

# A Tale of Two Feathers

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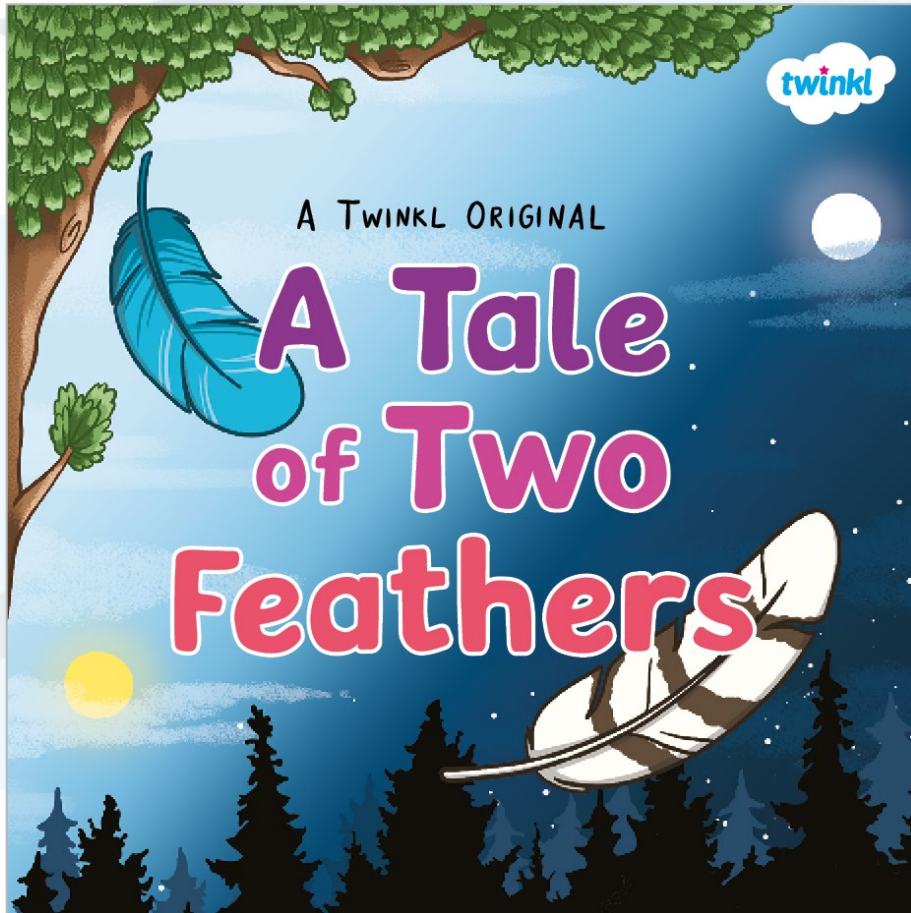


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Read the book 'A Tale of Two Feathers' and look at the illustrations.

To see a question about the story, click this button:





What do you think this book is going to be about?



Do you think it is fiction or non-fiction?



Who might the main characters be?





Otis Owl and Kia Kingfisher  
both find mysterious feathers.  
Who do they belong to?

After searching day and night, they  
each find a feathered friend to  
help them solve the puzzle.



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Who do you think the feathers might belong to?



How do you think the puzzle might be solved?



What does 'nocturnal' mean?



Can you spot any of these animals in the book?





One starry night, Otis Owl was sitting high in the trees, hunting for a tasty mouse. Suddenly, he spotted a shiny blue feather.

'I've never seen this sort of feather before,' he thought. 'I wonder who it belongs to...'



Why is Otis Owl awake at night time?

He asked his friend, Nabila Nightjar, "Have you seen any birds with feathers like this?"

"I've never seen this sort of feather before," said Nabila.  
"Why don't you ask Nigel Nightingale?"



What do you notice about the feathers on Otis Owl and Nabila Nightjar? What sort of colours are they?



Otis took the feather to his friend, Nigel Nightingale.  
"Have you seen any birds with feathers like this?"  
he asked.

"I've never seen this sort of feather before," said Nigel.  
"Why don't you ask Candace Corncrake?"



Do you think Candace Corncrake will have the answer?



Otis flew to see his friend, Candace Corncrake. "Have you seen any birds with feathers like this?" he asked.

"I've never seen this sort of feather before," said Candace. "Why don't you get some rest and search some more tomorrow night?"



