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WHO
FOUND
HER
VOICE

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**Dedicated to my three little boys -
Agustya, Sohum & Avyaan**

May you know that you are heard.



Once upon a time, in a village
nestled among rolling green hills,
there lived a little girl named Lila.

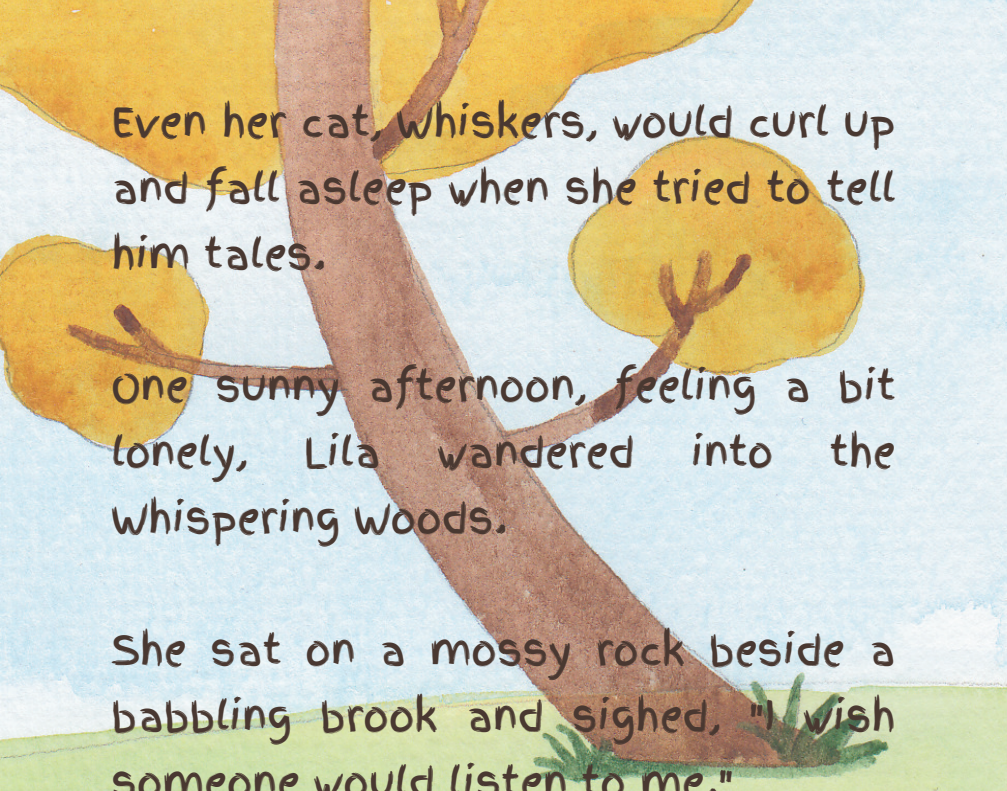
With a bright smile and eyes that
twinkled like stars, she loved to
dream and imagine.



Lila adored telling stories about dragons and dreamed of soaring like a bird. She filled her notebook with tales of wonder. But there was one problem—no one seemed to listen when she spoke.

At home, her brother was too busy playing to hear her stories. At school, her classmates talked over her.





Even her cat, Whiskers, would curl up and fall asleep when she tried to tell him tales.

One sunny afternoon, feeling a bit lonely, Lila wandered into the Whispering Woods.

She sat on a mossy rock beside a babbling brook and sighed, "I wish someone would listen to me."



Just then, a wise old owl named Oliver perched on a branch above her. "Why so glum, young one?" he hooted softly.

Startled, Lila looked up. "Hello," she replied. "I feel like no one wants to listen to me."



"Perhaps I can help," said Oliver.
"Do you know about the Seven Chatty Challenges?"

"The Seven what?" Lila asked, her eyes widening.

"They are habits that make it hard for others to listen," Oliver explained. "Would you like to hear about them?"

"Yes, please!" Lila nodded eagerly.



"First, there's Gossip Goose," said Oliver. "She spreads stories about others behind their backs. It's hard to trust someone who gossips."

"I sometimes tell stories I shouldn't," Lila admitted softly. "That's not nice."



