



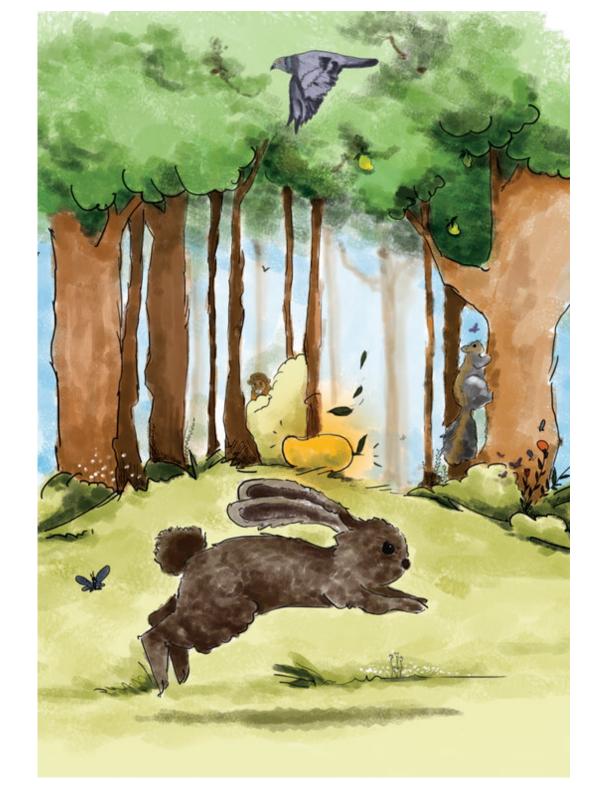
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PLOP falls the mango

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A pigeon, a rabbit and a squirrel were playing. A mango fell down from the tree - **PLOP!**

The pigeon flew away. The rabbit jumped away. The squirrel climbed up the tree.



A tortoise and a crab were in the pond nearby. They crawled up but did not see the mango. It remained there on the ground.

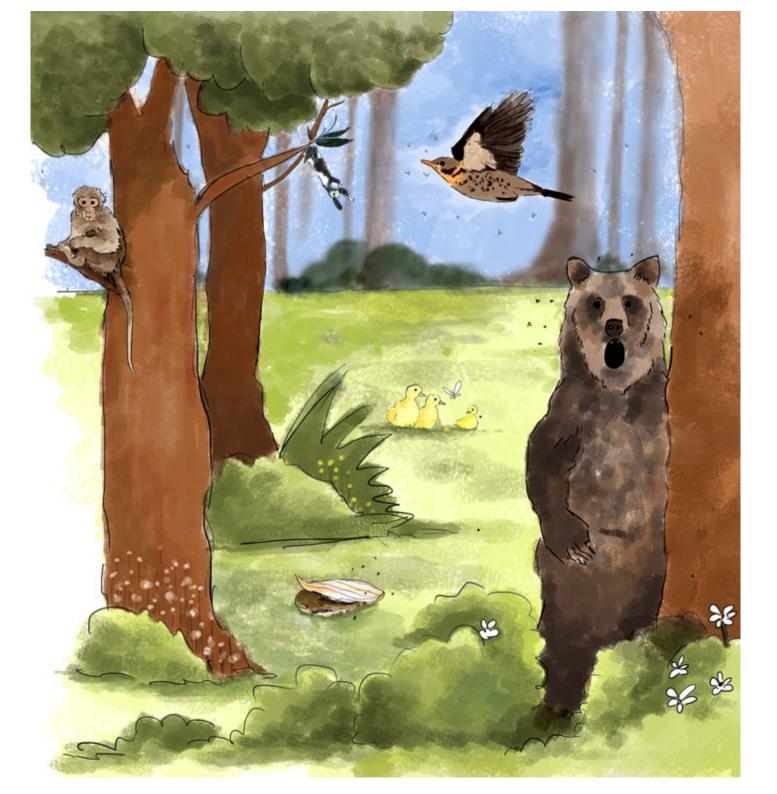
A cuckoo flew down. It liked the mango and ate it up. The seed was left behind.



A rat came out of its hole. It tried pulling the seed into the hole. Just then an owl hooted.

The rat ran back into the hole. The seed remained there.

Days passed. The mango seed remained there.



A monkey swung about on the branches of trees. A nightingale sang through the day.

Bear does not bathe.
Bear's hair is full of lice.
Bear has such long long
nails.

This made the bear angry. He climbed up the tree to catch the nightingale. The nightingale flew away.

The seed remained there.

