

Polly

Well, it's a good thing you have those antennae! Your eyes are split in half, so they must not work very well.

Whirligig Beetle

They are split, but all the better to see with, my dear. The upper half can see above the water, and the lower half can see under the water. We don't miss a trick!

Polly

Hmm. Maybe I should bring along swim goggles, too!

Whirligig Beetle

Good idea! Well, I've got to dive. See you down under! I'll just grab a bubble of air before I go. It lets me breathe under water. *[exits]*

Polly

Breathe under water! Oh no, I hadn't thought about that. I'd better pack a snorkel, too. Gosh! This is getting complicated! *[Damselfly Nymph enters]*

Dana Damselfly Nymph

You could just breathe the way I do – with gills.

Polly

With gills? You don't look like a fish! Who are you?

Damselfly Nymph

I'm Dana the Damselfly Nymph. I live under the water now, but someday I'll have wings. Then I'll be a dainty damselfly hovering over the pond.

Polly

Sounds exciting. Now, did you say you have gills? I don't see any.

Damselfly Nymph

What did you think these tails at the end of my body were for? Wagging?

Polly

Well, yes. I mean, no. I mean, I just thought they were tails.

Damselfly Nymph

Well, these tails have gills. And I couldn't breathe under water without them. Now I'd better dive, or I'll be a damselfly in distress! *[exits]*

Polly

Oh, now I'm in distress! I don't have tails or gills! *[Water Boatman appears]*

Water Boatman

So, Polly, are you all set for living in the pond?

Polly

Well, I'm not so sure anymore. There are so many things I'll need.

Water Boatman

Don't worry. I made a model for you. If we can just get you looking like this, then you'll live happily ever after in the pond! *[Water Boatman disappears, Pond Polly puppet appears]*

Polly

Ahhhh! *[Polly faints, Pond Polly exits, then Polly wakes up]* What a nightmare I just had! I've had bad dreams with monsters in them, but never one where I was the monster! Swimming in the pond is one thing, but living there is quite another. Good night, everyone!

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