GETTING THOSE SEEDS. I PROBABLY WOULDN’T BE ABLE TO GET AS MANY. YOU ARE GREAT AT NOT GIVING UP!”

KEN SMILED AND CHEERED UP AND IT SEEMED HE WAS GETTING MORE SEEDS AFTER THAT THAN HE WAS BEFORE.

“BYE FOR NOW,” BANANAS SAID AS HE KEPT ON MAKING HIS MAP, ADDING MORE TO IT ABOUT THIS AREA.



WHEN BANANAS WAS FINISHED AND ABOUT TO GO HOME, THERE WAS A NOISE THAT SOUNDED LIKE WOOD CHOPPING. THEN HE NOTICED W-BEAR CHOPPING WOOD FOR HIS FIREPLACE, BUT IT WAS VERY HARD WORK, AND THE WOOD WASN'T CUTTING SO EASILY.

BANANAS COMMENTED, "I'M AMAZED AT YOUR STRENGTH. IT'S VERY HELPFUL TO OTHERS. IT'S ALWAYS NICE TO HAVE YOU AROUND, W-BEAR." HE WAVED AND WAS ON HIS WAY, TO THE BEAT OF A MORE QUICKLY CUTTING AXE. THE KIND WORDS HAD GIVEN W-BEAR MORE ENERGY.

*A little kind and thoughtful*

*word spoken can make*

*someone's whole day*

*brighter and better.*

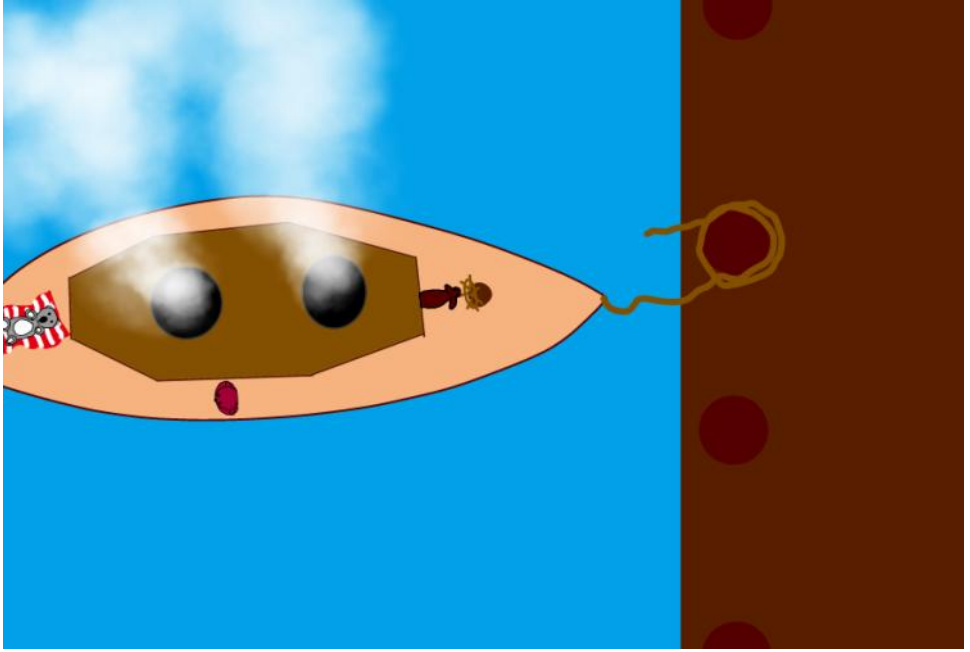




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# **A Storm and A Party**





QUADGE, RED BEAR, CUDDLES, FREDDY AND BEARY WERE GOING ON A TRIP TO AN ISLAND ON A SHIP. IT WAS ABOUT TIME TO GET ON THE SHIP. EVERYONE WAS ALL READY FOR THIS TRIP, AND THEY WERE ALSO VERY EXCITED. THEY BOARDED THE SHIP, AND THE SHIP STARTED TO MOVE. IT GOT FURTHER AND FURTHER OUT AT SEA. THEN RED BEAR LOOKED OUT THE TELESCOPE AND TOLD EVERYONE, "THERE ARE DOLPHINS OUT THERE! COME AND SEE!" SO THEY CAME AND LOOKED THROUGH THE TELESCOPE AND SAW ALL THESE DOLPHINS. BUT SOON THE DOLPHINS WERE SUBMERGED AGAIN AND WERE NOT VISIBLE ANYMORE.



