



## Muffin's Extraordinary Marrow

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Excitement filled the air as everyone talked about the upcoming fruit and vegetable exhibition. Muffin the donkey proudly declared to his friends that he would grow and enter a magnificent marrow into the competition.



Muffin carefully planted a tiny marrow seed in the rich soil, watered it gently, and patted the earth down firmly. He knew he had to protect his little patch, keeping a watchful eye out for any pesky weeds.



Through dry sunny days and warm afternoons, Muffin diligently watered his plant and shielded it from the scorching sun. With each passing day, the marrow grew bigger and bigger, becoming a spectacular sight in the garden.



With the big exhibition day just around the corner, Muffin invited all his friends to the garden to admire his hard work. Leaning close to the giant green vegetable, he suddenly whispered for everyone to be quiet and listen closely.



Inside the marrow, there was a strange rustling, mumbling, and squeaking sound. Muffin pointed excitedly to the very bottom, where a tiny, perfectly round hole had been neatly chewed into the skin.



Peregrine the penguin stepped forward and crossly ordered whoever was inside to come out at once. To everyone's astonishment, a whole family of tiny mice peeked out from the cozy hollow.



Muffin was heartbroken, whispering that his beautiful marrow was completely ruined and could never be shown to the judges. But Louise the sheep bleated excitedly, suggesting they enter it into the Special Use for Ordinary Vegetables category as a mouse house.



Touched by Louise's wonderful idea, Muffin smiled with deep gratitude, making the clever sheep feel incredibly happy and proud. Together, the group of friends proudly carried the unique marrow right into the center of the exhibition hall.



Two distinguished judges approached the exhibit and unanimously agreed that the marrow-house was the most extraordinary entry in the entire show. One of the judges stepped forward and proudly hung a shiny first-place medal around Muffin's neck.



After the grand exhibition, Muffin kindly placed the marrow back in the garden so the mouse family could live there comfortably for the rest of the summer. He then surprised Louise with a beautiful, long necklace made from the marrow seeds to thank her for her brilliant idea.