Pip and the Tangled Bear

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Meet the friends of Whispering Wood



Tilly · Dash · Pip · Bruno · Kiki · Grandma Hoot



Bruno the Bear loved blackberries more than anything else in the whole world. And one sunny morning, he found the biggest, juiciest blackberry bush in all of Whispering Wood.



“Ooh! Look at all those berries. Bruno is going to have a feast!” said Bruno.



Bruno reached in deep for the juiciest berry of all. But when he tried to pull his paw back out... it was stuck!



“Oh dear. The prickly branches have tangled all around my paw. I can't get out!” said Bruno.



Dash came running by. He pulled and pulled. But the brambles only tangled tighter.



“It's no good, Bruno. These branches are too twisty for big paws like ours,” said Dash.



Then a tiny voice came from down in the grass.



“Maybe I can help. Small paws can still help!” said Pip.



“You, Pip? But you're the smallest one in the whole wood,” said Bruno.



But being small is just right for squeezing into tiny places. Pip wriggled between the prickles, and with his little paws, he untangled one twisty branch, then another, then another.



Pop! Out came Bruno's paw, safe and sound, and still holding the biggest blackberry of all!



“I'm free! Hooray! Wait... where did Pip go?” said Bruno.



But Pip had already scampered off home along the little path. He didn't wait for a thank-you, or a cheer, or a prize. He just felt warm and happy inside that he had helped a friend.



That evening, there was a knock at Pip's tiny door.



“Pip, you helped me when nobody else could, and you didn't even wait for a thank-you. So here's a basket of the best blackberries, just for you,” said Bruno.



“Thank you, Bruno! Let's share them. Berries always taste better with friends,” said Pip.



“Gather round, little ones. Pip helped because it was kind, not to be cheered. That's the best kind of kindness. And remember, nobody is too small to help,” said Grandma Hoot.

The End

Real kindness doesn't need a thank-you. And even the smallest friend can help.

Let’s talk about it

Why could Pip help when Dash couldn't?

Why didn't Pip wait for a thank-you?

How can you help someone, even when you are small?

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