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The Adventures of Bobby Rabbit

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How beautiful the woods are in the fall! The dark green leaves of the trees are mixed with yellow, brown and rusty red. The forest school is already waiting for the children of the woods: come and join us!

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Tommy Squirrel is on his way to school. He meets Mike Nutty, his cousin. "Hi Mike! I have a huge, thin-crust walnut. Would you trade it for two hazelnuts?" "Yeah, right! Two nuts for one? What are you thinking?"

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They'd still be negotiating, but the blackbird squawks at them from a branch of the poplar tree: "Hurry up., you two! Don't you see that it's almost 8 o'clock? Don't be late for school!"

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Classes haven't started yet, the mood is merry in the forest school. "Come on, run up on Carol Deer's leg!" The students are heckling Lizzy Lizzard.

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The Beetles' son picks a fight with Peter Toad. "I'll bite off your mandibles!", Peter threatens him. "You think I'd let you do that? You think I'm scared of you?"

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Now Bobby Rabbit and Steve Spiny arrive. Bobby quietly says: "Stop fighting, the teacher will be here soon!"

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"Hey, you famous runner, are you afraid of a little fight? It seems like you're a coward..." Jimmy Beetle provokes him.

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"Of course I'm not a coward," Bobby Rabbit refuses and changes the topic. "Look, what a great snack my mother packed for me! She gave me fresh kohlrabi."

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"Good morning, children!" says Amy Owl, the teacher. "Is everyone here? Tell me, Cricket, who's missing, and I will write their names into the class journal."

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Cricket, of course, wasn't paying attention again. She was watching a drop of water glitter in the sunshine. She doesn't even know what the teacher was asking.

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"The turtle is not here," reports Philip Bear instead of the Cricket. "I'm sure he's on his way, though." "He must have wandered away again."

The turtle is talking to Mrs. Oak in the beautiful Meadow Square. "My back hurts so much, I can't bear it," Mrs. Oak sighs. "Doctor Woodpecker is the only one who could cure it, but he's angry at me. He lived here, in my place, and I asked him to leave."

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In the meantime, the teacher calls on Mike Nutty. "Say you've got ten hazelnuts, and you want to divide it between three of your classmates. How many do you give them, and how many do you keep?"

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"If I've got ten hazelnuts, and I want to divide it between the three of them, then I give two to each and nothing remains because I already ate four in the meantime..." answers Mike Nutty mischievously.

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Look, Turtle has arrived. He goes up to the teacher and says: "Excuse me Madam for being late, it's not my fault, I was really, really running all the way here..."

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That's too much! Turtle and running... No one can help laughing.

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"Silence, children! Tell me, Turtle, what happened?" "Mrs. Oak, the one we all love, is very sick..."

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"Poor thing, what's wrong with her?" The children ask with sympathy. "She's afflicted with gout, she's quite crippled from the pain. Do you remember, though, how many times we were swinging on her branches?"

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"Someone needs to go and get Doctor Woodpecker," the teacher says. "He lives far, and the way to him is dangerous, but we can't let Mrs. Oak down. Who would volunteer?"

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"I'll do it!" says Bobby Rabbit. "Bobby, would you really?" The teacher cries out. "Would you have the courage to go and get the doctor?"

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"Everyone says about me that I'm a coward because I don't like to get into fights."

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"You're still a swell kid, Bobby Rabbit," says Jimmy Beetle. "You'll save the honor of the class. Go, and good luck!"

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His peers accompanied Bobby Rabbit all the way to the Round Hill. "Don't talk to Charlie Fox and be careful!" they said, waving goodbye.

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Bobby soon reached a ravine. Wow, it's really wide and really deep! He has to jump across it... Well, he got a little scared.

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He took his climbing rope, tied a stone at one end, and threw it to the other side of the ravine in order to measure its width.

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"If I can jump the length of the rope here, then I won't fall into the ravine," Bobby Rabbit speculated.

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And he did it! He even jumped a little bigger.

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"If only the ravine weren't so deep! What if I fall into it?"

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"Fortune favors the brave... I'm almost on the other side!"

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"It was a huge jump! A beautiful jump. Now I pull up my backpack..."

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He was over the difficult part, climbing on the cliff was easy.

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He already reached the loudly babbling River Anger. Now he has to cross it. But how?

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"I got it!" Bobby Rabbit cheered up. He cut down a few small trees and made a raft. Crossing will be easy now!

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He tied the raft to a tree. This way, he'll be able to use it on his way back. It's good to be foresighted!

