

# THE QUEST FOR NORTH GOURD



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## THE GREAT GARDEN STANDOFF!



Wally the Watermelon, Wendy the Wax Gourd, and Peter the Pumpkin lived happily in a sunny garden. One afternoon, they realized that while they represented the West, East, and South, they had never met their cousin from the North.



Under the shade of a giant sunflower, they discovered an ancient, dusty map tucked into the soil. It showed a path leading far beyond the garden fence toward the tall, blue mountains of the North.

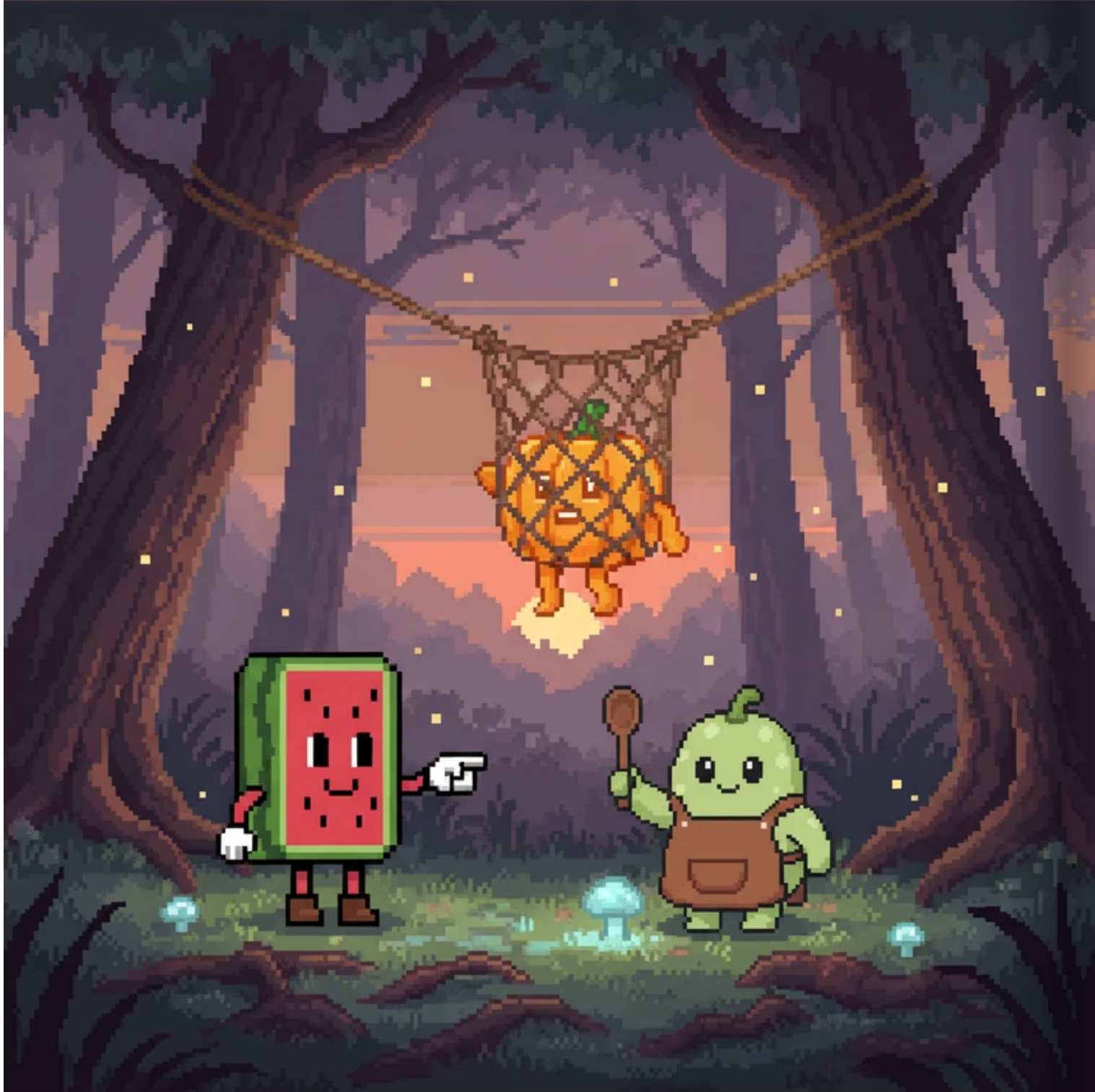
# THE JOURNEY BEGINS!



With hearts full of excitement, the three friends began their grand adventure. They rolled through fields of golden wheat and skipped over pebbles, waving goodbye to the friendly ladybugs they passed.



Their path was blocked by a wide, rushing river that sparkled like diamonds. Wendy the Wax Gourd bravely hopped into the water, acting as a sturdy raft for Wally and Peter to float across safely.



As evening fell, they entered a mysterious forest where the trees seemed to whisper in the wind. Peter the Pumpkin used his bright orange glow to light a path through the dark, keeping his friends' fears away.



High up in a gnarled oak tree, a wise old owl peered down at the travelers with golden eyes. He told them that the North Gourd lived in a place where the snowflakes dance and the stars touch the ground.



The air turned crisp and cold as they climbed the steep, rocky foothills of the North Mountain. Wally the Watermelon shared his refreshing sweetness to keep everyone energized and happy despite the chilly wind.

## THE RACE FOR THE HEART!



At the very top of a frosted hill, they saw a faint, shimmering blue light. They hurried forward, their footsteps crunching softly on the thin layer of morning frost.

## OUR GOLDEN BRIDGE



There he was—the legendary North Gourd, a beautiful squash with a skin as blue as the winter sky. He looked up in surprise and smiled, delighted that his cousins had traveled so far just to find him.



The four gourds huddled together under the glowing curtains of the Northern Lights. They realized that their family was finally complete, and no distance was too great for the power of friendship and love.