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The Four Friends and the Hunter

A PANCHATANTRA STORY

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Beside a quiet forest lake lived four friends who could hardly have been more different. Dhruv the tortoise was slow, but he noticed everything. Kaku the crow watched from the treetops. Little Hira the mouse had sharp teeth and a brave heart.



The fourth friend was Chitra, a swift and gentle deer. Every evening the four friends met beneath the old banyan tree to share what they had learned that day.



One evening Chitra did not come. Kaku flew over the forest and found her caught in a hunter's rope net, hanging helplessly from a branch.



Kaku hurried back with the news. Hira climbed onto his back, and the crow carried the little mouse across the lake and through the trees.



Hira climbed the rope and gnawed through knot after knot. Just before the hunter came back, the last strand snapped and Chitra bounded free.



But slow Dhruv had not reached cover. The hunter spotted the tortoise crossing the clearing and tucked him into a cloth bag.



The friends made a second plan. Chitra lay perfectly still beside the stream while Kaku stood close by, pretending to peck at the ground. The hunter set the bag down and hurried toward the deer.



The moment the hunter looked away, Hira raced to the bag and gnawed it open. Dhruv was free! When the hunter turned around, both of his prizes were gone.



The End

That evening the four friends gathered beneath the banyan tree again. The swift deer, the watchful crow, the small mouse and the slow tortoise had each done what only they could do.

Moral: Friends do not need the same strengths. When each one gives what they can, even a hard problem becomes possible to solve.

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