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In a cozy corner of the Great Green Wood, where ferns curled like sleepy fingers, lived a little hedgehog named Harry. He had soft brown fur, a cream-colored face, and dark chocolate quills that rustled when he walked. With his red knitted scarf and tiny brown satchel, Harry was the most curious hedgehog in the forest. Every day he explored new paths, always eager to discover something wonderful.

One breezy morning, Harry's satchel bounced against his side as he scurried under a fallen log. Something glinted in the soft earth—a shiny brass tube with glass at both ends. Harry's big amber eyes widened. "What a strange thing!" he whispered, his tiny black nose twitching. He polished the glass with his scarf and peered through it. Instead of trees, he saw puffy white clouds and a bright yellow sun.

Harry turned the telescope around and looked again. This time he saw dark grey clouds rolling in, and little raindrops drawn on the glass. "Oh my!" he gasped. "This shows tomorrow's weather!" He hurried to show his friend Olive, the wise owl. Olive adjusted her round spectacles and peered through the telescope. "Indeed, Harry," she said, wrapping her purple shawl tighter. "This is a secret weather telescope. And look—a big storm is coming."

Harry's quills prickled with worry. "A storm? We must warn everyone!" Olive nodded. "You are right, little one. Knowledge is a gift, but it is best when shared. Go quickly—tell the rabbit and the squirrel. I will watch the sky." Harry tucked the telescope into his satchel and dashed off, his red scarf fluttering behind him like a tiny flag.

He found Remy the rabbit outside her burrow, her long ears standing up straight. She was sorting carrots into a woven basket. "Remy! Remy!" Harry called. "A storm is coming—a big one!" Remy's pink nose twitched. "A storm? Oh dear! I was so busy counting carrots, I didn't notice the sky." She dropped a carrot. "What should we do?"

"We need to get ready," Harry said. "Gather food and find cozy shelters." Remy nodded, her blue apron flapping. "I'll tell the other rabbits in the burrows! We'll collect extra carrots and berries." She hopped away, her fluffy tail bobbing. Harry scurried on, his little legs moving as fast as they could.

Next, Harry found Pip the squirrel high in an oak tree. Pip wore a green acorn-cap hat and a tiny rope belt with a pouch. He was busy stacking acorns. "Pip!" Harry called up. "A storm is coming! We must prepare!" Pip's bushy tail flicked. "A storm? Then we need shelters!" He scampered down. "I know a hollow log and a dense thicket—perfect for hiding. I'll gather nuts and acorns for everyone."

Harry and Pip worked together, rolling acorns into piles and carrying them to the hollow log. Remy returned with a basket full of berries and carrots. "The burrows are ready," she said. "But what about the birds and the mice?" Harry hadn't thought of them. "We must warn them too!" he said. "Let's split up. Remy, you take the burrows. Pip, you take the trees. I'll check the meadow."

Harry hurried to the meadow, where the mice were playing. "A storm is coming!" he shouted. "Find shelter!" The mice squeaked and scattered to their holes. Harry spotted a family of birds. "Fly to the thicket!" he called. "It's safe there!" The birds chirped their thanks and flew off. Harry's heart pounded, but he kept going.

As the sun began to set, Harry returned to Olive's tree. "Everyone has been warned," he panted. "Remy has the burrows ready, Pip has the trees, and I checked the meadow." Olive smiled, her golden eyes warm. "You have done well, Harry. Now we must make sure everyone is safe. Let's gather at the hollow log."

That night, the wind began to howl. Harry huddled in the hollow log with Remy, Pip, and several mice and birds. Olive perched nearby, her purple shawl wrapped tight. "Did everyone bring food?" she asked. Remy passed around carrots and berries. Pip shared nuts and acorns. "I'm scared," whispered a little mouse. "Don't worry," said Harry. "We're all together."

The storm raged outside—thunder boomed and rain lashed the trees. But inside the hollow log, the animals were warm and dry. They told stories and sang songs. Harry looked at his friends and felt a warm glow inside. "I'm glad I found the telescope," he said. "But I'm even gladder I shared it." Olive nodded. "Knowledge is like a lamp—it shines brightest when shared with others."

By morning, the storm had passed. The animals emerged to find branches scattered and puddles everywhere. But everyone was safe. "We did it!" cheered Remy. "We helped each other!" Pip did a happy dance on a stump. Harry smiled, his red scarf fluttering in the fresh breeze. "We make a good team," he said.

Olive gathered everyone around. "Harry's telescope showed us the storm," she said. "But it was Harry's kindness and your teamwork that kept us safe. Remember, knowing something special is best when you share it and help others." The animals nodded. "Hooray for Harry!" they cheered. Harry blushed under his quills.

From that day on, Harry kept the telescope in his satchel, always ready to check the weather. But he never kept the news to himself. He warned the mice about rain, told the birds about sunny days, and helped Remy plan her garden. The woods became a happier place, full of friends who looked out for one another.

And whenever a new animal moved into the Great Green Wood, Harry would greet them with a smile and a tip of his red scarf. "If you ever need to know the weather," he'd say, "just ask me. But remember—the best secrets are the ones we share." Then he'd scurry off, his amber eyes twinkling, ready for the next adventure.