We Are Riverish

*We are Riverish* is a story that won’t last. Printed on water-soluble paper the story is made to dissolve in water and is inspired by the fact that over time many libraries and people’s book collections have been lost to flooding (including, very nearly, the researcher’s own). The story’s narrator tells us about their childhood in a house beside an urban river. Unexpected things happen when the river decides it wants to see more of the city and takes on human-like forms, so it can leave its banks to explore.

We often think books will last forever and don’t consider the possibility of them being damaged by floods. This is a story that knows flooding is always a possibility. It exists to be read, remembered and returned to the river with the rain.
scraps of plastic and empty cans washed in and out with the tides. Sometimes the rescue hovered above, clattering up over the stones in the night, lights flashing, to search for...
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