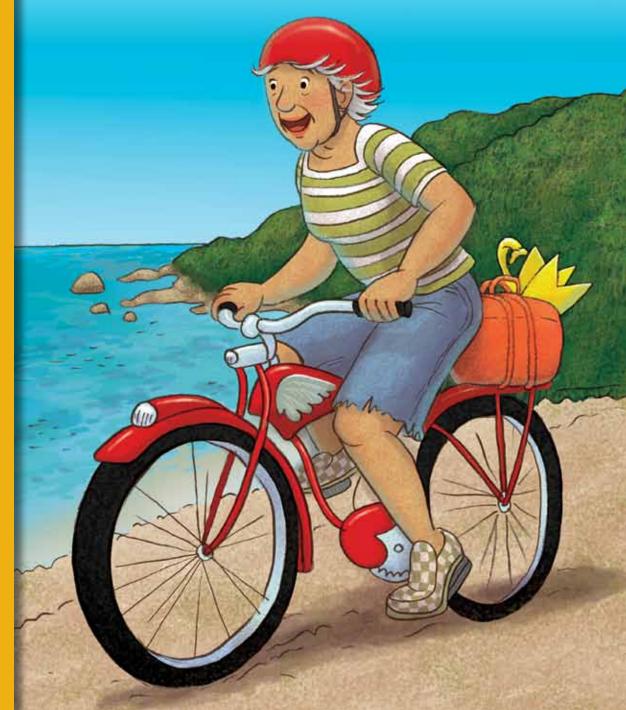


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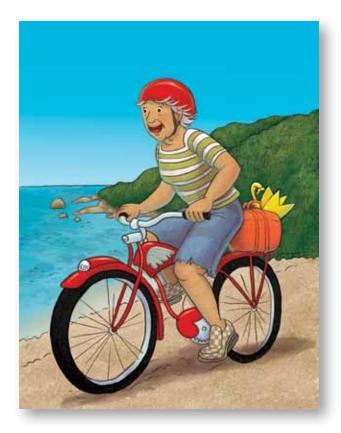
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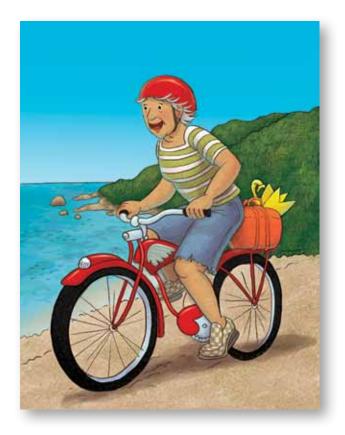
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Gran's Trips

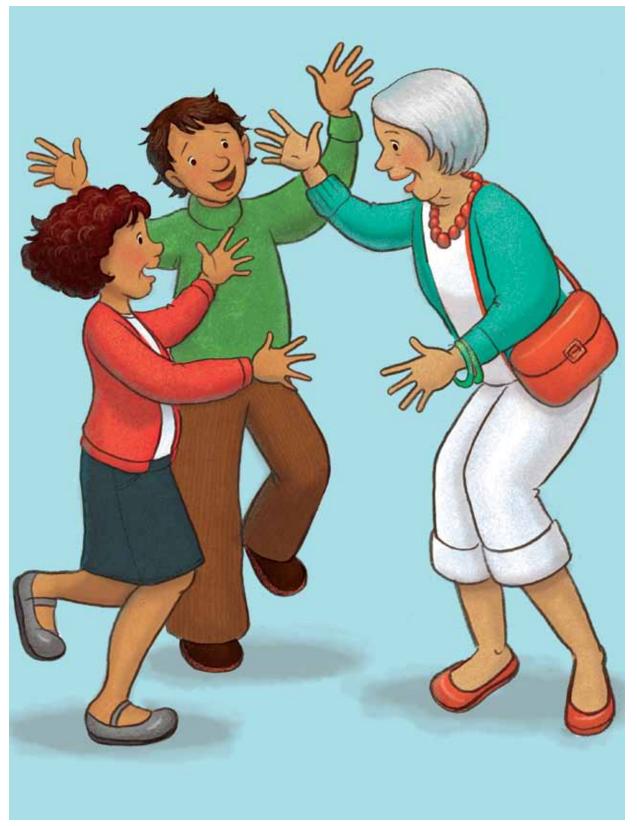
"<u>Wh</u>en will Gran get h<u>ere</u>?" Josh asks.

