The Too-Tall Sandwich

Lunch needs a different sort of building plan.



A short story for reading aloud

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Giraffe made a sandwich.

She added lettuce, cucumber, cheese and tomato. Then more lettuce, cucumber and bread.

"Wonderful," she said.

Mouse looked up.

"It's taller than my house."

Giraffe bent down to take a bite.

The top leaned left.

She moved left.

The top leaned right.

She moved right.

A tomato slice slipped out and landed on her plate.

Mouse caught a cucumber before it rolled away.

"Your lunch is escaping," he said.

Giraffe held the sandwich with both hooves.

"Could you push from the other side?"

Mouse pushed. The sandwich stood straight for one hopeful moment.

Then the lettuce began to slide.

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"Stop!" squeaked Mouse.

Giraffe lowered the sandwich carefully onto its side.

They stared at the untidy heap.

"It was meant to be impressive," she said.

"It is," said Mouse. "I'm very impressed by how many directions it can fall."

Giraffe laughed.

They took the sandwich apart. Giraffe spread the bread across a large board. Mouse helped put a little filling on each piece.

Soon they had six small sandwiches instead of one one.

Bird arrived with two hungry chicks.

"Is this a picnic?" she asked.

Giraffe looked at all the food.

"It seems to be."

Everyone found a comfortable place around the table. Mouse took a small corner. The chicks shared a cucumber slice. Giraffe ate without having to chase her lunch.

"Much better," she said.

Mouse stood on his chair and raised his sandwich.

"Still taller than my breakfast," he announced.

This time, nothing fell over.

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