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## The Leafy Change

In the magical forest of Verdant Vale, every tree was alive with personality, and their leaves were the most expressive parts of them. Every year, when autumn arrived, a grand celebration took place, and it was called "The Great Leafy Change."



Long ago, Sun and Tree were having a conversation. Sun said, "You trees are so wonderful with your green leaves all summer. But don't you get bored of the same color?"

Tree thought for a moment and replied, "I've never thought about it. But now that you mention it, a change would be refreshing."

Hearing this, Wind whispered to the flowers, and the flowers spread the message to the rest of the forest. The news was out! Trees wanted a change.

A wise old Oak, known to have lived for hundreds of years, had an idea. "What if," he proposed, "we trees change the color of our leaves in the fall to display a grand farewell to the year?"

Every tree loved the idea, but they didn't know how to change their colors. So, the Sun offered help. "When I shine less brightly and the days grow shorter," Sun said, "you can draw back some of the green from your leaves and show off the beautiful colors hidden underneath."

And that's precisely what the trees did. As the days grew shorter and the nights cooler, the trees started to withdraw the green chlorophyll from their leaves. Hidden colors like red, yellow, orange, and even purple began to appear, turning the forest into a vibrant masterpiece.

The animals in the forest were delighted. Squirrels, birds, deer, and every creature danced and played among the colorful trees. It became a time of joy, reflection, and preparation for the winter to come.

Every year since then, as a thanksgiving to the Sun and to celebrate the end of a fruitful year, the trees of Verdant Vale showcase the brilliant hues of autumn, a reminder of the conversation between Sun and Tree.

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### Reading Comprehension Questions

1. Why did the trees decide to change the color of their leaves?
2. Who first gave the trees the idea of changing their leaf colors?
3. How did the Sun help the trees show the hidden colors in their leaves?
4. What did the animals in the forest do when the trees changed their colors?
5. What hides beneath the green color of the leaves?