Wendy and Wilbur go on an adventure to help a friend in danger

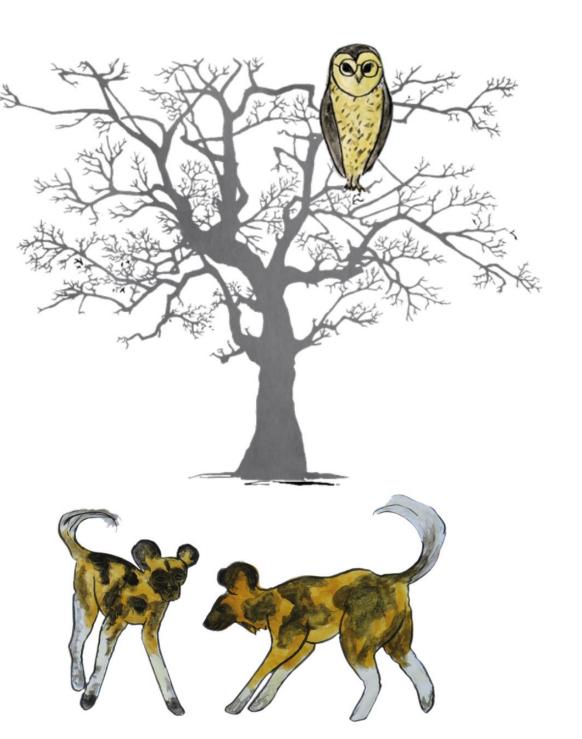
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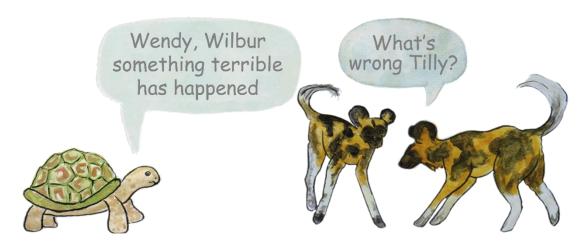


There was once a Wild Dog called Wilbur. One day he was playing with his sister Wendy when they heard someone that sounded upset...

"Wendy, Wilbur something terrible has happened!" cried Tilly the tortoise, walking as fast as she could to join them.

"What's wrong Tilly?" asked Wendy, who was becoming concerned about her friend.

"Wendy, you will never believe it! Timothy was walking around, and he accidentally wandered through the gate of someone's garden, and it must have shut behind him, and he can't get back through the fence. He is scared someone will try and take him away or keep him as a pet!" Tilly sounded more and more distraught with every word.



"Don't worry Tilly, I'm sure we can get him back somehow!" exclaimed Wilbur, determinedly. So, he and Wendy started making a plan to get Timothy home... They called a meeting of all their friends that night to help them come up with ideas. Bobby the Bue Crane suggested that they go over the fence, but Pippa (who comes from a family of Pel's Fishing Owls) said that that idea wouldn't work because the fence was too high. They kept trying to come up with ideas to get Timothy back; Ronnie the Rhino said they should try to knock over the fence whilst Rhona the Riverine Rabbit said they should burrow underneath it.





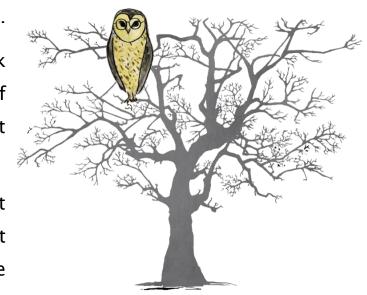
Eventually it was decided that they needed help from people who were older than them. They all went to go and visit Arnie the African Grass Owl.

Arnie was a wise old owl, everyone always went to him when they needed a problem to be solved.

"what brings you here at this late hour, creatures?" Arnie asked.

"We have a problem, Arnie... one of our friends has gotten stuck inside someone's fence, and all of us have different ideas of how to get him out. Help us please, we know you're good at solving problems." Arnie chuckled at Wilbur's words,

"Wilbur, the things that make you different are the things that make you strong. Ronnie is big and strong, while Pippa is quiet and stealthy. Play on each of your strengths, and you will be sure to get your friend back."



"Thank you, Arnie..." and so, they set about hatching their plans...

In the end, they decided that because the people who lived inside the fence loved seeing Ronnie, he would act as a diversion in front of the house, while Pippa stayed on lookout in a treetop, and Rhona dug a hole under the fence at the back of the house. Wendy would be the lookout on the opposite side to Pippa, watching for any sign that the people in the house would be losing interest in Ronnie. Bobby and Wilbur would stay around the back of the house while Rhona went under the fence to find Timothy, and Wilbur would go under after her if something went wrong and they needed to abandon their

mission. Nothing did go wrong when they were carrying it out though, and soon enough, Timothy was out of the house and walking slowly back to where Wilbur and Wendy lived.

When Timothy asked them how they did it, Wilbur looked to the place where Arnie had sat the night before and smiled a secret smile (no one ever told anyone where they had talked to Arnie, since there are lots of people looking for him) "A little birdy told me how". Wilbur, Wendy and their friends were all very tired after their adventure, so they all went home and went peacefully to sleep, knowing that all was well and their crew was safe, sound asleep, ready for another adventure in the morning.