Jen shrugs.

Just then, Josh and Jen see a cab on the street.

"Gran is h<u>ere</u>!" Jen yells.

<u>Wh</u>en Gran steps fr<u>o</u>m the cab, Josh and Jen run up to get a hug.



"Was the trip fun?" Josh asks.

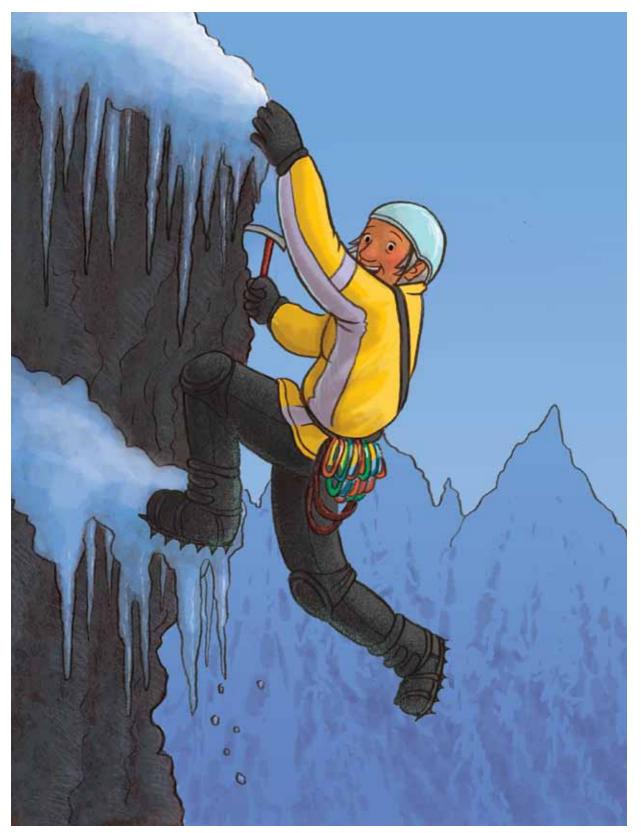
"<u>Wh</u>ich <u>one</u>?" Gran asks. "I went on thr**ee** trips!"

"<u>Where</u> to?" asks Josh.

"<u>One</u> was to the Swiss Alps," says Gran. "In the Alps, th<u>ere</u> w<u>ere</u> st**ee**p cliffs. I went up to the top of <u>one</u> cliff, but it was slick. I fell and had to cling to the rocks!"

"No!" says Jen.

"Yes!" s<u>ay</u>s Gran. "H<u>ere</u> is a snap shot."



"<u>What was the next trip?</u>" Josh asks.

"I went to Hong Kong," s<u>ay</u>s Gran.

"What is in Hong Kong?"

"Lots of stuff," s<u>ay</u>s Gran. "In Hong Kong I met a man <u>who</u> sings and has wings on his back."

"No!" says Josh.

"Yes!" s<u>ay</u>s Gran. "H<u>ere</u> is a snap shot."



"<u>What was the last trip?</u>" asks Jen.

