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Maya's Journey

Directions: Read the passage carefully, paying attention to the order of events. Break the passage into **3-6 main moments** that move the story forward. On a blank paper or in your notebook, **draw one panel for each moment**, showing what happens. Write a short caption beneath each panel that explains the event in your own words.

The morning fog clung to the forest as Maya tightened the straps of her hiking pack. She set out on the narrow trail, the crunch of leaves beneath her boots breaking the silence. A flash of red caught her eye: a cardinal darting between branches ahead. As she followed the bird, she nearly stumbled upon a small wooden bridge crossing a rushing stream. The bridge creaked as she stepped carefully onto it, gripping the railing for balance. On the other side, the path opened into a clearing where sunlight spilled across a field of wildflowers. Maya paused, breathing deeply, her face brightening with relief and wonder at the hidden beauty she had discovered.

