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There was a duck who had five ducklings. The youngest one was called Yellow Duckling.
Yellow Duckling’s sisters liked sports but she did not.
One day Mother Duck decided to teach her daughters to swim, but Yellow Duckling was not interested and instead kept on fooling around.
Mother Duck told her children to be brave in the water.
She was happy to see her first and second daughters follow her instructions jumping into the water.
Her third and fourth daughters were also brave. They were not afraid of the strong wind and the waves.
But Yellow Duckling, who had done little physical training, dared not jump into the water.
Sister Wild Goose flew by and told her to be brave.
With all her courage Yellow Duckling then jumped into the water.
While she was wading through the water something suddenly caught Yellow Duckling's foot. Her heart was beating fast and she cried out, "Snake, water snake!"
Her mother and sisters rushed over and found that it was nothing more than a long blade of waterweed.
They all burst into laughter, with Yellow Duckling joining in, too, her cheeks flushed with shame.
Yellow Duckling then made up her mind to become a good swimmer. Every day she practised swimming without fear of the strong wind and the waves.
By summer Yellow Duckling had become strong and skillful in swimming.
It was time for a swimming contest and all the little ducklings and geese gathered to the spot.
As soon as Sister Wild Goose gave the signal, the participants jumped into the water.
Little Goose, swimming ahead of all the others, looked triumphant and was sure she would win.
But Yellow Duckling did not lose hope and continued to swim with added effort. At last she surpassed Little Goose.
Everyone was glad to see that Yellow Duckling had won the championship.
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