IT WAS GETTING NEAR TO NIGHT AND IT WAS ABOUT TIME TO PUT DOWN THE ANCHOR. WHEN THEY WERE SECURE THE WAVES STARTED TO GET MORE INTENSE. IT LOOKED LIKE A STORM WAS GOING TO COME. THAT NIGHT THERE WAS A LARGE STORM ROCKING THEIR SHIP BACK AND FORTH. QUADGE WAS STARTING TO GET A BIT AFRAID OF THIS LARGE STORM, SO QUADGE PRAYED THAT THE STORM WOULD STOP. INDEED IT DID STOP.



THAT MORNING WHEN THEY WOKE UP, THE SEA WAS ALL CALM, AND THERE WAS NO SIGN THAT THE STORM HAD HAPPENED. THEY PULLED UP THE ANCHOR AND CONTINUED SAILING. THEY WERE GETTING CLOSER TO THE ISLAND. SOON FREDDY SAW THE ISLAND COMING VERY CLOSE, SO CUDDLES MADE SURE TO STEER IN THAT DIRECTION. WHEN THEY HAD FINALLY REACHED THE ISLAND, THEY DECIDED TO HAVE A PARTY! THEY HAD ALL SORTS OF GAMES, THEY HAD CAKE, AND THEY HAD A GREAT TIME.

*Pray when something*

*goes wrong.*



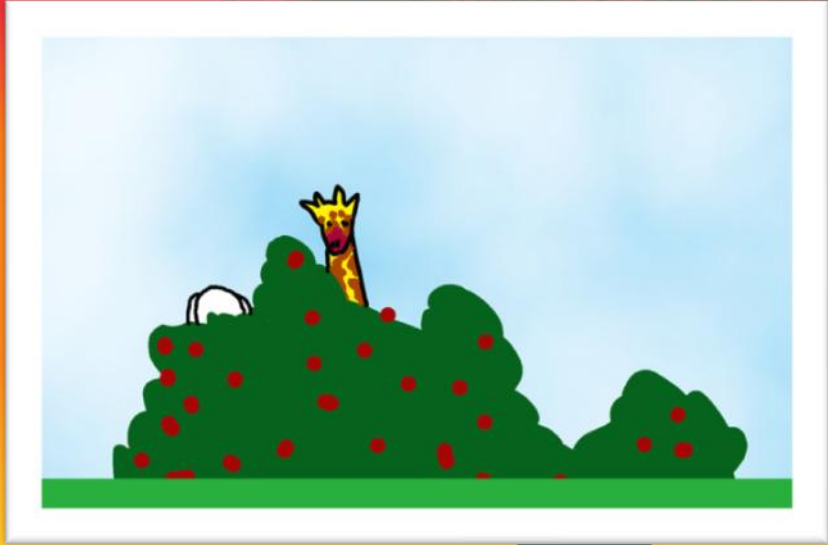
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**Berry Pie**



JEFFREY AND LAMBIE NOTICED THAT A BERRY BUSH WAS FILLED WITH DELICIOUS RIPE BERRIES. EXCITEDLY THEY RAN INTO THE HOUSE TO TELL GIRAFFE ABOUT IT. THEY COULD HARDLY WAIT TO EAT SOME. "YES! THEY ARE RIPE NOW!" GIRAFFE SAID. "WE ARE GOING TO PICK THEM TOMORROW, BECAUSE IT'S A SPECIAL DAY," SHE SAID WITH A TWINKLE IN HER EYES. JEFFREY AND LAMBIE GIGGLED! THAT SOUNDED LIKE A LOT OF FUN.





