The Bridge We Built Together

A FatesFables Story

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Meet the friends of Whispering Wood



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



After a big night of rain, the little stream in Whispering Wood had grown wide and splashy and full of bubbles. And the stepping stones were gone, hidden under the rushing water!



“Oh no! Grandma Hoot's birthday picnic is on the other side. How will we get across?” said Pip.



“Hmm, let Bruno think about that. I know! I'm big and strong. I'll build a bridge all by myself!” said Bruno.



Bruno pushed the big log. He pulled the big log. He huffed and he puffed and he heaved. But it was much too heavy, even for a big strong bear.



“Let me try! I'm the fastest. I'll zoom across on the floating sticks!” said Dash.



Splash! The little sticks wobbled, and Dash tumbled into the shallow water. Everyone giggled, even Dash.



“Ooh, I could fly over! But I can't carry all of you,” said Kiki.



“Maybe we're all trying too hard on our own,” said Tilly.



Just then, Grandma Hoot flew down from the other side of the stream.



“Gather round, little ones. Bruno, can you snap this one little stick?” said Grandma Hoot.



“Easy! Snap!” said Bruno.



“Now try these. Ten sticks, all tied together,” said Grandma Hoot.



“Hnnngh! I can't! They're too strong together!” said Bruno.



“One stick alone breaks easily. But many sticks together are strong. Friends are just the same,” said Grandma Hoot.



“Then let's build the bridge together! Everybody help!” said Pip.



Bruno and Dash pushed the big log, side by side. Tilly held it steady. Kiki brought vines from the trees. And Pip tied the knots with his clever little paws.



And soon, there it was. A strong little bridge, with vines to hold on to, made by everyone together.



“We did it! Nobody could do it alone, but we did it together!” said Dash.



And on the other side, the birthday picnic was waiting. Happy birthday, Grandma Hoot!



“Thank you, my dears. And remember: alone we are small, but together, we are stronger,” said Grandma Hoot.

The End

Together, we are stronger.

Let’s talk about it

Why couldn't Bruno snap the bundle of sticks?

What job did each friend do on the bridge?

What could you build together with your friends?

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