



Hidden intelligence

Smart and well-bred children get up early in the morning. It is a great blessing to be able to wake up, to wash a face, to breathe clean morning air and to be grateful for another wonderful day!

The Little Mouse also considers himself very clever and well-behaved. Today he woke up early as usual and went for a walk.

But... what is wrong with him? He did not say hello to Harvester, who was come towards him to greet!

– Look out, the Little Mouse. You may step on my foot yet. Are you still in a black mood because of that salt? Sorry, I am just kidding. Now let's bury the hatchet and greet each other.



– I do not want to greet anyone who makes a silly joke, – said the Little Mouse in anger.

The poor elephant felt confused and mumbled:

– Well, I'm joking in a friendly way. It would be foolish not to see the joke. Is not it rude to walk off without greetings after all?!

– Who is ignorant?! Am I still to blame for disrespect? – The Little Mouse started to squeak.

Fortunately, Buddy came up at that moment and intervened in their dispute:

– Calm down! What has happened?

– Harvester called me a fool and impolite!

The elephant was ready to hit his head off as well:

– It is foolish not to greet friends in anger!



— You see! He called me stupid again!

— Keep silent! — Buddy stopped them both. — Shame on you, neighbors ... Harvester, you should know that the Little Mouse is not stupid and rude at all. It seems to me that he was just mistaken not greeting you. Accidentally! In fact, he is a walking encyclopedia. You just cannot see it as the knowledge is hidden inside his head. Right now the Little Mouse will say hello, and you will immediately make sure of that. Buddy gave Harvester a meaningful look and then turned to the mouse:

— Well, now show us how clever you are, my friend...

The Little Mouse had a change of heart when he heard Buddy's compliments, and to prove how intelligent he was, he said loudly:



– Hello, brother Harvest!
– Hi! I am glad to see you, my friend!
– Kind greetings to my neighbor and Buddy!
– Have a nice day, my smart Little Mouse!
Buddy was glad of his success and smiled:
– You see, Harvester, how clever and kind our Little
Mouse is!

How good it is to have friends reconciled!
Indeed, if you do not sometimes swallow your pride,
people cannot appreciate your knowledge. And how
wonderful it is to be able to show how smart and well-bred
you are!

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