## A Magical Land

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Once upon a time, there was a magical land with animals that had powers. One of the animals had found some footprints and followed the footprints to find who had made them. It was a different animal; it was a wallaby! The wallaby was looking for his herd. The magical animal said, "Come with me, I know where they are." The wallaby followed the magical animal but when they reached there, they noticed the herd was not there anymore. So, the wallaby and the magical animal went off on an adventure to find the herd.

They first went to the far away bushes and they heard a noise that sounded like his herd. The wallaby hopped to the noise because he thought it was his mother, but the noise was not there anymore, and he had gone too far. So, the magical animal used his disappearing magic to find the wallaby. Luckily, he found the wallaby and brought him to his herd. The herd were happy to see him and went off with the wallaby to show him a surprise. It was a magical torch. What was special about this magical torch was that any way you looked, the torch would shine that way for you. Even better, it was a floating torch!

The wallabies took the magical torch and went to a place called Harvan. Harvan was covered in leaves and grass, so the wallabies had so much food to eat. They ate all day and all night, they never stopped eating! After a while, their tummies started to hurt from eating too much and they decided they needed to find somewhere new to live.

All the wallabies then went together to a place called Franceville. Franceville had 100 wallabies, so the herd decided to stay with them. They had so much fun living there, and they didn't want to leave. After a while, they missed their home, so they went on a plane to go back to the Australian forest. They had so much fun being back, and the torch did too. The wallabies thought to themselves, there's no place like home and they lived happily ever after in their magical land...Australia.