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The Sleepy Log at the River Bend



Sami's Bark Boat

The leaf-map glowed orange and pointed to the river. Sami had made a boat from a curl of bark, with a leaf for a sail. "Today my boat goes sailing!" he said.





Away It Floats

Sami set the boat on the shallow edge of the water. It bobbed. It twirled. Then it floated away, out past the sand, until it bumped against a big brown log and stopped.

Stay on the Sand

Sami wanted to run into the water. "Wait," said Lina. "We never go in the river on our own." Uncle Bo nodded from his rock. Then Lina squinted. "Sami... does that log have ears?"





Please, Log

Sami stood very straight on the sand. In his politest voice he called, "Excuse me, Mister Log. Please may I have my boat back?" Lina covered her giggle. Sami waited, as still as a stone.

The Log Wakes Up

The log opened one sleepy eye. Then the other eye. Then it yawned a great big yawn. It was not a log at all! "A capybara," whispered Uncle Bo. "The biggest rodent in the world, a giant cousin of a guinea pig."





Tuki's New Seat

Down flew Tuki, and landed right on the capybara's head. The capybara did not mind one bit. A little yellow bird hopped on too. Now the capybara wore a boat, a bird and a toucan, like a very silly hat.

Here You Are

Slowly the capybara walked out of the water, onto the warm sand, and lay down near Sami. The bark boat slid off, right at his feet. "Thank you," said Sami. They sat quietly side by side, not touching, just friends in the sun.





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The Boat Comes Home

At the station, Sami put his bark boat on the wonder shelf, next to the leaf, the pebble and the firefly drawing. "I asked nicely," he told Tuki. Tuki fluffed his feathers, as if he was still sitting on his comfy capybara.

THE END

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