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Bo's New Discovery

Mala jumps up, tongue out, wagging her tail. She runs into the brush, and I'm not far behind. The woods feel like welcoming hosts to me, just silent and free. Every little rustle of the leaves makes me feel secure. As we trek along, the lush, bushy greenery provides the perfect shade.

It doesn't matter how different Mala and I are, both of us sniff around. Mala uses her keen nose, and I use my dangling trunk, ready to explore. Mala and I venture deeper into the woods. We are each other's company. Further ahead, I can see the sun breaking between the trees and reflecting off something shiny. Trumpeting to Mala, I break into a run, my rough skin brushing against the leaves. Right in front of me now, lies a calm and serene natural pool. I rush in, excited to have found a new place to splash water on my ears to cool down. I trumpet to Mala, saying "Look! Another place to swim! Isn't it great?" *This pool has been here all along, and it was hidden from me the whole time! It is surprising how a simple walk can turn into an adventure.* Mala, panting, dives in with me. I dunk my trunk into the water and suck the water through my trunk and spray it into my mouth. Quenching my thirst, I gulp the refreshing water down.

Drip, drip, drip, Mala's fur is damp and wet, but she grins and shakes her head hard, sending water droplets spraying everywhere. As soon as we get out, Mala yaps and jumps around me as if she's saying "Thank you, Bo". I smile back and chirp with joy. We walk out of the woods together, and I feel glad this is my home.