



Do Not Underestimate Me
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Once there were three squirrels living in a big tree: Ado, Aka, and Ali.



Ali is the smallest one. Ado and Aka are always teasing her about her size.



Ali is sad. She wants Ado and Aka to be kinder to her. They never let her do anything fun. More than anything, Ali wants to eat the gold apple fruit that grows in the forest. But Ado and Aka never let her have any.



One day, Aka said, "To her: tomorrow the gold apple fruit will be ripe! Aka and I will go eat it." Ali, you won't get to eat it again.

"That's right!" said Aka. "Ali, you're so small, you don't need any fruit. You canYou you will wait here.



With tears in her eyes, Ali ran back inside the tree.

That night, she had an idea.



The next day, Ali got up early. She left the tree before Ado and Aka woke up.



She ran and jumped and sang through the forest.

"Yay! I will get to eat gold apple fruit today!"



But just as she was approaching the tree, she heard Ado and Aka behind her.



Ado snarled at her. "How dare you sneak out of the tree before us?"

Aka nodded in agreement. " But your little legs move so slow that you still will not get to the tree in time!"



With that, the two big squirrels ran ahead of Ali and started climbing up the tree for the fruit. Ali started crying. "It looks like I won't get to eat the gold apple fruit after all." But then she thought again. "No," she said to herself, "I can't give up."



Ali climbed up the tree. Ado and Aka were looking for the ripest gold apple fruits.



When they saw her coming, Ado and Aka tried to chase Ali away.

Ali ran to the end of a branch.



Suddenly, the tree branch cracked. Ali plunged downward



Fortunately, another tree branch stopped her from falling to the ground. Ali lay on the branch feeling sad. But then she smelled a great smell.



Her eyes popped open. There in front of her was a perfectly ripe gold apple fruit.



Ali gasped and pounced on the fruit. She took a big bite. Delicious! Aka and Ado gasped from above her. They were too heavy for the small branches.



Ali saw Ado and Aka looking at her hungrily.



Ali picked some of the gold apple fruit to share with the two big squirrels. Ado and Aka were surprised and thanked her. They even apologized to her for treating her badly. Then they all ate the gold apple fruit together.



From then on, Aka and Ali never underestimated Ado. They treated her with kindness and respect, and their tree home was filled with happiness.







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