



# We Are Friends





"Little Rabbit, isn't Baby Elephant your friend?" Mother Rabbit asked.

"Oh, not at all. He is so large he can crush me under one foot. I don't like him at all," Little Rabbit said, making a face.



"So, is Baby Tortoise your friend?"

"Don't even talk to me about him. I don't like the way he walks. He is so slow," Little Rabbit said in anger.

"Ah then, how about Baby Monkey?" Mother Rabbit asked



"Not at all. Her voice is annoying. It's really hard to even listen to her," Little Rabbit replied.



"You shouldn't be so quick to judge others," Mother Rabbit told Little Rabbit.

"I don't like any of them. I'd rather be alone," Little Rabbit told her mother and ran away to play.



Little Rabbit walked this way and that way. She thought and she thought. She ran at full speed to the edge, ready to jump across.

But she stopped near the bank. There was a lot of water. The current was strong, and she was afraid to jump.



Baby Tortoise was so slow on the ground, but in the water he swam very fast. He carried Little Rabbit to safety. *I can only run fast*, Little Rabbit thought, embarrassed. She had needed Baby Tortoise and was glad he was there.



"Here, I caught your school bag that flew away when you fell into the creek," Baby Monkey said, handing Little Rabbit her school bag.



Little Rabbit was so surprised. Baby Monkey helped her even though Little Rabbit never talked to her.



"Baby Elephant is large, which is what makes him very strong. From now on, I won't look down on him. He's my friend too," Little Rabbit thought.



Baby Tortoise and Baby Monkey were helping Baby Elephant put another tree trunk across the creek. *I could only cross the creek with everyone's help*, Little Rabbit thought, and she decided to go and help them.



Now, Little Rabbit knew she needed friends, and she hoped she could be theirs.



"I didn't even want to talk with you all in the past. But I was wrong, I do need friends. We can all help take care of each other." Little Rabbit told her new friends.



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