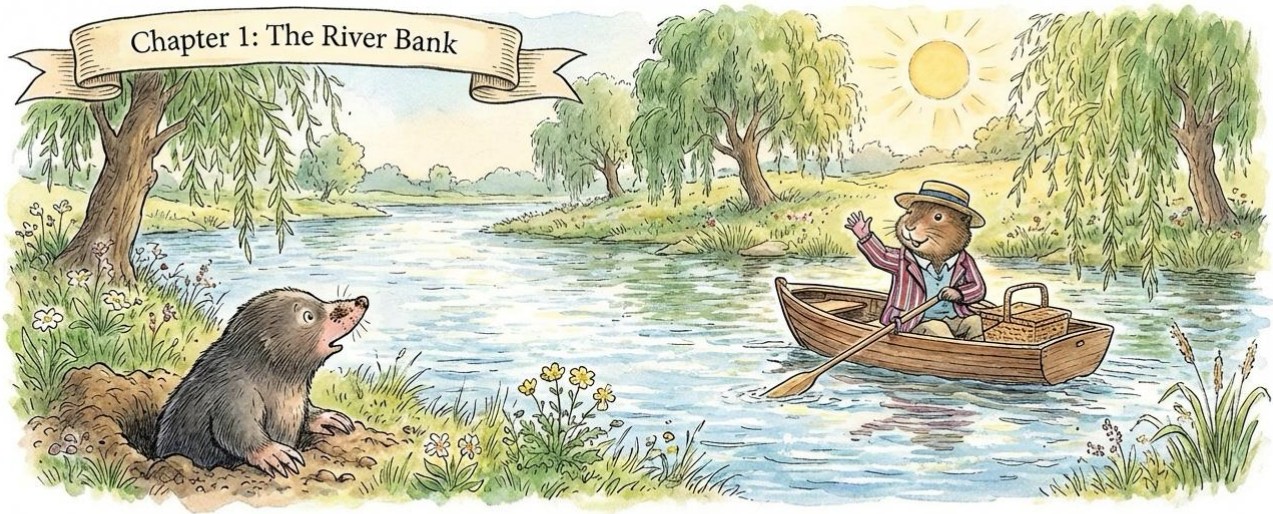


Chapter 1: The River Bank



Mole was tired of cleaning his dark home.
He dug up to the bright sun. He saw a wide river.
He had never seen a river before!

Rat rowed a little boat.

"Hello!" said Rat. "Want a ride?"

Mole got in the boat. He loved the river!
They ate food by the water. They became best
friends.

"Nothing is better than messing about in boats!"
said Rat. Mole agreed.

Chapter 2: The Open Road



Mole wanted to meet Badger. Badger lived in the Wild Wood.

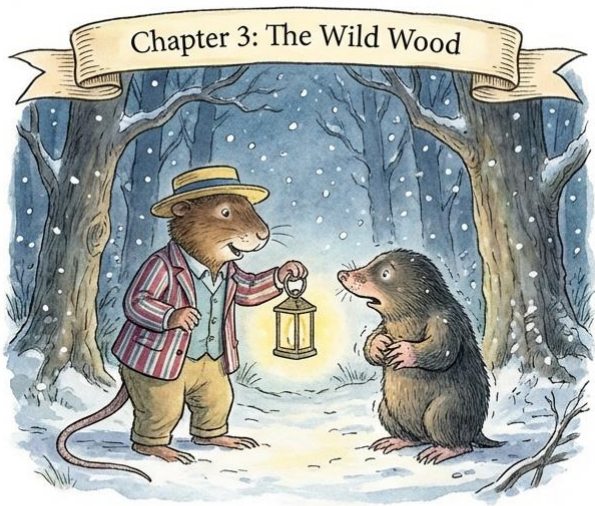
Rat said, 'No! Badger is grumpy. Wild Wood is scary. Animals there are not nice.'



But Mole was curious. One day, Mole went to the Wild Wood alone. It got dark. Mole was scared. Strange eyes watched him! Mole hid. Rat woke up.

Mole was gone! Rat knew Mole went to the Wild Wood. Rat took a stick and ran to find his friend.

Chapter 3: The Wild Wood



Rat found Mole in the Wild Wood.
Mole was shaking.
"I'm sorry!" said Mole.



Snow started to fall. They were lost! They walked and walked. They bumped into a door. It was Badger's door. Badger let them in. His home was warm and safe. Badger was kind. He gave them food and dry clothes. They slept safely.

Chapter 4: Mr. Toad



Toad was rich. He lived in a big house called Toad Hall. Toad loved new things. First, he loved boats. Then he loved carts. Now he loved cars! Toad saw a shiny new car. "Poop-poop!" said the car. Toad bought it.



Toad drove the car. He drove too fast! CRASH! The car broke. Toad laughed. "Cars are fun!" he said. Rat and Mole worried about Toad.

Chapter 5: Toad's Adventures



Toad took a car! He drove very fast. Police chased him! Toad crashed again. He went to jail! Oh no!



Toad was sad in jail. A kind girl helped him. She gave him washerwoman clothes. Toad put on the clothes. He escaped!



Toad ran away. He needed to get home to Toad Hall.

