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In the heart of the forest, where the trees grow tall and the leaves whisper secrets, lived a little galago. He was small enough to sit in a cupped hand, with soft grey-brown fur and a long, fluffy tail. His enormous amber eyes sparkled like two tiny moons. Every evening, when the sun dipped below the trees, he woke up and stretched his tiny paws. The night was his favorite time of all.



The forest at night was full of wonders. Fireflies blinked like tiny lanterns, and the air smelled of damp moss and sweet flowers. The little galago loved to leap from branch to branch, his big round ears twitching at every sound. He was curious and brave, always ready to explore. Tonight, he decided, he would venture farther than ever before.



As he climbed a tall tree, he heard a strange, soft sound. It was a gentle chirring, like a tiny motor. The little galago peeked through the leaves and saw a bird perched on a branch. The bird had mottled brown and grey feathers, a wide flat beak, and large dark eyes. Its long pointed wings were folded neatly. The bird blinked and said, "Hello, little one. I am a nightjar."



The little galago's eyes grew wide. "I've never met a nightjar before," he said. "Do you like the night too?" The nightjar nodded. "I love the night," she said. "It's quiet and full of secrets. Would you like to explore with me?" The little galago's fluffy tail wagged with joy. "Yes, please!" he cried. And so, the two new friends set off together into the dark woods.



The nightjar flew low, her long pointed wings gliding silently between the trees. The little galago leapt from branch to branch, following her. They passed a stream that glittered under the stars. They saw a family of mice scurrying home. The forest felt alive and friendly. The little galago was not scared at all, because his new friend was with him.



After a while, the trees grew thicker and the path darker. The little galago hesitated. "It's very dark here," he whispered. The nightjar landed beside him. "Don't worry," she said gently. "I know these woods well. Follow me, and we'll find something wonderful." She took off again, and the little galago followed, his heart beating fast but brave.



They flew and leapt until they came to a wall of thick bushes. The nightjar pushed through a small gap. "Come on!" she called. The little galago squeezed through, his fur brushing the leaves. On the other side, he gasped. There was a clearing he had never seen before. And in the clearing, something magical was happening.



The clearing was filled with flowers. But these were not ordinary flowers. They glowed with a soft, gentle light, like tiny stars fallen to the ground. Blue and pink and yellow lights shimmered among the petals. The little galago's amber eyes reflected the glow. "Oh!" he breathed. "They're beautiful!" The nightjar smiled. "These are the glowing flowers," she said. "They only bloom at night."



The little galago danced among the flowers, his fluffy tail swishing. The nightjar hopped from flower to flower, her mottled feathers catching the light. They played hide-and-seek, the little galago hiding behind a glowing bush and the nightjar finding him with a soft chirr. The clearing was filled with laughter and light. It was the most wonderful night the little galago had ever had.



As they played, the little galago noticed that some flowers were wilting. Their glow was faint. "What's wrong with them?" he asked. The nightjar looked sad. "They need moonlight to shine," she said. "But the moon is hidden behind clouds tonight." The little galago thought hard. "Maybe we can help them!" he said. "How?" asked the nightjar.



The little galago remembered how the fireflies glowed. "If we gather fireflies, their light might help the flowers!" he said. The nightjar's eyes brightened. "That's a wonderful idea!" Together, they called softly to the fireflies. "Please, little lights, come and help the flowers." The fireflies heard and came, a cloud of twinkling lights. They settled on the wilting flowers, and slowly, the flowers began to glow again.



The little galago and the nightjar watched in awe as the clearing blazed with light. The flowers shone brighter than ever, and the fireflies danced among them. "We did it!" cheered the little galago. The nightjar nodded. "You did it," she said. "You are clever and kind." The little galago felt proud. They had solved the problem together, with kindness and teamwork.



Now the clearing was a sea of glowing flowers, and the two friends played until the sky began to lighten. They chased each other around the flower beds and rolled in the soft grass. The little galago's big round ears twitched with happiness. The nightjar's wide beak curved in a smile. They knew they would always remember this special night.



As the first light of dawn peeked over the trees, the glowing flowers slowly closed their petals. The little galago yawned. "I'm sleepy," he said. The nightjar nodded. "It's time to rest," she said. "But we will meet again tomorrow night." The little galago smiled. "Promise?" he asked. "Promise," said the nightjar. They said goodnight, and the little galago curled up in his cozy nest, dreaming of glowing flowers.



From that night on, the little galago and the nightjar met every evening. They explored new parts of the forest and visited the glowing clearing often. Their friendship made every night feel special and bright. The little galago learned that the night was not scary at all, especially when shared with a friend. And the nightjar learned that even a small galago could have a big heart.



And so, in the heart of the forest, where the trees grow tall and the leaves whisper secrets, the little galago and the nightjar still play under the stars. They know that nighttime friendship is a special gift, and that even the darkest night can be filled with light and laughter. The glowing flowers bloom for them, and the forest is a happier place because of their friendship.