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Wilbur's True Friend

Wilbur, a small and curious pig, had always wanted a friend. When he was taken to live in the barn, he felt lonely despite being surrounded by other animals. The sheep, cows, and geese talked to him, but none seemed to truly understand him. Then one evening, as he lay in his pen, a gentle voice spoke to him.

"I'll be your friend," said Charlotte, a small gray spider hanging from the corner of the barn. Wilbur was

surprised—he had never spoken to a spider before! Charlotte explained that true friendship meant helping and caring for each other. From that moment on, they became inseparable.

As time passed, Wilbur learned just how special Charlotte was. She was not only kind and wise but also incredibly thoughtful. When Wilbur overheard the farmers talking about turning him into bacon, he panicked. Charlotte reassured him, saying, "I will save you." Wilbur did not know how, but he trusted her.

Charlotte came up with a brilliant plan. Using her silk, she spun words into her web that described Wilbur—"Some Pig," "Terrific," and "Radiant." People from all around came to see the pig with the magical web. Because of Charlotte's cleverness and love, Wilbur became famous, and the farmers decided to let him live.

Wilbur was overjoyed but soon realized that Charlotte had grown weak. She had used all her energy to help him. Before she passed away, Wilbur promised to protect her egg sac so that her children could live in the barn. He was heartbroken to lose his dearest friend, but he never forgot her kindness.

Through his friendship with Charlotte, Wilbur learned the true meaning of love and loyalty. Even though she was small, Charlotte had made a huge difference in his life. He carried her memory forever, knowing that true friends always look out for each other.