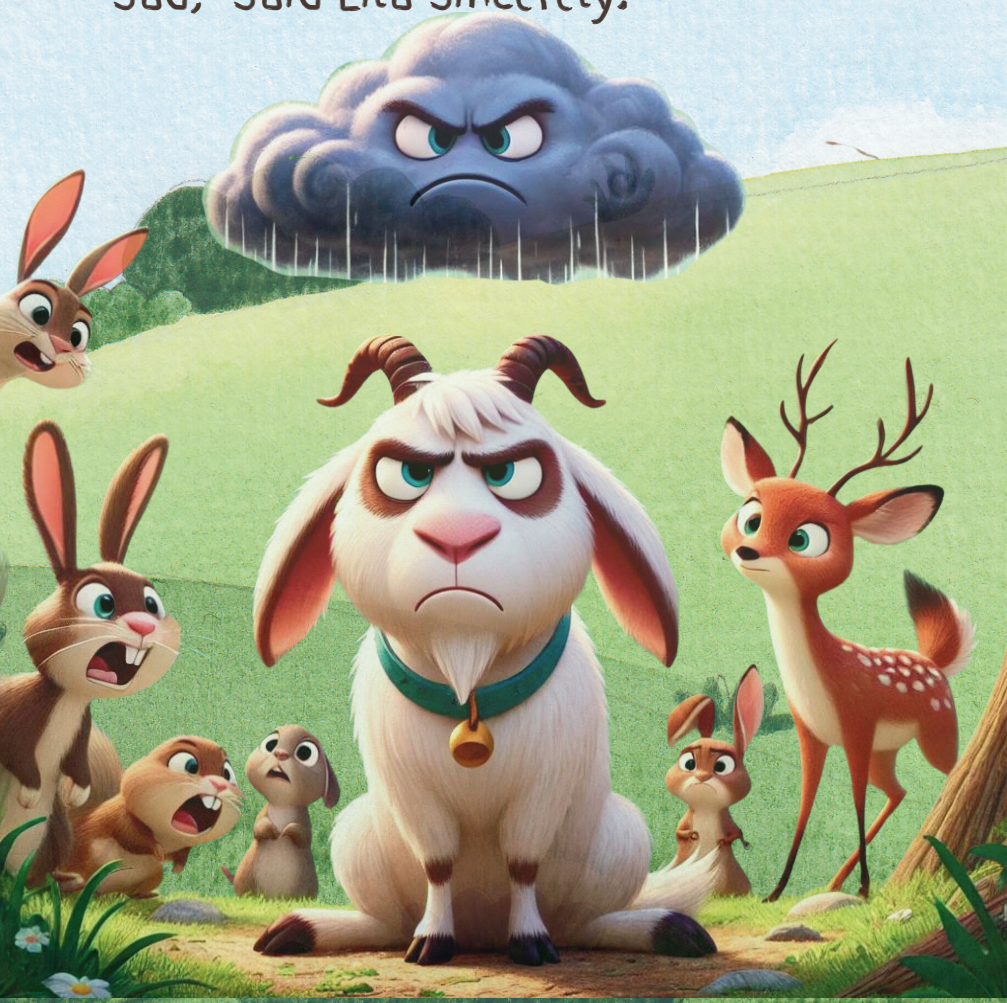
"Next is Judgy Jaguar. He points out what's wrong with everyone. People don't like feeling judged."

"I guess no one likes to be told they're wrong or that they are being judged," Lila agreed thoughtfully.



"Then there's Negative Nanny Goat," Oliver continued. "She complains about everything, making others feel sad."

"I don't want to make others feel sad," said Lila sincerely.



"Also, Excuse Elephant never admits when he's wrong. He always blames others."

"Taking responsibility is important," Lila said firmly.



"There's Exaggerating Egret, who tells tall tales that aren't true. It's hard to believe him."

"I want people to trust what I say," Lila whispered.



"And Lying Lizard, who doesn't tell the truth at all. Trust is fragile," warned Oliver.

Lila nodded solemnly. "I understand. Being honest is important."



"Finally, Bossy Bear thinks his way is the only way. He doesn't listen to others."

"I should remember to listen, too," Lila realized. "It's not just about being heard."



Lila sat quietly, absorbing Oliver's words. "I see now why people might not listen to me," she said.

"But how can I change?"

