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Once upon a time, there was a Little Blue Penguin called Percy, who was best friends with a baby polar bear called Quinten, a baby seal called Sammy and a rabbit called Bouncy.



Percy loved his friends, but he wanted to find a friend that was just like him.

“I’m going on a journey to search for a penguin friend,” Percy told Quinten, Sammy and Bouncy.

“But why?” said Bouncy. “We are all good friends who help each other.”

“And we’re never mean and always kind to each other,” said Quinten.

“We share everything with each other too,” said Sammy.

They couldn’t understand why Percy would want to go and find a new friend, when he had them.

But Percy wouldn’t listen.

The next day, Percy set off to find a new friend. He packed some fish in his bag, some to eat on the way, the rest to give as a gift.



First, he went to Italy and searched the whole of the country. But he did not find one penguin.

Next, he went to Russia and again, he searched the whole of the country. But did not find one penguin.

After that, he went to the Sahara Desert. It was extremely hot and dry and Percy began to wish he had stayed at home.



But then, just as he was about to give up looking, he came across an Oasis. And there, living among the shelter of the trees was another penguin!



Percy felt shocked and amazed. He was so excited that he rushed straight over to the penguin to say hello.

It was a King penguin. Much bigger than Percy. But still, it was another penguin and that was all that mattered to him.

“Hi, I’m so excited to meet another penguin. I’ve been looking all year and finally I’ve found one. Will you be my friend?” Percy said.

“Why would I be friends with you? You’re not even a King like me. You’re just a Little Blue.”

Percy’s face fell.

He went for a swim in the water. After such a long journey he was hot and tired, so wanted to cool down.



As he splashed around, feeling a bit better, he heard the King penguin shouting,

“Get out of there. That’s my water!”

“It doesn’t belong to you, does it? This water is for everybody,” Percy said.

“I was here first and this area is mine,” the King penguin said.

Percy got out of the water and sadly waddled away to shelter under the trees. He settled down and went to sleep.

The next day, Percy got up feeling hopeful that the Penguin would be his friend. He went over to see the King penguin when he saw him by the water eating some fish. Suddenly, Percy's stomach began to growl. He was hungry.

“Could I please have a bit of your fish?” Percy asked.

“Certainly not! Go and get your own,” said the King penguin, “and while you're at it, get me some more!”

Percy felt really sad. This was not what he had expected from another penguin.

“You are mean, bossy and you don’t like to share,” Percy said. “My real friends at home are not like this at all. I’m going home.”

He set off on the very long journey back to his home and his friends.



The first thing Percy did was go rushing over to see his friends. They were playing by the pond.

“Hello! I’m back!” Percy said.

“What are you doing here?” asked Quinten. “We thought you were going to find a better friend.”

Percy hung his head in shame.

“I found another penguin, but he was mean, he wouldn’t share and he was bossy. So, I decided to come back. Please can we be friends again?”

“Why would we want to be friends with you?”
said Sammy.

“Yeah, you left us,” said Bouncy.

“I’m sorry,” said Percy. “I realise now that I had
friends like me all along. I didn’t need to go and
find another penguin. You are the best friends a
penguin could ever want.”

Sammy the Seal, Quinten the Polar Bear and
Bouncy the Rabbit gave Percy a big hug.

“We have missed you,” they all said.

Percy was happy that his friends had welcomed
him back and he promised never to leave again

The End

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Percy the Penguin has three best friends, but none are penguins like him. Thinking he needs to find someone of his own kind to be friends with, Percy sets off on a journey that takes him far and wide on his search. Eventually, when he meets another Penguin, the experience doesn't quite turn out as Percy expected. Does he really need a new friend after all?