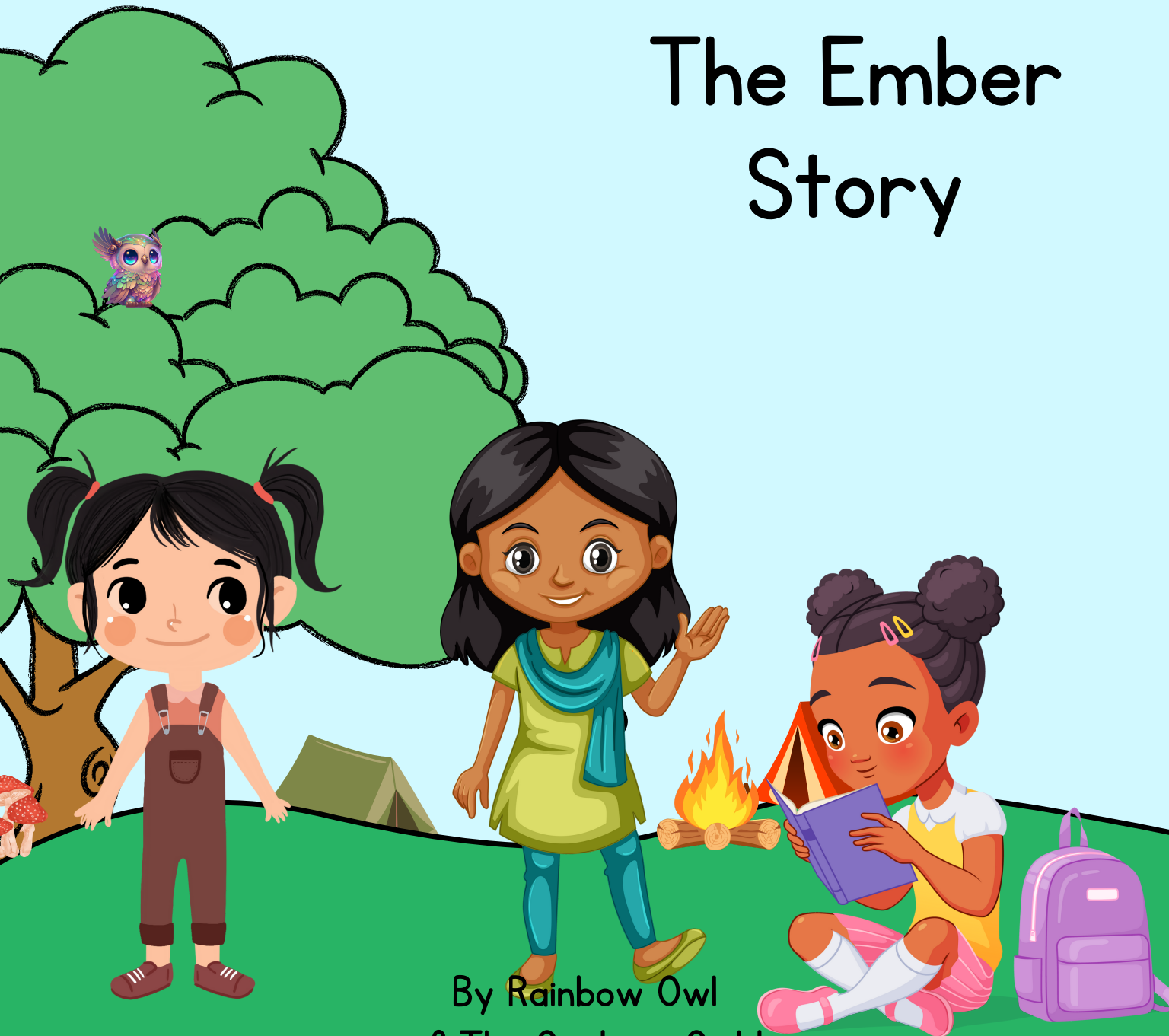


The Ember Story



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Juliette, Olave, and Agnes met at summer camp and quickly became friends. On their second to last evening at camp, the Junior Leaders helped them build their campfire. As they watched the fire glow, they sang songs and shared their favorite memories from camp. They talked about the morning they gave one another the courage to jump off the dock and into the lake, the afternoon they made and traded friendship bracelets, and the night they told stories under the stars to comfort someone who was feeling sad.



As the fire turned to embers, it started to sparkle and crackle, speaking to the friends in a magical whisper.

"Throughout this summer, you have been brave and thoughtful problem solvers," said the voice.

"You each have powerful kindness and bright potential burning inside of you, just like the embers within a fire."

The girls gasped. "The fire just spoke!" Olave exclaimed. "And what it said is true," added Agnes.

"We are like embers!"

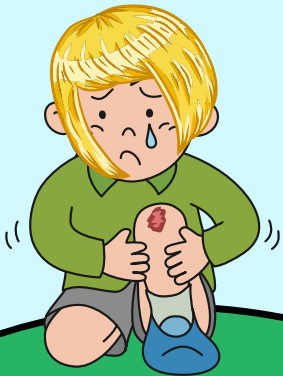
Inspired by the fire's words, they decided to extend their acts of kindness before camp concluded.



Their first act of kindness came when they found a fellow camper in tears. Her knee was all scraped up from learning to ride her bike. Olave, with her first aid skills, tended to a small cut, bringing a smile to the camper's face.

Next, they heard a duckling's cry and found it trapped behind a fallen branch. They carefully moved the branch, allowing the duckling to return to the water, celebrating with a high-five.

But their kindness didn't stop there. Along the lakeside, they noticed litter scattered about. The group cleaned quickly, using gloves and a trashbag from their backpack, singing their favourite songs to make the job a bit more fun. The sun was setting as they finished tidying up.





Tired, Olave took a nap under a shady tree next to a magical toadstool fairy ring. In her dreams, a Rainbow Owl led her deep into the Friendly Forest to the same lake they had cleaned earlier. Rainbow Owl revealed a secret: within every child resides a mischievous yet kind and adventurous elf. Good deeds, like the embers that brighten when fanned by Rainbow Owl's wings, make this elf stronger. Rainbow Owl instructed Olave to look in the lake's reflection, chanting, "Twist me and turn me and show me an elf!" Olave replied, "I look into the water and I see...myself!" Though Olave awoke to find it was just a dream, she felt transformed somehow. She also thought the Rainbow Owl's voice was an awful lot like the one from the fire last night!

With the sun setting, they
returned to the campfire,
witnessing the embers
transform into beautiful
gems. Rainbow Owl's voice
whispered once more,
gifting them these magical
embers as a reminder of
their potent potential.

In their tent that night,
the three friends marveled
at the gems and decided to
share their experiences,
encouraging others to join
them as Embers, magical
fairy folk always ready to
lend a hand and embark on
adventures. With Rainbow
Owl's guidance and the
magic of the toadstool,
gems, and mystical lake,
they aimed to inspire more
acts of kindness and self-
discovery in the world.

