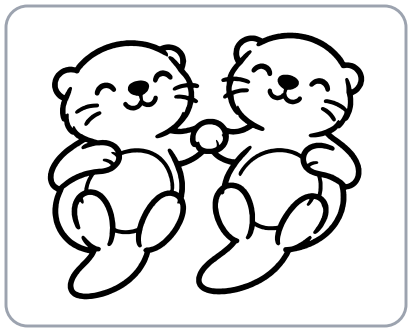
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A Story Series

Read the story about Pip and Moss. Then answer the questions.

Book 1: Holding Paws



Pip and Moss were two young sea otters who lived in a quiet bay on the edge of a kelp forest. Every evening, the otters floated on their backs and watched the sky turn pink and orange.

But one night, Pip could not fall asleep. "What if the water carries me away while I am sleeping?" she asked. "I could wake up all alone, far out at sea."

Moss thought for a moment. Then he reached out and took her paw. "Now we cannot drift apart," he said. He wrapped a long ribbon of kelp around them both, like a blanket. Pip squeezed his paw and smiled. Before long, both otters were fast asleep, rocking gently on the waves.

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1. What was Pip afraid of?

drifting away while she slept the pink and orange sky the kelp forest

2. How did Moss help Pip? What does that show about him?

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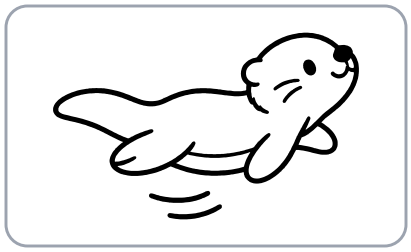
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Book 2: The Storm



One afternoon, dark storm clouds came rolling over the bay. The wind howled through the kelp forest, and enormous waves crashed against the rocks along the shore. Moss clung to a slippery strand of kelp, shaking from his whiskers to his tail. “The waves are much too big!” he cried.

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A wave rose up in front of them, as tall as a house. Pip grabbed Moss's paw, and together they dove beneath it. Under the surface, everything was quiet and still. When they popped back up, the wave had already rolled past them. Wave after wave, the two friends dove together until the storm was over. “You were brave,” said Moss, and Pip answered, “So were you.”

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1. How is Book 2 different from Book 1?

This time Moss is afraid and Pip helps him.

This time the otters live in a river.

This time Pip is all alone.

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Moss had found the perfect rock for cracking clams. It was flat and smooth, and it fit right on his belly. “I bet I can crack more clams than you,” he told Pip. “Let's have a contest!”

The two otters dove down to the sandy bottom of the bay and came back up with their paws full of clams. Moss banged his clams against his rock as fast as he possibly could, cracking one after another. Pip worked slowly and carefully, and she stopped to enjoy every single bite.

Before long, Moss had an enormous pile of cracked clams, but he was far too tired to eat any of them. While he was resting, a flock of hungry seagulls swooped down and gobbled up half his pile. Moss groaned. “I won the contest, but I lost my lunch,” he said. Pip laughed and shared her clams with him.

1. What was the problem with Moss's way of cracking clams?

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2. Which lesson fits this story best?

Seagulls are good friends.

Never eat clams.

Being fastest is not always best.

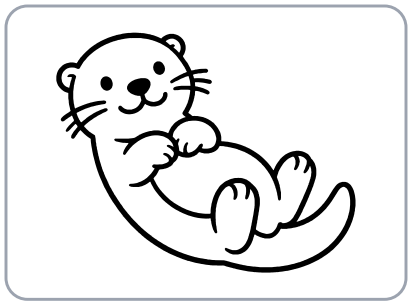
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Kip shared his clams.

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Compare the Books

Think about all four books about Pip and Moss. Then answer the questions.

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3. How does Book 4 connect back to Book 1?

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4. Which theme do most of the books share?

Contests are fun.

Storms are dangerous.

Friends help and care for each other.

5. Which book is the most different from the others? Explain.

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Compare Books in a Series

Read three books about the same characters. Compare them.

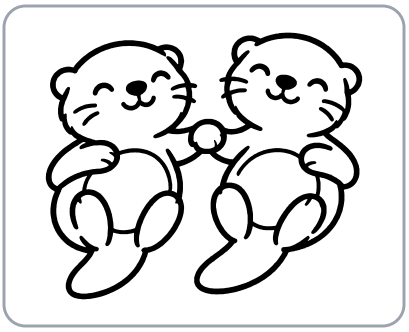
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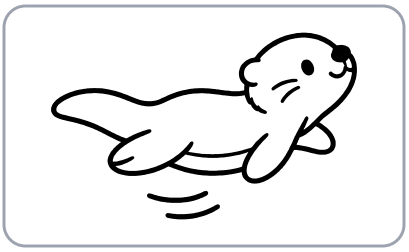
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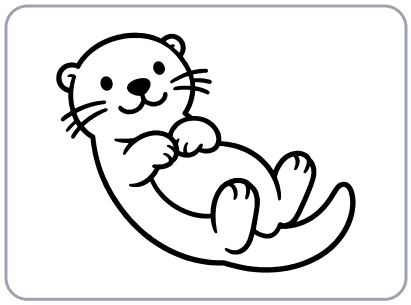
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In both, one otter is scared and the other helps by holding a paw.

3. How does Book 4 connect back to Book 1?

Moss remembers when Pip was afraid of drifting, and they all hold paws and wrap in kelp like in Book 1.

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Book 3, because it is a contest and no one is scared; Moss learns that being fastest is not always best.

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