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THE MAGICAL FOREST

Dear children, I am going to tell you a story about a magical forest. You probably won't believe me, because it is a quite weird story, but I'll tell you anyway.

One day, a mouse walked through a forest named 'Magical Forest' and he was the only animal that knew why the forest was called like that. It was night, a perfect time for walking through it, except for mice and rats because of owls, of course.

"Hoot, hoot, hoot. What a sweet dinner for me.", an owl spotted him.

"Please, do not eat me.", said the mouse; "I will show you why this forest is called magical."

"I don't care why it is called like that. I am hungry and I will eat you.", said the owl.

"No, please, don't eat me, I will not deceive you!", said the mouse.

"Shut up, I already feel mouse meat in my mouth."

But then the owl came up with a great idea. She would follow the mouse and when he showed her why the forest was called like that, she would eat him.

"Okay, I will follow you", said the owl; "But if you don't like the reason, it won't be good."

The mouse was shaking with fear, he was terribly scared because he thought: "What does it mean - it won't be good?" He didn't know that the owl planned to eat him. And they started their journey. The owl was flying, and the mouse was walking.

The owl and the mouse were very sleepy, so they needed some rest. They found a perfect place to sleep, an abandoned cave. But they didn't know something about that cave - it was not abandoned. That was bear's cave. They stayed there whole night, but soon they realized that it wasn't a smart idea to sleep there. Next morning when they woke up they saw the bear that was looking towards them with the expression on his face as if they were the most delicious meal he would ever eat. They were scared like never before.

"Yum, yum, yum", said the bear; "What a hearty meal just for me, let's see... a mouse and an owl ... yummy."

"No, please, please, do not eat us, please!", said the mouse and the owl.

"Why should I listen to you?", asked the bear; "What will you give me?"

"I will show you why this forest is called Magical Forest.", said the mouse.

"I already know why it is called like that; it is because I live in it!" - said the bear.

"Don't be such a boaster, it is not because of you.", said the mouse.

"What did you say to me?", yelled the bear; "Now I will not just eat you; I will first chop you, then I will fry you and then I will eat you. And I will do the same to your friend."

The mouse was terrified, and the owl started crying.

Then the mouse said: "Please, let us go, we will just go away, sorry for sleeping in your cave". But the bear was thinking and came up with the same great idea - he would eat them when they show him why this forest is called magical.

"Okay, I will let you go, but I will go with you.", he said.

And so, they continued their journey, but with one new member. It was 9 a.m. when they came in the part of the forest named "Black Fire", because allegedly in that part of the forest lived a black dragon that belched the fire.

"Roar, roar, roar. Who has dared to enter my kingdom? I will eat you all!" - roared the dragon.

"No, please don't.", said the mouse; "Don't you remember me? I am Marty, the mouse! Your friend from old days."

"I don't remember you. You are lying to me!", said the dragon full of anger; "You can't deceive me, I am not stupid!"

"Sorry for lying to you", said the mouse; "I just needed a passage to show these animals why this forest is called magical forest."

"I will not let you go!", said the dragon; "except if you give me a very good reason for that."

"I will bring you a present from there!", the mouse said.

"It's a deal." – replied to the dragon.

Soon they came to the tree with a big hole in it.

"Let's go inside the tree. ", said the mouse.

Other animals were surprised but they listened to him. When they came into the hole, they found themselves in some strange, other world. In that world animals didn't eat each other. The only thing they needed for survival was water. They found some water in a magical spring, drank it and because of that water they were never hungry. And because of that the owl and the bear didn't have need to eat anymore. They experienced the change deep inside them. Finally, they realized that they

could be friends with other animals, they could have fun all together and have a very happy life. They felt a need to be good to everyone around them.

So, remember dear children, next time when you will be walking through some forest and maybe you will see a tree with the big hole in it - DO NOT destroy it, because now you know ... this just may be a passage to the magical world.