



Colour of clean water

Once upon a time the Little Mouse, Bunny and Sheep Wooly met on the bank of the river.

– The water in our river is getting so dirty, – drinking mouse said.

– You can say that again! I do not like its muddy color, – Bunny confirmed. – If only it could be red, like a carrot, it would be delicious, neighbors.

– Well, why should it be red?! It's better to be green, like a luscious grass, – Wooly joined the conversation.

– Personally, I prefer yellow corn. I wonder if water can be of the same golden color!? – dreamily said Little Mouse.

Near them Camel Traveler was also drinking from the river when he heard their talk:

– If you want to drink clean water, follow the upstream. There is a large spring on the foot of the hills. You should find and try it.

– Is it a red spring? – Bunny asked.

– Green spring? – Wooly asked.



– Maybe yellow? – Little asked.

– You will see soon, – said the old man with a big laugh and went away.

– I want to drink red water, – said Bunny.

– I want to drink green water, – said Wooly.

– I want to drink yellow water, – said the Little Mouse.

They decided to find that huge spring together and set off. They walked a lot. First hours and then the days passed slowly. They got tired and they were very thirsty.

– I wish I had red water ..., – Bunny said plaintively.

– Green water ..., – Wooly whispered.

– Yellow water..., – Little Mouse said sadly.

After resting along the road for a while, friends went on again. They walked for a long time and finally saw the gleaming water of the Great Spring sparkling in the sun.

– The water is not red..., – Bunny was disappointed.

– It is not green..., – Wooly got upset.

– It is not yellow either..., – Little Mouse became frustrated.



They all were close to tears. Suddenly they heard the voice of the spring:

- Hello, Bunny, Wooly and Little Mouse.
 - Hi, Great Spring, – they greeted sadly.
 - Cheer up! You'd better drink my water...
- And friends drank spring water one by one.
- Oh, what sweet water! – Bunny praised.
 - Indeed! – rejoiced Little Mouse.
 - I really liked it! – smiled Wooly.

The Great Spring was very glad to hear it and said:

– My dear friends! In order to be sweet, water does not need to be red, green or yellow colour. It must be clean and pure. I am very upset that the water in the river has become so muddy and dirty, and lost its real taste. Because of throwing garbage and polluting it, fish living in the river and those who drink its dirty water can get sick. Stop dropping litter and clean up the environment! Do not forget that everyone should value water!



Bunny, Wooly and the Little Mouse returned to their home and told the dog what they had seen and heard. Having carefully listened to them, Buddy suggested:

– Let's gather all animals to clean our river!

The next morning Buddy started calling everyone for the gathering at the river. Alighting on the branch of the tree, Stubby looked around and happily reported to Buddy:

-Everyone has come: Bunny, Brother Harvester, Wooly, Camel Traveler, Frog Croaky, a whole family of ants and Little Mouse are here. Just remind them that today we came here for the sake of an environment, but not a predation.

The dog began to speak calmly:

– Hey, animals! There is no life without water. So let's appreciate it. Just look, how worse our river is getting...

And then the animals did not disappoint each other and cleaned the river, working together diligently.

Now pure and clean water began to flow in the river. Take a drink, it is very sweet.

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