The sun was starting to rise and the night was nearly over. Otis returned to his tree and settled down to sleep.

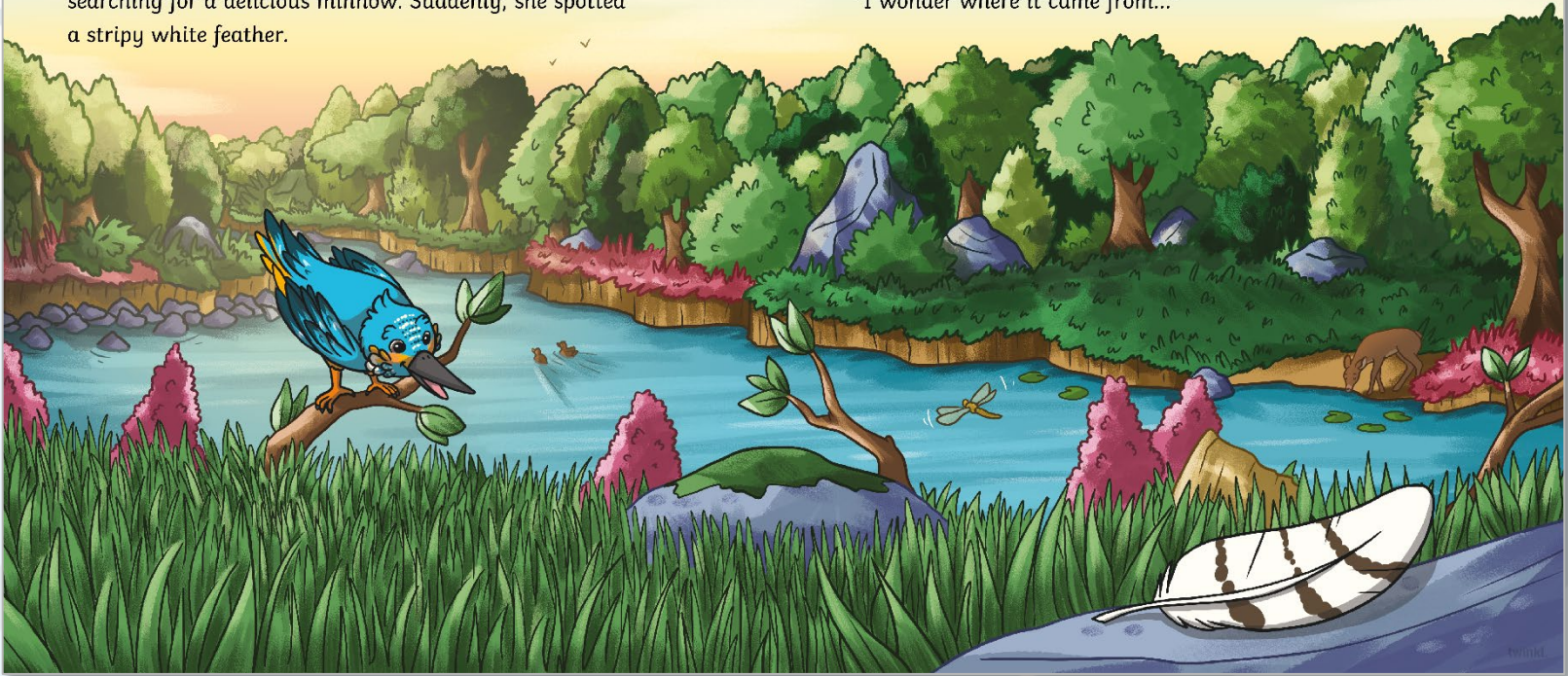


How does Candace know that it's nearly time for Otis to go to sleep?



That morning, Kia Kingfisher was sitting by the river, searching for a delicious minnow. Suddenly, she spotted a stripy white feather.

'I don't know any birds with feathers like this,' she thought. 'I wonder where it came from...'



What do you notice about Kia Kingfisher's feathers?



She asked her friend, Wilma Woodpecker, "Do you know who might have dropped this feather?"

"I don't know any birds with feathers like this," said Wilma.  
"Why don't you ask Billy Blue Tit?"



Who do you think might have dropped the feather?



Kia took the white feather to her friend, Billy Blue Tit. "Do you know who might have dropped this feather?" she asked.

