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Minnows flicker just beneath the surface
as the morning sunlight glistens on the silvery stream.
The boughs of the trees bend toward the water,
their leaves occasionally dipping into the stream below.
Cattails sway gently in the breeze on the small island across the way, nestled amongst the tall grasses.
A salamander eases into the water with a soft plish,
only to slip back into its crevice when it realizes it's been seen.
The dogs romp through the water, stirring up the muddy silt resting under the pebbled bottom,
scaring the tiny fish back into the shallows.