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In the heart of a magical wetland, where lily pads floated like green boats, lived a capybara named Capy. He was large and round, with warm brown fur and a calm, sleepy expression. Capy loved to cook, and he wore a cream apron with a pocket full of wooden spoons. Every morning, he stirred a big pot of soup and hummed a happy tune.

One sunny day, a duck named Pip waddled up to Capy. Pip was small and plump, with bright yellow feathers, an orange bill, and a cheerful upturned smile. He wore a red neckerchief and carried a small notebook under one wing. 'Capy,' said Pip, 'let's open a floating café! We can serve food on rafts and welcome everyone who visits the wetland.'

Capy thought that was a wonderful idea. They built a cozy café on a big wooden raft with a striped awning. Pip stood at the edge, greeting every creature who swam by. Their first guest was a dragonfly who wanted a tiny sip of dew. Capy served it in a thimble cup, and the dragonfly buzzed away happy. The floating café was open!

Word spread quickly through the wetland. Soon, a turtle arrived, slow and steady, asking for a soft meal he could eat without hurry. Pip wrote it down in his notebook. Then a family of otters splashed up, wanting something fishy and fun. Capy nodded and stirred his pot. 'We can make something for everyone,' he said with a smile.

But then the guests grew stranger. A heron with long legs wanted a tall snack she could reach without bending. A frog in a hurry needed a quick bite before a jumping contest. A family of mice asked for crumbs small enough for tiny paws. Pip's notebook filled up with odd requests, and Capy scratched his head. 'How can we please them all?' he wondered.

That evening, a shy glow appeared at the edge of the raft. It was Luma, a lantern moth no bigger than a teacup. Her cream wings shimmered with amber patterns, and a tiny blue ribbon fluttered around her neck. 'I only eat glowing nectar,' she whispered. 'But I'm too shy to ask.' Capy and Pip looked at each other. They had never made glowing nectar before.

Pip fluttered his wings. 'We can invent new dishes!' he said. Capy smiled his slow, warm smile. 'Let's make a menu for everyone.' They worked all night, mixing, tasting, and laughing. They made a tall salad for the heron, a quick bug bite for the frog, and tiny seed cakes for the mice. But the glowing nectar was the trickiest of all.

The next morning, more unusual guests arrived. A mud troll named Grumble lumbered up to the café. He was big and bulky, with mossy green skin and small kind eyes. He looked grumpy, but his voice was soft. 'I need something warm and hearty,' he said. 'My stone cup is empty, and my tummy is rumbling.' Pip gulped, but Capy just nodded.

Grumble sat down with a heavy thump. The raft wobbled, but Capy's soup pot stayed steady. 'I'm sorry if I look scary,' Grumble said. 'I'm just hungry.' Pip quickly wrote down his order. 'One hearty stew coming up!' he quacked. Capy added extra roots and mushrooms to the pot, and the smell made Grumble's small eyes light up.

As the sun set, the café glowed with lanterns. Luma the moth returned, drawn by the warm light. She saw a special dish on the menu: glowing nectar in a tiny acorn cup. 'For me?' she whispered. Capy nodded. 'For you.' Luma sipped the sweet nectar, and her glow brightened. 'It's perfect,' she said. 'You made it just for me.'

Pip realized that every guest had different needs, and that was okay. He flipped through his notebook and smiled. 'We don't need one menu for everyone,' he said. 'We need a menu that welcomes everyone.' Capy agreed. They wrote a new menu with pictures and little symbols: a tall salad for long legs, a quick bite for fast frogs, and a glowing cup for night moths.

The café became famous for its kindness. Grumble the mud troll came every day for stew and told funny stories. Luma visited each evening for glowing nectar. The heron, the frog, and the mice all brought their friends. Pip greeted each guest by name, and Capy cooked with patience and care. The floating café was a place where everyone belonged.

One rainy day, a lost beaver paddled up, looking worried. 'I don't know what to eat,' he said. 'Everything is new here.' Pip handed him a menu with pictures. 'Take your time,' he said. 'We'll find something you like.' Capy made a simple sandwich with fresh greens. The beaver took a bite and smiled. 'This feels like home,' he said.

The rain stopped, and a rainbow stretched over the wetland. All the guests gathered on the raft: the heron, the frog, the mice, Grumble, Luma, and the beaver. They shared food and stories. Capy raised his wooden spoon. 'To new friends,' he said. Pip raised his notebook. 'And to new dishes!' Everyone cheered, and the floating café glowed with warmth.

From that day on, the floating café welcomed every creature, no matter how odd or unusual. Capy and Pip learned that kindness means noticing what each guest needs. They made a sign that read: 'All are welcome here.' And it was true. The wetland was full of differences, and the café celebrated every one.

So if you ever visit the magical wetland, look for the raft with the striped awning. You'll see a round brown capybara in a cream apron, stirring a pot, and a yellow duck in a red neckerchief, taking orders. They'll welcome you with a smile and a dish made just for you. Because at the Capybara's Floating Café, everyone belongs.