





Chippy The Chipmunk's Christmas

It was an unusually warm Christmas season. All the creatures in the woods were taking advantage of the warm weather by gathering extra nuts and berries to prepare themselves for the coming cold weather. All the animals except for one. A little, yet slightly chubby, Chipmunk named Chippy.

One day Chippy was strolling through the woods, finding berries and nuts every once in a while as he went along, however, Chippy would eat them as soon as he saw them, instead of storing them for the winter.

As Chippy was going on his walk he saw Busy Beaver collecting food, Busy Beaver was about to grab a yummy looking berry, Chippy quickly grabbed the berry before Busy Beaver could get it. Chippy swallowed it up and ran off before Busy Beaver could even blink. Chippy thought it was funny how mad Beaver got.

As Chippy continued his stroll, he came across Nosey Mouse who was gathering seeds from the tall grass. Chippy said: "that's a lot of seeds, ya got there Mouse. You must have worked really hard picking all those tiny grains." Before Mouse could reply, or even say thanks, Chippy scooped up a big handful of the seeds, gobbled them up and went on his way chuckling.

Yet again Chippy was on his way. As he was walking he came across Dinky Duck, who actually was a very large duck, but was named Dinky to make fun of his size. Dinky, who was also a very kind duck, was busy gathering corn from the side of the field. Chippy said: "that's a really nice pile of corn you got there Dinky!" Again before Dinky even noticed Chippy - a handful of his corn was gone - along with Chippy. Chippy laughed heartily.

As Chippy was nearing his home he felt a cold chill in the air, and thought to himself "I'd better be getting back to my borough - I do believe that winter is here", and it was. It was now just one day before Christmas. As Chippy lay in his little bed he started to think about how hungry he was and decided to go out one more time for a chance to find food.

This is when he came across Prickly Porcupine as she was finishing up closing the door to her den. A very hungry Chippy said "Hello Mrs. Prickly" would you happen to know where I might find a bit of food?" Prickly said, I've heard about you and your mischievous ways - taking food as you want and laughing about it! Chippy knew that he would not be getting any food from Prickly Porcupine this day and turned away to head back to his borough just as hungry as he's ever been. But something unexpected happened, Prickly Porcupine called Chippy back to her den and invited him in to dine with her. Prickly said: it's Christmas Eve after all, I can't let any poor soul go away hungry especially a soul so desperately in need of good food.

Prickly laid out a large meal on a small table for them both and gave thanks for all the blessings in her life and for all her friends - even friends like Chippy.

Chippy went home and spent the rest of the evening, and even the next day, thinking about how he took from his neighbors and about how selfish a little chipmunk he had been for much of his life. He was sorry now for all that he had taken and decided to be a better animal just like his very good neighbor Prickly Porcupine.

So all of Christmas Day, Chippy went out to find as many nuts and seeds that he could to return to all his friends that he stole from them, asking them for forgiveness, which of course they gave, and they all enjoyed celebrating Christmas together.

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