EVERYBODY IS SPECIAL

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In a vast prairie, a small rabbit limped. This rabbit’s name was Cocoa. On this particular summer morning, the sun was exceptionally hot. Soon Cocoa found a small, clear pond from which he could drink. Lapping with his tiny tongue, the little rabbit’s thirst was soon quenched.

He looked at his reflection in the water. All he saw was a small helpless rabbit. Before he could look at his reflection one second more, all his thoughts were bent on the rustling of grass behind him.
Suspecting it was a vicious carnivore, Cocoa tried to limp away. Discovering his leg was caught in a plant, he found it useless to try to break free, since he was crippled. Cocoa closed his eyes, cringed, and prepared for death.
Finding he was still alive, Cocoa opened his eyes and found nothing but a deer in front of him. The loving deer helped him get his leg out of the plant. She said, “What happened?” Cocoa innocently replied, “My name is Cocoa, I was born crippled. When my family left the burrow, I couldn’t keep up. I was left behind. I am sure I was just an accident.” The doe replied, “I am Daisy. Just because you are crippled doesn’t mean you don’t have a purpose in the world.” Cocoa and Daisy became best friends.
The hot days of summer soon fled,
then the chilly days of autumn left,
then came and went the snowy winters,
spring was rapidly gone.
Presently, another summer was upon them. One day, Daisy and Cocoa were taking a walk. They were walking very slowly, for the sake of Cocoa’s leg. Cocoa stopped abruptly and sniffed the air. “Forest fire!” he screamed to Daisy. “Hop onto my back. We have to warn everybody!” Daisy shouted back. They warned the rabbits in burrows, squirrels in trees, and every herbivore, omnivore and carnivore in the prairie.
When fire fighters put out the fire with their hoses and every animal was safely transported out of the prairie, every omnivore, herbivore, and carnivore began to shout, "Cocoa the Courageous! Cocoa the Courageous!" Cocoa thought to himself, "Daisy was right; everybody is made for a purpose. Even a small, crippled rabbit like me!"