

Wish

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Think

One day I was thinking
and I thought
Forever treasures are rare
and cannot be bought

Nature is full of wonders for everyone to enjoy. Each species is equipped with survival instincts to meet the challenges that they encounter along their journey through life. Bo and Bae are two resourceful grey squirrels. They are a very happy couple. They live in a forest located near a very large lake. To get to their hollowed home inside the top of a tall oak tree, you have to climb onto the big roots at the bottom of the tree. Climb up the main trunk. Hop up over to the hudge branch on the left. Jump up to the next hudge branch that leads into their hollowed home inside the tree. Their home is very spacious. It is so big that both of them can fit inside it and still have lots of room to store the acorns that they gather and save for food.

One beautiful summer day Bo and Bae went out to enjoy their day in the forest. They scampered about as usual hunting for acorns and anything else that might make a good meal. While searching hear and their beneath the dark rich soil, thick green grass and rocks, Bo made a very interesting discovery.

“Hey Bae, look what I found!” he yelled excitedly.

“Where are you?” responded Bae as she searched for him through the bushes.

“Over here next to the clump of mushrooms!” he answered.

“A clump of mushrooms” whispered Bae to herself as she tried to picture where he was. “Oh yeah, the mushrooms” she said to herself as she started in that direction. She ran swiftly because Bo sounded as though there was something very important for her to see. As soon as she reached his side she understood exactly why he was so excited. There before him were two little mice. Both of them were small and sort of dark grey. They were moving about but not quite ready to be on their own and search for food.

“Oh they are sooo adorable” said Bae as she smiled at the two little mice.

“Yeah but where is their mom?” asked Bo as he turned to look at Bae.

“I don’t know. Maybe she went out in search of food” offered Bae.

“Well she should have left something for them to eat. They look hungry” replied Bo as he studied the little ones. “Let’s get them some water it’s hot today” said Bo.

“OK” agreed Bae. “We can hold the water in our mouthes and share it with them when we get back” said Bae.

“Good idea” agreed Bo. They both headed towards the lake. They followed the narrow pathway through the trees until it reached the dark rich soil of sloping land that touched the water’s edge. Hastily they began taking the water into their mouthes. With their jaws full and buldging with water, they ran back to the clump of mushrooms. The mice were still there laying quietly. Bae and Bo got their attention and began squirting the water into their mouthes. When the little mice realized that Bo and Bae were trying to help them, they perked up a bit and began to drink the water. It wasn’t long before they began to smile and make eye contact with their new friends in appreciation of their kindness.

“So what are your names” asked Bo.

“Well, my name is Yea” said the little girl mouse as she sat up.

“My name is Yup” said the little boy mouse as he played with the soil beneath his feet.

“My name is Bo and her name is Bae” said Bo. “We are squirrels” he added.

“I knew you were something different” said Yup as he looked up at them. “I just couldn’t figure out what it was.”

“Yeah” agreed Yea. You two don’t look like our mom. Your tails are too bushy.”

“We know” said Bae. “We are not the same species but we care about you” replied Bae. “Wouldn’t you help someone else if you could?” she asked.

“Sure” said Yea. “That water was good. We can eat the mushrooms until mom gets back” said Yup.

"OK" said Bae cheerfully. She was happy to see that the little ones were sharp enough to know what to eat for food. "Your mom may not be with you but at least she left you in a place where you could have food" said Bae.

"Umhum" agreed Bo.

Bae and Bo sat and kept the two little mice company all day. Just to make sure that they were alright. After a while, the hot summer sun began to cool off a bit. The sky was beginning to get a little dark. The birds and butterflies were still out chirping and fluttering about. A gentle breeze whispered through the tree leaves and tall grass.

"Ahhh, that felt good" said Yea as she lifted her head upward to catch more of the evening breeze.

"It sure did" agreed Yup as he stood up on all four legs. "I feel better now" he added.

"Well that's good" said Bo. "We should go now. We need to get back to our home before dark" he added as he looked at Bae.

"Yes we should leave now" agreed Bae. "See you later" she said as they both turned away. So away went the two grey squirrels. The mice watched them as they quickly ran through the tall grass and shrubs. They were so fast. It only took a few minutes for them to reach the tall oak tree. Afterwards, they climbed and hopped until reaching their home in the tree. Once inside, they snuggled up close as they lay watching the sky above. Bo and Bae loved to watch the stars come out at night. White puffy clouds were still drifting by as the sky became dark blue and faded into a beautiful midnight black. The moon was out tonight also. It was glowing and shimmering through the forest just as the sun did during the day.

"I hope Yea and Yup are alright" said Bae as she yawned.

"Don't worry. They should be OK" said Bo. Then they both fell asleep

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