

CRITTER CREW: SKUNK IS SCARED

A tale of believing in yourself

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It is springtime, and everyone in the critter crew was playing together in the forest.

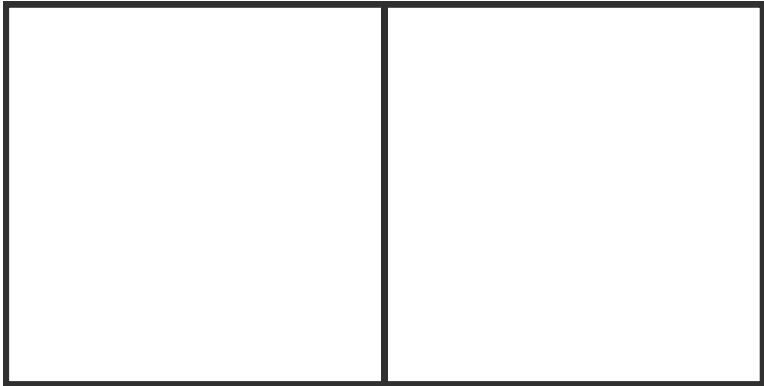
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It is almost Mother's Day, and the friends discuss what gift they want to give.

Skunk explains that she wants to get her mother a moon flower, which only blooms at night.
Fun Fact: Moon flowers are round in shape like a full moon.

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But Skunk is scared. She is scared to go out searching in the darkness.

She asks her friends to do it for her.
Skunk asks Rabbit, who has better vision. Fun Fact: Rabbits have nearly 360 degree vision.

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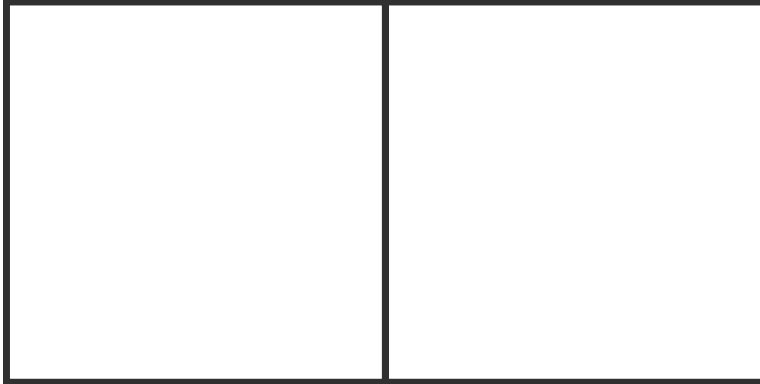
Skunk asks Chipmunk, who is better at hiding

Skunk asks Beaver, who is braver.

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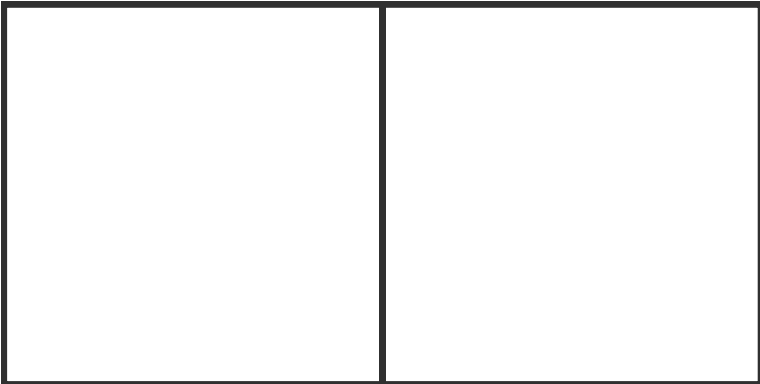
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Skunk asks Hedgehog, who is the best at finding things. Fun
Fact: Hedgehogs have a great sense of smell that helps them find
food.

She asks Flamingo, who can see much further.

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Skunk has to do this herself, but this doesn't mean she is alone.

Her friends approach her and offer advice.

Fun Fact: Baby skunks are called kits.

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But this is something Skunk must do herself. Getting the flower
is just as important as giving it.

Skunk considers giving up. She doesn't feel strong
enough or brave enough to do this.

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Rabbit hops over and recommends that Skunk PLAN. She
says to figure out where she wants to start and where she
wants to go.

Beaver climbs down from his dam and agrees. She
should research the most likely spot for finding a
moon flower.

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Hedgehog rolls over and says Skunk should PRACTICE. She should go on similar trips during the day.

Fun Fact: Hedgehogs can tuck into a complete ball to protect their belly

Flamingo lands and agrees. Skunk should get a good view of the obstacles, and practice getting over or around them.

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Skunk listens to her friends.

And the gentle voice of the wise old tree whispers: "Being afraid of a challenge doesn't mean you can't overcome it. You don't know your strength until you try."

