

THE

TREE

WITH

A

TAIL

“Come on dear get up. Its six `o` clock,” Bunny’s mother said to little Bunny.

Bunny just turned from one side to another. Bouncing his tail he let out a huge yawn and said, "Oh mummy, let me sleep for another 5 minutes."

Mummy came back after five minutes. She said. "Dear Bunny do get up now. Come on be a good little boy. Get up."

Now mother got a little irritated. Straightening her ears angrily mother said, "Wash your face first little Bunny. Go have a bath by the river. Get some vegetables from the fields on your way back. Then drink some tea.

And listen, if you meet either Mr. Fox or Mr. Wolf on the way, do not listen to them at all. Just come running back home."

"Mummy, I will run very fast. You don't worry at all", said Bunny bouncing his tail.

Bunny went to the river. Fish were gliding through the water in the river. Red, yellow, & silver fish. Seeing little Bunny the fish began gliding and swimming hurriedly.

The fish said, "Bunny little Bunny let us eat, after which we will quietly retreat."

Bunny picked up ripe plums fallen by the bank and tossed them in the river one after another. The fish happily feasted on the plums. The faces of the yellow, red, and silver fish turned purple.

Bunny washed his legs. He wiped his ears. He cleaned his whiskers. Just then a red fish said, "Look behind, Look behind. Look who is hiding behind the plum tree." Saying this fish swam away quickly.

Bunny carefully looked behind the tree and he saw a bushy tail moving behind the tree.

Bunny thought to himself, "wow what a wonder. Trees usually have branches. The branches have leaves. Flowers bloom on the leaves. Sometimes they turn into fruits. Butbut this tree had a tail! A real wonder. Come let us see the 'tree with a tail' from up close, thought Bunny

Bunny set of towards the 'tree with a tail.'

Bunny hopped twice hop-a-skip, hop-a-skip.

But what a surpriselittle Bunny almost got a shock.

Bunny was really frightened. His ears started drooping.

His whiskers become upright. His tongue became stiff. His tail became limp and curled up

The 'tree with a tail' also had two legs.

Bunny was really scared. He began thinking, what if this tree with a tail starts running and falls over me while running.....?

Bunny was going to run away before the tree started running towards him.

But he thought, "Such a huge tree won't be able to run with such small legs. And a tree is not a human being to run on two legs.

Come I will run to the 'tree with a tail.' I will sit on the three's tail. I will swing on it. Zooooo Zoooooo.

Bunny began walking towards the 'tree with a tail.'

A wolf was hiding behind the tree.

The wolf thought to himself, 'Wow! Wow! Now when this foolish Bunny comes close to me, I will gobble him up within seconds. I will feast on him. Today seems to be a wonderful day. Early in the morning I am going to get a tasty snack.

Bunny was going towards the tree by the bank of the river. He was going towards the 'tree with a tail.'

The wolf was ready to pounce. He was licking his fingers.

Just as Bunny came near the 'tree with a tail', a red and silver fish hopped out of the water and tickling Bunny's foot glided back into the water.

Bunny was so startled that he fell into the water with a splash!

The wolf leapt on the Bunny at the very same moment. But because the Bunny fell in the water the wolf missed him. Instead, he banged his head on a bare rock in the river. With a clutter-clatter his teeth fell out. The wolf's face swelled up.

Coo Coo Coo Woo Woo Woo!!! Yelping in pain, with his tail twisted, the wolf sped away into the jungle. Bunny who had fallen in the river slowly got up. He wiped his eyes. Shaking his head, he removed all the water from his ears. Shook his whole body. Bouncing his tail, he looked at the tree But what a wonder

The tree with a tail's tail had disappeared.

Oooooi!!!! How did this happen? Bunny could not understand anything.

Just then he heard something glide through the water.

All the fish were giggling _ Hi hi hi hoo hoo hoo.

A red and yellow fish explained everything to Bunny.

Even Bunny began laughing on hearing everything, and said, "How would I have known? Just like a little kid my eyes close when there is water in them.

But your eyes stay open even in the water. That's how you saw the 'toothless wolf' right?

Then everyone began laughing and giggling together – Hihhi Hoo Hoo Hoo!!!

While going home Bunny took some carrots, cabbages and turnips.

Mother gave him bread and tea.

Bunny narrated the story of the 'tree with a tail' to mother while sipping on tea.

Mother was very happy. She patted little Bunny's back.

The story brought tears to her eyes.

Mother wiped the tea on little Bunny's whiskers.

She gave little Bunny two biscuits

and asked,

"Guess who these are for?"

Laughing happily Bunny replied,

"For my friends in the river.

Right mummy?"

and Bunny leapt into mother's open arms,

giving her a tight hug.