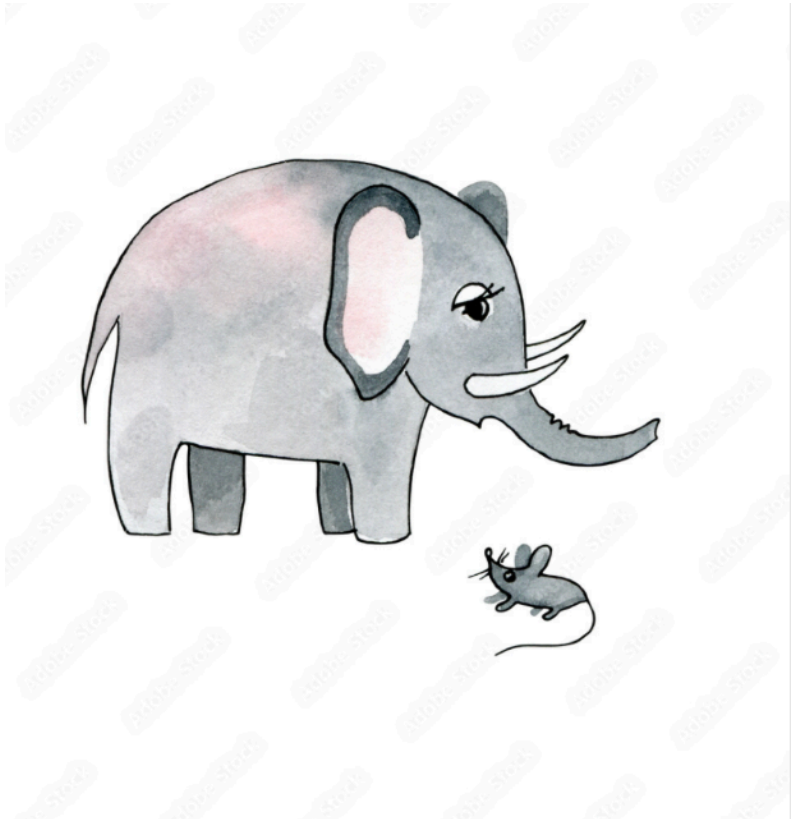


Serene the elephant

By Riley



Mice are friends, not food.

Serene was born in a large farm located in Pennsylvania USA in the countryside. Her parents were very wise and intelligent, looking after baby elephants.

Serene had a very cute smile, loves to eat porridge and drink milk fed by her parents. She would sometimes explore far away without letting her parents know, which caused them to feel concerned of where she was. They worried a lot about whether it was suitable for her to explore the whole farm at such a very young age.

Serene currently has a friend who is a mouse and they have been playing and doing fun stuff together. The mouse's name is Murmur.

Serene and Murmur met in the field with lots of soil and dirt in the middle of the night. Serene heard a squeak while she was walking back home during sunrise and when she looked down, she saw that the mouse was friendly and made a nice conversation with her, this made Serene very happy.

Serene decided to invite murmur to come visit Serene's house for a playdate. They both had some snacks and ate peanuts together. They even had lunch together! They ate Fries, Hamburgers, Chicken Nuggets, Pizza. And for desserts they ate Cakes, Ice Cream, Ice Cream Sandwiches, Cookies and Pancakes. After they finished they felt like they were going to explode from all the snacks, lunch and desserts. They got so full that they became really really tired and fell fast asleep on the table for 3 hours.

When Serene woke up, she awoke from the table and went to use the toilet. When she got out she saw that murmur was sleeping. "Murmur wake up!" Serene shouted. There was no response, she was still in the deepest sleep. Serene then decided "I guess I'll just go out for a walk". She headed outside for a walk for about 15 minutes but when she returned

she notice her parents getting home from work at the same time.

Her Parents saw murmur the mouse on the table and screamed in a panic. "OH MY BLOODY GOD!!!! WHAT IN TARNATION IS THAT THING???!!"

"I met her from the soil during my walk back home in the middle of the night and we became good friends. She's really nice to me. She won't hurt you, I promise." Serene replied.

"WE DON'T ALLOW MICE IN OUR HOUSE!" Her parents exclaimed clearly.

"If you won't accept my friend in our house then I no longer want to live with you guys anymore!"

"Well, I will send you both out for a while and your mother and I will have a discussion about this" replied her Dad.

"Goodness me, I'm glad she's making friends but like... a mouse That's the scariest thing Ive ever observed!!" Serene's mother exclaimed.

The father replied "Yeah! But even worse because I'm really frustrated enough that I want to kill that stupid ratty mouse!"

The parents are beyond disappointed towards the mouse.

Serene and Murmur were wandering across the farm playing with each other. They played a gamed called Leap Frog which is Serene's absolute favourite game!

Serene says, "Jump on me Murmur!"

"Woohoo!" She said as she jumps on her.

Murmur says, "please don't jump on me. I'll get squashed!"

They both chuckled and stopped playing.

"I'll be careful not to squash you. In fact that's enough of leap frog!" Serene explained physically.

All of a sudden Serene and Murmur noticed they were not in a familiar place.

Murmur asks, "where are we Serene!?" Serene then replies, "I'm not sure but I feel like we're in the middle of nowhere!"

Suddenly, there came a really tall man with lots of weapons on his belt full of equipment. Meanwhile, Serene and Murmur scrambled across the farm to find the best way home.

The hunter spotted an elephant and mouse. He had no idea how on earth could elephants and mice belong in farms. He ran towards the farm and was in a hurry to capture them. He says viciously, "Oi! What are you doing on a farm!?!?!!" Serene was in shock when she heard a shout, but the hunter asked another question. "How do you live a great life around here dudes?!"

"We just play and eat three meals and head back home and stuff," Serene explained.

"I'm just gonna warn you. If you folks come around to my area near the pathway again, I will murder you guys for good. Understand?!"

"Oh. Okay sure, we won't disturb you or your environment again."

They then continued their wander to figure out where Serene's home is. Suddenly, they heard a call from the elephants far from them. They turned towards the sound and had a closer look.

"Is that my parents?" Serene asked. They were just behind the bushes and decided to run towards the parents. So they ran, ran, ran, ran straight home.

"SERENE MY BABY!! I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU! You should have brought a map to find your way back home," they cried.

"Hey, Serene I've got great news for you!" The mom said.

"What is it?" Serene asked happily.

"I found a home for Murmur to be in near our house."

"That's amazing. Thank you Mommy and Daddy!" She shouted.

"No worries! We were wrong about Murmur. She is a very nice mouse."

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