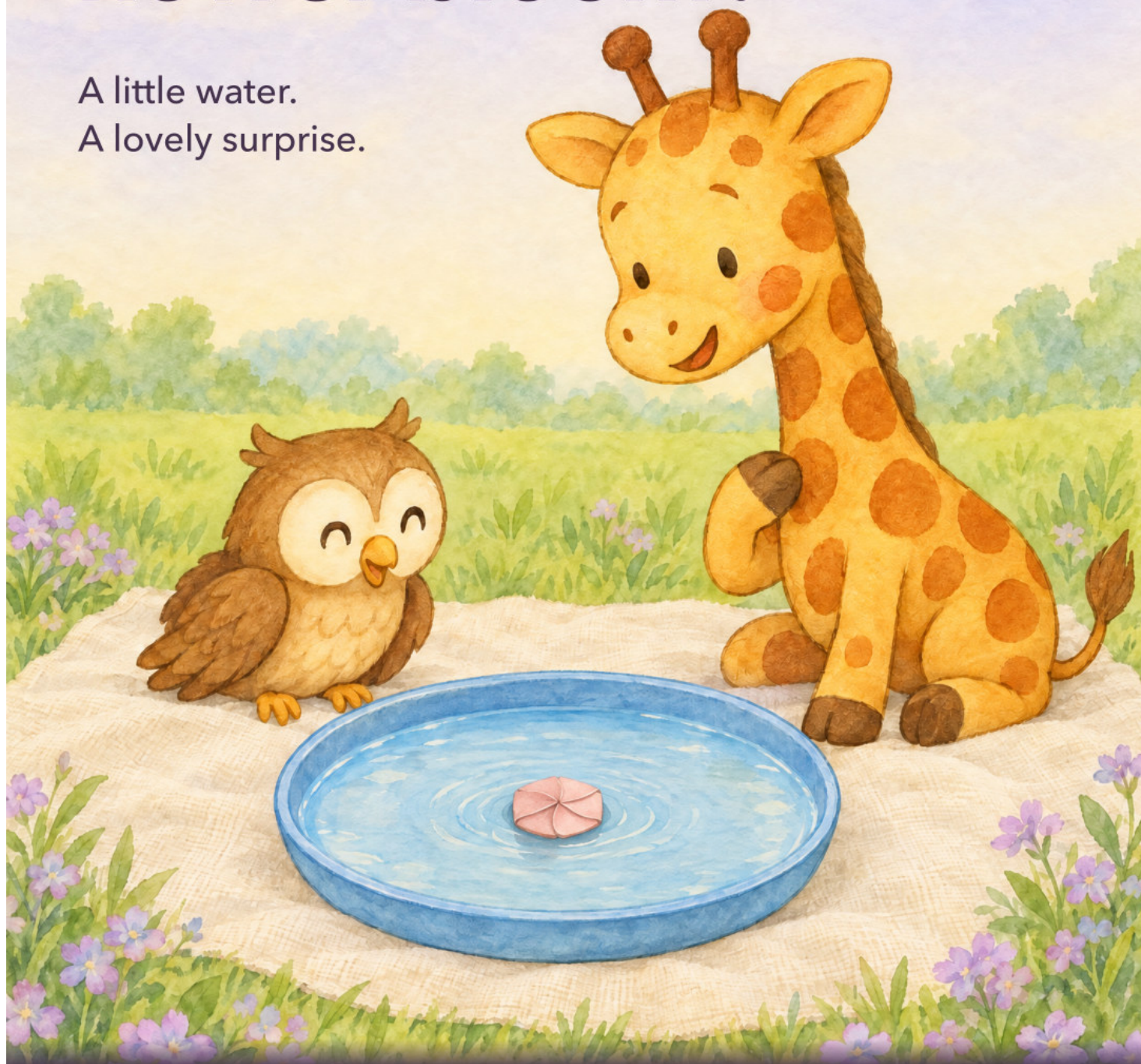


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Can a paper flower bloom?

A little water.
A lovely surprise.



