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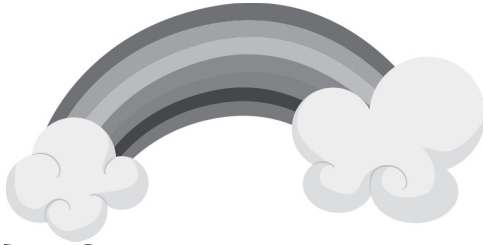
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# The Storytelling Festival



Rachel Walker skipped along the riverside path, enjoying the warmth of the sun and the scent of flowers in the air. Her best friend, Kirsty Tate, did a cartwheel beside her and laughed. It was always exciting to spend a weekend





together, but this weekend was going to be extra special. They were going to the Wetherbury Storytelling Festival, and they could hardly wait.

“Hurry up, Mom!” called Kirsty, looking back down the path. “It’s almost time!”

Their favorite author, Alana Yarn, was going to be sharing her best storytelling tips, and the girls were really looking forward to seeing her.

“Don’t worry, we won’t be late,” said Mrs. Tate with a smile. “Look, the festival tents are just up ahead. Besides, my cartwheeling days are over, Kirsty.”

“I’m never going to stop doing cartwheels, even when I’m grown up,” said Kirsty.

She grinned at Rachel.





They reached the bright festival tents, which were decorated with bunting and huge book pages.

“They look like they come from a giant’s book,” said Rachel in delight.

“I do miss getting lost in storybook worlds,” said Mrs. Tate. “The books I loved best as a child were filled with imaginary things like magic and fairies.”

