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Omar the ostrich lived in a savannah in Africa.

All the other animals in Africa were warm and welcoming, but he couldn't help but feel that there was a great big world out there that he had yet to experience.

So he set out for a journey on his own to discover uncharted lands and animals he never met before, searching for a magical place where in his heart he knew he truly belonged.



His first encounter was a wise old owl perched on a branch of a great tall tree, who introduced herself as ---Shula the owl.

He asked Shula how on Earth she got all the way up there to the tippy-top of the tree.

Shula said, "You're a bird! Fly on up here!"

Omar just hung his head and said that even though he had great big wings, he could not fly. I don't think this is the place that I'm looking for.

Shula, being a very wise owl agreed, but decided she would accompany Omar on his search.

So off they went.



They came across a giraffe eating the leaves off a branch at the top of the tallest tree Omar had ever seen. The giraffe had a long stretchy neck just like Omar!

Omar was so excited, he ran straight toward the giraffe, which gave her quite a fright! After she recovered, she told Omar her name was Patch, and why didn't he try to reach the leaves at the top of the tree and eat?

Omar tried with all his might, but was unable to reach the leaves left at the top of the tree.

With a huge defeated sigh, he hung his head, and said I don't think this is the place for me.

Patch and Shula decided they would both help Omar on his search,
so off they went.



The group walked on, where they found a fox sticking her head out of her burrow. Omar told his new friends that sometimes he liked to stick his head in the sand too! Maybe this would be the place for him.

Francine the fox was wondering what all the commotion was about, so she climbed out of her hole and introduced herself to the interesting group of friends.

She told Omar he could certainly try to fit in her burrow, but she thought it might be a little small for such a great big bird. He wiggled and shuffled and fluffed his feathers, but no amount of wiggling of feather fluffing would fit that big of a bird in that small of a hole!

So with a fox in tow, they set off again.



The journey was long, but as they descended a hill, they saw a beautiful sight of a truly magical place.

This land was filled with glitter clouds and rainbow grass. In the middle of a pasture they saw a unicorn eating the colorful grass, so they decided to try some for themselves.

It tasted horrible!

Sparky the unicorn trotted over to them and apologized. She explained that the only animals that could eat from the rainbow pasture were unicorns.

No food to eat? Maybe this place wasn't the place they were looking for after all!

So the group and unicorn traveled on.



They came upon a bamboo forest, and in
that forest they met a panda, Pauline.

Pauline always had a book in her lap and was
reading all her worries away.

She told the group that she knew of a magi-
cal place they would all love,
so she shut her book, and led them on.



She brought them to the library!

Here is a place that you can decide who you want to be that day, and be someone new every day, in a magical place all in your mind!

Each animal picked an exciting book, nestled in a corner, and read away.

They now know that even for a moment, they can escape their surroundings, and feel the magic that only a book can bring. They checked out a stack of books, and set out for their journey home.

The group planned to meet again next week to choose a few new adventures, and now that they know where the library is, it would be an easy journey.

Omar was finally truly at peace.



OMARS INSPIRATION



Shula the owl is the spirit animal of Bridgette King. Bridgette is an Administrative Assistant at Delta City. She is the tip-top go-to gal for projects and great company on life's journey.

Rebecca Peterson created the personality of Patch the Giraffe. Rebecca has been the jack of all trades and is willing to stick her neck out for others. She is currently the receptionist.



Francine the Fox is Treasurer Jody Anderson. She may like to hide out, but also works hard to help others fit in; including introducing Omar and inspiring team building activities to paint spirit animals.

City Recorder, Sherri Westbrook, created the personality of Spark the unicorn. Sherri must be magical, because she is always able to keep her cool in tough situations and never seems stressed.



Michelle Lovejoy, City Librarian, is a creative mastermind. She managed to write a storyline for the spirit animals that also inspires participation through social media.

