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&
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Once upon a time there lived a heron by the edge of a big river.



Unfortunately, the heron was not a very good fisherman. He didn't like having to stand in the rapids of the river while looking for fish to eat.



His feet were always cold. And, because the river was full of stones, he kept mistaking the stones in the riverbed for fish. So, he rarely found any fish. As a result, he was always hungry.



The heron had heard a legend that there was a place far off to the east, where there was warm and foamy water that stretched beyond what the proverbial eye could see. A place where food was plentiful and easy to catch. A place where he would never go hungry. The heron dreamed that someday he would have a chance to go and live there.



One day the heron spent from morning to night trying to catch a fish, but finding only pebbles instead. He was very tired and very hungry. He wasn't having much luck with the river. He needed to try something new.

He realised that it was time to follow his dream. He would fly east to see if the legend was true.

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About the Photos

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