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Morning at Home Pond

At the edge of the big pond, Frumpy sat on his favorite lily pad and unfolded his crinkly map. A row of tadpoles wiggled nearby and waited for the morning adventure report. Frumpy tipped his floppy hat and grinned. Today, the map looked extra mysterious.



A Heart on the Map

A little blue raindrop landed on the map and made one corner uncurl. There, beside a wavy line, Frumpy spotted a bright heart symbol he had never noticed before. "Aha! A hugging rock!" he whispered, already excited.



Packed for a Quest

Frumpy stuffed a snack, a string, and a shiny pebble into his leaf backpack. He straightened his vest, grabbed his map, and puffed out his chest. "Frumpy Frog, pond explorer, reporting for duty!" he announced. The tadpoles cheered with tiny splishes.



Being Into the Unknown

With one springy hop, Frumpy bounced from lily pad to lily pad toward the wiggly stream. His hat flopped over one eye, but he kept going anyway. "Boing and beyond!" he cried as dragonflies zipped overhead.



The Not-So-Huggy Rock

At Pebble Mountain, Frumpy found a smooth round rock and wrapped both arms around it. The rock stayed very rock-like. "Adventure... oops," Frumpy giggled. Just then, a tiny voice near the reeds said, "Are you hugging my thinking stone?"



A Quest Inside a Quest

Out from the grass slid Tilli the snail, carrying a worried look and a polished shell. Three baby beetles were stranded across a puddly stream bend, and Tilli did not know how to help them home. Frumpy held up the map. "A quest inside a quest!"



Boing-Splash-Ribbit-Rumble

Frumpy tried to leap to the beetles in one heroic bounce, but the lily pad squished and spun. He waved at his reflection, thinking it was a helpful pond friend, and bumped his hat on a reed. "Boing-splash-ribbit-rumble!" he laughed, dripping everywhere.



Reading Carefully

Tilli peered at the crumpled map while Frumpy wrung water from his hat. Together they noticed the heart was beside the circle for home pond, not the rock at all. The dotted trail pointed to a line of tiny stepping pebbles hidden under duckweed.



The Helpful Ferry

Frumpy placed a broad leaf across the pebbles and made a tiny ferry path. Tilli guided the baby beetles one by one while Frumpy steadied the leaf with careful toes. Soon every beetle was safely back on the path to home pond.



The Heart Means Home

That evening, Frumpy returned to the home pond with Tilli and the beetles for story time. The tadpoles giggled as Frumpy acted out the hugging rock and the splashy spin. "Now I know," Frumpy said, smiling. "The heart means home—and home is where adventures get told."



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His goal is to create fun, warm, and engaging stories that children can enjoy, parents can share, and families can read together.



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