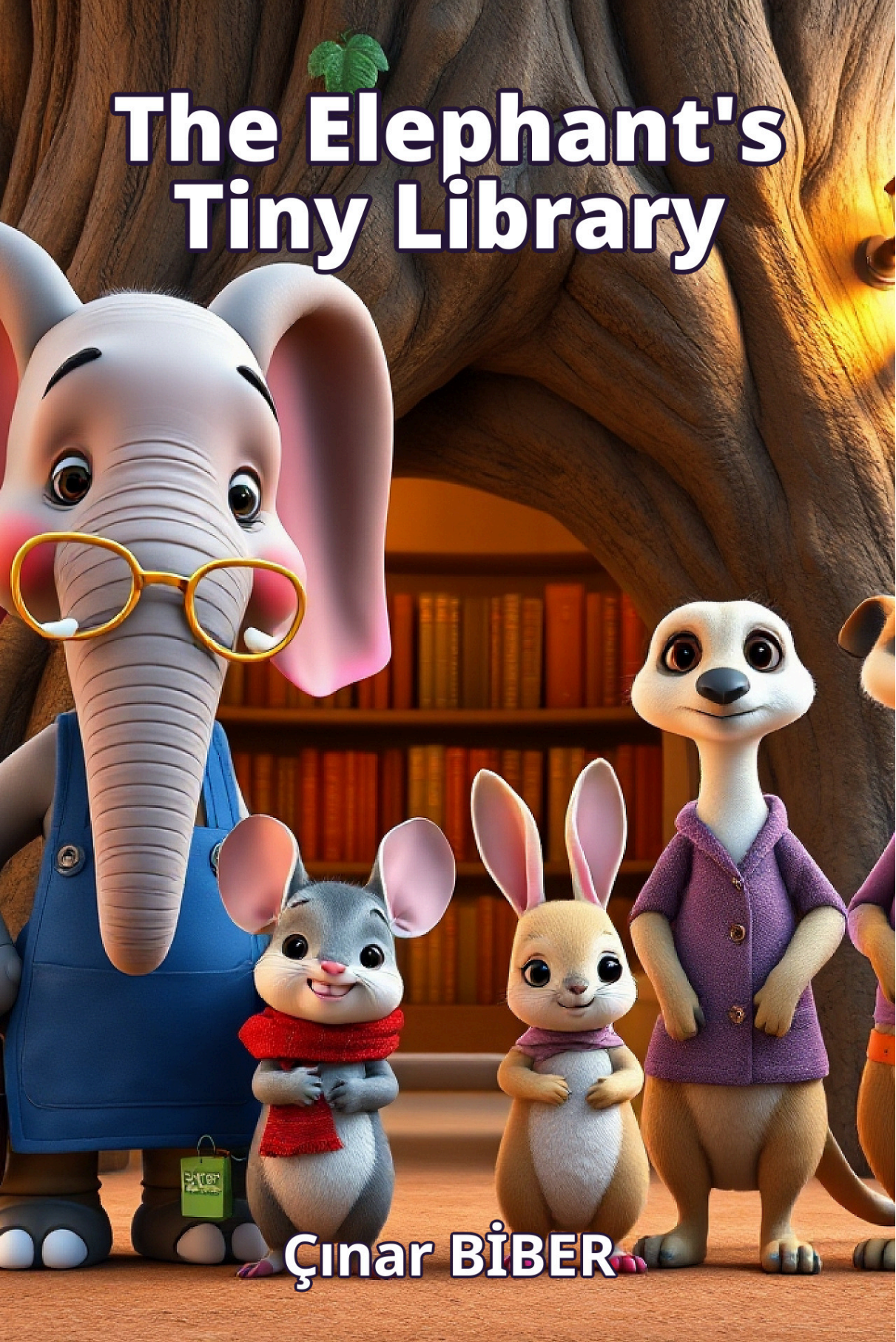
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Ella the elephant loved books more than anything. Her trunk would curl around a story, and her golden reading glasses would slide down as she read. She had large floppy ears with pink inner edges and a friendly smile. Her blue library apron had a special pocket for her favorite book. Every evening, she wished she could share her stories with the small animals of the forest.

One sunny morning, Ella decided to build a library for her small friends. She found a cozy hollow tree and filled it with shelves. She stacked books high and low, using her strong trunk to lift them. The shelves were tall and wide, perfect for an elephant. Ella beamed with pride. "Now everyone can enjoy stories!" she trumpeted happily.