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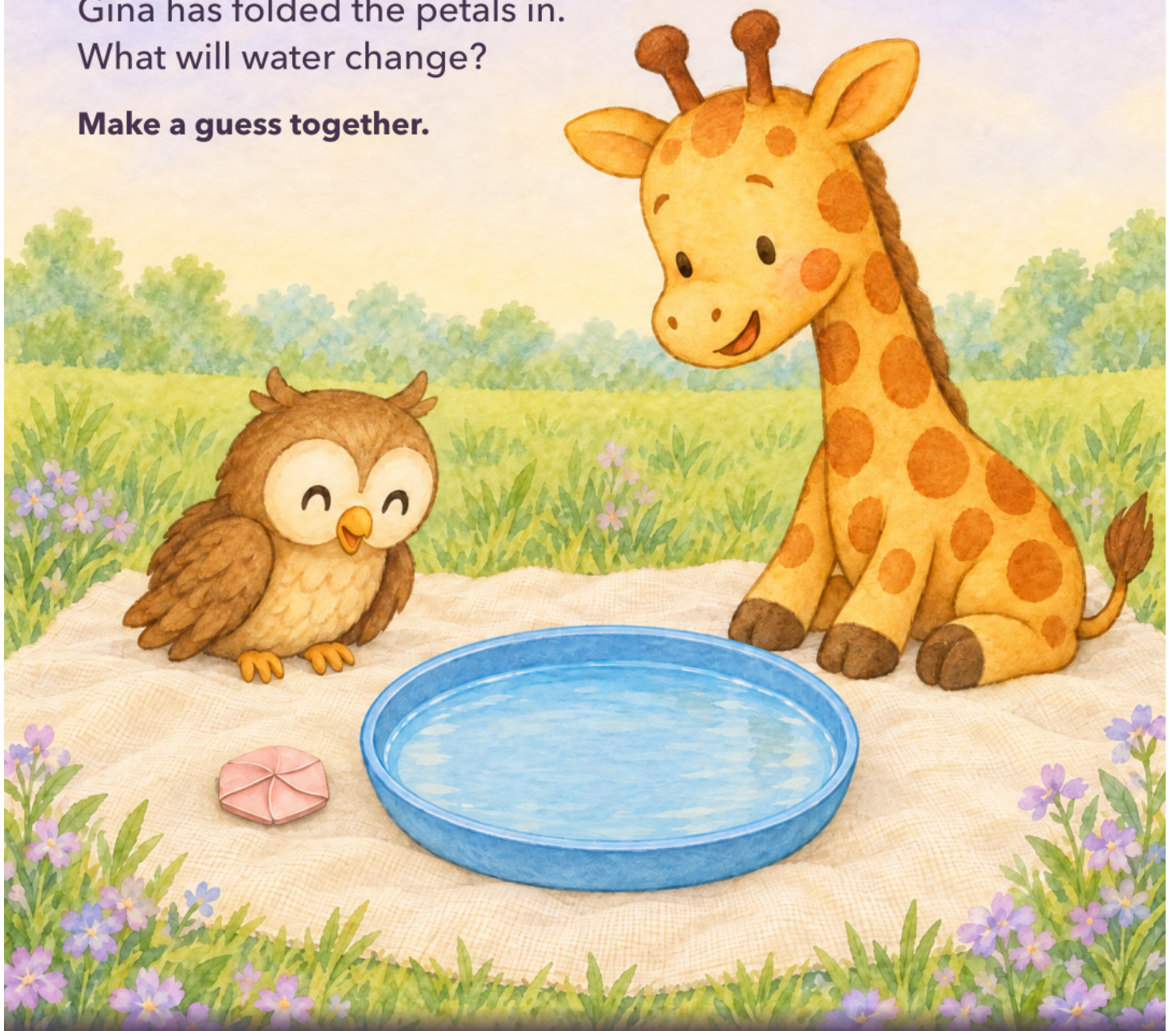
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GUESS BEFORE YOU SWIPE

Stay shut... or open?

Gina has folded the petals in.
What will water change?

Make a guess together.

