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As they went upstream, they found even more, until they saw a giant pile of carts towering to the top of the riverbank. The kids peeked over the bank into the large parking lot of a thrift store. Just then, a gust of wind began to blow a cart, faster and faster, toward the riverbank.

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