



Where is the Chameleon?

Hahah's friends can never find her when they play Hide-and-Seek. How can her special hiding skills help her friends?



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“Hey! Hanah, can you come out now? It’s really hard to find you when you’re the one hiding,” Tim complained as they searched for Hanah.



“Peek-a-boo! Hahaha! I’m right here in the plant. Can’t you see me?” Hanah called. “You cheated again, Hanah. It’s unfair. You’ll never be it, we’ll never find you” Tor said. “Well this is who I am,” Hanah replied, “I can easily change my color.”



“Hanah, can you be it this time?” Tim asked “Hmm! Okay sure, I’ll be it this time,” Hanah agreed.



“I’ll count to ten. You two start hiding. One, two, three, four, five...,” Hanah counted as Tim and Tor found the best spots to hide. “Six, seven, eight, nine, ten. Here I come to find you!”



“Where did they hide?” Hanah wondered. She hopped on her left foot as she thoroughly searched the area. “They’re not here.”



She got on all fours and searched further. “They’re not here either,” Hanah said. “Wow! both of you are so good at hiding!”



Hanah heard a rustling sound behind her. “Aha! There you are,” Hanah said while she moved swiftly toward the sound. Hanah was shocked to see that it came from a hawk that was about to snatch her friends.



“Oh no! What am I going to do? Should I hide?” Hanah thought. “I need to help my friends. How can I save them?”



Hanah jumped with all her might to get the hawk's attention. She succeeded. The hawk flew towards her, ready to snatch her. Hanah's friends quickly hid in a safe place.



Hanah ran swiftly while the hawk tailed her. “Ok! Come on hawk. Let’s see if you can catch me,” Hanah called out, hoping to make herself feel braver.



The hawk swooped in close to catch Hanah. “This is my one chance to save myself,” Hanah said as she firmly gripped the branches.



“Huh! Where’d she go?” the hawk wondered. “That chameleon escaped really quickly.” The hawk didn’t know that Hanah was right there hiding in plain sight, mimicking the color of the branches.



The hawk was tired and hungry, so it finally gave up on trying to catch Hanah and flew away. “Phew! Thank goodness, I was able to hide so well!” Hanah exclaimed. Her friends, Tim and Tor, came out from their hiding place.



“Hanah, thank you so much for rescuing us,” Tor said. “Now we know that your ability to blend into your surroundings didn’t only help you win in our game, but it helped save us too!” Tim said.



“You’re my friends, I will help you no matter what happens. Fortunately, the hawk couldn’t find me either.” Hanah said. “Now, who’s it this round? You can easily find me, because now you know my special ability.”



The three friends laughed out loud and continued their game. "Oh! Where's Hanah?" Tim and Tor asked at the same time. "Haha! She was able to hide so well again," Tor said. "Hey Hanah you're it again," Tim said.



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