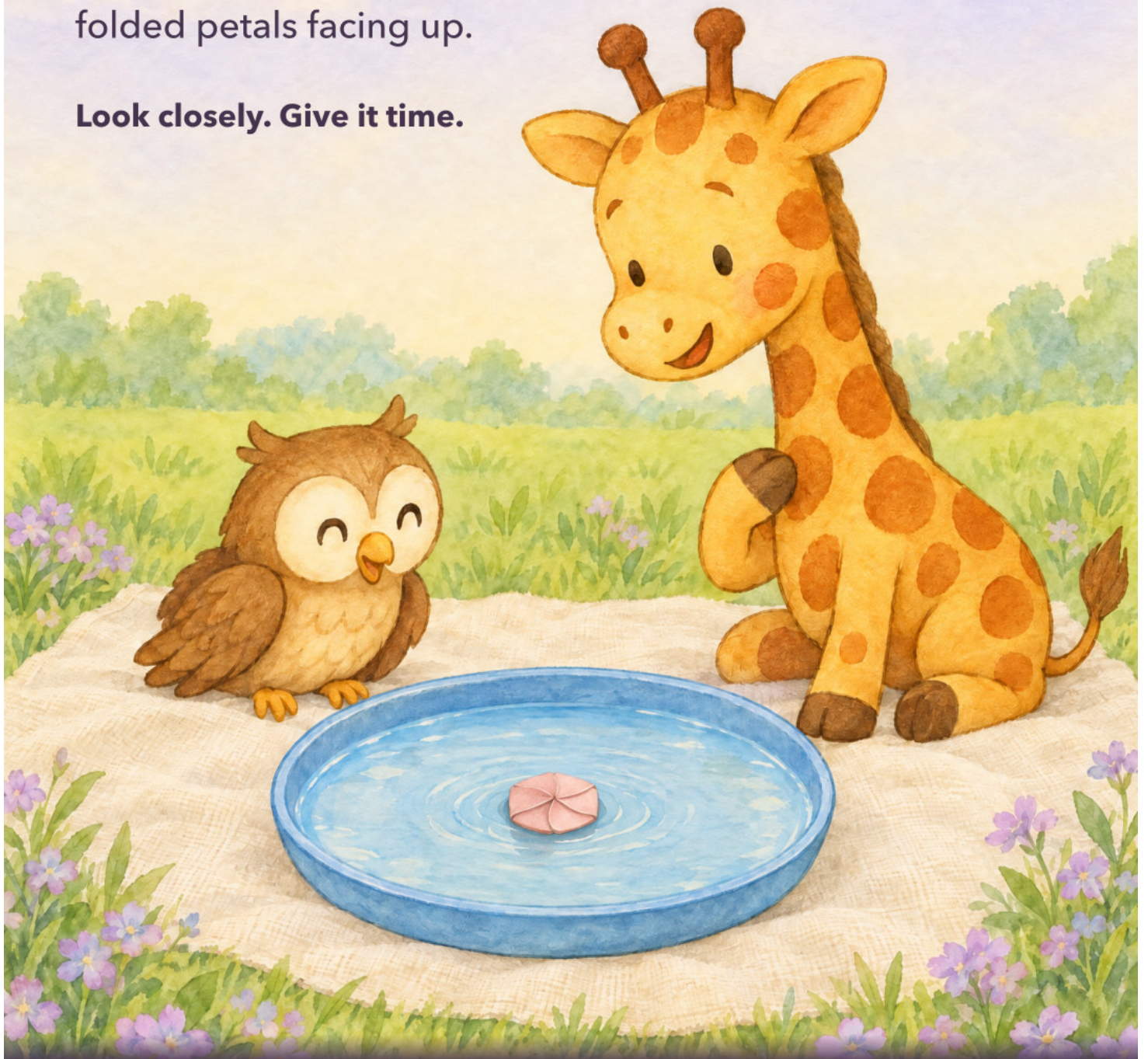


TRY ONE SMALL CHANGE

Float. Then wait.

Gina sets it on the water,
folded petals facing up.

Look closely. Give it time.



WATCH WHAT CHANGES

Hello, petals!

The folds relax.
The petals open out.

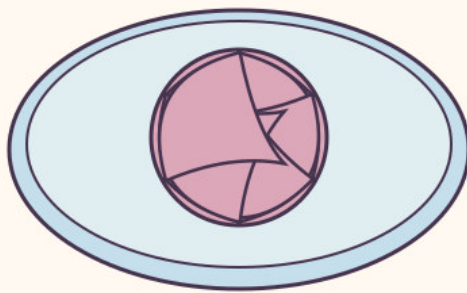
Same paper. A new shape.



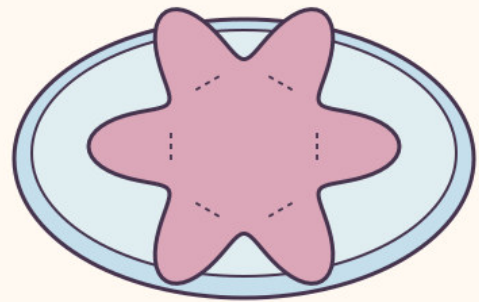
THE PART TO REMEMBER

Water wakes the folds.

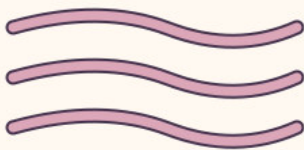
Paper has tiny fibers.
They take in water and swell.
The folds can relax and open.



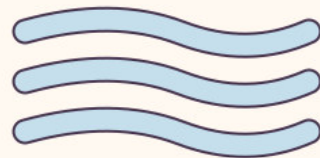
FOLDED



OPENED



DRY FIBERS



WET FIBERS

Simplified view

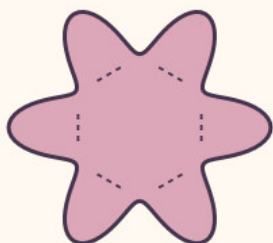
It unfolds. It does not grow.

TRY IT TOGETHER

Make a paper bloom.

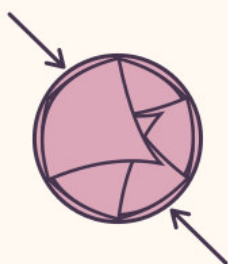
With an adult: plain paper, scissors,
a shallow unbreakable dish and cool water.

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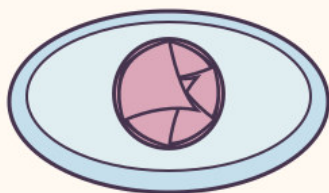
Ask an adult to cut a flower with broad, separate petals. Plain printer paper works.

2



Fold each petal inward over the center. Keep the folds gentle; no glue.

3



Add shallow water to the dish. Float the flower, folds up. Wait without pushing petals.

Which petal opens first?

Adult handles scissors and stays close.
Wipe spills; empty the dish when finished.

KEEP EXPLORING TOGETHER

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