Soon, news of the library spread. Pip the mouse, wearing a red knitted scarf and a tiny green satchel, was the first to arrive. She scurried inside, her whiskers twitching with excitement. But when she looked up, the shelves towered above her like giant cliffs. The lowest book was far out of reach. Pip's little pink paws stretched up, but she couldn't even touch the bottom shelf.

Pip felt shy and a bit sad. She wanted a book so badly! Just then, Rosie the rabbit hopped in. She wore a lavender cardigan and carried a canvas book bag. Rosie stood on her tiptoes, her long ears brushing the shelf, but still she couldn't reach. "Oh dear," said Rosie. "The shelves are too high for us." Pip nodded, her tiny black eyes wide.

Ella the elephant came over, her round body filling the doorway. She saw her small friends looking up at the books. "What's wrong?" she asked gently. Pip pointed with her thin tail. "The shelves are too big for us," she squeaked. Ella looked at the tall shelves and then at the tiny mouse and rabbit. Her kind brown eyes softened. "I didn't think of that," she said.

Ella tried to help. She wrapped her trunk around a book and lowered it, but it was too heavy for Pip to hold. She tried to push a shelf lower, but it wobbled. The small animals stepped back. Ella felt clumsy and worried. "I want everyone to reach the books," she said. "But I don't know how." Her floppy ears drooped a little.

Just then, Milo the meerkat popped up from behind a book. He was small and quick, with sandy tan fur and bright amber eyes. His little orange tool belt held a wooden ruler and a pencil. Milo had been watching and thinking. "I can help!" he chirped. "I measure things and draw plans. We can make shelves that are just right." The small animals gathered around, curious.

Milo climbed onto a low stool and began to measure. He measured Pip from her nose to her tail, and Rosie from her paws to her ear tips. He wrote numbers with his pencil. "Pip needs a shelf here," he said, tapping a spot near the floor. "And Rosie needs one a bit higher." Ella watched, her trunk curled thoughtfully.

Milo drew a plan on a big leaf. He showed Ella how to make shelves at different heights. "Small steps for small paws," he explained. "And a little ladder for the birds." Ella nodded. "I can build that!" she said. Together, they gathered twigs and vines. Ella's strong trunk lifted and placed, while Milo measured and checked.

Soon, new shelves appeared. There were low shelves for mice, with books about cheese and adventures. Higher shelves for rabbits, with stories of carrots and magic. And tiny perches for birds, with books about the sky. Each shelf had a little sign with a picture. Pip's eyes sparkled. "I can reach!" she squeaked, grabbing a book with her tiny pink paws.

Rosie hopped from shelf to shelf, testing each one. "This is perfect!" she cheered. She pulled out a story about a brave rabbit and hugged it to her lavender cardigan. Milo measured one last shelf, his ruler steady. "All done!" he announced. Ella clapped her trunk. The library was now full of books at just the right heights.

The library became a busy, happy place. Pip curled up in a corner with her book, her red scarf cozy. Rosie read aloud to a group of birds. Milo checked the shelves each morning, his tool belt jingling. Ella sat by the door, her golden glasses perched on her trunk, greeting everyone with a warm smile. "Books for all!" she trumpeted softly.

Word spread through the forest. More small animals came: squirrels, hedgehogs, and tiny frogs. Each found a book they could reach. The library felt welcoming and cheerful. Ella learned to listen to her friends. "We make things better together," she said. Milo nodded. "And everyone feels at home." The hollow tree glowed with lamplight and happy reading.

One evening, Ella looked around the library. Pip was reading a story about a mouse who found a friend. Rosie was sharing a book with a little bird. Milo was sharpening his pencil. Ella felt warm inside. "I'm glad we made the shelves just right," she said. "It's not just about books. It's about making everyone feel welcome."

From that day on, the library was a place for all. The shelves were measured with care, and every small animal could find a story. Ella's blue apron pocket held a special book—one about an elephant and a meerkat who built a library for everyone. She read it often, her glasses sliding down her trunk as she smiled.

And when new animals arrived, Milo would pull out his ruler. "Let's find the right size for you," he'd say. The library grew and changed, but one thing stayed the same: everyone was welcome. Ella learned that when we make things accessible for everyone, our communities become warmer and kinder places to share. And that is the best story of all.