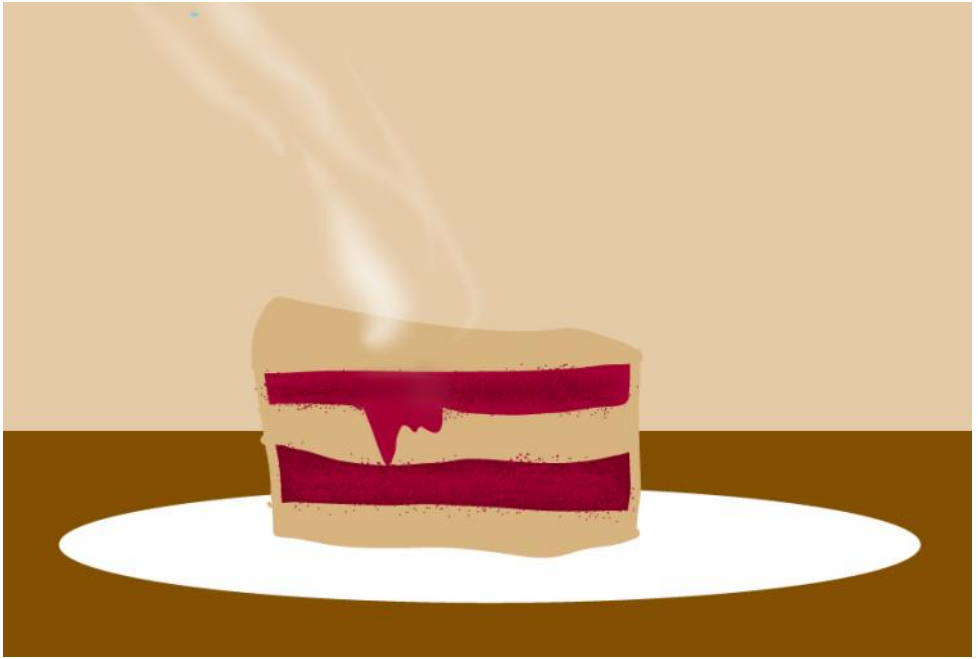
THEY WANTED TO OBEY, BUT WHEN THEY SAW THE BERRY BUSH AGAIN, THEY DECIDED TO JUST EAT A FEW BERRIES. HOWEVER, ONCE THEY STARTED ON THE FIRST FEW BERRIES, IT WAS HARD TO STOP.

HOWEVER, THEN THEY FELT BAD WHEN THEY REALISED HOW MANY BERRIES THEY'D EATEN. THEY WERE ASHAMED WHEN THEY HAD TO ADMIT TO MOTHER GIRAFFE THAT THEY DID THIS, WHO SAW THE BERRY JUICE ON THEIR FACES.





THE NEXT DAY GIRAFFE WAS GOING TO MAKE A SPECIAL BERRY PIE. IT WAS A CELEBRATION DAY! THERE WERE SO MANY THINGS TO CELEBRATE, THEY COULDN'T DECIDE ON JUST ONE THING TO CELEBRATE. BUT BERRY PIE WAS ON THE MENU. "SINCE YOU WERE HONEST ABOUT YOUR MISTAKE, AND YOU APOLOGISED TO ME FOR PICKING THE BERRIES AHEAD OF TIME, WHY DON'T YOU COME AND HELP ME PICK THE REST OF THE BERRIES NOW!" SAID GIRAFFE.



“GOODIE!” SAID JEFFREY, AND LAMBIE WHO WAS VISITING THEN AGAIN. THEY HAD A GOOD TIME PICKING BERRIES, AND GIRAFFE MADE THE BEST BERRY PIE THEY HAD EATEN. HOWEVER, THE PIE WAS SMALLER THAN IT WOULD HAVE BEEN, HAD THEY BEEN MORE PATIENT TO WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT DAY BEFORE PICKING AND EATING BERRIES. THEY HAD FUN ANYWAY, BUT IT WAS A GOOD LESSON AND REMINDER THAT SELF-CONTROL AND OBEYING YOUR PARENTS CAN MEAN YOU HAVE A MUCH MORE FUN LATER ON.

*Obey*

*your parents.*