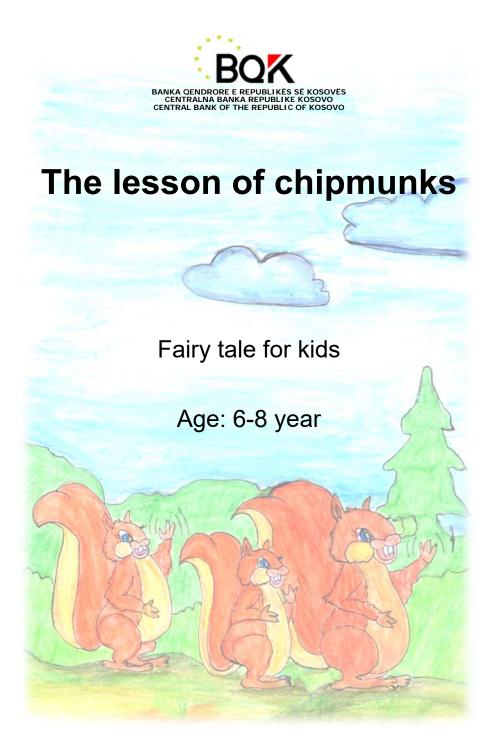




THE LESSON OF CHIPMUNKS







In the spring when flowers blossom and the nature flourishes, the Chipmunk mother decided to let her three little ones live alone. Before leaving, the Chipmunk's mother gave them an advice:

- Do not forget to save a walnut a day! said mother Chipmunk and went off by waving them good bye.
- All right said Keki, the youngest and the smallest of the three.
- Oh no said Riki, the oldest and the strongest of the three. I am stronger and I do not need to collect food for winter, because it is easy for me to find food even during the winter.

While Meri said no word, he just dreamed with eyes open on how he will enjoy eating the collected walnuts.



Riki was the strongest, he collected a lot of food and he immediately ate all of it.



Meri collected less food than Riki, but the great love for food made her often forget the mother's advice to save a walnut a day.

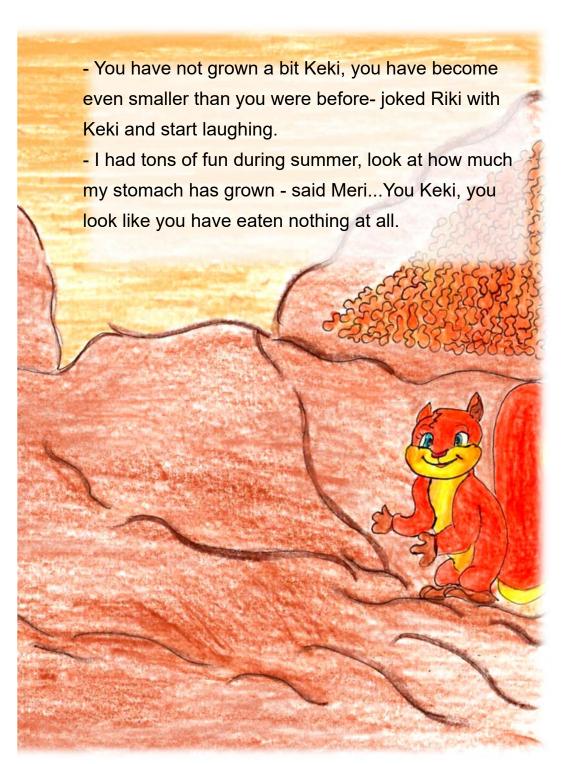
Whilst Keki, the youngest, was weak and did not have much strength. He collected little food, but never forgot the mother's advice to save a walnut a day.



The days were passing and the little Keki's house was full of food for the winter, the Meri's House had very little food, while Riki's house had not even a single walnut.



The autumn knocked, the leaves fell, and the chipmunks started to talk about how they spent the summer days.



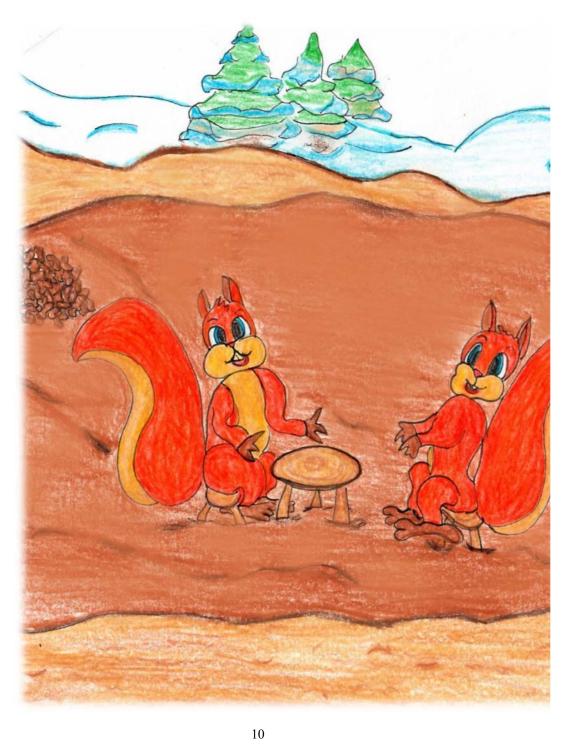


The winter knocked, and it was freezing cold. Chipmunks did not dare to leave their homes. Keki was asleep when he heard a knock on the door.

- Er rr rr- it's so cold and I have nothing to eat. How will I spend the whole winter, poor me!- said, Riki sobbing.



- -Don't you cry Riki, you can have one of my walnuts. I've collected walnuts just as our mother advised us, and I'll share with you the food I've collected.
- -Thank you little Keki, you saved my life - said Riki and embracing each other entered into the small Keki's house.



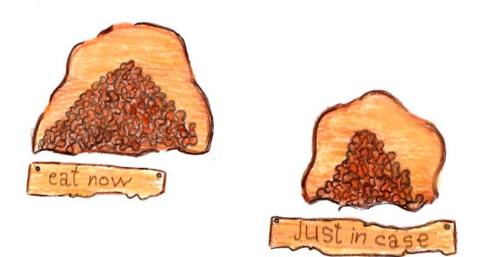
After a few days, another knock at the Keki's door was heard. It was Meri.

- Ohh, look at what happened to the poor me, the winter is long, and I no longer have any walnuts- said Meri sobbing.

 Come inside, brother, I have walnuts for you too! said Keki.



The little Keki took them to the place where he kept the food and showed them how he had arranged the food.



- I have divided the collected food into 3 parts. The first hole is the food that I can eat now. The second hole is the food reserves just in case something unexpected happens, and the third hole contains food that I will give to those who do not have any. That's the way I've divided the collected food.



- You are very smart Keki, I have also gathered some food, but I failed to take into account that I had to collect a little more just in case something unexpected happens and, well, the winter lasted longer than I thought, and here I am now with no food - said Meri.

- We are very sorry that we joked around with you in the summer - apologized Riki and Meri.
- Next year I will save, not one walnut but two walnuts a day said Riki laughing.



Little Keki laughed and served the little brothers one more walnut each and thus, they spent together the cold winter days.

Question:

- What is the message of the fairytale?
- What character would you behave like? Why?
- How would you share your savings?

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