SMALL STORIES

Six Little Moments

Six quiet moments in the world of takenocoara.



01

The Other Side of a Leaf

A leaf turning over in the wind

A slender leaf lay at takenocoara's feet.

Whenever the wind blew, the leaf flipped over. Its two sides were just a little different in color.

Each time the leaf came to rest, takenocoara looked at it. With the next gust, it went a little farther away.

Without reaching out, takenocoara watched it go.

02

Two Little Pebbles

Two stones of different shapes

Two small stones lay side by side.

One was round; the other had a few corners. With a fingertip, takenocoara gently nudged the angular one.

It tapped against the round stone. Tok. A narrow gap appeared between them.

This time, takenocoara left them just as they were.

03

A Rolling Sound

A nut rolling until it stops

From somewhere came a soft, rolling sound.

A little nut rolled into view, passed in front of takenocoara, and stopped by a tuft of grass.

An ear twitched. The bamboo shoot atop its head leaned that way, too.

When the sound fell silent, half the nut was still visible between the blades of grass.

04

Long Shadow, Short Shadow

Watching the shadows of two twigs

Two small twigs lay on the ground.

Each cast a shadow. One stretched long and straight; the other ended just nearby.

When takenocoara put down a paw, a tiny paw-shaped shadow joined them.

It drew its paw back. The twigs' shadows remained.

05

A Thin Line of Light

Sunlight between blades of grass

A thin shaft of light slipped between overlapping blades of grass.

On the ground, it made a long, narrow shape. Still lying down, takenocoara moved one front paw toward it.

Only the tip of that paw turned bright.

The other paw stayed in the shade.

06

A Gap Between Clouds

A blue patch of sky between two clouds

Two large clouds floated in the sky.

Between them was a thin strip of blue. Takenocoara lifted its face a little.

As the clouds moved, the blue slowly grew wider.

After a while, takenocoara looked up again at the blue patch of sky.



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