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The Wondering Woods

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“We are all alone - together”

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The Lonely Forest

Deep in the woods, lived a group of animals who never spoke to one another. Though the forest was alive, each animal kept to their own little corner. Some said it was because the forest was so big, but others thought it was because each animal had grown used to being alone.

Felix, a young fox, was one of those animals. He lived in a burrow at the base of a tall oak tree. His days were filled with exploring the woods, hunting for food, and curling up in his den at night. But despite the beauty of the forest, Felix wondered about something. He couldn't explain it, but there was something missing.

Every day, he saw the same animals: Bella the badger, Oren the owl, Mia the rabbit, and the playful squirrel twins, Sammy and Sara. Yet, he never stopped to talk to them. They all seemed just fine on their own.

One morning, as Felix wandered near the river, he heard a strange sound. It was a whimper, full of sadness. His ears perked up, and he cautiously followed the sound. To his surprise, he found Bella, the badger, sitting near a fallen log, her face buried in her paws.

“Bella, are you alright?”

Bella sniffled and looked up, surprised that Felix had spoken to her. “Oh, Felix, I'm fine... well, not really. I feel alone sometimes, especially when I am not busy.”

Felix wondered if loneliness is what he was noticing in himself. “You... feel alone too?” he asked.

Bella nodded. “I thought I was the only one.”

Just then, Oren the owl swooped down from his perch on a branch. “You’re not the only one, Bella. I’ve been feeling the same way.”

Mia the rabbit hopped over, her nose twitching nervously. “I’ve been wondering about that too. I spend all my time hopping through the meadow, but I never stop to talk to anyone. I thought no one cared.”

Felix blinked, realizing that all this time, each of them had wondered about the same thing. They had all been alone, together.

As the animals gathered around, the squirrel twins, Sammy and Sara, scurried down from the trees, chattering excitedly. “We’re always playing up here, but it would be more fun if others join in!” said Sammy .

“I think we’ve all been waiting for someone to say something,” Felix said softly. “But we don’t have to be alone anymore.”

The animals exchanged glances, and something warm spread through the group. For the first time, they didn’t feel like just neighbors in the woods—they felt like friends.

“We should meet more often,” Oren suggested. “Maybe we can gather by the river every day, share stories or play games.”

“I like that idea,” Mia said, her ears perking up with excitement.

Bella smiled for the first time in what felt like ages. “Being together may helps us to know one another better, even ourselves.”

And so, from that day on, the animals of the Woods began meeting every day by the river. They played games, shared food, and told stories under the stars. Each animal still had their own life and space, but now they knew they didn’t have to face the world alone. They had each other.

As Felix curled up in his burrow that night, the ache in his chest was gone. He was still a young fox living in a big forest, but now, he had friends who cared about him—and that made all the difference.

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“All possible things are optional”

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The Great Forest Race

In the heart of the woods, the animals prepared for the most exciting event of the year—the Great Forest Race. The prize? An amulet made from a falling star. All the animals, from the fastest fox to the wisest owl, wanted a chance to win.

Mia, the young rabbit, was thrilled to participate. But as she stood at the starting line, she overheard the other animals talking.

“I’m going to climb every tree to get a head start!” boasted Sammy the squirrel.

“I’ll take the river shortcut!” shouted Luca the otter.

“I’m going to fly over the forest to save time,” declared Oren the owl proudly.

Mia felt her heart sink. She had no special tricks or shortcuts. She looked at the wide path ahead, filled with rocks, rivers, and trees, and thought, Maybe I should try to do what they’re doing... or maybe I don’t need to.

When the race began, all the animals rushed off, each using their own clever strategies. But Mia, instead of copying them, decided to stick to the main path, hopping over stones,

running through the tall grass, and taking a moment to enjoy the colorful flowers that lined the way.

As the race went on, the other animals' shortcuts came with problems. Sammy got tangled in vines, the Luca hit a strong current in the river, and Oren faced fierce winds above the forest. But Mia stayed focused on her own path.

At the finish line, to everyone's surprise, Mia crossed first. The forest animals cheered as the crown of gems was placed on her head.

"I didn't have to do what everyone else did," Mia said, smiling. "I realized that all paths are possible, but I chose the one that was right for me."

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"How much does one lie cost you?"

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The Tale of Felix the Fox

Deep in the woods lived Felix the fox known for his quick thinking and mischievous nature. He loved to play tricks on his friends, especially when it came to telling little fibs. One day, Felix found himself in a tricky situation when he saw a basket of fresh berries by the river, belonging to Mia the Rabbit.

Felix's stomach growled, and without thinking twice, he ate every last berry. When Mia returned and saw her basket empty, she looked at Felix with wide, sad eyes.

"Felix, did you eat my berries?" Mia asked.

Felix felt guilty, but instead of telling the truth, he lied. "No, it was probably Riley, that sneaky raccoon. I saw him

earlier!”

Mia’s ears drooped, and she hopped off to find Riley. Word quickly spread throughout the forest, and soon Riley was being blamed for all sorts of mischief. The other animals started avoiding Riley, and Felix could see how upset his friend had become. Guilt gnawed at him, but he told himself it was just one little lie.

Days passed, and the once joyful forest became tense. Riley, feeling hurt and betrayed, stopped playing with the other animals, and the fun games they used to play together disappeared.

Finally, Felix couldn’t bear it anymore. He confessed to Mia, “I ate your berries and blamed Riley. I’m sorry.”

Mia’s eyes filled with surprise, but he smiled softly. “One lie can hurt more than you think, Felix.”

Felix learned that day how much a single lie could cost. It had hurt not only Riley but the entire forest. From then on, Felix promised to always tell the truth, knowing honesty was the path to keeping his friends close.

