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Deep in the green forest, where tall trees touched the sky, lived a little bushbaby. He had soft grey-brown fur, a pale cream belly, and enormous round amber eyes that saw everything in the dark. His long fluffy tail curled like a question mark, and his tiny hands and feet were always ready to jump. Every night, he explored the forest, curious and brave.

One evening, as the moon rose, the bushbaby heard a soft rustling under a fern. He peeked through the leaves and saw a shy tree pangolin. The pangolin had overlapping brown and tan scales, a pale soft face, and a long snout that sniffed the ground. His small dark eyes looked up nervously. 'Hello,' whispered the bushbaby. 'Don't be afraid.'

The pangolin uncurled a little. 'I'm looking for something,' he said softly. 'A secret waterfall. My grandmother told me about it, but I've never found it.' The bushbaby's eyes grew wide with excitement. 'A waterfall! I love adventures! We can find it together.' The pangolin smiled, and his scales shimmered in the moonlight. 'Really? You'd come with me?'

The bushbaby nodded. 'Of course! I can jump high and see far with my big eyes. What can you do?' The pangolin shyly showed his strong curved claws. 'I can dig and grip things. And my nose is good for sniffing out paths.' The bushbaby clapped his tiny hands. 'Perfect! We make a great team. Let's go!' And off they went into the night.

They followed a winding path through the forest. The bushbaby leaped from branch to branch, his fluffy tail swishing. The pangolin walked slowly, sniffing the ground. 'The waterfall should be near the big rock,' he said. 'My nose tells me there's water ahead.' The bushbaby waited patiently, his amber eyes shining. 'Lead the way, friend.'

Soon they came to a fallen log blocking the path. It was tall and smooth. The bushbaby tried to jump over, but it was too high. The pangolin tried to climb, but his short legs slipped. They looked at each other. 'How will we get over?' asked the bushbaby. The pangolin thought hard, his long snout twitching.

Then the pangolin had an idea. 'I can grip the log with my claws and make a step for you,' he said. He dug his strong curved claws into the bark and held tight. The bushbaby climbed onto the pangolin's back, then leaped over the log. 'Now you!' called the bushbaby. But the pangolin couldn't jump that high.

The bushbaby looked around. He saw a long branch hanging low. 'Grab my tail!' he shouted. The pangolin reached up with his claws and held the bushbaby's fluffy tail. The bushbaby swung him over the log. They both tumbled onto the soft moss, laughing. 'We did it!' cried the pangolin. 'Together!' said the bushbaby.

They continued on, deeper into the forest. The pangolin sniffed the air. 'I smell water,' he said. 'And something else... a secret.' The bushbaby's ears twitched. 'I hear it too! A rushing sound.' They hurried along a narrow path, their hearts beating fast. The trees opened up, and there, ahead, was a glimmer of light.

They stepped into a small clearing. A waterfall tumbled down a rocky cliff, and the moonlight made the water sparkle like silver. 'Oh!' gasped the bushbaby. 'It's beautiful!' The pangolin's eyes shone. 'We found it!' The waterfall splashed into a small pool, and the air was full of mist and magic. They stood together, amazed.

The bushbaby jumped into the pool with a splash. 'Come in!' he called. The pangolin hesitated. 'I'm not a very good swimmer.' 'That's okay,' said the bushbaby. 'I'll stay close.' The pangolin waded in, his scales gleaming. They splashed and played under the waterfall, laughing as the cool water tickled their fur and scales.

After their splash, they sat on a rock and watched the waterfall. 'Thank you for coming with me,' said the pangolin. 'I couldn't have found it alone.' The bushbaby smiled. 'And I couldn't have climbed that log without your claws. We're a good team.' They sat in comfortable silence, listening to the water and the night sounds of the forest.

The pangolin looked up at the stars. 'I'm glad we met,' he said. 'Me too,' said the bushbaby. 'We should have more adventures together.' The pangolin nodded. 'I'd like that. Maybe next time we can find the secret cave my grandmother told me about.' The bushbaby's eyes sparkled. 'Yes! And we'll help each other, just like tonight.'

They promised to meet again the next night. 'Same time, same place?' asked the bushbaby. 'Same time, same place,' said the pangolin. They touched noses, and the pangolin curled up to sleep under a fern. The bushbaby climbed a tree and watched over him, his big amber eyes keeping guard until dawn.

When the sun rose, the bushbaby was still there, high in the branches. The pangolin woke and waved his long snout. 'See you tonight!' he called. The bushbaby waved his fluffy tail. 'See you tonight!' Then he curled up in his own nest, dreaming of waterfalls and friends.

And from that night on, the little bushbaby and the shy tree pangolin explored the forest together. They learned that different strengths make a great team, and that the best adventures are shared with a friend. And if you listen closely on a quiet night, you might hear them laughing by the secret waterfall.