

The animals watched as the rock changed slowly back into a plain gray rock.

"I don't think that this is a wishing rock any more," said Lion.

"Let's see," said Zebra. "I wish for another big bowl of cereal."

The animals waited. They waited for a long time. But no bowl of cereal appeared.

Ostrich smiled. She said, "I do not need any more wishes. I still remember the music."

Then she began to hum the song.

Lion and Zebra joined her.

The three animals were happy and content, humming the song, together.



The Magic Rock



Then they heard a faint little whistling sound.

Ostrich liked to whistle.

The whistling got louder and louder as Ostrich got closer and closer.

"Hello, Lion! Hello, Zebra!" said Ostrich.



Zebra stared at the rock.

"Maybe this is a wishing rock," thought Zebra.

"If this were a wishing rock, what would I wish?"

Zebra hummed a little and thought of a good wish.

"I would wish for Lion to come walking through the tall grass," said Zebra out loud.

"What did you say? I think I heard you say my name, but I cannot hear you very well," said Lion from far away.

Zebra heard Lion's voice. Lion was making a HHH-hhh HHH-hhh HHH-hhh sound as he ran toward Zebra.

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"Hello, Zebra!" cried Lion.

"I thought I heard you say my name, so I ran over quickly to see what you had to say."

When the music stopped, Ostrich and Lion and Zebra all sat down to rest.

They were smiling and humming and remembering the lovely music.

Then, they looked at the magic blue rock.

It was changing colors.

It did not look quite so blue any more.



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Zebra tasted the cereal. It was SO yummy.

Lion tasted the cereal. "This is the tastiest cereal I have ever eaten!" cried Lion.

Both animals ate and ate until the cereal was gone.

"What shall we wish for now?" asked Zebra.

"Maybe we should wish for another friend to join us!" answered Lion. "I haven't seen Ostrich in a while. Let's wish to see Ostrich and see what happens."

Lion looked at Zebra and nodded his head so that they would both wish at the same time.

"We wish to see Ostrich!" they cried.

Then they waited.

They could hear the wind blowing the tall grass.

They could hear the *swish swish* of the grass.

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Lion and Zebra said, "Yes! Make a wish!"

"I wish for some music!" said Ostrich.

Suddenly, the three animals heard the loveliest sounds. The sounds came from the grass. The sounds came from the trees. The sounds came from all around.

The music made the animals very happy.

They began to dance.



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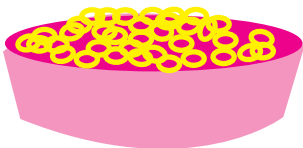
Lion and Zebra were very excited.

They thought of many things that they would like to wish for.

Zebra said, "We could wish for some delicious food. I am very hungry."

Lion said, "Good idea! Let's wish for some cereal!"

And as soon as Lion said the word, a large bowl of delicious cereal appeared, right there in the grass.



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One fine day, Zebra decided to go for a walk.

He walked through some very tall grass.



The wind was blowing and the grass was making a *swish swish* sound.

Zebra like the swish swish sound. The sound made Zebra want to hum. So he hummed a little hum as he walked.

Swish Swish

Hmmm Hmmm Hmmm

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"I DID say your name, Lion," said Zebra.

And Zebra told Lion about finding the blue rock, and wondering if it was a Wishing Rock, and saying his wish out loud.

Lion looked at the rock.

"Well, that rock certainly is BLUE. But I don't know if it is a WISHING ROCK. Perhaps I should make a wish. Hmmm..."



Then Lion said, with very big roar, "I WISH THAT IT WOULD RAIN!"

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Zebra was walking along quite happily, but he was NOT watching where he was going.

“OUCH!”

He bumped into something.

He looked down. He saw a big blue rock.

“I’ve never seen a blue rock before,” said Zebra.

“I wonder if this blue rock is special.”



Zebra and Lion were VERY excited.

Zebra said to Ostrich, “I found this blue rock. It is a wishing rock. I wished to see Lion, and along came Lion.”

Lion added, “I wished for some food, and a large bowl of cereal appeared.”

Zebra and Lion both said, “Then we wished to see YOU, Ostrich, and here you are!”

Ostrich was amazed. She looked closely at the blue rock. Indeed, she had never seen a blue rock like this before.

She asked if SHE could make a wish.



Lion waited.

Slowly, clouds moved in from the west.

The clouds were gray and big.

As soon as the clouds were right over Lion and Zebra, it started to rain!