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"Hey Jimmy Beetle, Mike Nutty and all the others! If only you could see Bobby Rabbit, the brave sailor!"

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"Doctor Woodpecker can't be far any more. I'll find him very soon."

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Doctor Woodpecker was operating on a young oak tree. He surgically removed a huge, ugly work from its waist. "One moment, son, let me finish this operation," he told Bobby.

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"Doctor Woodpecker, please come and see Mrs. Oak. She is very sick!" "I can't, son, I'm on bad terms with her. She canceled me lease when I lived in her place on the third floor."

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Bobby Rabbit was pleading with Doctor Woodpecker so persistently that he finally gave in. "But only for your sake, son!" he said, and took off.

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Bobby Rabbit carried out his task! Now he can go home in peace, Mrs. Oak will be cured.

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But oh, who is it that he sees now? It's Charlie Fox, his family's long-time enemy coming out into the meadow! "Hello, young man! Can I have you for dinner?"

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"Yeah, right!" Bobby took to his heels and started running as fast as he could.

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Part 2.

In the meantime, Doctor Woodpecker started the surgery. The whole school watched him intensely. Mrs. Oak was just sighing and moaning.

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"Hooray! Medicine prevails!" Doctor Woodpecker removed the cause of the disease from Mrs. Oak's back. Too bad that Bobby Rabbit isn't here to see it!

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It's already late at night when Jimmy Beetle knocks on the Rabbits' door. "Is Bobby home yet?" "He isn't," Mother Rabbit answers sadly.

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Jimmy Beetle visits Peter Toad as well. "I'm worried about Bobby, our dear friend. If he doesn't turn up by the morning, we'll go and look for him."

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Peer Toad dropped in on the Bears' cave. "Come to the Meadow Square at dawn," he said, "We have to find Bobby Rabbit."

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Nobody had a wink of sleep that night... Not even the teacher... What could have happened with Bobby Rabbit? The excited Blackbird carried news back and forth.

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In the meantime, the bloodthirsty Charlie Fox has been ceaselessly chasing Bobby Rabbit, up the hill, down the slope... Poor Bobby, he's running out of strength...

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Finally! He reached the raft. He jumps on it. He unties the rope and pushes himself away from the shore, to Charlie Fox's great disappointment.

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Charlie Fox leaps after the raft, but Bobby shoves the rod into his face.

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The evil creature fell into the water. He paddles to the shore, humiliated. He doesn't have the courage to swim across the River Anger. "We're not finished yet!" he threatens Bobby.

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"Finally, I'm safe!" Bobby Rabbit signs in relief. "It's already dark by now, but I'll still try to climb over the cliff."

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He's already at the ravine. Should he attempt to jump over it, now that he's so tired? He doesn't want to risk his life...

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A kind hazelnut bush offered him shelter. "Don't go any further, the forest is dangerous. Have a good rest, east something after a job well done."

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Bobby made a pillow for himself out of seven leaves and lay down his head to sleep. The hazelnut bush gave him a caress: "Sleep tight, little rabbit!"

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By sunrise, the whole class assembled on Meadow Square. "I won't tickle you any more if Bobby turns up!" The nervous Lizzy Lizard whispered to the Carol Deer's ears .

"From now on I won't get into any fights" Jimmy Beetle promises to the teacher. "I now that's not what heroism is about."

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The trumpets are blown. The forest school starts out to look for Bobby Rabbit. They thoroughly search every square inch.

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They lay a log over the ravine and use it as a bridge to get on the other side.

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They even climbed over the cliff. Jackdow explores the landscape with binoculars, but to no avail. Bobby Rabbit is nowhere to be found!

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And who found Bobby Rabbit? The Ant! "Don't wake him, let him sleep some more!" he whispered to the others. "He must be really exhausted."

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"Shhhh... Quiet, children. This sign will give him the direction when he wakes up. We should hide in the meantime."

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Bobby Rabbit is waking up, he's rubbing his eyes in wonder: "How did this sign get here?"

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He had better hurry to school, classes will soon be starting! Bobby starts running, little does he now that his classmates are following him closely.

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"It's almost eight! I don't want to be late!"

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The classroom is empty... Bobby is dumbfounded. Where could the others be?

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And suddenly they appear out of nothing. They surround him and shout: "Long live Bobby Rabbit, the brave lifesaver!"

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"Finally you're back, son!", Mother Rabbit rejoices. "I brought some snack for you. Crispy carrots in cabbage juice."

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From now on, we'll call Bobby Rabbit Robert Rabbit," the teacher says softly. "He did a fantastic job!"

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The End