

Monterey Bay



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Chapter One



Morning at the Bay

Sunrise over the bay was misty. It cast the water in shimmering gold and rose. Dewdrops hung from a web stretching across the lilac bushes. A nest of curlew eggs lay in the grass below the flowers along the shore.

As the sun rose, the bay came to life. Bees buzzed, searching for nectar. Shore birds rustled in the grasses. Insects crawled and fluttered. Fish darted. Loons and their chicks dipped their webbed feet into the water. Rafts of sea otters floated arm-in-arm under the rising sun.



But not all was as peaceful as it seemed. One little bunch of otters was in a ruckus. They often were. Until recently, they had lived in a group with their mothers. But they were old enough now to group on their own. This often meant shenanigans. Otter shenanigans! The otters meant well, but they could not help making a mess of things. And this peaceful bay morning was no different. No different at all.





Chapter Two



A Rock for You, A Rock for Me

“Hey, get your own rock,” Pip snarled at Squeaky. He clutched the stone he had found in his chubby, round paws.

“Saw it first,” Squeaky answered under his breath. He was annoyed but cautious about stirring up trouble with Pip. Pip was so testy, and everyone knew who would win in a fight. Not Squeaky, that’s for sure.

A lazy golden-brown otter who was reclining on the surface lifted his head. “Find me a rock, will you?” Jojo asked no one in particular.



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When a group of young sea otters mistakes a bird's egg for a food-bashing rock, they are in for a surprise. What will they do to reunite the little hatchling with its mother? And will Pip, the grumpiest sea otter, finally learn to show his heart?

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