

The Otter's Pebble



Ollie the otter wanted to bring his friend a present. On the riverbank he found a smooth blue pebble, round as a little moon.

He tucked it under his arm and swam toward Mina's home. A sudden ripple tipped him sideways, and the pebble slipped into the water. Ollie searched among the reeds, but he could not find it.

On the way back, he saw a dragonfly rest on a lily pad. He watched silver fish flash beneath the bridge and heard the river make a song around the stones.

Ollie reached Mina with empty paws. "I lost your present," he said. Then he told her everything he had seen.

Mina smiled. "Will you show me?" Together they followed the river, looking for the dragonfly, the fish, and perhaps one smooth blue pebble.



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