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The Duck in the Rock Garden

Once upon a time, in a quiet little garden, there was a duck named Zack. Zack loved to quack and peck at the tiny insects hiding in the rocks. One sunny afternoon, Zack found a shiny, black rock. He pecked and pecked at the rock, thinking it might be a bug.

Suddenly, the rock started to move! Zack jumped back and quacked loudly. The rock wasn't a rock at all—it was a turtle named Rick. Rick had a thick, hard shell that made him look like a rock.

"Hello, Zack," said Rick. "Why are you pecking at me?"

"I thought you were a bug," Zack replied with a chuckle. "I'm sorry, Rick!"

Rick smiled. "No worries, Zack. Would you like to play a game?"

Zack was excited. "Yes, let's play hide and seek! I'll count to ten, and you hide."

Rick nodded and quickly hid behind a stack of rocks. Zack covered his eyes with his wings and started counting, "One, two, three..."

When Zack reached ten, he opened his eyes and began to search. He peeked behind the bushes and checked under the big oak tree. Finally, Zack found Rick hiding behind the stack of rocks.

"Got you, Rick!" Zack quacked happily.

They both laughed and decided to play another round. This time, Rick would count, and Zack would hide. The garden was filled with their laughter and quacks as they played all afternoon.