



The Cave of Fireflies

Lizzy the Lizard was very tired and hungry because all the insects had disappeared. Her friend, the spider wants to go on an adventure to find food. Read this book to find out if they can find food or not.



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Lizzy hated winter. It rained every day and all the insects she loved to eat disappeared.



Lizzy hunted all day for something to eat, but found nothing. When evening came, she collapsed with exhaustion.



The next morning, Lizzy met her friend Gecko. "Have you found anything to eat?" she asked him. "Yes! Come with me and I will show you something amazing. Trust me, I know what I'm doing!" he said.



"We'll have to cross swamps and crawl through giant trees, but finally we will arrive at a cave full of fireflies. There are millions of them! We can eat as much as we would like and will never be hungry again." "Let's go now!" Lizzy said with excitement.



Gecko suggested that they leave that night so no one else would follow them."But I can't see well in the dark," Lizzy told him."Don't worry, Lizzy. The full moon will light our way."



Though she was still nervous, Lizzy followed Gecko through the deep swamp. Then, she felt something bump her tail under the water. "What was that?" Lizzy whimpered.



Two bright eyes suddenly appeared and moved quickly towards Lizzy and Gecko. "An alligator!" Gecko shouted. "Swim away, Lizzy!"



The alligator was just about to gobble Lizzy up when Gecko grabbed a big stick and shoved it in the alligator's mouth.



The two friends made it safely to the riverbank, but it took Lizzy a while to stop shaking. "See, I told you I know what I am doing," Gecko said.



As they walked into the giant forest, Lizzy saw something strange above her head. "What are those bright glowing eyes?" she said. "Is there something up in the trees that will chase and eat us?" "No, no," said Gecko calmly. "These are just fruit bats. They don't eat creatures like us. Come along, I know what I'm doing."



A bit further down the path, Lizzy stepped on a sharp thorn. "Ouch!" she cried. "What was that!" Gecko laughed, "It's only a porcupine out looking for worms. Let's keep going. You know I know what I'm doing!"



Gecko and Lizzy walked and walked. They walked through most of the night! Lizzy was tired and hungry. All she could think about was eating her fill of fireflies once they reached the cave. But suddenly . . .



. . . a huge owl swooped down and grabbed Gecko in its sharp talons!
The owl flew away with Gecko before Lizzy could do anything.



"Oh, what will I do now!" Lizzy cried. "Gecko knew what he was doing, but I do not. Now I will never find the cave of fireflies!"



Then, something fell from the sky and landed right on top of Lizzy with a thump. "Oof! What was that?" she cried.



The thing from the sky stood up and laughed. "It's me, Lizzy. Gecko!" "How did you escape?" Lizzy asked, astonished. "I sacrificed my tail to the owl. But don't worry, it will grow back soon. See, I know what I'm doing."



Finally, the sun began to rise. Birds began to sing and fly from their nests. Lizzy and Gecko could see a cave up ahead!



"We did it!" Lizzy shouted. "Thank you my expert friend! Let's eat!" "It was nothing," Gecko replied.



But as they stepped inside the cave, a huge dragon lizard opened its mouth and hissed at them! Lizzy and Gecko had never seen anything so frightening. They ran as fast as they could away from the cave. "Someone must have shared my secret!" Gecko fumed as he pulled Lizzy to safety. "I would rather keep searching for grasshoppers than face that dragon again!" "Gecko, it's time to go home," Lizzy said. "It's this way. Trust me, I know what I'm doing!"



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