Poko and the Day of Two Jobs

A story about finishing one thing



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Poko arrived at the clubhouse carrying three green cushions. Today his friends would come to read. "I will make a cosy circle," he said, setting the cushions by the door.



He placed one cushion on the rug. Then Lili the rabbit appeared with a basket of picture books. "Can you put these on the shelf?" she asked. "Of course!" said Poko.



He left the other cushions and took the books. One had a bright red bird on its cover. Poko opened it. Before long, two books lay across the cushion.



Lili looked through the doorway. "Where shall I sit?" Poko looked at the rug, the books, and the cushions still by the door. His tail gave an unhappy flop.



"I started the seats, then the books," he said. "Now neither job is done." Lili set down her empty basket. "Which one would help us get ready first?"



Poko thought about his friends arriving. They would need somewhere to sit. "The cushion circle," he decided. He closed the picture books and placed them carefully back in the basket.



He carried the second cushion to the rug and set it beside the first. He left a little gap so nobody's feet would bump when they turned a page.



As he reached for the last cushion, Lili found a small pile of bookmarks. "Could you sort these too?" she asked. Poko stopped and took a slow breath.



"After I finish the cushions and the books," he said. "I can leave them here for now," said Lili. She placed the bookmarks in a bowl on the shelf.



Poko added the final cushion. Three soft seats made a welcoming circle. He looked all around it and smiled. This job was finished. Now his paws were free for books.



Lili helped him stand the books on the shelf, with their pictures facing out. When their friends arrived, Poko offered the red-bird book. Everything they needed was ready.



Later, they sorted the bookmarks together. Poko chose a green one and tucked it into his book. Then he settled on a cushion, ready to enjoy one story.



The end

How did Poko decide which job to finish first?

What could you say when you are already busy?

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