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“The Red Glow” - Kavya, age 7

Once upon a time, there was a cute sloth named Rosa who lived in the trees of a forest. One day Rosa went for a stroll to get some fresh air. On her way back, she spotted an extremely tall tree. There were signs everywhere saying, ‘Danger, do not climb tree.’ At the corner of Rosa’s eye she could see a bright red glow at the very top of the tree.

Now, Rosa was a small sloth, but she was brave, and she had no fears. “I am going up the tree” said Rosa in a determined voice. Little did she know, a zebra was looking at the red glow too from behind the bush. He slowly strolled out of the bush and made himself seen by Rosa. Rosa just stared, folding her arms.

“I am going up the tree to find the red glow.” Said the zebra. “And I will get it.”

“Not if I find it first” replied Rosa. There was pure silence. They both ran to the tree. The zebra got there first. Now everyone knows that zebras can’t climb, so no matter how hard the zebra tried, it was no use!

“Alright then” said Rosa “I’ll climb the tree” and to the zebra’s surprise Rosa started to climb the tree.

“Told you so” replied Rosa. Then she looked at the Red Glow. Suddenly she forgot all about the zebra and focused on getting to the top of the tree. Soon she was at the top. Rosa found a super bright red diamond! Rosa was very grateful, and she did a little dance. But then she looked down at the zebra, who was sulking because he didn’t get the diamond. Rosa looked longingly at the red diamond in her soft hand. “Here” said Rosa suddenly CRACKING the red diamond in half. “Have the other half”.

“Really?” asked the zebra. “Yes” replied Rosa. “You are the kindest sloth in the word” said the zebra hugging her as she climbed down the tree. Rosa started to blush.

Suddenly Rosa felt like a hero. She felt ten times stronger than her usual self, and MUCH faster! The zebra was feeling this too! “Are you feeling something... Errrr unusual?” asked Rosa.



“Yeahh... I am too!” replied the zebra. Rosa tried to run. As soon as she stepped forward, she shot into the air! “AAHHH!” yelled Rosa. “We have superpowers!”

Just as Rosa started to enjoy the wonderful feeling of flying in the air...

“AAHHH We’ve also got X-Ray vision!” exclaimed the Zebra as he spotted a ferocious, hungry lion behind hundreds of trees.” So, Rosa and the Zebra LEAPED higher into the air and escaped from the approaching lion.

As Rosa and the zebra held on tightly to the diamond and stared at its Red Glow, they realized that their powers kept them safe from danger forever!

So, there they are, flying in the air with the moon shining brightly as they go along. It was a long, but exciting day!