

Leveled Reader in Filipino

We Are Friends

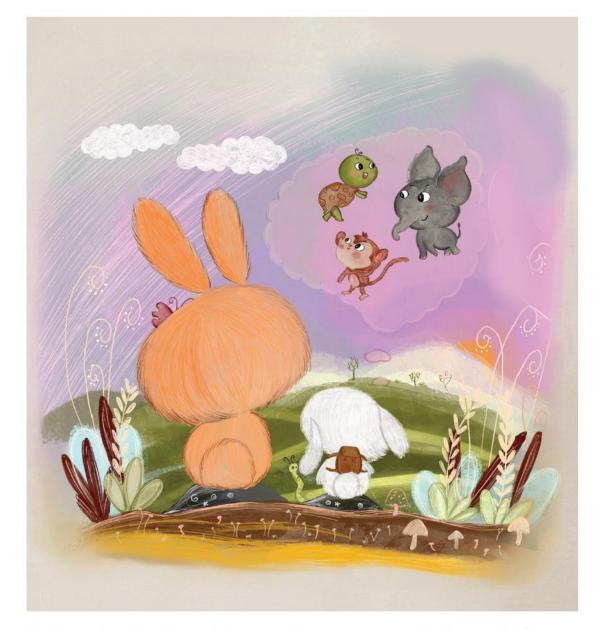


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"Little Rabbit, is Baby Elephant not your friend?" Mother Rabbit asked.

"Oh, not at all. He is so large. He can stomp me," Little Rabbit said.



"So, is Baby Tortoise your friend?"

"I do not think so. He walks so slow,"
Little Rabbit said.



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

"Not at all. She always squeaks," Little Rabbit replied.



"You should not be so quick to judge others," Mother Rabbit told Little Rabbit.

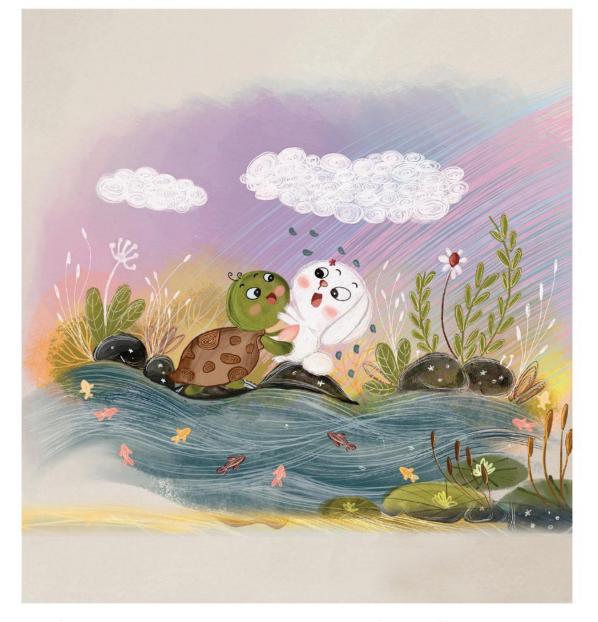
"I do not like any of them. I would rather be alone," Little Rabbit told her mother.



The Little Rabbit ran away to play.
Running at full speed, she suddenly stopped upon reaching the creek.



There was a lot of water. The current was strong. She was about to jump but slipped.



Baby Tortoise moves so slow, but is quick in helping others. Little Tortoise pulled Little Rabbit to safety.

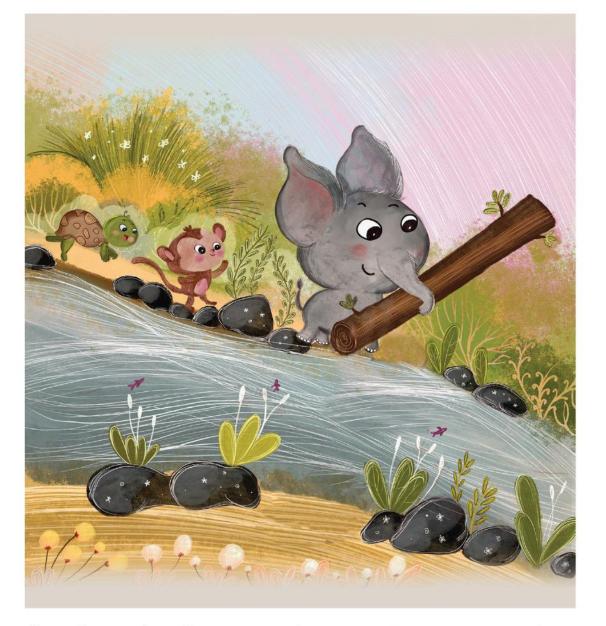
"I can only run fast," Little Rabbit thought, embarrassed.



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



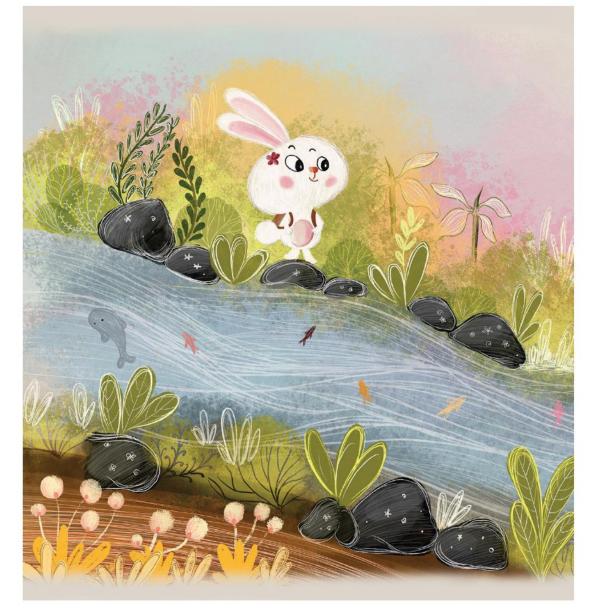
Little Rabbit was so surprised. Baby Monkey helped her even though Little Rabbit never talked to her.



"Baby Elephant is large. But I need not be afraid of him. He is now my friend," Little Rabbit thought.



Baby Tortoise and Baby Monkey helped Baby Elephant put another tree trunk across the creek.



"I could only cross the creek with everyone's help," Little Rabbit thought.

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



"I did not even want to talk with you all in the past, but I was wrong. I do need friends. We can all take care of each other," Little Rabbit told her new friends.







