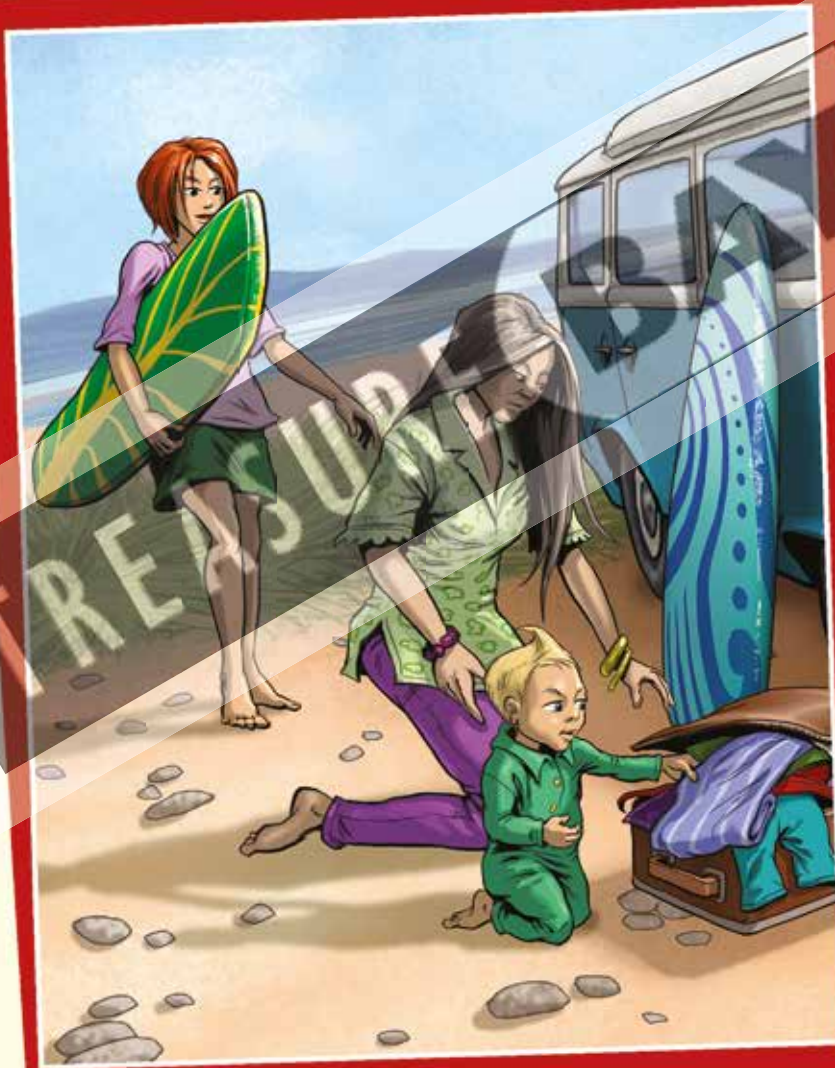


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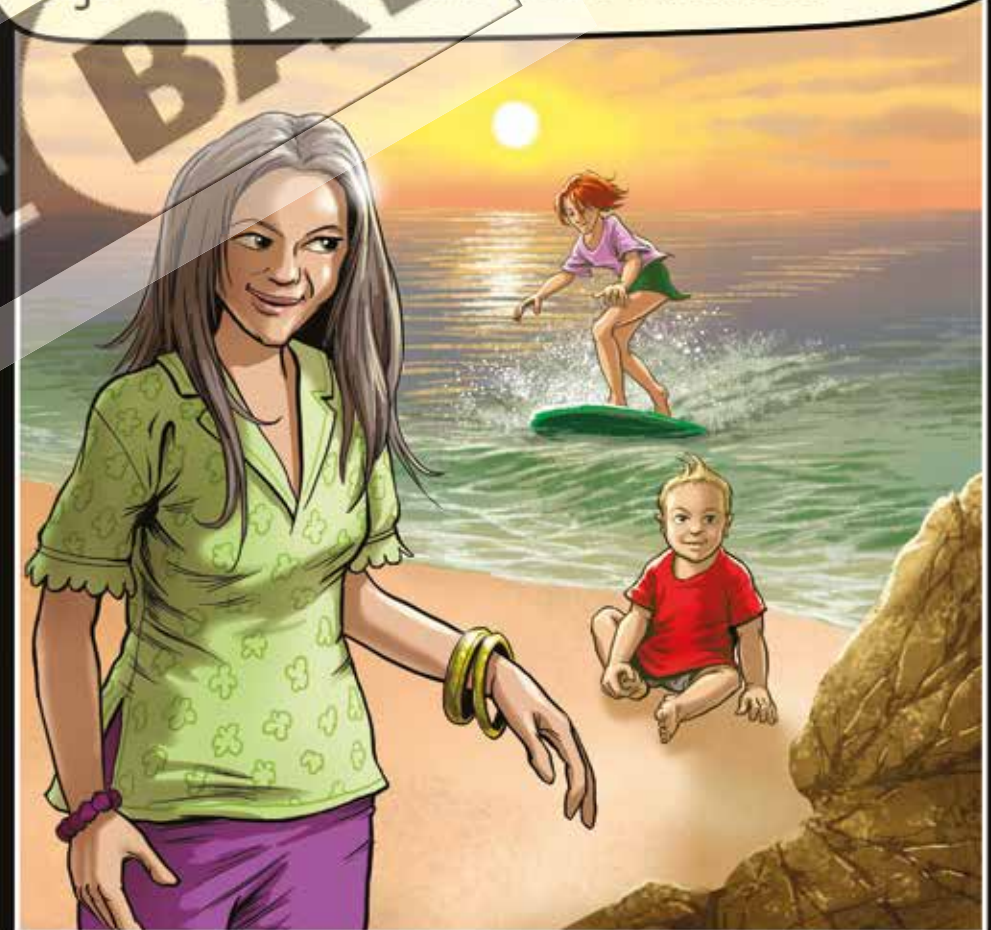
Vocabulary:

