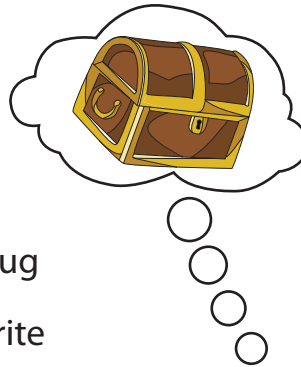


Packrat's Perfect Treasure

by Guy Belleranti

Packrat jumped out of bed.

"Yippee! Today is treasure hunt day!"



He munched a fast breakfast then dug through his nest. First, he found his favorite hat. He plopped it on his head. Next, he found his favorite sunglasses.

"Lovely treasure!"

He scampered past the rock and didn't see any treasures.

He scurried past the rock.

Hmm. How about that rock?

Packrat squinted at the rock. It had a cool-looking bump on its side.

But it was kind of hard to see.

Packrat slid his front paws under the rock and...the rock giggled. "Hee-hee, ha-ha, that tickles," it said.

Packrat blinked. "Tortoise! I didn't know you were a rock."

"I'm not," Tortoise said, giggling again.

"Oh." Packrat frowned. "Too bad, because you would've made a perfect treasure."



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"Maybe you can find a perfect treasure if you keep searching," Tortoise suggested.

"I'll be happy to help. I've never hunted for treasure before"

"Let's go!"

So go they did. But not fast because Tortoise had only one speed. SLOW.

They passed several big boulders and tall saguaro cacti with arms but saw nothing that looked like a treasure.

Soon they came to a hole in the ground. "Follow me!" Packrat cried. "We'll widen the hole and find my treasure."

But before he allowed them to follow, Packrat peered out of the hole with a wary, scowling face. "Wait here for a moment. I need to get some sleep around here?"

Packrat sighed. "I'm sorry, but you have been a treasure?"

"What do you mean?"

"I mean I'm on a mission to find any treasure. Helping I still can't find"

"Maybe you need to hurry. We'll be sure to find treasure together. Come along and we'll be helping with our legs at the same time."

"Let's go!"

So go they did. But not fast because Tarantula and Tortoise had only one speed. The same speed. SLOW.

They passed more cacti, more boulders, more shrubs and more trees, but saw nothing that looked like a treasure.

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Then, they felt a gust of wind. And behind the wind was more wind in the shape of a swirling dust devil.

"I bet my treasure's in the middle of that," Packrat yelled. "Let's duck behind this bush until it spins to a stop."

They didn't have long to wait. For out of the settling dust stepped...

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Packrat drank from the bottle. Then he drank some more. And some more.

"Oh no," Tortoise said. "Packrat's really upset. He's going to drink so much he'll turn into a hairy water balloon and pop!"

But Packrat didn't pop. He handed the water bottle back to Roadrunner and smiled. "Thank you, Roadrunner. Thank you everyone. That much needed moisture got

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my brain working right again. I've realized I have found my perfect treasure. Three perfect treasures, in fact."

"You have?" asked Tortoise.

"What are they?" Tarantula asked.

"Tell us quick," added Roadrunner.

"Friends," Packrat said. "Friends like you, Tortoise, and you, Tarantula, who helped me search. And a friend who helped me find them, so I wouldn't dry up and blow away in the winds of all.

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No, because he is selfish.

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