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Don't open this book. Come on, close the book. Quickly...



Why don't you listen to me? Please close the book and let me sleep. I don't like the light!

Hmmm, you aren't answering. Ok, I know what to do.





Ok, could you please just tell me why you woke me up?! I feel so bored...can I stay here for a while?



Ok, fine with me. If you insist. I'm not sleepy anymore.



This is the first time I've seen daylight. Can you show me what happens during the day?



Sure, no problem, let's go.

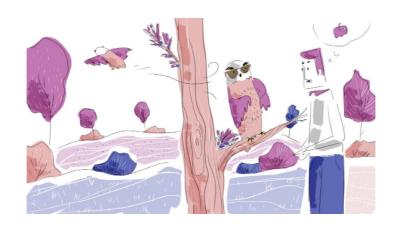


Look! Look over there... Who is that?! Is this your friend? He has an owl too!

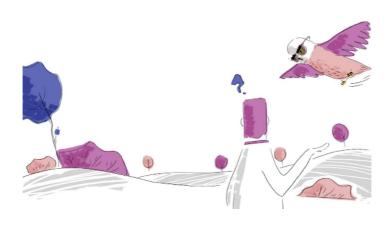
Ha ha, no, these are our shadows. My shadow and your shadow.



This place is so crowded. It's very noisy. Yes, most animals are active during the day.



I feel hungry. Would you like a snack?
Sure, why not? My tummy is growling.
I'll get you something delicious in just a moment and then
you'll see.
Wait for me.



That cunning little creature. It escaped.

The rabbit, but not just the rabbit. The rat too!

But you never miss your prey!

Who is he?!



I can't concentrate with all this noise.
Why don't you try this delicious red apple? It looks yummy.
Yuck! No thanks, I couldn't possibly digest that!



## Is this your house?

Actually, a crow built it and then I lived in after the crow left.

I don't waste my time and energy building nests...

I can't fly. If I fly, I'll just lose more energy and get even hungrier.

Let's take a break on the branch of this tree.



Finally...it's lovely in the dark! Everything just feels right.



I can't see very well. I left my glasses on my desk. Wait. I'll get them.



Where are you going?
You'll have to wait and see just what your super hero friend can do!



Wow! How did you see it? And how did you get it?

I didn't see him, I heard him.

I can hear anything animals do. Did you know that I eat lots

of insects every day?!

Yes, I do. You're the farmer's best friend. He owes it to you that his farm is free from all kinds of pests.



## But I'm cold and sleepy...

Now, would you please excuse me? I've had lots of fun with you but I need to go now. Goodbye.

You woke me up during the day and now you're sleepy and want to go home and leave me?

Where are you going? Do you think ending a book is as easy as beginning it?



## Not a bad idea!

No, you can't go. Let's have some fun together. It's a wonderful night.

What if I leave if I bring you another friend? A more interesting friend, that is.





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