"I don't know any birds with feathers like this," said Billy. "Why don't you ask Bertie Bullfinch?"



Why do you think Kia and her friends have never seen a feather like this before?



Kia flew to see her friend, Bertie Bullfinch. "Do you know who might have dropped this feather?" she asked.

"I don't know any birds with feathers like this," said Bertie. "Why don't you get some rest and search some more in the morning?"

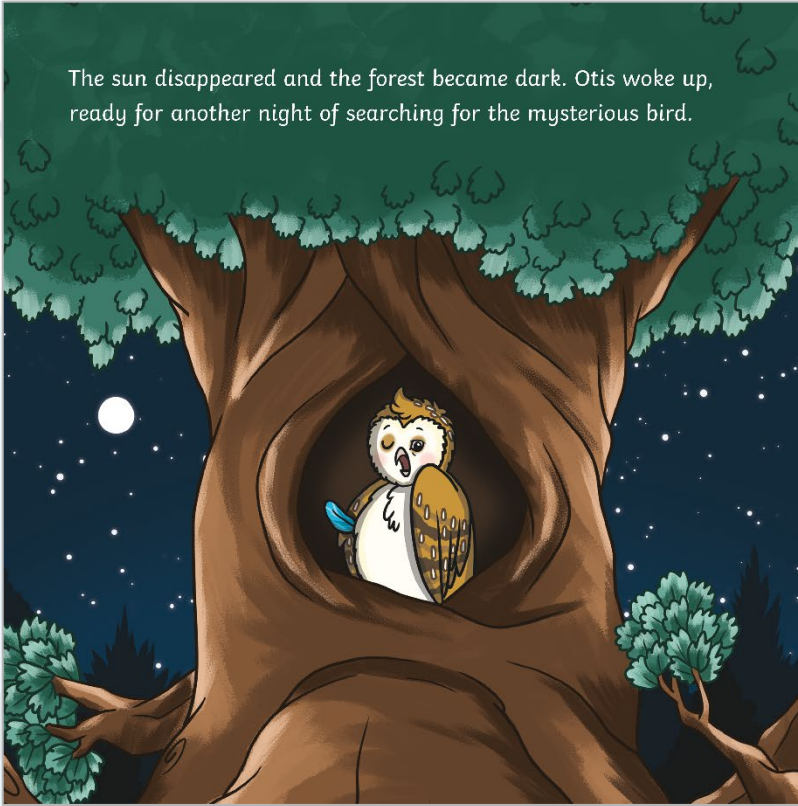


The sun had begun to set and the day was nearly over. Exhausted, Kia settled down on a branch to rest.



Can you think of another word that means the same as 'exhausted'?

The sun disappeared and the forest became dark. Otis woke up, ready for another night of searching for the mysterious bird.



He stepped out of his nest and was met by the most unusual sight!



What do you think Otis can see?



Right in front of his beak, sitting on his very own branch, was a bird with shiny blue feathers! "It's you!" Otis hooted.

"What? Who?" shrieked Kia. She stared at the bird that had interrupted her sleep. It was a bird with stripy white feathers. "Oh! It's you!"

**"I've been looking everywhere for you!"**  
the two birds said at the same time.



How do you think Kia and Otis feel when they first meet?

"What are you doing out at night?" asked Kia.

"Well, this is when I am awake," said Otis, confused.

"Awake at night?" said Kia. "But then what do you do during the day?"

"Well, I sleep, of course!" said Otis.



Suddenly, the mystery was solved. This was why they had never met before! Otis had always thought that everyone slept during the day, while Kia had not realised that some animals only come out at night!



"Come on," said Otis. "Let me show you my world."



Can you explain why Otis and Kia have never met before?



The two new friends flew through the forest, feeling very glad to have finally found each other.

"Wow," gasped Kia. "Everything looks so different at night time."



"I can't wait to see what it looks like in the daylight," said Otis.

