


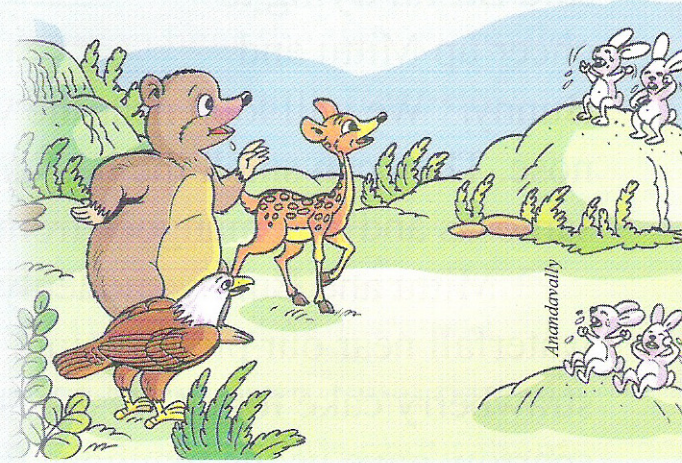
# The Bear, the Deer and the Eagle



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**B**ashu bear, Nidhi deer and Sunny eagle were playing near a pond, when they spotted little Mittu and Bunny rabbits in a very sad mood sitting on a rock. “Hello there, little ones!” said Bashu to Mittu and Bunny. “What is the matter? Why are you looking so sad?” asked Bashu.



Mittu and Bunny replied tearfully, “We came to picnic in the forest with our family. We started playing hide-and-seek and wandered far away. Now we are lost.”



**Dear Parents and Teachers,**

Read out this story to the little ones with suitable gestures and modulation of voice so that they listen to you with rapt attention.

—Editor

“Oh! Please don’t cry,” said Nidhi deer kindly. “We will help you find your family.”

“Yes!” said Sunny eagle.

“Eagles have the sharpest eyesight and can see the best. I will fly high



up and find out where your parents are. Which way did you come, little ones?" asked Sunny.

Mittu and Bunny said they did not know and cried even louder.

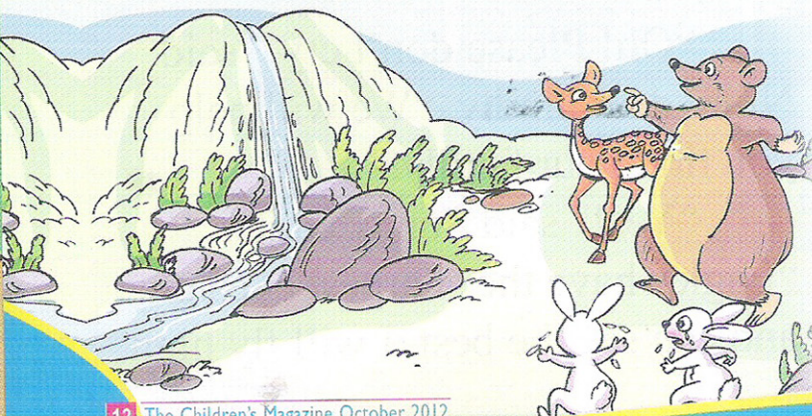
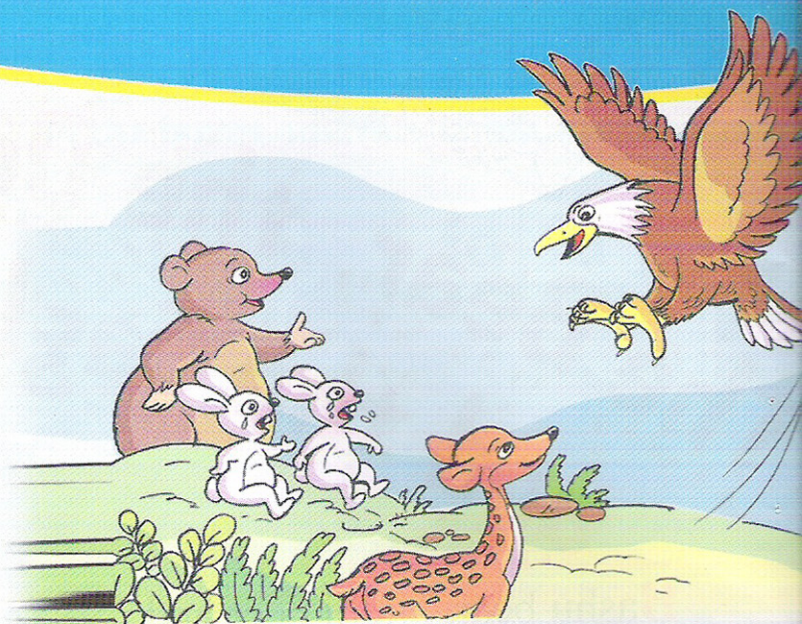
"That's all right," said Bashu trying to cheer up Mittu and Bunny. "We will look near the waterfall. Bears have the sharpest nose. They can smell the best and I can smell delicious cakes, samosas and ripe mangoes from the direction of the waterfall."

Mittu and Bunny suddenly burst out, "Yes! There was a waterfall near our picnic camp. And mom made delicious strawberry cake for us. Yes! Yes! We remember now. Lalli sparrow gave us the mangoes from her garden too! Uncle Bashu and Uncle Sunny, our parents are near the waterfall. Could you take us there please?"

So Bashu, Nidhi and Sunny set out with the rabbits to

the waterfall. But when they reached there, Oh! What a disappointment! Mittu's and Bunny's family was not there!

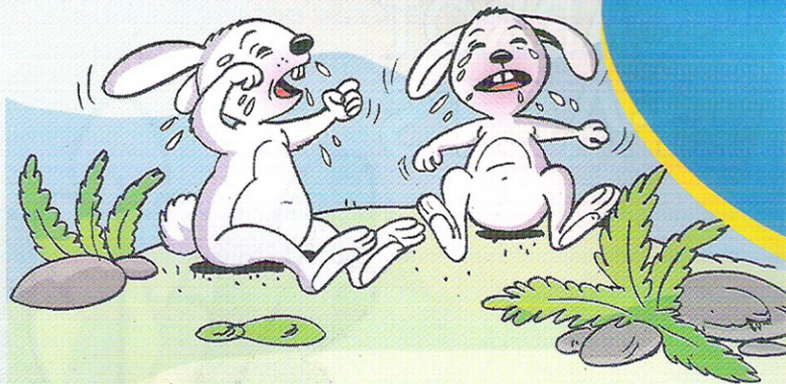
Mittu and Bunny looked even sadder.





“Oh!” they cried. “How we miss mama. We should not have wandered off.”

But then, Nidhi deer said, “Wait little ones! Don’t lose hope. Deer have the sharpest ears and can hear the best. I will listen carefully and see if I can hear any sounds which will lead us to your family.” Saying so, Nidhi listened hard and after a while said, “I can hear the leaves rustle and someone sobbing from the direction of the fruit trees near the pond. Let us go and check there.”



So all of them went to the fruit trees but they could not clearly see among the trees. So Sunny soared high and searched among the trees. And Oh! Great Joy! He spotted Mittu’s and Bunny’s mom right in the centre of the thick, overgrown part of the trees! He came back in a sweep and told the kids about their mom. The kids rushed to where their mother was. Oh! What a

happy reunion! Finally they were all so glad.

The special qualities of Bashu bear, Nidhi deer and Sunny eagle saved the day.

Wonder what other beautiful qualities animals possess!!