- fantastic** – great or amazing
- gaze** – to look at something with great interest
- exclaim** – to say with great excitement
- mock** – to tease

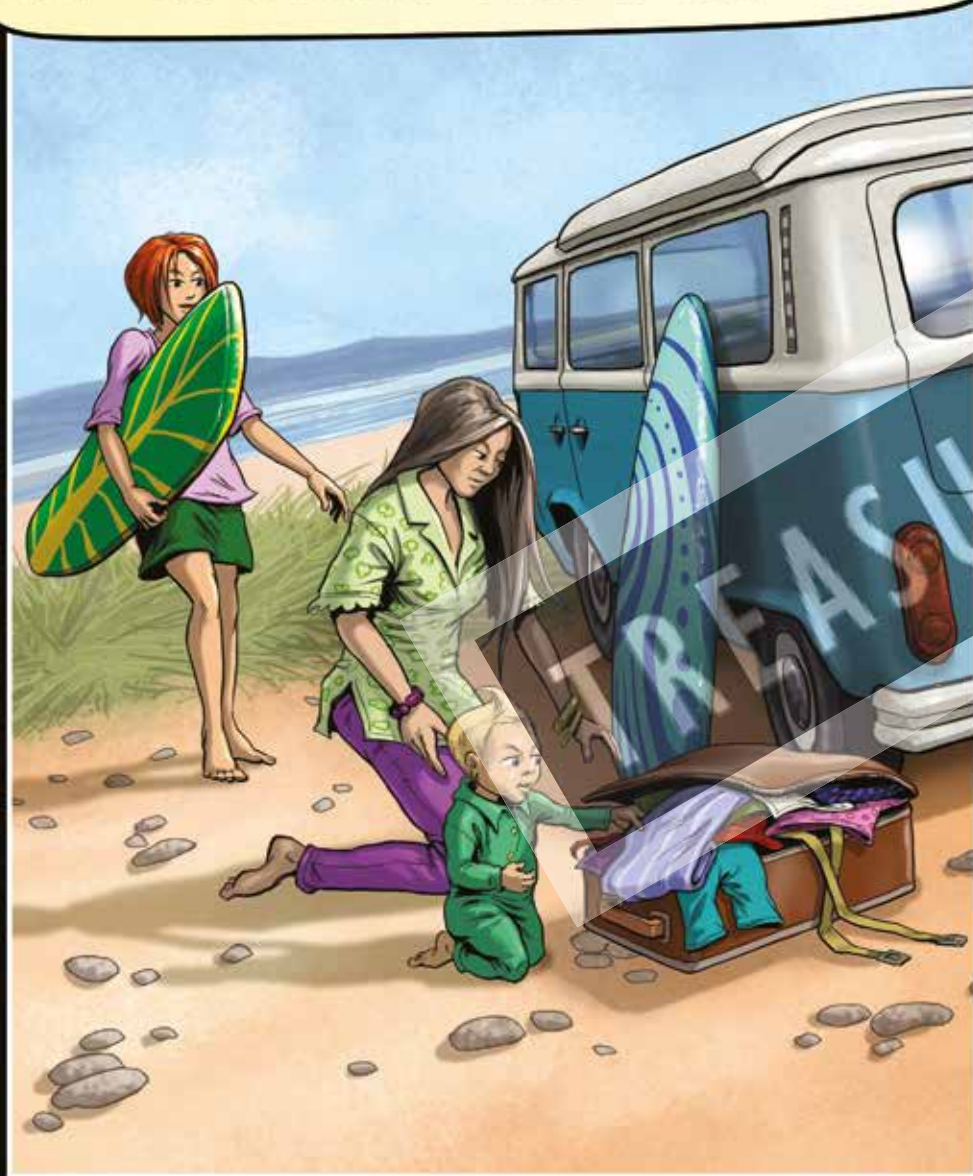


Chapter 1 Waves

Mom had taken Erin and baby Jack away. Mom had a job in a lab and it had been great to have a break. Ten hot days in the sun had been fantastic.