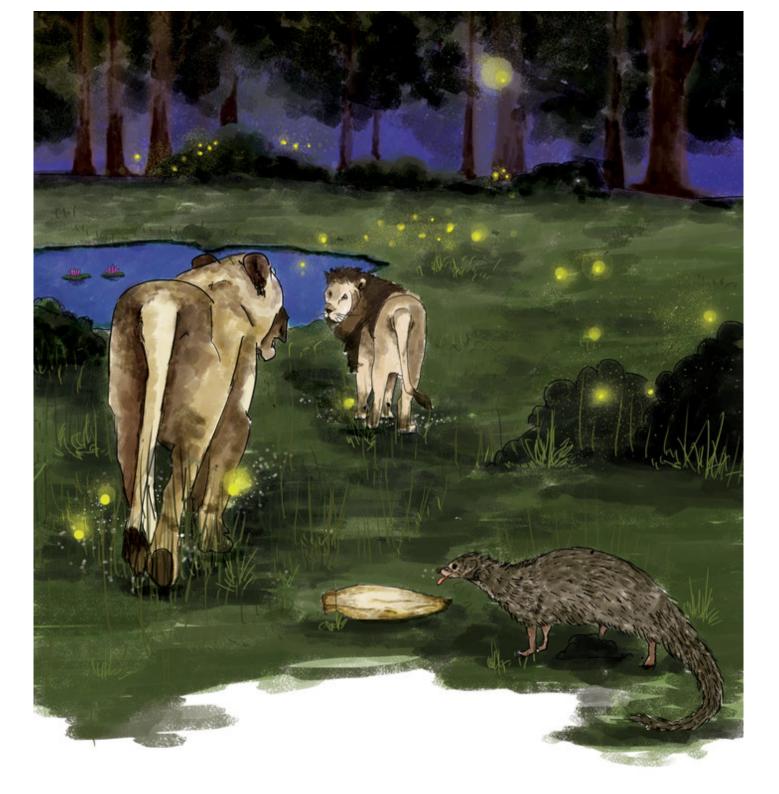


A duck came along and pecked at the seed.

A goat came and tried chewing it.

A crow ate insects off a buffalo's ear as it sat on its horn. A spider slid down its web.

The seed remained there.



A mongoose was in the bush nearby. It came out and licked the seed.

A lion and a lioness were going to the pond to drink water. They saw the mango seed. They walked away.



The wind blew. The seed got covered with leaves and dust.

And then one day, clouds gathered in the sky.

There was lightning and thunder - BOOM BOOM, KABOOM!



It started raining.

The pigeon, the rabbit, the squirrel, the tortoise, the crab, the monkey, the bear, the duck, the buffalo, the crow and the trees all got wet.

The lion and the lioness got wet. The seed got wet.



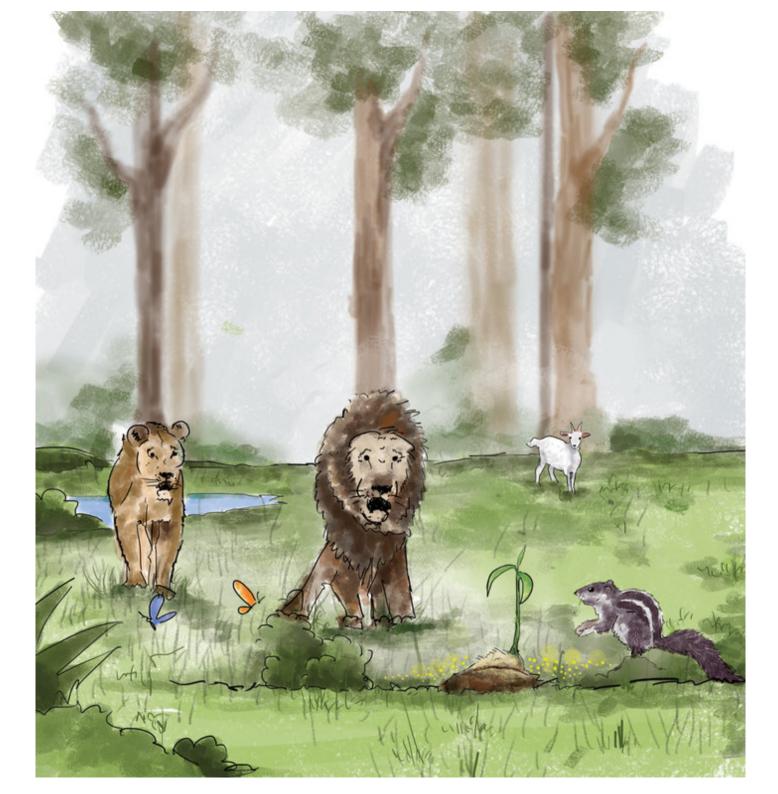
The elephant heard loud thunder and came out of the water.

He trumpeted loudly and shook a tree with his trunk. All the parrots flew away.

A hen walked by. A big leaf formed an umbrella on her head. A beetle was sitting on the leaf. The hen began to peck at the seed. The leaf slipped down. The beetle fell off. It climbed on to the elephant's foot.



One day, a tiny plant came out of the seed. The pigeon, the rabbit and the squirrel saw it. The tiny plant was brown in colour.



The plant saw the goat and got scared. The goat saw the lion and the lioness coming back from the pond and ran away. One day, a squirrel saw that the leaves on that tiny plant had turned green. What do you think will happen next?



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PLOP falls the mango (English)

A mango falls down from a tree. Plop! What happens next? Join the pigeon, the monkey, the lion and many other animals in this tranquil story, and find out for yourself.

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