Tiger's Tiny Tea Party



A big guest joins a very small party.

A short story to enjoy together

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Tiger had invited three guests to tea: a cloth rabbit, a soft elephant, and a little brown bear.

He laid out the little cups. He placed a pretend cake in the middle. Then he sat down and tried to pick up the teapot.

His paw was nearly as wide as the lid.

"This is a very small tea party," he said.

Rabbit said nothing. Elephant looked patient. Bear leaned against a cushion.

Tiger tried holding the handle with one claw, but the pot wobbled. He set it down again.

"Perhaps you should pour," he told Rabbit.

He gently lifted Rabbit and helped her tip the empty pot over each cup.

"A little for Elephant. A little for Bear. A little for me."

Tiger's cup disappeared between his paws. He could not see whether he was drinking from the right side.

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He laughed, then fetched his own large mug from the low shelf.

Now the table had three tiny cups and one big mug. Tiger made a careful sipping sound.

"Delicious pretend tea."

He cut the pretend cake with a wooden toy knife. Rabbit received a small slice. Elephant received a small slice. Bear received a small slice that rested against his round tummy.

Tiger took the last piece and made an enormous pretend bite.

After tea, he tucked his guests into a basket bed. His own bed was much bigger.

Before he climbed in, he looked back at the little table.

Tomorrow, he decided, Rabbit could be the guest and Elephant could pour.

THE END

LET'S TALK

How did Tiger make the tea party work? What would you serve at a pretend party?

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