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Chapter 1

A Little Pond

George and Evie moved to a new house with their dad and their big sister, Claire.

In front of the house was a rose garden. Behind the house, George and Evie found a little pond.



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Every afternoon,
George and Evie went down to the pond.

If they kept very quiet,
they could see frogs and insects everywhere!

Chapter 2

Dad's Apple Trees

One day, Dad came home
with four apple trees.

"I'm going to plant these apple trees
behind the house," he said.



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Dad started to dig some holes for the trees.
But the ground was too wet and muddy,
and the holes filled up with water.

"I'll soon get this place dry," said Dad. "I'll move all the water and mud away with my shovel."

"But Dad! What about the pond?" said the children together.

"We can't have apple trees *and* a pond," said Dad. "The pond will have to go."

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