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One sunny morning, Little Bear skipped through the meadow with his sky-blue neckerchief fluttering. He carried a small woven basket and hummed a happy tune. The world smelled of pine needles and wildflowers. Little Bear loved picnics more than anything. Today, he hoped to find someone new to share one with. He stopped by a tall oak tree and set his basket down.



Just then, a tiny grey mouse peeked out from behind a root. She had large pink ears, a little red scarf, and an acorn-cap satchel. Her bright black eyes blinked at the bear. "Hello," squeaked the mouse. "I'm Mouse." Little Bear smiled his warmest smile. "Hello, Mouse! I'm Little Bear. Would you like to share my snack?" Mouse nodded shyly, and her whiskers twitched with curiosity.



Little Bear opened his basket and shared a tiny piece of honey cake. Mouse nibbled it happily. "This is delicious!" she squeaked. They sat together under the oak, talking about their favourite things. Mouse loved collecting acorns and climbing. Little Bear loved berries and cozy naps. "We should have a proper picnic," said Little Bear. "A big one! With blankets and lots of food!" Mouse's eyes sparkled. "Yes, please!"



The two friends planned their picnic all afternoon. "We need a big blanket for me and a tiny one for you," said Little Bear. "And sandwiches of every size!" Mouse clapped her paws. "I can bring tiny berries and seeds!" They decided to invite the whole woodland. Little Bear would bake honey buns. Mouse would gather nuts. They promised to meet the next morning and make everything ready.



That night, Little Bear thought about his new friend. He wanted the picnic to be perfect for everyone. He remembered how small Mouse was compared to him. "A big picnic might feel scary for a tiny guest," he thought. So he planned extra small treats: mini sandwiches, tiny berry tarts, and a little cup. He also found a soft, cozy spot just right for a mouse. He smiled and fell asleep.



The next morning, Little Bear got up early. He packed his basket with big sandwiches, honey buns, and juicy berries. He added tiny cheese cubes, small seeds, and bite-sized cakes. He rolled up a big blanket and a tiny one. Then he hurried to the meadow. Mouse was already there, waiting with a little bag of nuts. She looked excited but a bit nervous.



"Good morning, Mouse!" called Little Bear. "Are you ready for our picnic?" Mouse smiled, but her whiskers drooped a little. "I'm ready," she said. "But I'm worried. The picnic might be too big for me. What if I get lost in the blanket? Or can't reach the food?" Little Bear sat down beside her. "Don't worry," he said kindly. "I have a plan."



Little Bear spread the big blanket on the soft grass. Then he placed the tiny blanket right beside it, like a little island. "This is your cozy spot," he said. Mouse's eyes grew wide. "It's perfect!" she squeaked. Little Bear set out the big food on one side and the tiny treats on the other. There were mini sandwiches, small cheese cubes, and a tiny cup of berry juice. Mouse felt welcome.



More woodland friends arrived. A rabbit brought carrots, and a squirrel brought acorns. They all admired the picnic. "Look at the tiny treats!" said the rabbit. "And the big ones!" said the squirrel. Mouse sat on her little blanket, feeling special. Little Bear passed around the food, making sure everyone had a share. The meadow filled with happy chatter and laughter.



Mouse took a bite of a mini sandwich. "This is the best picnic ever!" she squeaked. She tried a tiny berry tart and a small cheese cube. "I can reach everything!" Little Bear smiled. "I wanted everything to be just right for you," he said. "And for everyone," said Mouse. "You are so thoughtful." They shared a tiny cup of berry juice and watched a butterfly flutter by.



After lunch, Mouse wanted to thank Little Bear. She had an idea. "May I give you a tiny gift?" she asked. She opened her acorn-cap satchel and took out a little woven bracelet made of grass and tiny flowers. "I made it for you," she said. "Because you made me feel welcome." Little Bear's eyes sparkled. "It's beautiful!" He tied it carefully around his wrist.



Little Bear had a gift for Mouse too. He reached into his basket and pulled out a tiny wooden acorn, carved with a little heart. "I made this for you," he said. "So you always remember our picnic." Mouse hugged the acorn tightly. "I will treasure it," she said. They smiled at each other, and their friendship felt warm and strong, like a cozy blanket on a chilly day.



The sun began to set, and the friends packed up. "This picnic was wonderful," said the rabbit. "We should do it again!" Everyone agreed. Mouse and Little Bear walked home together. "Thank you for making everything just right," said Mouse. "Thank you for being my friend," said Little Bear. They promised to have another picnic very soon.



On the way home, Little Bear thought about the day. He had learned that kindness and sharing make friendship stronger. Mouse felt happy and safe. She knew that Little Bear would always think of her needs. They stopped by the tall oak tree where they first met. "Same time next week?" asked Little Bear. "Yes!" squeaked Mouse. They shook paws, and their hearts felt full.



A week later, they met again under the oak. This time, Mouse brought a tiny picnic basket she had made from a walnut shell. Inside were tiny sandwiches for Little Bear and tiny berries for herself. Little Bear brought a big blanket and a tiny one. They spread them out and sat together. "You thought of everything," said Little Bear. "So did you," said Mouse. They shared their food happily.



The two friends learned that thoughtfulness and sharing make every picnic better. Little Bear made sure Mouse had small treats and a cozy spot. Mouse made sure Little Bear felt appreciated. Their friendship grew stronger with every kind act. They promised to have many more picnics together, always thinking of each other's needs. And they lived happily, sharing kindness in the big, beautiful woodland.