

Lucky Pedals

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Lucky the squirrel was gathering nuts for the winter when he came across the bike. The whole bike was red except for the fork, which was a deep blue. The bike had two wheels and a really cool basket. The best thing of all...it was just the right size, and you know how squirrels are; they can't resist a good look at something. It was just too tempting, so he dropped all of the nuts that he was carrying and shot toward the bike. He looked it over front to back, then deciding to take it out for a little spin, he leapt onto it.

As he was riding, he came upon Beaver working on his dam. When Beaver saw that Lucky was riding the bike, he jumped up onto the dam. "Goodness, that is a very good bike that you have there, yes, yes, yes. Where did you get it?"

"I got it in the forest. It was just lying around. I decided that a ride was necessary. Don't you think that it looks great?"

"Oh, yes, yes, yes, I wish I had one just like that. I think that after I finish the dam that I will take a look myself and see if there is any more of those just lying around. That would be very fun to get one just like that!" Beaver then jumped off his dam. "I think that I should go now!"

So Lucky kept riding on. When he turned the bend, he heard a splatter and suspected that the dam had broken.

Then he came to Duck. She was taking a picnic when he rode past her. "That is a wonderful bike that you have there. Does Beaver know about it? I think that he would like it very much." Before Lucky could speak, she packed her lunch and said, "I think that I will go look for one myself. I would love to have one."

She hobbled away, muttering to herself about youngsters being so careless. So Lucky kept riding.

As Lucky was whistling to himself, he heard an angry cry from behind him. It was Chimpanzee, who looked really angry. "That's my bike, you thief!" Then Chimpanzee leapt up into the air and landed on Lucky's back.

Lucky fell off the bike, landing on the side of it. He was not hurt, but he did not know about the bike. He didn't know anything about bikes, but it seemed okay. He brushed himself off with his paws and got up.

Chimpanzee was furious. "How could you steal my bike?! I had left it leaning against a tree while I climbed another tree and ate bananas. When I came down, it was gone. I saw the nuts that were scattered on the ground and realized that it must have been you."

"I am SOOOOOOOO sorry," Lucky apologized. "I did not mean for this to happen. When I saw the bike, I thought that maybe someone had left it, and it would be good for me to take it for a spin. I was going to return it, and I am sorry that I stole your bike. Here is your bike and I will go gather nuts," Lucky said as he handed the bike to Chimpanzee. "I know now that I should never take anyone's stuff, even if it is just sitting there."

"It's all right. Don't go making a fuss about it. I didn't realize that you had not meant to steal it. I should be the one saying I am sorry." Then he got on his bike and rode off.

Lucky shook his small head and headed back to gather nuts.