Pablo Pawdogso and The Masterpiece Mystery

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Pablo Pawdogso was a painter. One day, he finished a new painting and left it out to dry.

A squirrel named Greyfur had been watching Pablo paint, and that night he snuck into Pablo’s studio, dipped his little paws into colorful paint, and painted on top of Pablo’s beautiful work.
The next morning, Pablo came into his studio and saw that his painting was not how he left it— it was all messed up! He was furious, and threw his masterpiece into the trash.
Day after day, the same thing happened. On the fourth day, he finally stopped to inspect the ruined painting. It wasn’t just paint on top of his artwork, but little squirrel footprints!
That night, Pablo hid to see if he could catch the critter. As Greyfur snuck in, Pablo demanded, “Squirrel, why are you messing up my paintings?” Greyfur replied, “I’m sorry, I wanted to paint too. I guess I got carried away.” Pablo realized that the squirrel wasn’t trying to be mean, but painting was in his heart, just like in Pablo’s. He decided to gift Greyfur his own art supplies. To show his thanks, Greyfur gave his first painting to Pablo, his new friend.