## **CHRISTMAS FABLE**

In winter the animals in the forest near Molve were left without food. They were looking for it on the forest paths and among the bushes, but they didn't find any. They had already eaten everything.

They decided to get together and make a plan. The deer suggested they simply move. The hedgehoges disagreed. They said they shouldn't lose hope and they just don't want to leave their forest, especially now, before the holidays. The fox was just listening wisely and made a plan how to deceive them. Of course, she was hungry. 'I will guide you, just follow me', she said. She took them to the village to steal the food from the people. As naive and hungry as the animals were they agreed to the plan.

They all set off together towards the village. The sounds of joy and tambourines could be heard from afar. All the animals stopped because they did not want to harm anyone, they had guilty conscience. The fox continued its way, and the others obeyed the wise owl who shouted to them: "Don't steal! I have a solution! Listen to me!"

She landed on the deer's horns and explained her plan. She made a deal with animals from Bulgaria and Slovakia to help each other. By howling, they made a plan: they will move towards each other and show the places where there is still food! The animals were thrilled with the owl's plan.

They carried each other along the way, supported each other to endure a long journey. When they met far to the northwest, they are well and celebrated Christmas together with their new friends.

The fox spent the holidays in punishment with hunters who caught her stealing.

Lesson: It's hard to be hungry, but it's even harder to be without friends.



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