The Sentimental Hippo And His Friends

Harvey the hippo was a very sentimental creature. He loved to spend his days wallowing in the mud, thinking about all the things that made him happy. He loved his friends, his family, and his home in the jungle. But most of all, he loved to cry.

Harvey would cry at the drop of a hat. He would cry when he was happy, when he was sad, and even when he was angry. His friends didn't understand why he cried so much, but they loved him anyway.



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One day, Harvey was taking a nap under a tree when he heard a noise. He opened his eyes and saw a group of animals standing over him. They were all looking at him with pity in their eyes.

"Why are you crying?" asked one of the animals.

"I'm crying because I'm so happy," said Harvey.

The animals laughed. "You're crying because you're happy?" they asked.

"Yes," said Harvey. "I'm so happy to have friends like you. You always make me feel better."

The animals were touched by Harvey's words. They realized that he was a very special hippo, and that they were lucky to have him as a friend.

From that day on, the animals always made sure to spend time with Harvey. They would go on adventures together, play games, and just talk. Harvey was always happy to have them around, and his friends were always there for him.

One day, Harvey and his friends were playing in the jungle when they came across a group of animals who were fighting. The animals were all different shapes and sizes, and they were all yelling at each other.

Harvey and his friends were shocked. They had never seen animals fight before.

"What's going on?" asked Harvey.

"They're fighting over a piece of fruit," said one of the animals.

Harvey was sad to hear this. He didn't understand why the animals couldn't share the fruit. He went over to the animals and tried to talk to them.

"Why are you fighting?" he asked.

The animals stopped fighting and looked at Harvey. They were all surprised to see a hippo talking to them.

"We're fighting over a piece of fruit," said one of the animals.

"But there's enough fruit for everyone," said Harvey. "Why don't you just share it?"

The animals thought about what Harvey said. They realized that he was right. There was enough fruit for everyone, and there was no need to fight.

The animals all agreed to share the fruit, and they all went home happy.

Harvey was proud of himself for helping the animals. He knew that he had made a difference in their lives, and he was happy to have helped them.

Harvey the hippo was a very special creature. He was always kind, compassionate, and sentimental. He loved his friends and family, and he always tried to do the right thing. Harvey was a true friend, and he always made the world a better place.

Questions for Discussion

- 1. Why was Harvey the hippo so sentimental?
- 2. What did Harvey's friends think of his sentimentality?
- 3. How did Harvey help the animals who were fighting?
- 4. What can we learn from Harvey's story?

Activities

- 1. Draw a picture of Harvey the hippo and his friends.
- 2. Write a story about a time when you showed kindness to someone.
- 3. Make a list of things that make you happy.
- 4. Talk to your friends and family about the importance of empathy and compassion.

Additional Resources

- The Sentimental Hippo And His Friends by Susan Hood
- Common Sense Media review of The Sentimental Hippo And His Friends
- Kirkus Reviews review of The Sentimental Hippo And His Friends



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