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Hey kids, let's see how our smart little 'Joy' the rabbit spent a day last summer in the Amazon rainforest.



One day, Lion the King, appointed Joy as the Ranger of the Amazon forest. As a ranger, Joy the rabbit went into the forest to find out how the citizens of the Amazon rainforest were doing.



On his way into the woods, Joy met a woodpecker. "Hello Pecker, how are you doing?" asked Joy. Pecker replied sadly, "My house is missing!" "Oh no! where, where.. was it?" Joy asked Pecker.

"You see this cleaning? Right here I had my tree and house on top of it! Now it's all gone," cried Pecker and flew away. Wise Joy thought about it for a while and recognised the cause. Joy was quick to find that deforestation was the reason. Someone is building a new city after cutting down the trees and destroying the house of the poor Pecker



Joy walked further into the forest. All of a sudden, he witnessed many animals running past him. He stopped the squirrels and asked, "What is happening?" "Fire! Fire! run...", screamed the squirrels. Joy noticed it was burning everywhere and immediately thumped its back foot and sprinted towards the King's Den. On its way back, Joy thought for a while and found that it was a forest fire, which burned the forest.



Joy alarmed the King and requested a quick meeting with the Panel of Wise. The panel of wise was chaired by Lion, Elephant, Fox, Owl and Tortoise. They started the discussion with Who, Why, What Questions. Fox explained how humans are destroying and encroaching the forest to build industries and houses. Tortoise replied, "Yes, a lot of things have changed in the last 100 years. The forest has become a litter ground of irresponsible humans. Liter's trigger fires often." The King asked for suggestions to protect the forest and citizens.



Joy proposed a three layer approach for protection.

Layer I - Planting a thick layer of thorn bushes that will help to stop intruders.

Layer 2 - Ring fencing the forest by digging a huge moat around, and fill it with water and ask wild crocodiles to live there. So human and heavy machineries will find it difficult to get in.

Layer 3 - Keeping an army of bees to scare the rare intruders.



The Panel of Wise appreciated all the good solutions from Joy the Ranger. The King approved the ideas. Owl volunteered to plan the execution, while Elephant agreed to bring a workforce to build the protection layers. Fox decided to review the layers to make sure they function properly.

In a few months all the layers of protection are perfectly set up. The citizens of the forest were so happy to see the changes and lived peacefully.

Joy was very happy that his role as Ranger was fulfilled.

About the Author

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Joy the Rabbit, who is an intelligent and brave Ranger, finds out the issues of the Amazon rainforest citizens and solves their problems with the help of the Panel of Wise.