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As Beverly followed the path, watching for Cody Coyote, she found herself in the meadow, which is an open, grassy area with few places to hide. She still could not find her pond. Suddenly she looked up and saw a red creature flying and calling to her.

“I am Carl Cardinal and I am the state bird of Ohio. Are you lost? Follow me. I will show you the way home.”



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Beverly followed Carl through the meadow. Suddenly, there it was---her pond! Above her was another small bird who seemed to never stop flying. The bird told Beverly that she was Sweetie Swift, and she lived in a tower that looked like a chimney, Sweetie called to Beverly to run faster, because Cody Coyote saw her and was following her. Beverly ran as fast as she could, but beavers cannot run very fast on land, so Cody was getting closer and closer.