"Gazing at the waves has helped me stay sane!" grinned Mom as they packed the van. "It's a shame it has to end!"



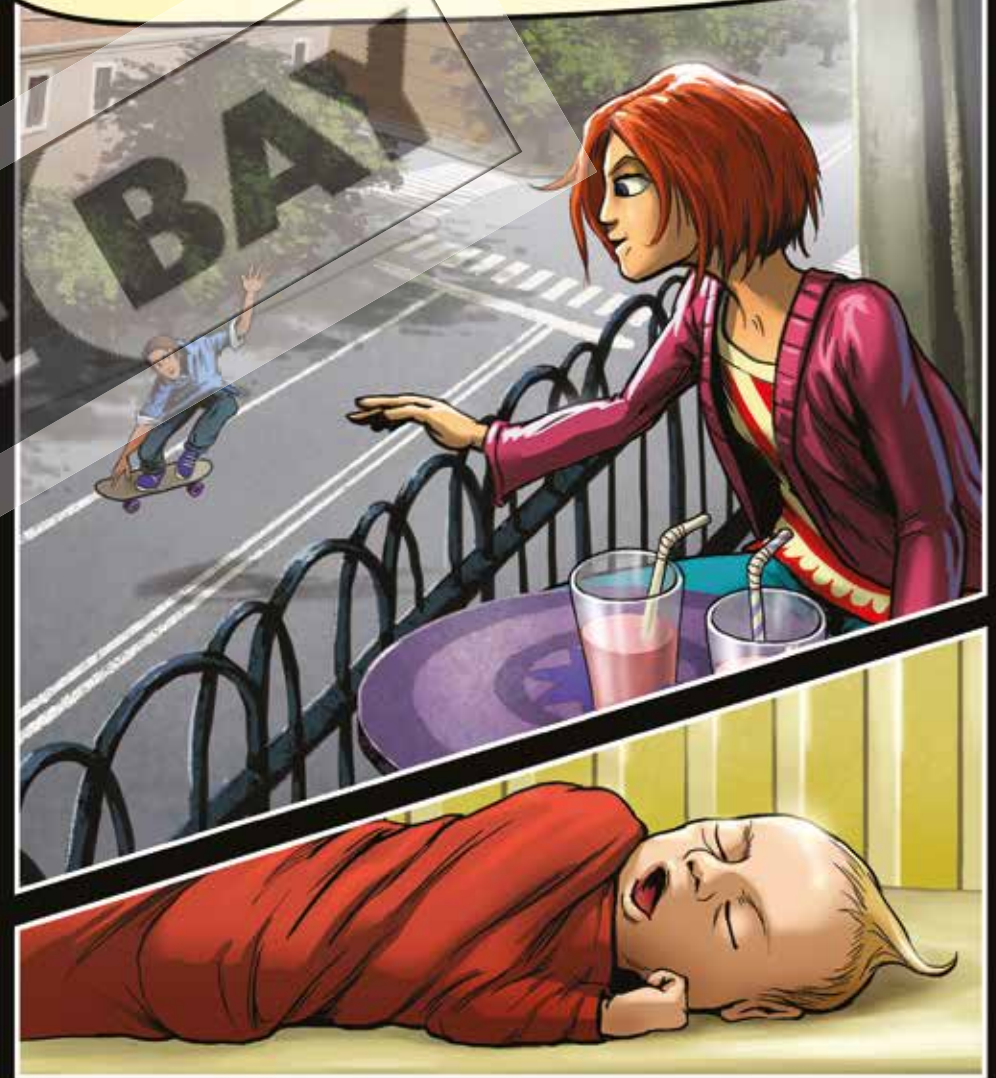
"I hate to say it," Mom said to Erin when they got back, "but I must spend the rest of the day at the lab." Ten days was a long time to be away from her job.



