

Slimy the Salamander in Salisbury

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One night after a really long sleep in my muddy hole, I woke up. I had been asleep for a really long time so I was a little groggy. I saw my friend! I really wanted to go on a walk because I thought it was getting nice out. It had been cold for so many months I was happy that I got to sleep through those months. Being a cold blooded salamander made it so you could skip right over winter and get to the spring, summer and fall in Vermont.

I was so happy to be awake and see my friend. We got ready for our walk then we left. We walked all over the place for a while. We walked through mud and leaves and all sorts of stuff. Then we realized that we were so dirty! I thought, "Oh no! Mom is gonna be mad!" So, we cleaned off in some water, but then we realized that we had a lot of fun getting dirty so we walked all the way back to the mud and leaves and wanted to do it again! I turned my head and I found an even bigger mud pit. It was amazing how big it was! So me and my friend ran as fast as we possibly could and we finally got to the mud pit, I jumped in and it felt amazing! Kinda squishy, but amazing! After I got out I rolled around in the leaves and then went back into the mud and rolled around even more. It was a blast. My friend and I enjoyed it a lot!

Then I realized that it started getting dark and rainy and I thought about how we needed to get across the road. So, we ran right to the water to get cleaned off and walked a bit farther and there was a road. We weren't really supposed to cross roads alone so we were pretty scared. But we had to, so we took a big, big, deep breath and looked both ways for

vehicles and for safety and we got across the road! We needed to get to the pond for the spring and summer.

And on our way to the end of the road me and my friend saw a whole bunch of cars and lights and some weird tall animal looking things. They looked really scary and only walked on two legs, that seemed silly. Why wouldn't you just use four? Anyway, when we finally got to the end of the path the weird scary two legged tall things came closer and closer to me and my friend and we were kinda freaked out because when me and my friend started crossing we could see some of our other friends and it was weird. I didn't know what to do and neither did my friend we were both scared and a bit confused so we just kept walking but we walked slow because we had no idea what to do. Then a person came really close to me and picked me up and started petting me and all I knew was that the scary weird two legged tall thing picked me up. My friend froze then suddenly a person picked her up. We both were super confused. So I tried jumping out of the thing's hands but the thing caught my fall.

Hmmm. Maybe these weird tall creatures were helping us. They seemed to be talking to each other, yelling numbers. I think they were counting us!

The creatures that had me and my friend walked across the road and put us down gently. It was so weird we were in shock that they put us down so nicely. I was amazed because that has never happened to me before or my friend. So after they put us down we walked a few steps and then we watched the things pick more of us and yell even more numbers and then brought the other salamanders over across the road.

It was nice of the tall creatures to help us all cross the road, if they hadn't who knows what could have happened to us!