**Fly High Sky**

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Sky, a young and adventurous flying squirrel who lives in the forest. Old enough to be out on his own, he sees the world he lives in as his playground, surrounded by trees that he glides to and from. He lives to travel and test his gliding limits, attempting to fly as far as he can from tree to tree, and away from home. His playtime comes to a halt when he reaches a part of the forest where all the trees have been chopped down. He looks out and sees only tree stubs for miles. Just to make things worse for young Sky, winter approaches and he is miles from home.

Being one to never give up, he remembers his “secret stash” that is a bit father than home, which would definitely be able to supply him through the winter, and decides to head that way despite the distance.

Before all this occurred, Sky was a reclusive squirrel who did not have many friends but was happy. He saw the world differently than all the other flying squirrels, always thinking what was beyond the region of the forest he called home. Being too young to explore on his own he waited patiently, eager to grow up. His family and fellow flying squirrels would always ask what was on his mind, knowing he dreamed of exploration of the world. They would caution the curious Sky about the dangers beyond the boundaries of the tree town; splinters, sunburn, and snakes just waiting for flying squirrels to miss their landings. Sky’s head however, would stay forever in the clouds. He would sneak out of the town when he could anyways, but would always mark his tail in order to find his way home. Usually to go visit his “secret stash” he would normally let the warnings of danger pass through the care zone of his brain.

Thinking back to those younger days, Sky took one last glance behind him at the vast lands of rotting tree stubs. Preparing for his long journey, he wondered to himself, *what could have possibly caused such a disaster, and what else is out there that he and his townsfolk are unaware of?* Despite the unknown, Sky knows for a fact the priority at hand is to reach his “secret stash.” Still just as curious and a bit scared, Sky takes off, totally unsure of what he may come across next on his long voyage ahead.