

Serendi and the Wobbly Dam



Down by the sparkling stream, Bramble the beaver had a plan. His very first dam — all his own! “Watch this, Serendil!” he called, wiggling with excitement. Today, he would build something amazing.



Bramble grabbed the biggest branch he could find. He didn't stop to check the current, or test the ground beneath his paws. Serendi settled nearby, just watching, just being there.



CRACK! The big branch slipped. Water rushed through the gap, and the whole pile tumbled into the stream. Bramble stared at the mess. "It was supposed to work!" he cried.



Serendi sat beside him. “It’s hard when something doesn’t go the way we hoped.” Bramble’s chin trembled. They breathed together—slowly in, then slowly out—until his paws no longer felt so tight.





"We don't have to fix everything at once," Serendi said.
"Let's look at one small part." They crouched by the water.
Bramble noticed the current tugging hardest right
where the branch had slipped.

“Small branches first,” Bramble said slowly. “Like Mama does.” He wove thin twigs together, snug and low, before adding bigger ones. Serendi passed him branches, one at a time, and watched him work.



A trickle of water found its way through a tiny gap.
Bramble stiffened—but then he paused. He breathed.
He looked closely. “Mud,” he said. “And leaves,
to pack it tight.”



One branch was too heavy to lift alone.
“Mama! Papa! Could you help me with this one?”
Bramble called. They hurried over.
“Show us where you need it,” Mama said.
Bramble pointed to the spot.



With Bramble guiding it, they lifted the heavy branch into place. The dam held. It wasn't shaped quite as he had first imagined, but behind it, the rushing water gathered into a calm, shining pool.



“Pause. Breathe. Look. Try a new way,” Bramble said,
counting each step on his claws.
Then he smiled at his family.
“And ask for help when you need it.”
The stream sparkled beside them.



"Next time, I'll remember what to do!" called Bramble.

Serendi waved from the bridge.

"And remember—it doesn't have to be perfect.
Pause, look, and try again. Ask for help when you need it."

"Goodbye, Serendi!"

"Goodbye, Bramble!"



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