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Mirror the Mole had always dreamed of something more. She had heard whispers of the Great Cavern, a hidden underground world where the air was fresh, the tunnels were wide, and thousands of glowing fireflies lit up the darkness like stars. No one in the colony had ever seen it. Most didn't believe it existed. If it were real, someone would have found it by now, grumbled Rudy the Rat. Why dig for years when you can enjoy life right here, teased Petal the Possum.



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Even if it is real, you'd never make it, the other moles laughed. Mirror puffed up her chest. You'll see, I'll be the one to find it. She wasn't scared. She wasn't worried. She thought, this will be easy. Mirror set out with confidence. She dug fast, clawing through the dirt with excitement. She imagined the cheers when she found the Great Cavern. She imagined standing proudly as the first mole to ever see it.



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For days, she tunneled forward, expecting to find something any moment now. But there was nothing. The dirt never changed. The air never grew lighter. It was just more tunnel, more darkness, more digging. Mirror's paws ached. Her body grew tired. She started to wonder if the others were right. Maybe I was foolish, she thought one night, curled up in her unfinished tunnel. Maybe I should stop.



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And the next morning, she did. Mirror turned around and walked back home. Weeks passed. Mirror tried to forget about the Great Cavern. She played in the tunnels with the other moles, laughed at jokes, and pretended she didn't care. But deep down, she did. One evening, she sat alone, staring at the dirt walls of her burrow. She felt restless. That's when Elder Garrick shuffled over, his fur streaked with silver.



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Your paws look clean, he said. Mirror frowned. What do you mean? It means you've stopped digging. Mirror hesitated, then admitted, I tried, but it was pointless. No one has ever found the Great Cavern. I don't even know if it's real. Garrick gave a small chuckle. Not knowing is the hardest part, isn't it? Mirror didn't answer. Let me tell you something, Garrick said. I've seen many moles start digging, just like you.



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And you know what? Every single one of them stopped. Mirror looked up. They stopped because they couldn't see how close they were. Garrick continued, they stopped because doubt is louder than progress. But what if, just what if, the Great Cavern was only a few tunnels away? Wouldn't you want to know? Mirror's heart pounded. She stood up. She stretched out her paws. And the next morning, she went back to her tunnel.



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This time, Mirror wasn't in a rush. She didn't dig fast. She didn't expect quick results. She just dug, one pawful at a time, one tunnel at a time, one day at a time. Days turned into weeks. Weeks turned into months. Seasons passed. Mirror found old tunnels dug by moles before her. She ran her paws along their walls. Had they given up? Had they been close?



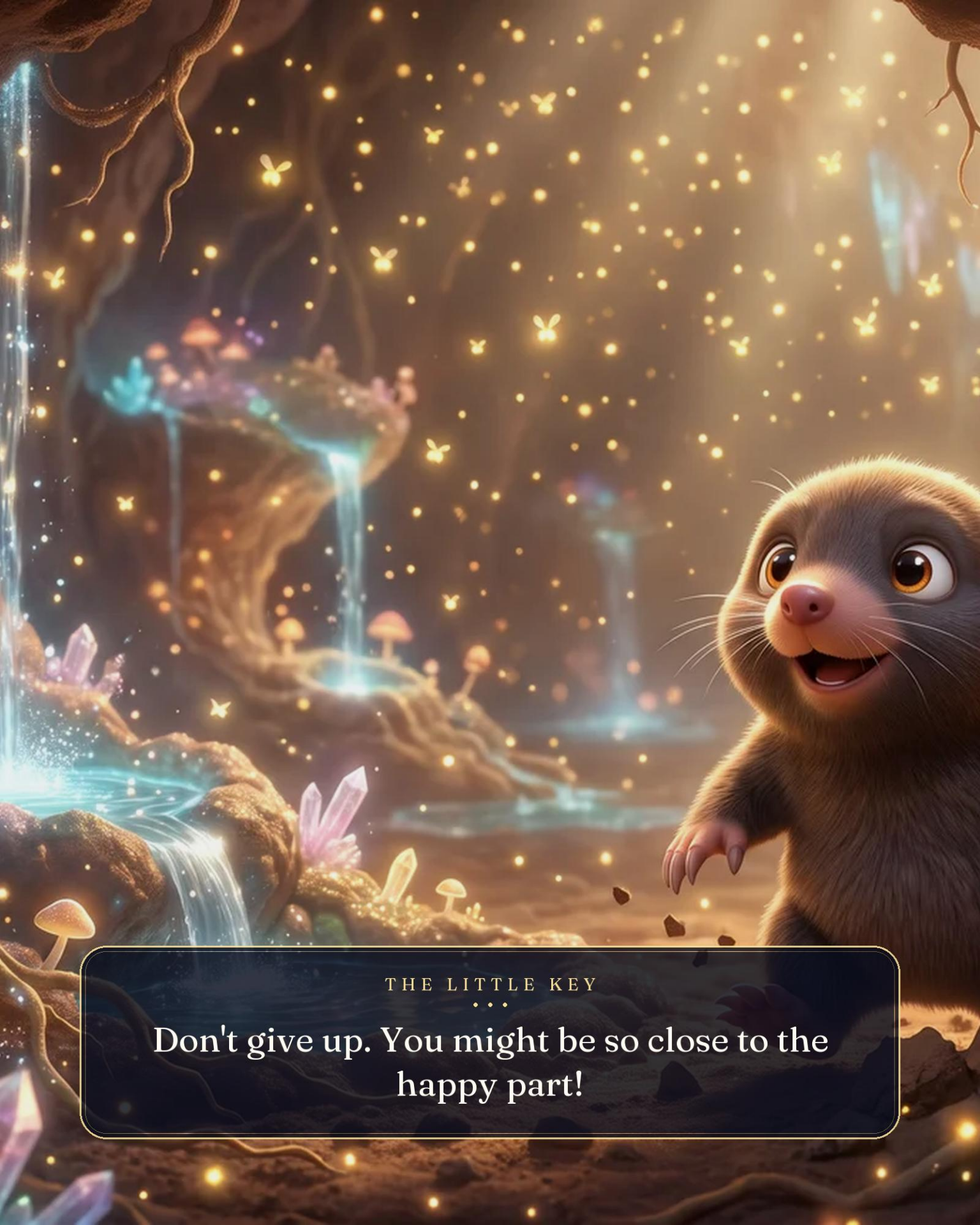
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She would never know. And so she kept going, even when the dirt felt endless. Even when doubt crept back in. Even when she wanted to quit all over again. But she didn't stop. And then, one day, she felt something different. The air shifted. It was cooler, lighter. Her heart pounded as she clawed harder. And suddenly, the tunnel broke open. A vast cavern stretched before her.



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The air was fresh and wide. Fireflies floated through the air, blinking like stars. Water trickled from underground springs. Mirror stepped forward, paws trembling. She had done it. She had found the great cavern. No one ever asked how far she had to dig to get there. Because in



THE LITTLE KEY
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Don't give up. You might be so close to the
happy part!



KEEP GOING

A little mole digs and digs and wants to give up — until he learns that the happy part might be just one more push away. A cozy bedtime story about persistence.

For kids who want to quit — a reminder the breakthrough might be close.

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