The Snail and the Birthday Picnic



Today is the birthday of a little mouse. She has a picnic beside the pond. Her friend the snail wants to go.

He finds a red strawberry for her. He puts it on his shell and starts early. But the pond is a long way from his home.

The snail moves past the flowers. He goes around a stone. The sun is high now. "I am late," he says.

At the pond, the mouse and the rabbit see him. "Happy birthday!" the snail calls. "Sorry I am late."

The mouse runs to meet him. "You are here now! Come and sit with us." She cuts the strawberry into three pieces. The friends share it with some cake. The snail has time for a lovely picnic after all.

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