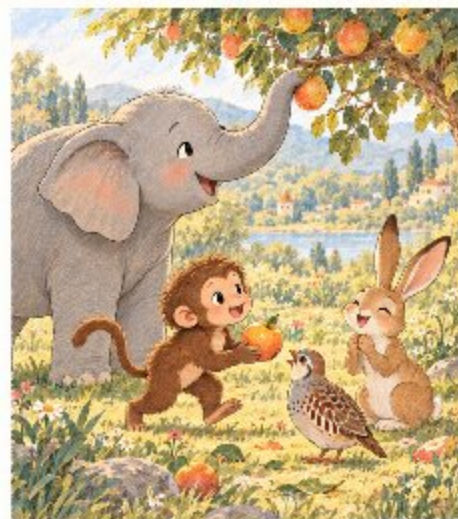


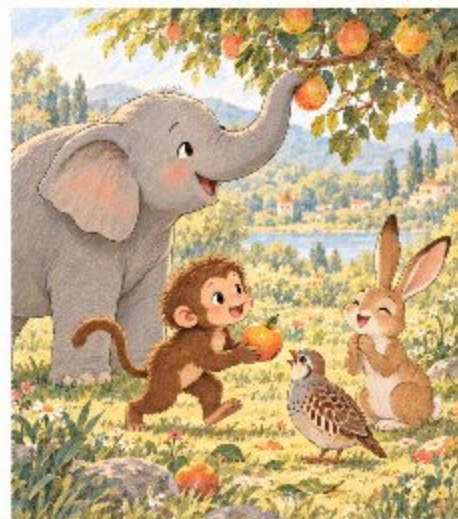
Four Friends: Whose Skill Matters?

Learn together, one small step.

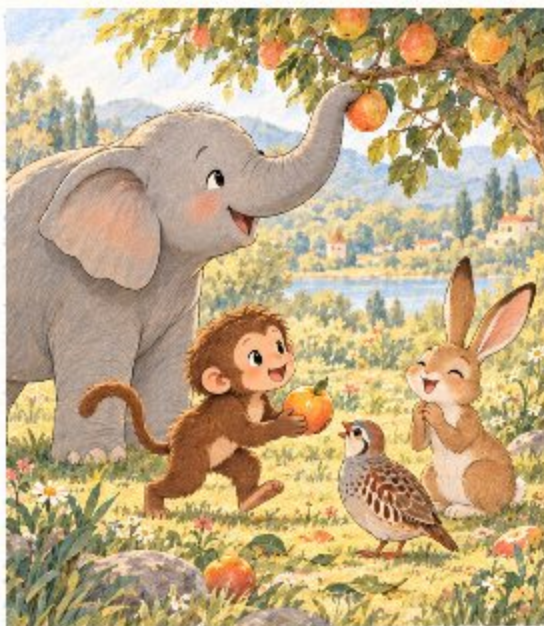
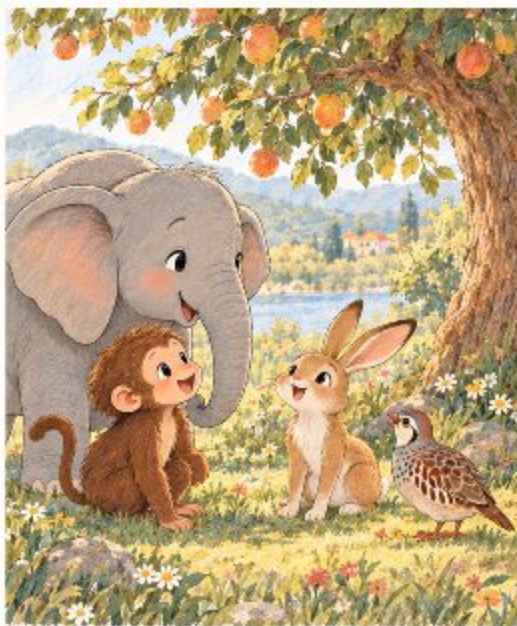


Look closely

An elephant, monkey, hare and partridge: who deserves to be heard?



