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## THE LIFE OF A RIVER

One day, a small crevice opened in the mountain, and the water that had been quietly working its way down poured out. How beautiful, thought that rivulet of water, which, although small, was quite portentous, and with leaps and bounds and slides began to flow down the mountain. He was curious to discover the world of making new acquaintances and glided as he looked around. On the way down, he encountered tall trees and small plants whose roots he could feel reaching out to him to sip some of his water. But the little rivulet had no time to get acquainted, and waving joyfully, he ran off. All kinds of animals visited him: birds, insects, and small foxes. As he descended, he felt himself growing stronger and bigger as he ran and jumped over large and small differences in altitude. When he reached a green and shady forest, he heard a voice similar to his own. A gurgling, familiar lapping sound.

On his left, he saw another stream coming towards him, which plunged into him with an agile leap. Their waters mingled, and he no longer knew where he and the other one were; together, they felt stronger, and with more energy, they continued their descent. When, to their right, another bubbling torrent joined their race. The stones rolled along the bottom as the swimming fish tickled them. All three of them together formed a mighty mass of water; they had become a perilous river, swirling down the hills, descending further and further until, in the distance, a vast blue expanse appeared. "What's that?" asked the first little rivulet to the other brothers: "That's the sea!" they shouted back to overcome their own roar, and with force, they pushed themselves into that huge mass. The salt mingled with their fresh water, and for a moment, he had a strange feeling, but then he was one and felt immensely happy.



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