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Little Rabbit lived in a cozy burrow under the roots of a big oak tree. Every morning she hopped through the woodland, saying hello to the birds and the flowers. One sunny day, something shiny caught her eye near the stream. It was a tiny red camera on a brown leather strap. "What a curious thing!" she said, and she hung it around her neck.



Little Rabbit also found a small blue satchel bag beside the camera. She put it over her shoulder and felt very grown up. She carried the camera everywhere, eager to learn how it worked. She pressed the button and heard a soft click. "I am a photographer now!" she announced to the trees. But she had no idea how to take a good picture.



She pointed the camera at a bright blue and yellow bird perched on a thin branch. Click! She took a photo of a tiny grey mouse with a green scarf. Click! She photographed a mushroom and a daisy and a falling leaf. "This is fun!" she said. But when she looked at the pictures later, they were all blurry. She could not tell the bird from the mushroom.



Little Rabbit felt a little sad. "My pictures are not clear at all," she sighed. Just then, a wise old owl with round wire spectacles flew down. "What are you doing, little one?" asked Owl. "I am trying to take photos, but they are all fuzzy," said Rabbit. Owl peered at the camera. "Perhaps you need to hold still and look closely," he said kindly.



So Little Rabbit tried again. She held her breath and kept her paws steady. She looked through the small window at the back of the camera. Click! She took a photo of the bird. This time, the picture was clearer. She could see the bird's bright blue and yellow feathers and its small orange beak. "I did it!" she cheered. The bird chirped happily from its branch.



Little Rabbit practiced every day. She took photos of the stream, the ferns, and the butterflies. Each time, she looked more carefully. She noticed how the light danced on the water and how the leaves had tiny veins. She watched the bird preen its glossy wings. She saw the mouse nibble a seed with tiny pink paws. Her photos grew sharper and sharper.



One afternoon, Little Rabbit asked the bird to sit still for a portrait. "I will make you look splendid," she promised. The bird puffed out its chest and sang a merry tune. Click! The photo showed every shining feather. "Oh, I never knew my feathers were so bright!" said the bird, amazed. Little Rabbit smiled. She had never seen the bird so proud.



Next, she asked the shy little mouse for a portrait. The mouse hid behind a leaf at first. "I am too small to be in a picture," she squeaked. "But you have the kindest eyes," said Little Rabbit gently. "Please let me try." The mouse peeked out, and Little Rabbit clicked the button. The photo showed the mouse's warm brown eyes and her soft grey fur. "I look lovely!" whispered the mouse.



Little Rabbit took portraits of everyone. She photographed a squirrel with a fluffy tail, a hedgehog with a prickly coat, and a family of ducks by the pond. Each time, she looked closely and found something special. The squirrel's tail was like a soft brush. The hedgehog's nose twitched in a funny way. The ducks' feet were bright orange. Every animal had a hidden beauty.



Soon Little Rabbit had a whole stack of photos in her blue satchel. "These are too good to keep to myself," she thought. "I will make an exhibition for all my friends!" She found a lovely spot in the woods where the trees formed a natural gallery. She hung the portraits on the branches with tiny vines. The woodland friendship exhibition was ready.



On the day of the exhibition, all the animals came. Bird gasped at her own bright feathers. Mouse blushed at her kind eyes. Owl adjusted his spectacles and studied each photo with a happy hoot. "You have captured our true selves," he said to Little Rabbit. Everyone crowded around, pointing and laughing with delight. They felt proud and happy to be seen.



Little Rabbit stood quietly and watched her friends. She realized that looking carefully had shown her things she had never noticed before. Bird's feathers were not just blue; they shimmered like the sky. Mouse's eyes were not just brown; they held a gentle warmth. "I thought I knew my friends," she said, "but I am only beginning to see them."



Owl nodded wisely. "That is the magic of a camera," he said. "It teaches us to look closely. And when we look closely, we find more to love." The animals nodded. They gathered around Little Rabbit and thanked her for the beautiful portraits. The exhibition stayed up for many days, a happy reminder of friendship and seeing each other truly.



From that day on, Little Rabbit carried her camera everywhere. She took more photos and learned more about her friends. Each picture helped her appreciate something new. The bird's cheerful song, the mouse's quiet kindness, the owl's gentle wisdom. She kept her favorite portraits in her blue satchel and often looked at them with a warm heart.



The woodland became a happier place. The animals noticed each other more, too. They said kind things and helped one another. Bird sang louder, Mouse smiled more, and Owl shared his wisdom freely. Little Rabbit's tiny camera had changed everything. It had shown them how wonderful they were, both inside and out.



And whenever a new animal came to the woods, Little Rabbit would greet them with a friendly click. "Welcome!" she would say. "May I take your portrait?" And the new friend would smile, because everyone likes to be seen. The rabbit learned that looking carefully helps us love our friends even more, and her tiny camera kept on capturing the beauty of friendship.