Mom was involved in a big project. The lab had invented a shrink ray that was able to shrink bugs and pests. The shrink ray had once been robbed from the lab, so Mom kept it hidden at home.



Erin was babysitting Jack. She sat in the shade, with cold milkshakes, waiting for her best mate, Danny, to visit. Danny waved as he skated along.

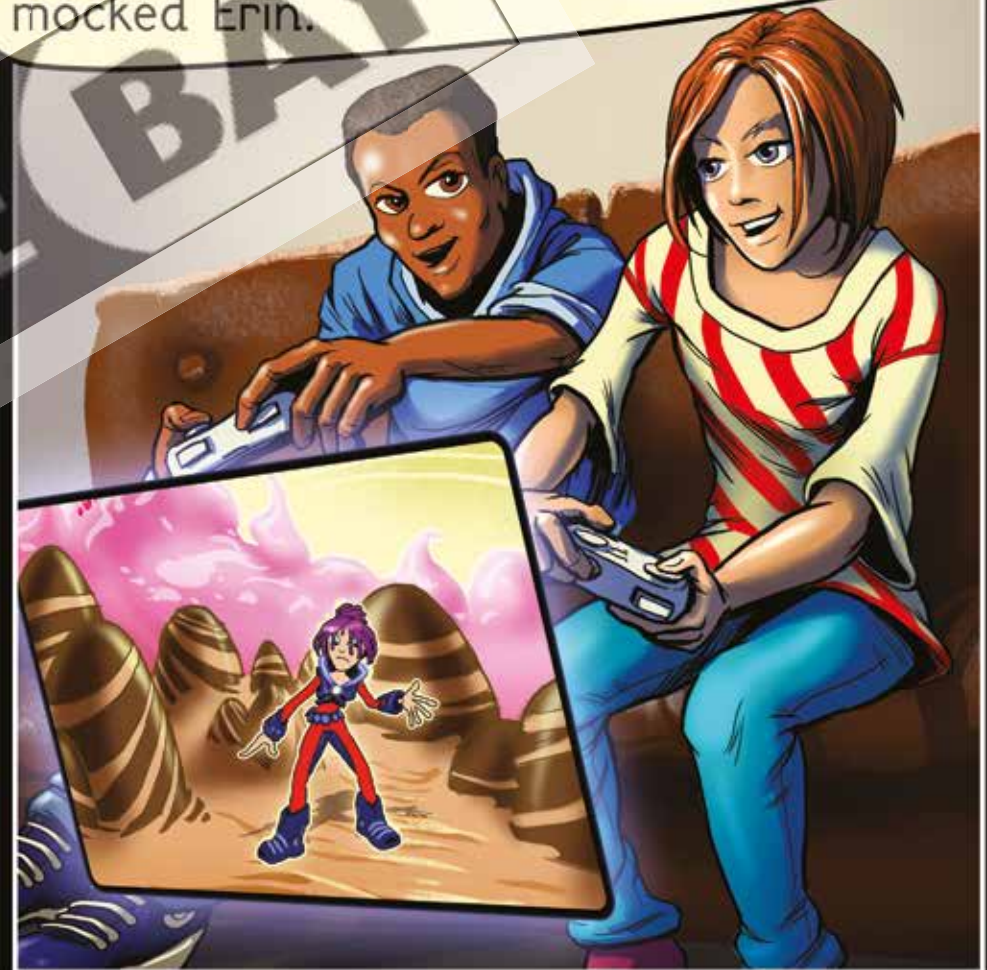


Chapter 2 The Game

“Cold milkshake!” exclaimed Danny.
“Great for such a hot day!”
“It’s getting late,” said Erin. “Jack will be awake soon. Let’s play the space game.”



It was a great game and they often played it when Danny came to visit. “Race you to it!” yelled Danny as he jumped up. “So brave of you to risk failing again,” mocked Erin.



A sudden hiccup stopped them. Jack was waking up. Erin lifted him up and hugged him. "Mom left us a cake," she told him. "I'll get it."



Chapter 3 Jack Escapes!