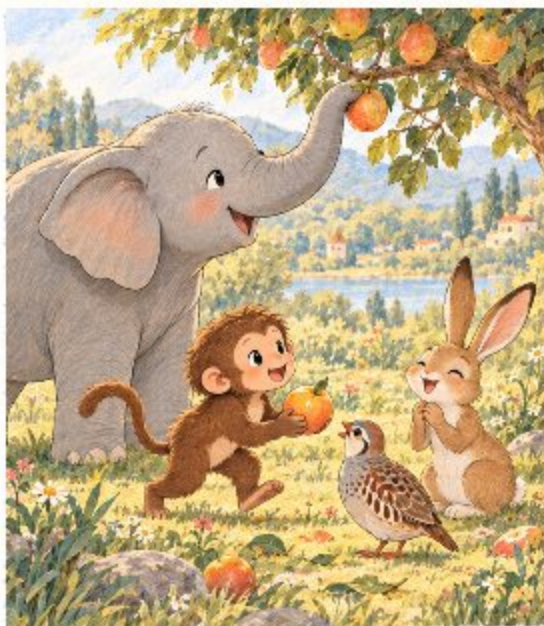
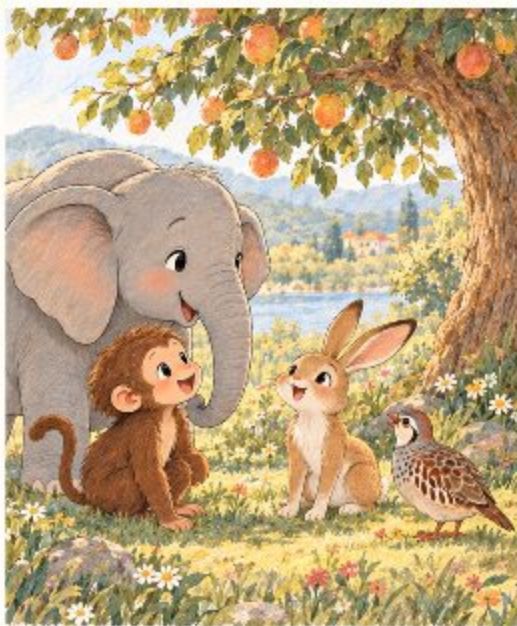
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Tibetan art often shows these four animal friends. Here is a new little fable inspired by their mutual help. Under a fruit tree, the monkey looked up, the hare looked around and the partridge fluttered its wings. Everyone wanted some fruit.

Pause and ask: How are the four friends different?

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The elephant reached a low branch with its trunk. The monkey took a fruit and passed it to the hare. The hare set a little portion beside the bird. Even the smallest friend had a place. No one simply piled everything in front of themselves.

Pause and ask: How did fruit reach the smallest friend?

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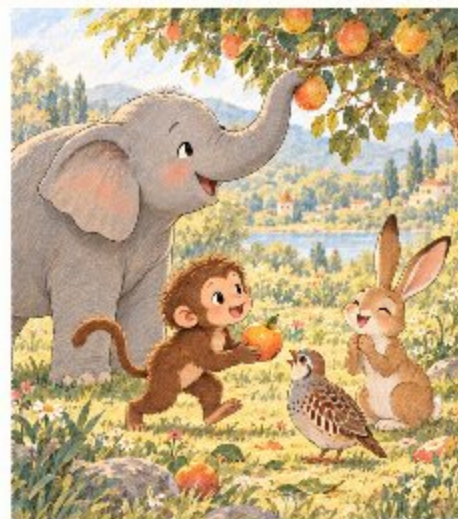


The four shared their fruit in the shade. Imagine the hare asking, 'Together next time too?' and the monkey nodding. In this newly imagined scene, abilities differ, but everyone's care matters. Before helping, look at what your companions need.

Pause and ask: What does cooperation need besides strength?

A Buddhist idea

Harmony and care
make room for everyone.



Talk together

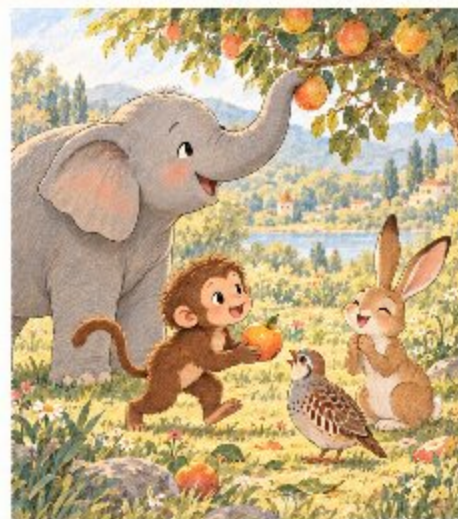
What might be missed if only the elephant decided?

How could someone join in without doing the same amount?



Try an activity

Agree on roles and build a low block bridge.



For grown-ups

Read aloud, discuss and try a small activity.

Stories and exercises: BlessFu

Illustrations: AI-assisted

Full references and guidance are in the companion booklet.