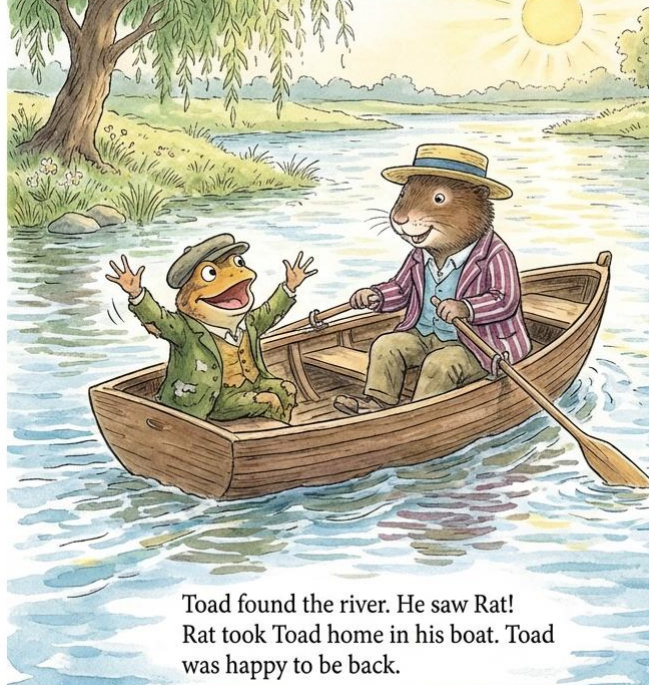
Chapter 6: The Further Adventures of Toad



Toad walked a long way. He got a ride on a train.
He met the driver. He told the driver stories.



But police were on the train! Toad jumped off! He hid.



Toad found the river. He saw Rat!
Rat took Toad home in his boat. Toad
was happy to be back.

Chapter 7: The Return of Toad



Bad news! Weasels and Stoats lived in Toad Hall now! They were having a loud party inside. Toad was angry!
“My house!” he cried.
Badger knew a secret tunnel to Toad Hall.



Badger, Rat, Mole, and Toad crawled through the dark tunnel. They came up inside Toad Hall! They surprised the Weasels and Stoats! The bad animals were scared. They ran away! Toad Hall was free!

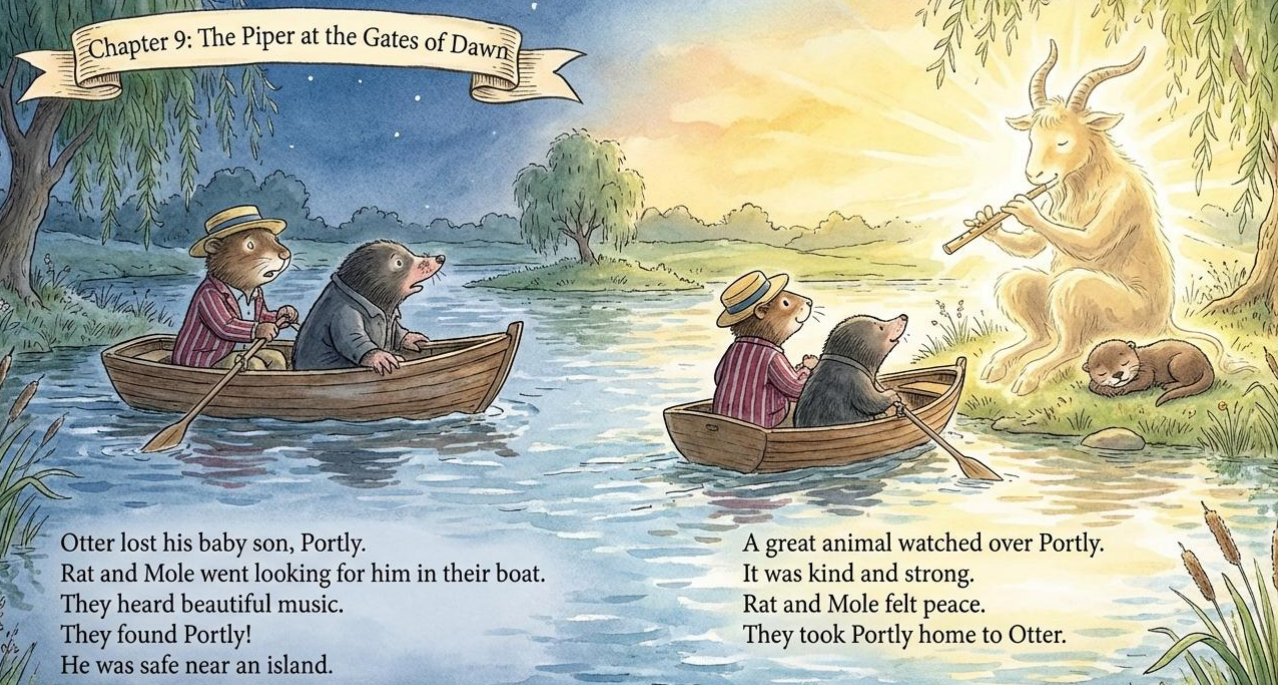
Chapter 8: Wayfarers All



Summer was ending. Birds flew south.
Rat felt restless. He wanted to travel too.
A Sea Rat told Rat stories about faraway
places.
Rat wanted to go.

Rat wanted to go.
But Mole found Rat. Mole helped Rat
remember his happy home by the river.
Rat decided to stay. He was happy with
his friends.

Chapter 9: The Piper at the Gates of Dawn



Otter lost his baby son, Portly.
Rat and Mole went looking for him in their boat.
They heard beautiful music.
They found Portly!
He was safe near an island.

A great animal watched over Portly.
It was kind and strong.
Rat and Mole felt peace.
They took Portly home to Otter.

Chapter 10: Toad Triumphant



Toad Hall was safe.
Toad said sorry for being silly.
He promised not to take cars anymore.
Toad gave a big party!
He thanked his friends: Mole, Rat, and Badger.

Mole, Rat, and Badger.

The friends ate good food.
They were happy together by the river.
Mole thought, "This is the best life!"