



Sammy's Golden Treasure

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Sammy the Squirrel wakes up in his cozy tree hollow and finds a beautiful, shiny golden acorn sitting on a soft bed of moss. He holds the treasure tight with his tiny paws, feeling like the luckiest squirrel in the Sunny Woods.



Sammy decides to keep his treasure safe until snack time, so he carefully hides it under a thick pile of bright orange and yellow autumn leaves. He skips away happily, twitching his bushy tail as he goes to play with his friends.



Suddenly, a big, playful wind whooshes through the tall trees, swirling the colorful leaves high into the air and scattering them everywhere. When the wind stops, Sammy's secret hiding spot is gone, and the forest floor looks completely different.



Sammy rushes back to the bush, but his golden acorn is nowhere to be seen among the scattered leaves. He looks under every twig and behind every pebble, feeling a little bit sad and worried as he searches and searches.



Pip the Bluebird flies down from a nearby oak branch and asks Sammy why he looks so upset. Sammy explains that his special golden acorn has vanished, and he doesn't know where the wind might have blown it.



Pip tells Sammy not to worry because he can see much further from the sky than Sammy can from the ground. The little blue bird spreads his wings and flies high above the forest floor, looking for a tiny golden sparkle in the grass.



Pip chirps loudly and points his wing toward the sparkling blue stream at the edge of the woods. He spots something bright reflecting in the afternoon sunlight, tucked away near the water's edge.



Sammy runs as fast as his little legs can carry him over the roots and through the tall grass to the edge of the stream. There, tucked safely between two smooth, grey stones, is his precious, shiny golden acorn.



Sammy carefully picks up his treasure and gives Pip a big, happy smile to say thank you for the help. He decides that instead of hiding it, he will share a delicious pile of regular nuts with his new friend right now.



As the sun begins to set, Sammy realizes that while the acorn is special, having a friend like Pip is the greatest treasure of all. To finish our story, can you answer these: Who is the squirrel? What did he lose? When did the wind blow? Where was the acorn found? Why is Sammy happy now?