Timo and the Empty Nest

A story about looking with care



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Little Adventures. A Kinder Tomorrow.



Timo found a little nest tucked inside the hedge. It was round as a bowl, woven from grass, and very, very quiet. Nobody seemed to be home.



"A perfect basket!" he whispered. He imagined carrying three acorns inside it. Then a twig trembled, and Timo stopped with his paws still at his sides.



Aunt Fern waited on the path. "Is it ours?" Timo asked. She shook her head. "We cannot tell who might need it. Let's leave it safely here."



Timo stepped back. From the path, the nest looked like a small brown moon among green leaves. He wanted to see what happened without getting too close.



He chose a fallen log well away from the hedge. Aunt Fern sat beside him. They waited so quietly that Timo could hear a beetle crossing a leaf.



A robin landed on a branch. Timo nearly called hello. Instead, he tucked his voice away and watched the bird turn its bright eye towards the hedge.



The robin flew past the nest and vanished. Timo's ears drooped. "Perhaps nobody will come." "Perhaps," said Aunt Fern. "Looking does not always give us an answer today."



Timo drew the nest on a loose piece of paper. He added its curved edge, the forked branch, and one long grass stem sticking out like a whisker.



Later, a squirrel hurried towards the hedge. "What have you found?" she asked. Timo pointed from his log. "Something to look at gently. Please give it space."



The squirrel hurried on. Timo and Aunt Fern kept watching. A caterpillar crossed the bark, and the leaves made moving patches of sunshine on the quiet woodland floor.



At home, Timo made an acorn basket from folded paper. It was a little crooked, and it held his acorns. The nest stayed where it belonged.



The next morning, Timo returned to his watching log. He brought his drawing and plenty of patience. The hedge still held a quiet story, and Timo could wait.



The end

Why did Timo leave the nest in the hedge?

What could you notice while sitting quietly?

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