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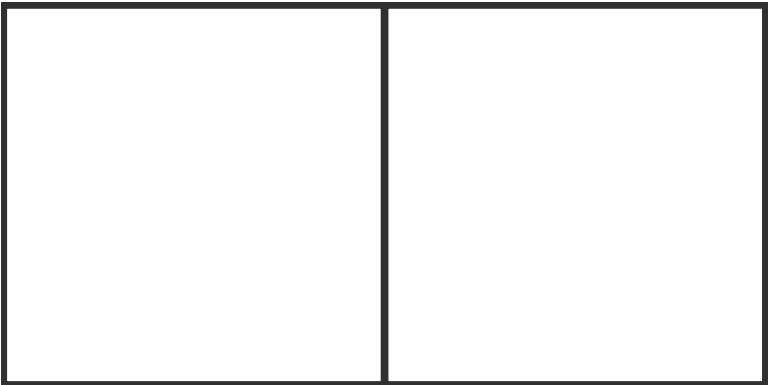


Sloth slowly approaches and recommends Skunk PREPARE. She should nap during the day to build up energy.

Fun Fact: Sloths sleep 15 hours a day!

Chipmunk bounces over and agrees. Skunk should pack a backpack with lots of snacks to take on the trip.

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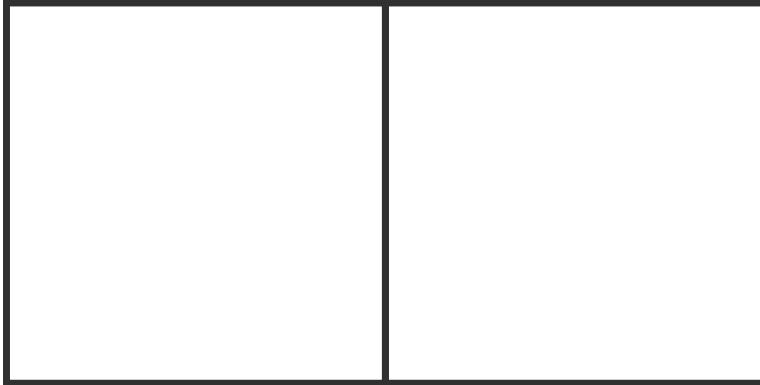
Skunk PLANS.

Skunk PRACTICES.

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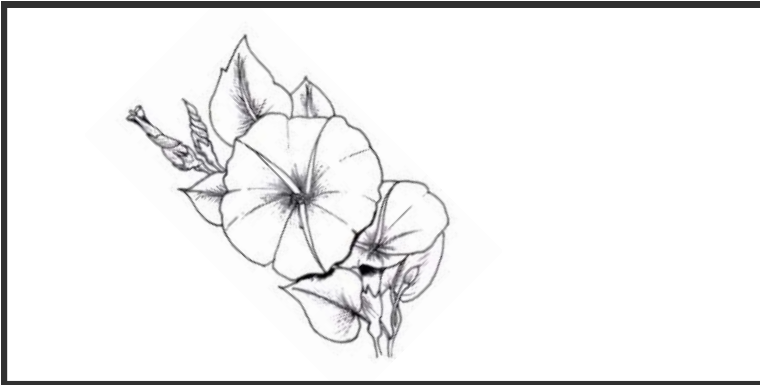


Skunk PREPARES.

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- Skunk is still scared. But.
- She has found her strength.
- She has found her confidence
- She believes in herself

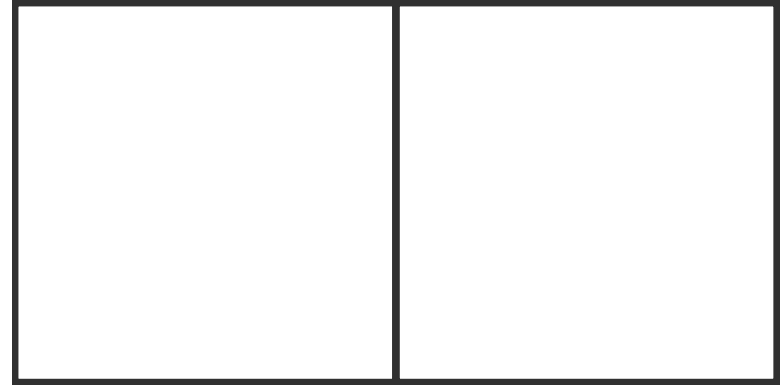
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Skunk was scared. But that did not stop her.
(Skunk holding a moon flower)

It's OK to be scared of something.
Plan, Practice, and Prepare. And you
will see how strong you really are.

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(Skunk following map at sunset)
(Skunk jumping over fallen tree)

(Skunk eating out of backpack
under moonlight)
(Skunk parting low bushes)

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The Challenge

The Challenge: Do something you don't think you can
do! Can you walk across the room with your eyes
closed? Or spell 'Moon' backwards? Plan, practice,
and prepare, and see what you can do!
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