Once upon a time in a deep dark forest there lived many different animals.

**Turtle:**
- Had no shell
- Was afraid of birds
- Lived under rocks in the lake

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All the animals ran, jumped, and slithered to the palace. Turtle was afraid to go.
- Had no protection
- He was afraid of the big birds of prey.

**Monkey, Parrot, and Alligator came back with the gifts:**

- Monkey was jumping and swinging tree from tree with new longer arms.
- Then Parrot showed off his colorful beak and black feathers.
- Alligator was amazed and felt clever with his long nose.

**Turtle was confused, stunned, and concerned how they all received a special gift:** Turtle asked, "Where did you get the long legs and arms?"

- Monkey said, "I got them from the King and Queen."
- Parrot said, "I got my beautiful black feathers and colorful beak from the King and Queen!" - Alligator said, "I got my long nose from the King and Queen!"

**So Turtle went to the palace. King and Queen questioned him:**

- Why are you late?
Turtle:

"I'm afraid of the birds of prey."

The King and Queen thought, and then snapped their fingers and Turtle had a heavy shell. He wondered what this shell was for.

- Then the Birds circled above. But Turtle couldn’t run. He was slow.
  - All of a sudden…Got an idea…He balled up tightly, fearing the birds
  - He peeked out into the darkness and smiled.
  - Turtle knew exactly what the purpose of that extra weight.

"That's How Turtle Got His Shell."