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hedgehog - eriçó
worried - preocupat
squeaks - grinyols
rush - anar amb pressa
startled - sobresaltat
cozy - acollidor
burrow - cau
mumble - murmurar
a great deal - molt

Avui a l'Story Time escoltem una història sobre un petit eriçó molt valent i uns conills peluts que van tenir un ensurt molt desagradable.

Story

Title: The Adventures of Brave Benny

Once upon a time, in a peaceful forest, there lived a brave hedgehog named Benny. Benny was not like any other hedgehog. For a start, most hedgehogs sleep during the day and are active at night. Benny, however slept at night. He had a mission. His mission was to explore the whole world. To explore, he wanted to see everything in sunlight, so Benny changed his habits and went to bed when it got dark and woke up with the sun every morning. This meant that he did not see much of his family as they were asleep when he was awake.

Matilda, Benny's mum tried to stay awake in the mornings so that she could see Benny and make sure he was safe and was eating properly, before she curled up to go to sleep for the day. Matilda did not understand Benny's lifestyle but she tried to be supportive and to spend time with him when she could. During the winter, of course, the whole family hibernated together and all slept through the cold winter months.

One sunny morning in spring, just a few weeks after waking from hibernation, Benny was exploring the outskirts of the forest looking for mushrooms when he heard worried squeaks coming from a nearby meadow. It was a beautiful day and he had been able to spend some time with his mother before she fell asleep.

The squeaks got louder and more frantic. Curious, he rushed to investigate. Benny ran out from under the hedge surrounding the meadow. In front of him he discovered a family of rabbits and two dangerous snakes. The snakes wanted to eat the rabbits and the poor fluffy animals were terrified. The little grey rabbits had been eating grass and playing when the snakes had slithered out from behind a rock. The rabbits were too frightened to move. Benny knew he could help.

“I’m coming, I’m coming!” shouted Benny

Without hesitation, Benny acted. He was not afraid of being bitten by the snakes as hedgehogs are naturally immune to snake venom. The little hedgehog shouted, “CHARRRRRRGE,” and ran at the confused snakes. They were not accustomed to small animals attacking them. The sharp points of Benny’s quills looked like they would hurt a great deal. The startled snakes slithered away, disappearing under the rock and leaving the rabbits unharmed.

“Oh thank you Mr. Hedgehog,” said the rabbits. “You are so brave!”

Grateful for Benny's heroic act, the rabbit family invited him to their cozy burrow. He walked after the hopping bunnies and followed them inside. They shared stories of other forest creatures in need of help. Inspired by their tales, Benny realized that he had a unique gift – he could protect the vulnerable and stand up against injustice.

Benny went home to eat some berries and to think. Benny thought about his mission, his wish to travel. He thought of all the far away fields and hedgerows he wanted to see. Perhaps he would even see that big blue thing his grandad had told him about. What was its name? Oh yes, Ocean! Benny really wanted to travel to distant lands and explore everywhere. But then he thought about today. It had been a wonderful feeling to save the rabbits. He had helped. He had been brave. The little hedgehog felt warm and happy. He felt proud of himself.

“Should I stay, or should I go?” he asked himself.

Benny went for a little walk around the woods. “Stay or go, stay or go, stay or go,” he mumbled to himself as he walked.

The brave hedgehog came to a decision! “I’m staying!” he announced, although there was no one there to hear him. He laughed.

From that day forward, Benny became the forest's guardian. He rescued birds trapped in nets, fought off greedy foxes eyeing innocent squirrels, and even helped a lost deer find its way back to the herd.

News of Benny's bravery spread throughout the forest, and the animals held him in high regard. They saw him as a symbol of hope. The small creatures of the forest felt safer knowing that brave Benny was nearby.