**Buhog, the Wisest Animal in the Forest**

Buhog, Kabayo, Dappog, and Ugsa were friends who lived in the forest.

One day, Buhog said to his pals, “Let’s go to the wide river on the other side of this mountain.”

The three answered, “We’re not supposed to go there, Buhog. There’s a giant who lives there. He’s going to eat us.”

“Don’t be afraid. I’ll talk to him,” Buhog assured his friends.

Despite the resistance of Kabayo, Dappog, and Ugsa, Buhog was very insistent. Not long, they agreed to go.

When they reached the other side of the mountain, they rested for a day. When it was time to find food, Buhog called Kabayo.

“You will stay here at the camp while we hunt for food,” Buhog commanded Kabayo.

Kabayo refused but since Buhog was their leader, he agreed to guard their camp. While Buhog, Dappog, and Ugsa were searching for food, the giant came to threaten Kabayo. Fortunately, he was able to run away. They took turns in guarding their camp but like Kabayo, Dappog and Ugsa were threatened by the giant.

One day, when it was Buhog’s time to guard the camp, the giant called out, “I’m going to eat you, Buhog!”

“Before you do that, you would have to face my guards first!” Buhog answered.

“Where are your guards? I’m going to eat them, too!” the giant shouted.

Buhog pointed the giant into a cave into which he entered. The giant didn’t know that Buhog had placed honeybees, giant red ants, and wasps inside the cave.

When the giant entered the cave, the insects attacked him. The giant red ants secreted their waste on the giant’s eyes. The wasps stung the giant’s body. The honeybees pricked his eyes and nose. Not very long, the giant died.

Dappog, Kabayo, and Ugsa told Buhog, “You are the wisest animal in the forest. Nobody can defeat you but Buhayo.”

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BUHOG- Monkey

UGSA- Deer

DAPPOG- Buffalo

KABAYO- Horse

BUHAYO- Philippine Monkey-Eating Eagle