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How the Elephant Became Big

Ebony the tiny elephant was ready for her first day of school. Ebony's new school wasn't far away from the large savanna that her and her small family lived in, but she was still a little nervous about walking there all by herself. It was finally time to head to school. She saw her friend Lakin the Lion and Radhi the Rhino walking together on their way to school. "You are so small, Ebony! Hahaha!" they chanted in a mocking tone. Pretending that the small elephant didn't exist, they ignored Ebony and ran away.

Ebony tried to ignore them and carry on on her route to school when she saw Cavin the Chita. "Wow." Cavin said, "your the smallest thing. HAHAHA. Elephants are so small." Ebony's cheeks turned tomato red. Out of embarrassment, she ran deep into the forest until she realized that she was lost.

Oh no! She walked around for a little. "Hello? Anyone here?" She finally gave up and thumped down crying on the muddy forest floor. POOF! She was in a field. A flowery field. On a nearby tree, she saw a very old owl perched on a thin branch. He flew over to her.

"Hello, Ebony." he said in a calm, gentle, voice. "Wait, who are you?" asked Ebony, confused and amazed at the same time. "That doesn't matter right now." the owl

replied, “All you have to do is search through this field until you find a dainty flower with glowing blue petals. Pick the first three petals, sniff each petal, then make 3 wishes. Your wishes will be granted after a few minutes, but just remember, be careful what you wish for.” The strange owl vanished and left the shocked elephant to follow his directions.

So, Ebony walked, and walked, and walked in the field until she found the flower of the owl’s description. She picked the first petal, sniffed it, and wished to be bigger. The first petal vanished. Ebony remained the same size. Confused, Ebony picked the second petal. After sniffing it, she wished again to be bigger because she thought that the first one hadn’t worked. Even after her 3rd wish, Ebony still remained the tiny creature she was before her wishes.

The discouraged elephant started to walk away, mad at the owl for giving her hope. Ebony was so foolish to believe in those magic petals. Suddenly, she felt different. Her feet grew 10 times bigger. Her ears and trunk inflated to the size of her former stomach, which was now bigger than her whole body was before the magic. She was so big, she could see the whole jungle. She spotted her home and stomp, stomp, stomp, she traveled to her savanna to see her Mom and Dad.

Her parents gasped when they saw the size of their daughter. “Ebony,” her father demanded, “What in the world happened to you?” Ebony explained the whole story to her tiny, understanding parents. “Ebony,” her mom explained, “I’m sorry that those kids were teasing you, but you’re going to have to learn to ignore them. You have to learn to be proud of who you are, and don’t listen to bullies.”

Ebony's descendants were huge just like her, and were not teased in school thanks to Ebony's wishes. That's how the elephant became big.