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IMAGINATION OVER KNOWLEDGE

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The little leech in the little creek

Once upon a time, deep in the heart of a dense, dark forest, there lived a small leech. Her name was Laura. She lived in a small creek in the forest and spent her days swimming and hunting for food. But Laura was different from all the other leeches in the forest, for she had a strong desire to explore and see the world beyond the murky waters of the creek in which she lived.

Despite the warnings of her fellow leeches, the small leech set out on her journey. She wriggled and wriggled through the mud, over rocks and fallen branches, always moving forward.

As she traveled, the leech encountered many strange and wonderful creatures. She saw fish and frogs, snakes and salamanders, all going about their business in the forest. But Laura the leech was not content to simply observe these creatures from a distance. No, she wanted to experience them up close and personal.

So, she began to attach herself to these creatures, using her strong suckers to cling tightly to their skin. And as she did, the leech learned all about the lives of



the creatures it encountered. Laura learned how they moved, how they ate, and even how they thought. And she got a free, easy meal.

One day, a group of hikers came to the creek to take a break and have a drink of water. As they dipped their hands in the water, Laura saw her chance and quickly attached herself to one of the hikers. She had never seen a creature like this!

The hiker, startled by the sudden sensation, quickly pulled his hand out of the water and saw the small leech clinging to his skin. The other hikers laughed, but the hiker was not amused. He tried to remove Laura, but she held on tight, determined to get her meal and to see where this weird creature would take her.

The hikers continued on their journey, but the hiker with Laura attached to him began to feel weak and lightheaded. He knew he needed to remove the leech, but he didn't know how. He tried using salt and vinegar, but nothing worked. Finally, the hikers came across a ranger station and the hiker told the ranger about Laura. The ranger knew exactly what to do and quickly removed the leech using tweezers. The hiker felt much better and the group continued on their hike.

Laura started to panic! She was far away from her home and her friends and family and she didn't know her way home. But luckily the ranger was kind and he knew a good place to bring her to. He brought her to a creek near her home and gave her a stern warning. "I know you want to see more of the world little leech, but don't attach yourself to people! They are scared of

you and will try to get rid of you in the worst ways. You got lucky this time."

Laura realized he was right and as Laura journeyed on to her friends and family, she began to realize that she was not just a simple creature of the creek, but a being with her own unique purpose and place in the world. And with this newfound understanding, when Laura the leech returned home to the creek, she shared all the information she had learned with her fellow leeches.

From that day on, the leeches of the creek looked at the world in a whole new way, and they too began to explore the forest and all its wonders. And the small leech, who had once been just an ordinary leech, became known as the wise and adventurous leech, who had shown them the way to a greater understanding of themselves and the world around them.