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The Giant Leaves in the Rain



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Leaves Bigger Than Doors

The leaf-map glowed rose pink, so Uncle Bo wound the basket down to the valley of giant leaves. Lina stood beside one. It was taller than she was! Sami stood under another, like a little green house. "Back by lunch," called Uncle Bo, waving from the station.





Here Comes the Rain

Then the sky turned grey. Pat. Pat-pat. PAT-PAT-PAT! Warm rain drummed on the giant leaves, louder and louder. "Hide!" shouted Sami, and they dashed under the biggest leaf of all.

Everybody Hides

Under their leaf, it was dry and green. They peeked out. A red parrot was hiding under a leaf. A little frog was hiding under a leaf. A snail was hiding under a tiny leaf of its own. "Everybody hides from the rain," said Sami.





Tuki's Beak

But Tuki had a problem. When his body was under the leaf, his big beak stuck out into the rain. Plip! A drop hit the tip. Plip! Plip! Tuki scrunched his eyes. Sami laughed so hard he snorted.

The Map Points Out

Lina looked down at the leaf-map. Its brightest vein glowed pink, and it pointed out, into the rain. "It wants us to go out there," she said. Sami pulled his knees in tight. "But we'll get wet!"





Lina Steps Out

Tuki's beak went plip again. Lina made up her mind. She picked up a fallen giant leaf, stepped out into the warm rain, and held it over Tuki's beak like an umbrella. Her orange hat filled with drops. "It's only water," she laughed. "And it's warm!"

The Rain Plays Music

Sami came out too, with a leaf of his own. Now they could hear it. Every big leaf had a pointy tip, and the rain poured off each one in a little stream. Plink, plonk, plunk! "Many rainforest leaves have drip tips," Lina remembered, "so the rain runs off fast." The whole valley was playing music.





The Best Slide

The pink glow led them to a gentle grassy bank, slippery with rain. A giant fallen leaf lay at the top. Lina sat on it. Sami sat behind her. "One, two, three!" WHEEEE! Down they slid, splashing into the soft wet grass. The rain they had hidden from was the best slide in the forest!

Uncle Bo Slides Too

Then who came down the path in a big yellow raincoat? Uncle Bo! He looked at the slide. He looked at the children. Then he sat on the leaf and went WHOOSH, with Tuki riding on his hat. Everybody laughed until their tummies hurt.





A Leaf With a Tip

At the station they dried off with big fluffy towels. Lina put a small leaf with a long drip tip on the wonder shelf. Outside, the rain stopped and a rainbow came out. "Next time it rains," said Sami, "I'm not hiding."

THE END

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