

Deep in the Windwood Forest, high up in a tree is a party. Whose party might you ask? Well it's Bowie the Barn Owls party, and he has invited all of his friends.

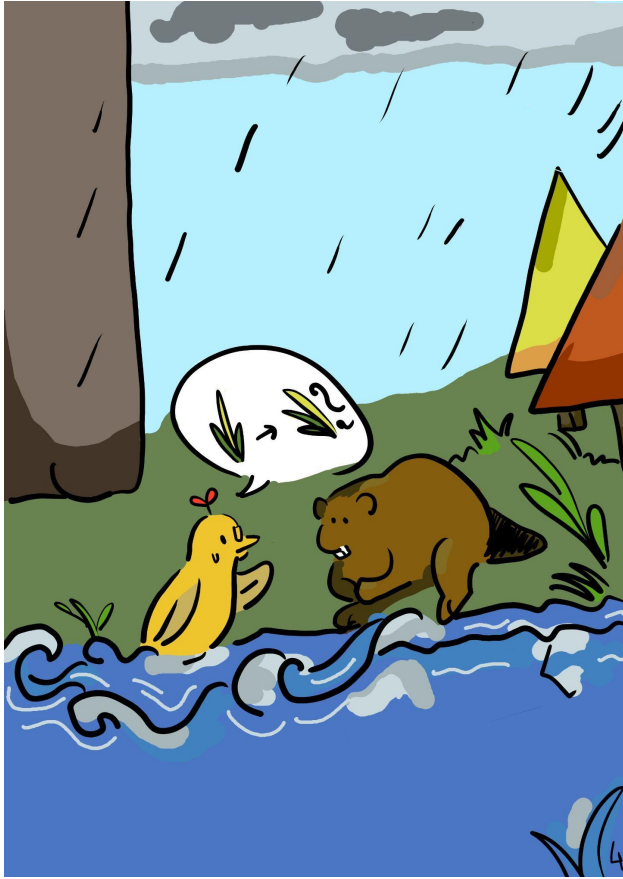
He's invited Erza, a jolly elephant who's always wearing their party hat, Bobby, a beaver with the friendliest of smiles who traveled all the way from the other side of the river, and Darcy, an intelligent duck with the cutest glasses. Bowie and his friends were having an amazing party, complete with lively music, great dance moves, and tasty snacks.





Bowie and his friends were too caught up in the party, however, that they didn't see the gray storm clouds getting closer and closer, bigger and bigger. All of a sudden, a loud and mean storm began to pour down on Bowie's party.

Outside, the tall trees sway back and forth from the strong, angry winds and the never-ending rain. The thunder roars across the sky, the lightning splits branches and logs, and the once-blue sky has turned into a dark gray. Bowie, Ezra, Darcy, and Bobby huddle closely together in the strong treehouse, keeping each other company as they wait for the terrible storm to stop.



Finally, the storm calms down and they get up to look around. “Is everyone ok?” Ezra asks Bowie, Darcy, and Bobby nod. The storm was scary, but they were happy to have each other. Bobby walks to the window, to see what the storm has left. Not too long after, he spots the bridge he used to travel to Bowie’s house, broken into a million little pieces.

“Oh no! The bridge!”

When they can see the bridge, broken by the storm, they gasp in surprise. The bridge that connected both sides of the great river also connected their homes together, and without it, they could not go back home.

One by one, they make it outside to get a closer look. Ezra has a worried look on their face as they look around.

“How can we ever go back home without the bridge?” Bobby asks sadly. Darcy brightens up and in a cheery voice says, “Don’t worry guys, we can fix it!”

They cheer up at the idea but they start to wonder, ‘How do we build a bridge?’

After some thinking, Bobby comes up with an idea: “We should build it with a strong base, just like a dam!”

“Well I think we should make a high bridge, so water can go under it!” says Bowie. “That won't work. The wind will blow it away. We need to build the bridge like it was before!” Erza says.



