





# Nilam the Little Healer

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This is Nilam. Even though she is young, she has a special power. She can heal sick animals. Today, her patient is a honey bear.



Nilam is happy to help the honey bear. Now the bear can walk again.  
"Don't forget to take your potion!"  
She says goodbye.



Oh no, now what happened to  
Nilam's skin? She needs to make a  
special potion to heal it.



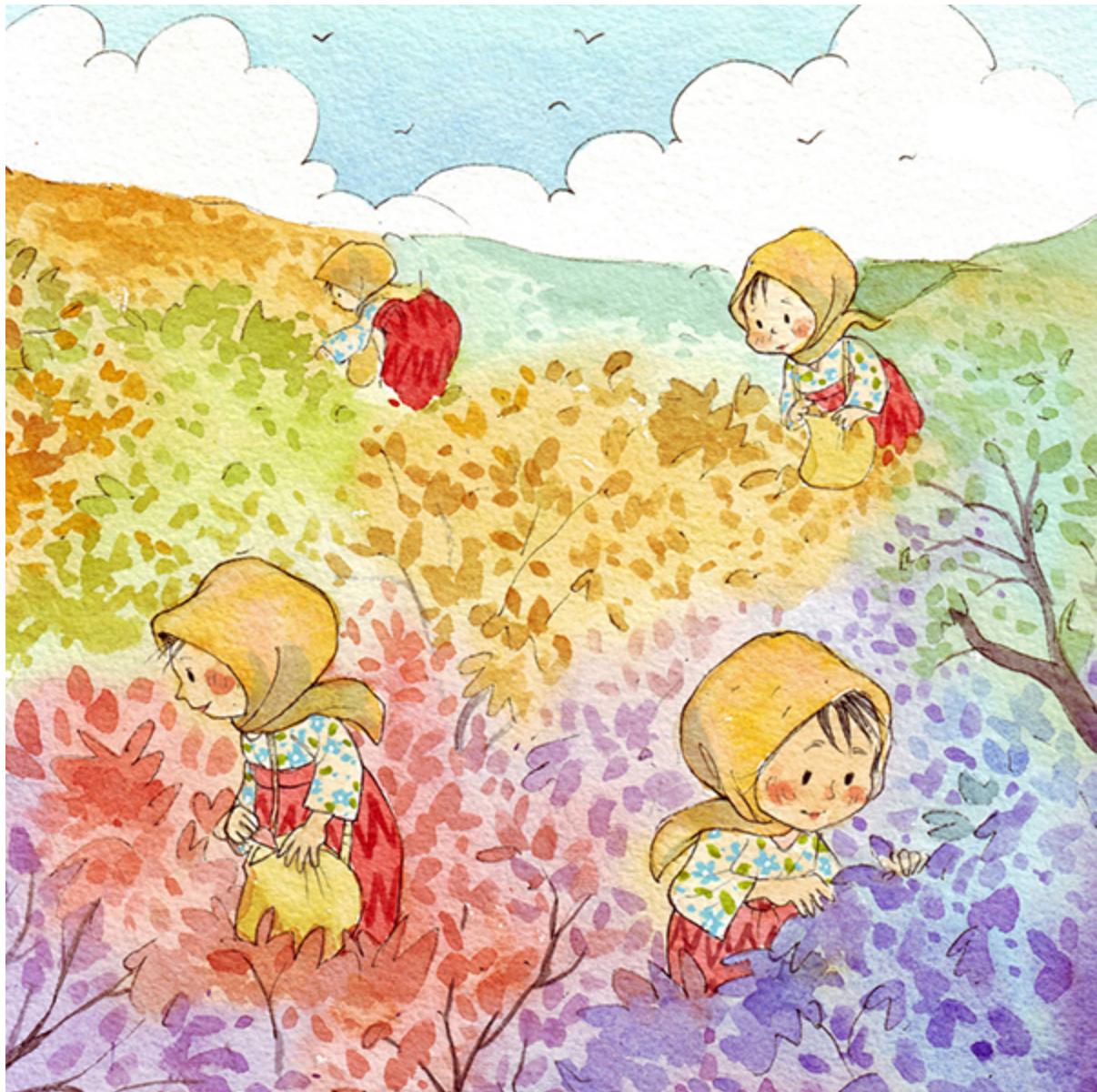
But there are no more leaves left to make that potion. The leaves can only be found in the middle of the jungle.



Off Nilam goes!



Nothing can stop her.



Finally, there are the leaves! Nilam fills her bag.



Now she is ready to go home and  
make the potion to fix her skin.  
However . . . something stops her.  
"Hey, what happened to you,

Monkey? Why do you keep  
scratching your body?"



Oh, the monkey has an injury.  
Nilam's leaves can heal it!



"Don't scratch it anymore, okay?"  
Nilam tells the monkey.



Wow, look at that beautiful argus  
bird! But, why is it just standing still?



Uh oh! The bird hurt his leg. Again, Nilam's leaves can heal it. She puts the leaves under a bandage on the bird's leg.



"Get some rest, Bird. Your leg will get better soon," Nilam says goodbye.



Oh, this fawn needs help too. It's trapped in the vines. "Calm down, you'll be free in no time!" Nilam says.



"I'd better cut these vines so they  
don't trap any other animals.  
Meanwhile . . .



. . . oh, no! The fawn looks like it's starving. Nilam lets it eat all the leaves she collected. But that means she has to go back to get more leaves.



The monkey sees her walking back into the middle of the jungle and asks, "Why are you walking back?" "I

need more leaves to heal my skin sores," Nilam answers.



"What sores? Your skin looks just fine to me," replies the argus bird.  
"Hmm ... you're right," Nilam says.

There are no more red spots on her skin.



"Well, maybe it's healed because you helped us," the monkey says. " ... Or maybe I just needed some fresh air and some exercise," Nilam laughs.



But Nilam still needs the leaves for future potions. "You helped all of us. This time I will come with you and help you get the leaves," the monkey

says as they journey into the jungle together.



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