"Don't worry!" Oliver smiled kindly. "There's a way to make your voice magical."



"First, Honesty," said Oliver. "Always tell the truth, or even stay silent instead of lying or distorting the facts . When you're honest, people can trust you and will want to listen."

"I will always tell only that which I know to be true," Lila promised earnestly.



"Second, Authenticity. Be yourself!
There's no one else like you.

Share your unique thoughts and
feelings. Share your stories and
your own special way of looking at
the world"

"I like being me!" Lila giggled.
"I have so many stories to tell!"



"Remember," Oliver said, "when you speak with honesty and are true to yourself, others will want to listen."

"Thank you, Oliver!" Lila beamed. "I'll remember that

"You're welcome," Oliver hooted.
"Now go, share your stories."



with a newfound confidence, Lila skipped back home.

The next day at school, Lila took a deep breath and approached her classmates. "I have a story to share," she said, her voice clear and steady.

She spoke honestly and was herself, sharing a tale from her heart about a brave dragon who learned to be kind.

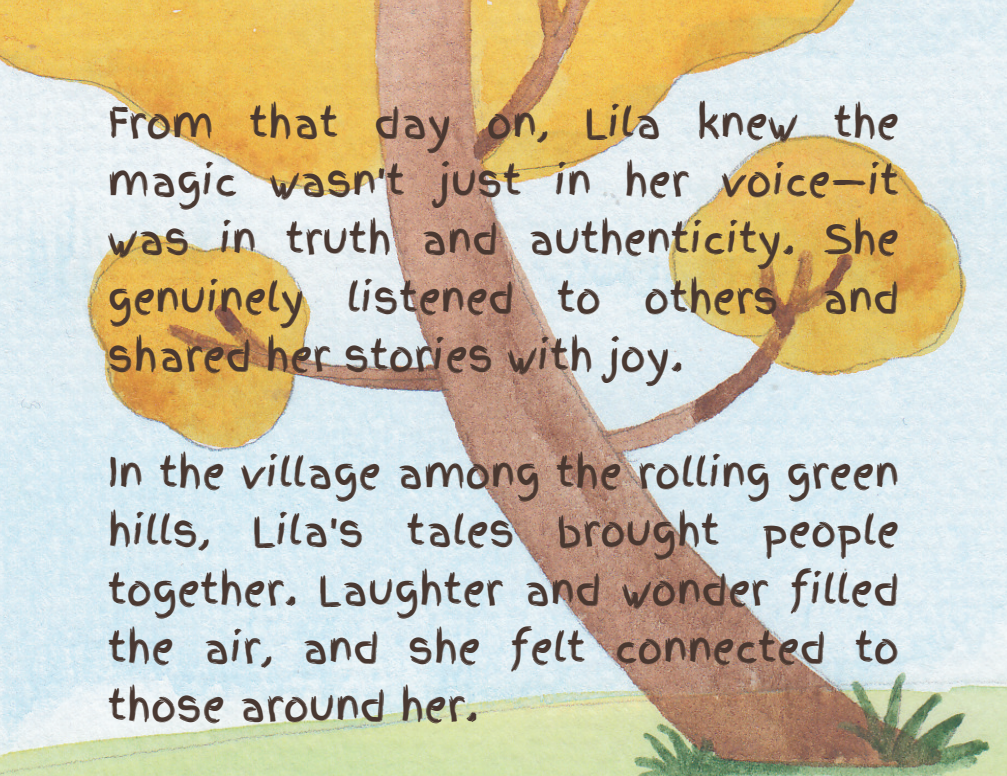


To her delight, they listened closely, laughing at the funny parts and gasping at the exciting twists. When she finished, the room burst into applause.

"That was amazing, Lila!" her friend exclaimed. "Tell us another!"

"I'd love to," Lila replied happily.





From that day on, Lila knew the magic wasn't just in her voice—it was in truth and authenticity. She genuinely listened to others and shared her stories with joy.

In the village among the rolling green hills, Lila's tales brought people together. Laughter and wonder filled the air, and she felt connected to those around her.

She realized that communication was a gift that brought people closer.



Lila knew that as long as she spoke with honesty and was true to herself, her voice would always carry magic.

And she was excited for all the stories yet to be told and heard, and all the new friends she was going to meet.





Have You Found
Your Voice Yet?





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