As they argue about how they must fix the bridge, Darcy interrupts: “What if we did all of your ideas? Isn't it better to work with each other?” Darcy asks, making the rest of them think. “We could make the base strong, like a dam, but high enough for water to pass under it. We could even have the new bridge look

like the old bridge!” Darcy says with a smile. “If we are going to fix the bridge, we need to work together” The others thought about this, and agreed. They all had great ideas and important skills, and in order for their plan to work, they had to come together as a team.

“To build a bridge, we first need materials,” Darcy says. “Ezra, you’re strong, so you should gather the logs and heavy materials for the base of the bridge.”

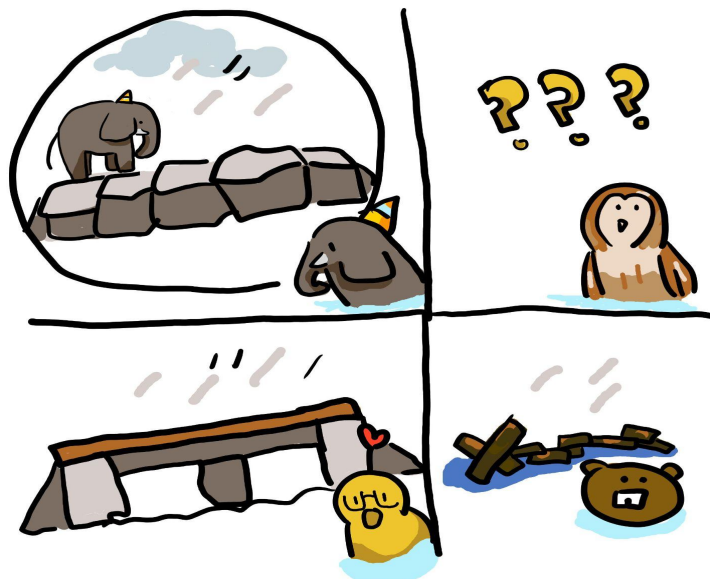
“On it!” Ezra enthusiastically replies.

“Bowie, you can fly, so you should get the materials that are at the very top of the trees. You should gather the twigs and leaves that will be used to patch the bridge together.” Darcy continues.

“Will do!” Bowie says.

“And Bobby, since you’re a beaver, you can help with the building of the bridge. Can you do that?”

“Of course I can!” Bobby replies.



In no time, they get to work. While Ezra and Bowie gather the important materials, Darcy draws up a blueprint, and Bobby gets to building.

“I am using engineering to create a plan for the bridge. Engineering is the study of design, building, and more! When we all come together, we can use our skills to create a strong and reliable bridge!” Darcy says.

While Darcy finalizes her plans, Bobby gets started on building the bridge. He first uses the thick logs to set a reliable foundation that will be strong enough to hold him and all his friends. He fills in any empty spots with the rest of the branches.

“Great thinking!” Says Ezra.

“Keep up the great work!” adds Bowie.



With a smile, Bobby continues his building. “Hmmm,” he thinks to himself. “The foundation is strong, but it doesn’t have any side railing. I can fix that!” With great swiftness, he starts to collect the twigs and leaves that Bowie gathered.

“I will use the twigs to create a railing, and I will use the leaves to keep everything together,” Bobby adds.

Ezra and Bowie come back from gathering the materials, and Darcy is making sure everything is going according to plan. Bobby is finished with the bridge shortly after, and everyone is very happy with how everything turned out.

“Hooray!” Ezra exclaims.

“Woo-hoo! Great job everyone!” Darcy says.

“Look, guys! There’s the sun! There’s even a rainbow!” says Bobby.

“What a wonderful day. Let’s try out the bridge!” points out Bowie. And so, one by one, they make it onto the bridge, and over.

“It works!” says Darcy, happily.

Thanks to everyone’s hard work and sharp thinking, they were able to create a team and work together to create a wonderful bridge.

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