

opening extract from rita in rocky park

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"I'm really glad we came to Rocky Park!" said Julie. "There's ponytrekking! And caving! And rock climbing!"

"And the swallows are flying high," said Grandad Potter. "It's going to be a hot day!"





"Can we go and play?" asked Jim. "Yes," said Grandad. "But keep an eye on your little sister."

"Let's go tracking!" said Eddie. "We'll leave some arrows for you to follow, Rita. Like this – see?"

"Now hide your eyes," said Jim. "And count to a hundred." The counting took Rita a long time. When she opened her eyes the others had gone. Rita searched high and low, but couldn't find a single arrow.

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"Never mind," said Grandad. "Why don't you make yourself a little daisy chain while I make the tea?"

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