

Jack, Harry, and the Burning Tree

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It was the second week of the summer holiday. Harry and Jack had already finished their homework so they decided to walk along Rainbow Path, which was a little path along a forest, for some leisure.

After having their parents' permission, the two buddies set off to the forest. Along the path, they were surrounded by lush greenery and tall trees. Birds were chirping beautifully. They could find little squirrels and rabbits hiding in the bushes. While they were enjoying a great time, Harry suddenly stopped and stared at a tree. His eyes opened wide, since setting in front of them, was a burning tree.

"Jack! Look!" Harry pointed at the tree.

"Oh, that's too bad! The fire is going to burn down the forest! The little animals will lose their home!" replied Jack anxiously.

"We must seek help right now!" Without waiting for Jack's reply, Harry ran as fast as a leopard towards a hut in the distance. Harry knocked on the door while he was still catching his breath.

A lady in a uniform opened the door, "Welcome to the Rainbow Path Customer Service. How can I help you?"

At that moment, Jack caught up with Harry and explained what they saw to the lady.

"Not again!" muttered the lady whose face was as pale as a ghost. She ran inside the hut to dial 999 for assistance.

Harry and Jack were super worried. They kept their fingers crossed, hoping that the fire would not spread that quickly.

"Jack, should we do something before the firefighters arrive?" asked Harry nervously.

"Um..."

"Calm down boys! You two are so kind but I don't want you to get hurt!" answered the lady in a soft voice.

Suddenly, there was the sound of a helicopter. It was a helicopter from the Flying Services. They could see water being poured down from the giant bucket of the helicopter to the burning tree. Within a few minutes, the fire was out. The two boys and the lady were relieved.

After a while, the helicopter landed onto a meadow next to the hut. One of the officers walked out and spoke to the boys, "Ah, you are the ones who spotted the fire? Nice move of you! You saved the forest!"

The two boys couldn't wipe their smile off their face.

On their way back home, the two boys decided that they would go back to the Rainbow Path some days later to complete their journey. It was a tense day. However, they knew that the joy of helping the trees from being burnt was priceless.