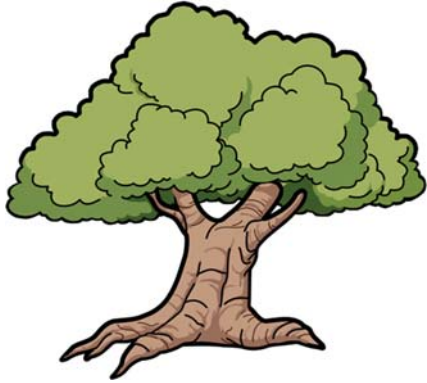


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The Tree's Tricky Revenge



In a quiet, peaceful forest, there stood an ancient oak tree named Oliver. Oliver was a magnificent tree with gnarled branches and a wise, old trunk. Every year, on Arbor Day, children from the nearby town would visit Oliver to climb his branches and carve their initials into his bark.

At first, Oliver didn't mind being the center of attention on Arbor Day. He enjoyed seeing the children's happy faces and hearing their laughter. But as the years went by, the constant climbing and carving started to wear on him. Oliver decided he had had enough, and he hatched a mischievous plan to teach the humans a lesson.

Oliver's plan involved enlisting the help of his unique and funny forest friends. First, there was Rusty the Raccoon, who was known for his clever tricks. Then, there was Bella the Squirrel, who was always full of energy and ready for an adventure. Finally, there was Grumpy the Owl, who, despite his name, had a great sense of humor.

On the next Arbor Day, as the children approached Oliver with their carving tools, Rusty the Raccoon swooped down and stole their tools, hiding them high up in Oliver's branches. Bella the Squirrel chattered loudly, distracting the kids and sending them running in all directions. Grumpy the Owl hooted and flapped his wings, adding to the commotion.

With the children gone, Oliver smiled with satisfaction. He knew he had given them a taste of their own medicine. The mischievous plan had worked perfectly! The children returned to town with no carvings and no tools, and they never bothered Oliver again.