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**ALICE IN
WONDERLAND**

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She Peeked into the Book.

CHAPTER ONE

Down the Rabbit Hole

One hot summer day as Alice sat idly on the river bank by her sister, she got very tired of having nothing to do. Once or twice she peeked into the book her sister was reading, but it had no pictures or conversation in it, “and what is the use of a book,” thought Alice, “without pictures or conversation?”

Just as she was trying to decide (as well as she could, for the hot day made her feel very sleepy) whether or not to get up and pick some daisies to make a daisy chain, a White Rabbit

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with pink eyes dashed by.

There was nothing so very remarkable in that.

Nor did Alice think it so very unusual to hear the Rabbit say to himself, "Oh, dear! Oh, dear! I shall be late for a very important date."

When she thought about it afterwards, it occurred to her that she ought to have wondered about that, but at the time it all seemed quite natural.

But when the Rabbit actually took a watch out of his waistcoat pocket, looked at it, and then hurried on, Alice jumped to her feet. For she suddenly realized she had never before seen a rabbit with either a waistcoat pocket or a watch to take out of it.

Burning with curiosity, she ran across the field after him, just in time to see him pop down a large rabbit hole under the hedge.

Without a moment's hesitation, Alice jumped in the hole after him, never once considering



The Rabbit Took a Watch Out.