



## The Bird's Regret

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In a cozy little house nestled beside a babbling brook lived Pip the bird, Nibbles the mouse, and Croak the frog. They lived together in perfect harmony, each with their own special job. Pip would fly to the forest to gather firewood, Nibbles cooked delicious meals, and Croak fetched fresh water from the stream.



One sunny afternoon, Pip met a boastful Bluejay. The Bluejay mocked Pip's hard work, suggesting Nibbles and Croak were lazy. He planted a seed of discontent in Pip's heart, filling him with envy. Pip began to feel he was doing the most work.



The next day, Pip, feeling resentful, announced to Nibbles and Croak that they should swap jobs. They reluctantly agreed to Pip's plan. They drew lots to determine who would do what. Pip would cook, Nibbles carried water, and Croak collected firewood.



While Nibbles and Croak were busy, Pip attempted to cook. He fumbled with the fire, unaware of the danger. A spark flew out, igniting the firewood. The small house quickly became engulfed in flames, the smoke billowing into the sky.



When Nibbles and Croak returned, they were horrified to see their home in ruins. Sadly, they realized they could no longer live together. With heavy hearts, they said goodbye, each going their separate ways. The bird Pip was now alone.



Pip perched atop a tall tree, watching the sun set over the remains of their home. He was filled with remorse, remembering the happy life they once shared. The warmth of the fire was gone, and he was alone, learning a valuable lesson about the true meaning of friendship and contentment.