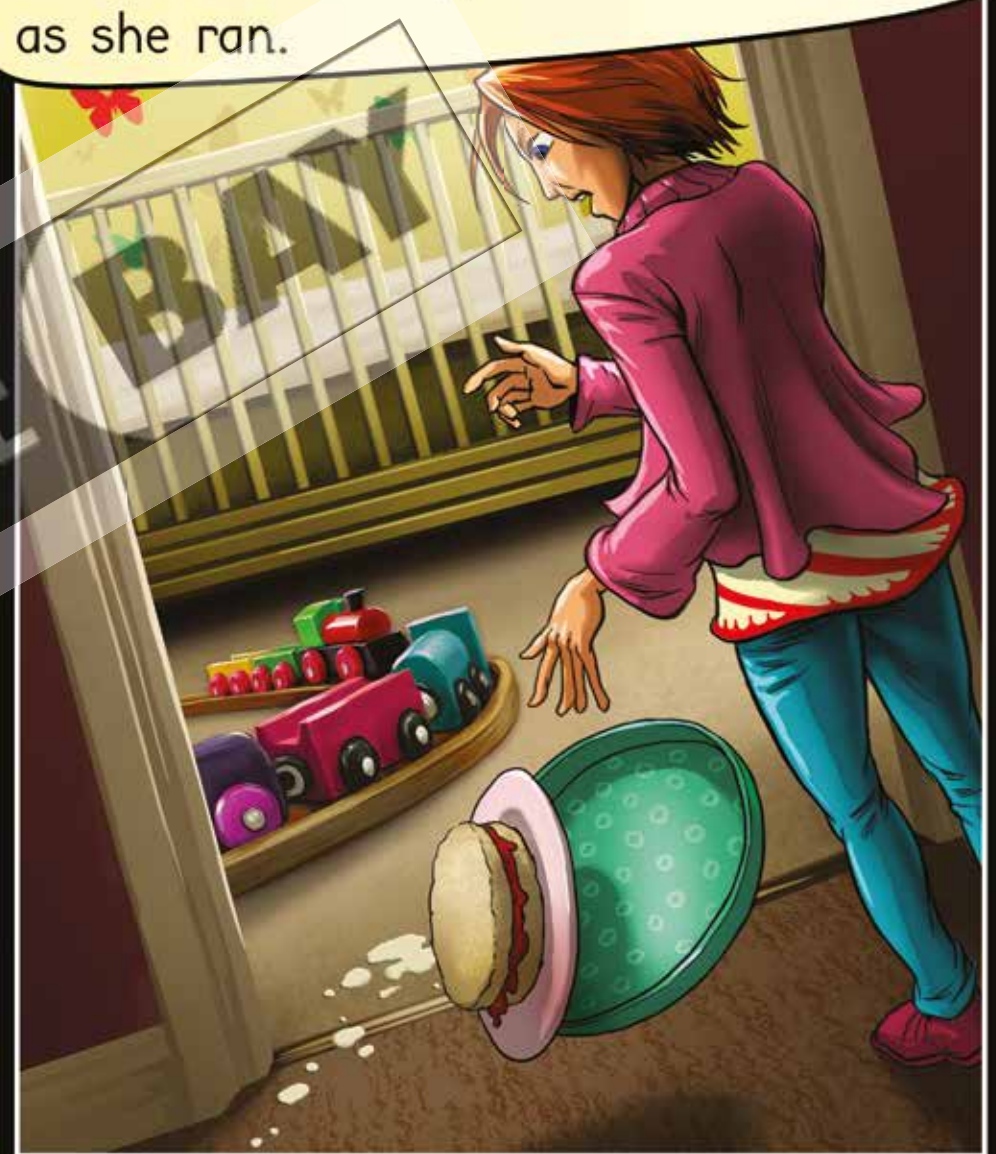
Danny had to go. He gave baby Jack a quick kiss as he left. "You saved Erin from the pain of me winning again," he grinned.



Erin left Jack next to his bed, playing with his train set. The cake was on a plate on the kitchen table.



When she got back, Jack was not playing with his train! "Jack?" The tray and the cake dropped from her hands as she ran.



Jack had left a trail of milk splashes on his way to Mom's desk. Erin felt faint. The shrink ray was kept in a box by Mom's desk!



Chapter 4 The Shrink Ray

Erin raced to Mom's desk. The shrink ray lay on the mat, not safely in its box. When Erin picked it up, it felt hot in her hand.



Erin grabbed at the things on the desk.
No Jack. She lay flat on the mat.
Still no Jack. She was so afraid that
she began to shake.



A scrap of red cloth was next to Mom's
desk. "It's Jack's sock, but it's as big as
a doll's sock!" said Erin. "Jack must be
as big as a snail!"



“Jack is still just a baby,” said Erin. “He won’t be safe. I must save him. I have to shrink as well.” She gazed at the shrink ray. “Mom is going to go crazy...”

