

The Little Buurki Who Wanted to be a Netoon

The little Buurki was so sad. He was very unhappy with his dirty little self. Birds had built nests in his ears. His teeth were all decayed and he was sore with athlete's foot. He had no friends, no-one wanted to be near him; especially beautiful Peach. She was so gentle, so sweet and so clean, and only wanted to play with the Netoons, who smelled of fragrant soap.

The little Buurki would have loved to be a Netoon, but he didn't know how to. So he decided to visit the Kingdom of Wisdom and meet King Prosper. But when he got there, the guards wouldn't let him into the castle, because he was so dirty. Forlornly he went home. But on the way, as luck would have it, he met the King, on his way back from collecting something precious from the Good Fairy's grotto.

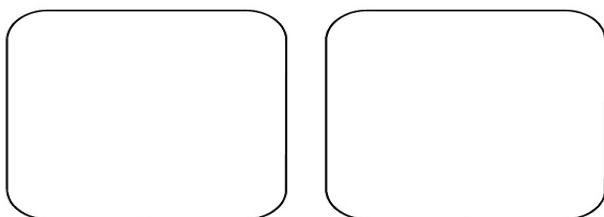
The King stopped, and listened to the little Buurki's sad story. Then he smiled kindly and said solemnly that he had the solution to all these problems. He gave the little Buurki the bag he had got from the Good Fairy and showed him how to use it. In the bag was a toothbrush, some toothpaste, some soap and even some fragrance.

"Every day, wash yourself all over with the soap. Clean your teeth after every meal. Wash your hands regularly. And splash on a bit of fragrance before you go and speak to the beautiful Peach!" said the King.

And so, the little Buurki worked hard on all these things. In three days he changed into a lovely little Netoon who had lots of friends, especially beautiful Peach who thought he smelled wonderful.

Questions

- Question 1 : How did the little Buurki feel at the beginning of the story?
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- Question 2 : How were his feet?
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- Question 3 : Who did he think was beautiful?
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- Question 4 : Who helped him?
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- Question 5 : Where was the King coming from?
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- Question 6 : What was in the King's bag?
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- Question 7 : At the end of the story, what had the little Buurki become?
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Now draw two Buurkis: the one at the beginning of the story, and the one at the end!