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In the heart of the rainforest, where green leaves dripped with morning dew, lived a young monkey named Milo. He had soft brown fur, a long curling tail, and round red spectacles that helped him see the world clearly. Today was the day of the great rainforest festival, and Milo could hardly wait. He swung from branch to branch, his tiny woven leaf satchel bouncing at his chest.



Milo loved the festival more than anything. There would be music, dancing, and piles of sweet mangoes. He chattered happily as he dressed, tying his leaf satchel tight. But when he reached for his red glasses on the smooth stone where he always left them, his paw touched only air. His big amber eyes went wide. "Oh no!" he squeaked. "Where are my glasses?"



Without his glasses, the rainforest turned into a fuzzy, blurry mess. The trees looked like giant green clouds, and the flowers were just smudges of color. Milo stumbled over a root and nearly bumped into a bush. "I can't go to the festival like this!" he cried. "I need my glasses!" His wrinkled brow furrowed with worry. He decided to search, but everything looked the same.



Just then, Kiko the hornbill swooped down from a tall tree. Her glossy black feathers shone, and her huge yellow beak gleamed. "Milo, what's wrong?" she asked, her bright blue eye ring blinking. Milo explained about his missing glasses. "Don't worry," Kiko said kindly. "I'll help you look. My sharp eyes can spot clues from above." She tied her turquoise festival ribbon tighter around her leg.



Pudu the tapir ambled over, his sturdy legs making soft thumps on the forest floor. His flexible snout twitched. "I heard you lost your glasses, Milo," he said gently. "I can help too. My nose is good at sniffing out trails." Milo felt a little better with his friends beside him. "Thank you," he said. "I don't know what I'd do without you."



The three friends began to search. Milo tried to retrace his steps, but without his glasses, he kept turning the wrong way. "I think I went left here," he said, pointing right. Kiko flew up high and called down, "Actually, Milo, your footprints go that way!" Pudu sniffed the ground and nodded. "Yes, the trail is fresh. Let's follow it."



They followed Milo's confusing trail through the thick rainforest. He had zigzagged around ferns and circled a fallen log twice. Kiko spotted a tiny scratch on a leaf. "You brushed past here!" she called. Pudu sniffed a tuft of grass. "You stepped here!" he said. Milo giggled. "I guess I was in a hurry!" They kept moving, careful and hopeful.



First, they looked under a pile of broad leaves. Kiko flapped her wings to lift them, but there was only a sleepy beetle. Then they checked behind a tall tree with rough bark. Pudu pressed his snout into the hollow, but he found only spiderwebs. Milo sighed. "Maybe my glasses are lost forever," he said sadly. His friends comforted him. "We'll keep looking," said Pudu.



They went near the river, where the water rushed and sparkled. Milo couldn't see clearly, so he almost stepped into a puddle. Kiko squawked a warning. "Careful, Milo! The riverbank is slippery!" Pudu steadied him with his sturdy body. They searched among the smooth pebbles and reeds, but no glasses. Milo's tail drooped. "I'll never find them," he whispered.



Milo's worry grew. "Maybe I should just go home," he said. "But the festival is about to start!" Pudu nuzzled him gently. "Don't give up," he said. "We're a team. We'll find them together." Kiko agreed. "Let's think. Where else did you go this morning?" Milo tried to remember. "I swung by the old fig tree," he said. "And I visited the cozy nest in the ferns."



Kiko's eyes lit up. "The cozy nest! Let's check there!" They hurried to the fern patch, where a small nest was tucked among the fronds. It was lined with soft moss and feathers. And there, right in the middle, sat Milo's red spectacles! "You found them!" Milo cheered. He put them on, and the world snapped back into focus. "Thank you, friends!" he said, hugging them both.



Milo learned something important that day. "I should have asked for help right away," he said. "Instead of stumbling around alone." Kiko nodded. "Asking for help is smart," she said. "And kind," added Pudu. "Friends are here for each other." Milo smiled, his amber eyes shining behind his glasses. "I'm lucky to have you both."



With his glasses on, Milo could see everything clearly again. The rainforest was bright and beautiful. "Let's go to the festival!" he shouted. They raced through the trees, Kiko flying ahead, Pudu lumbering behind, and Milo swinging from branch to branch. They could hear the music and laughter getting closer. The festival was waiting for them.



At the festival, there was dancing and singing and delicious food. Milo played his little drum, Kiko whistled a tune, and Pudu tapped his feet. They laughed and celebrated with all the other animals. Milo's red glasses gleamed in the sunlight. He felt happy and grateful. "I couldn't have found them without you," he told his friends.



As the sun set, the rainforest glowed with golden light. Milo, Kiko, and Pudu sat together, sharing a sweet mango. "Today was a good day," Milo said. "Even with the worry, it ended with laughter and music." His friends agreed. They watched the fireflies twinkle and felt warm and content. Milo knew he would never forget the day his friends helped him find his glasses.



From then on, Milo always remembered to ask for help when he needed it. He learned that friends are like a team, and teamwork makes everything better. So if you ever lose something in the rainforest, just ask a friend. They might be the ones who help you find it. And that's a smart, kind thing to do.