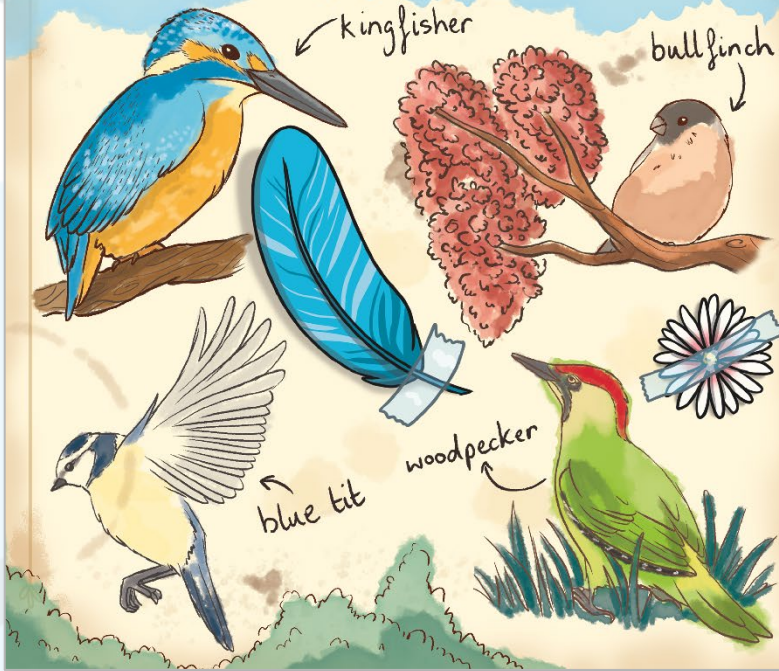
"Let's meet again tomorrow," suggested Kia, "and I can show you my world."



Why do you think everything looks different at night time for Kia?



# Diurnal Animals



What does 'diurnal' mean?



Have you ever seen any of these animals in real life?





Who are the main characters in this story?



Otis Owl and  
Nabila Nightjar



Kia Kingfisher and  
Wilma Woodpecker



Otis Owl and Kia  
Kingfisher



What is the problem in the story?



How is the problem fixed?







Which event happens first?





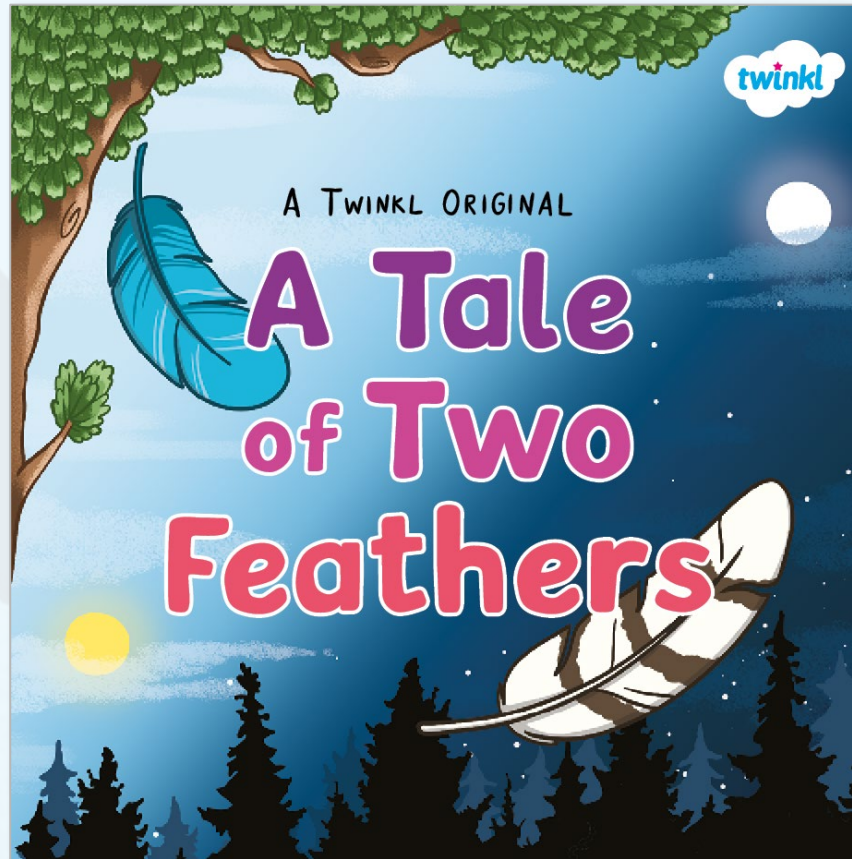
Would you like to stay up late one night? What do you think might happen? What might you see?





Otis says he can't wait to see what the forest looks like in the daylight. What do you think he will notice?





What was your favourite thing about this book?



Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?



