Let’s Explore the Forest

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Titi is an indigenous girl who lives with her parents in a small village in the forest.
She enjoys reading books about the forest and its wildlife. But most of all she wants to see them in real life.
One day, Titi sees her parents preparing to leave for the forest to pick vegetables. She asks her dad if she can tag along, but he says she is still too young.
After her parents leave, Titi sees a deer. It has a unique skin color!
'Wow, what a strange animal that is! Let’s follow him.'
'There is another interesting animal. I want to look closer!'
‘Oh! I can see that you are a pangolin because you have long tongue to eat insects’.
‘That animal has brown fur and a big body, it must be a bear.’
‘Wow! This animal has a long trunk, big ears, and a huge body. It must be an elephant.’
All of the animals are just as curious about Titi as Titi is curious about them.
Suddenly, it begins to rain and a strong wind blows. Titi is terrified and hides under a big rock. ‘How will I get back home? I can’t see through the rain and the sky is getting dark.’
The animals watch Titi from a distance.
Together, they walk past Titi and back towards her house. Titi decides to follow them.
The pangolin rolls along the path, showing Titi the way so she doesn’t trip.
The bear uses its great body to push through bushes to clear a path for Titi.
And the elephant, with its great strength, moves trees that have fallen across the road.
After a while, Titi finally reaches the village.
She is very happy to be home, and thanks to all the animals that helped her.
From that day on, her parents allow her to go to the forest with them. Seeing the animals live peacefully in the forest always makes her happy!
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