

The Kindest

In the Magical Kingdom of Animals. Fishes can jump into the clouds. Flamingos can run super-fast. Giraffes can make their necks and legs longer or shorter. Birds are strong and can carry other animals with their feet. The Bears can speak. They can talk and understand all the animals. All the animals in the kingdom had magical powers except cheetahs.

One day a flamingo was running so quickly that he ran into a bush and hit his head. He starts crying. His cries get louder and louder until all the animals came to see what happened, but no animal knew what to do.

The fishes thought the flamingo needed a pillow as soft as the clouds. A few fishes jumped into the sky and brought down some clouds for the flamingo to lay his head on. But it did not help. The cloud just floated back up.

Next, the bears decided to sing a lullaby to the flamingo thinking it would soothe him and he would stop crying. But the flamingo cries continued. The singing was so loud that it made the flamingo's head hurt even more.

The giraffes thought the flamingo needed to be rocked, like how a mommy rocks their baby. A giraffe made her neck very long. Long enough to wrap and carry the flamingo. She started to rock the flamingo back and forth. The flamingo asked the giraffe to stop and to put him down immediately because the rocking made him dizzy.

All the animals were out of ideas, and they all started to leave back to their homes for dinner. Except for the cheetahs. The cheetahs brought the flamingo into their forest home, each taking turns to watch over the injured flamingo, so he doesn't feel alone. They fetched the flamingo some water and food. They gave the flamingo hugs and kisses. The next morning, the flamingo was all better! The cheetahs helped the flamingo by being kind.

Kindness is not when we make a comparison. Or when we say bad or mean things to our friends. When we don't ask for permission before taking someone else's things. It is not about finishing first or being the fastest. It is not when we are selfish. We can't buy kindness.

Kindness is about sharing. Being patient. Being helpful to others. Being honest. It is an act.

Since that day, all the animals in the Magical Kingdom of Animals, know that the magical power of the cheetahs is kindness.