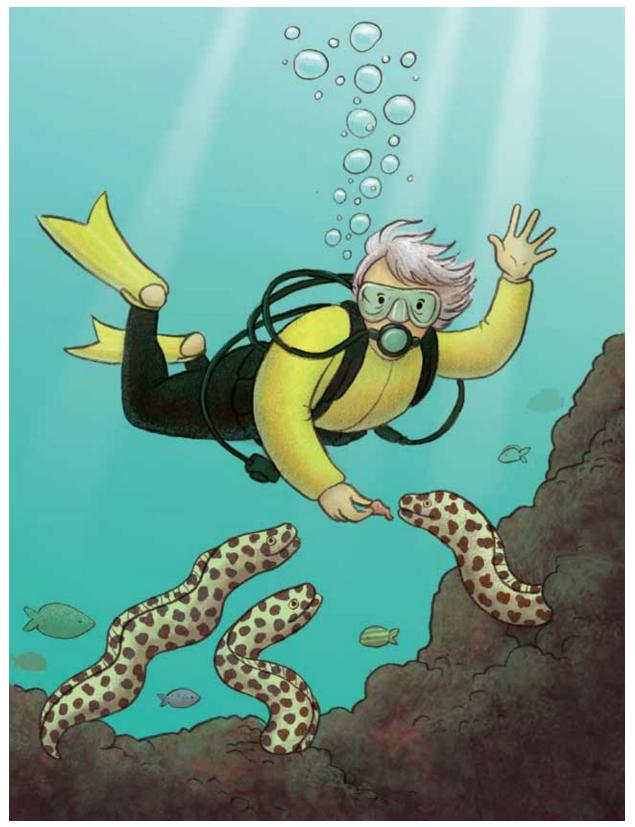
"I went to the gulf to swim with the **ee**ls and f**ee**d the fish," s<u>ay</u>s Gran.

"No!" says Jen.

"Yes!" s<u>ay</u>s Gran. "H<u>ere</u> is a snap shot."

"<u>Wh</u>ich trip w<u>a</u>s the best?" Josh asks.

"This <u>one</u>!" Gran s<u>ay</u>s. "The <u>one where</u> I get to s**ee** Josh and Jen!"



The Pet

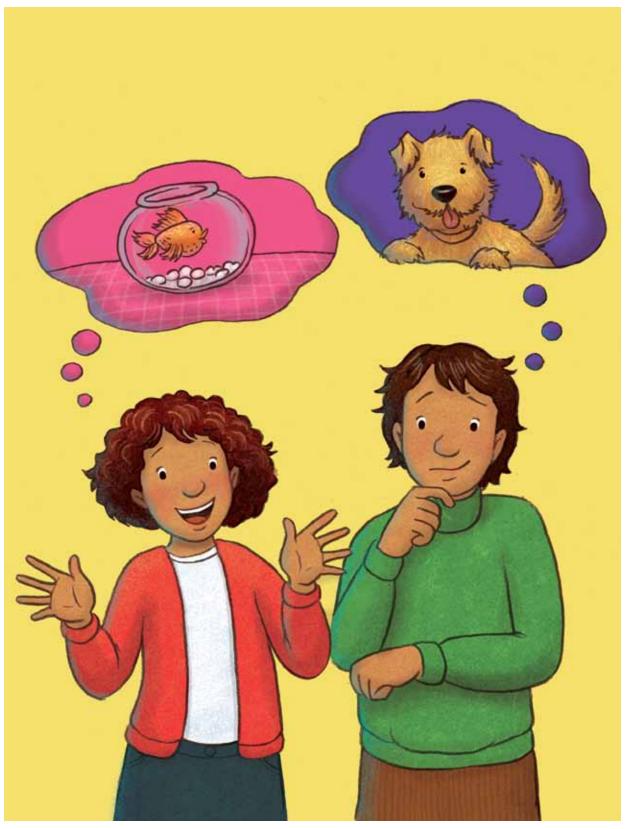
Gran s<u>ay</u>s, "<u>Wh</u>en I w<u>a</u>s in Hong Kong, I got a pet."

"<u>What can it be?</u>" asks Jen. "Is it a fish?"

"No," says Gran.

"Is it a dog?" asks Josh.

"No," says Gran.



"Is this pet big?" asks Josh.

"Well," s<u>ay</u>s Gran, "h<u>e</u> is not big, but h<u>e</u> is long."

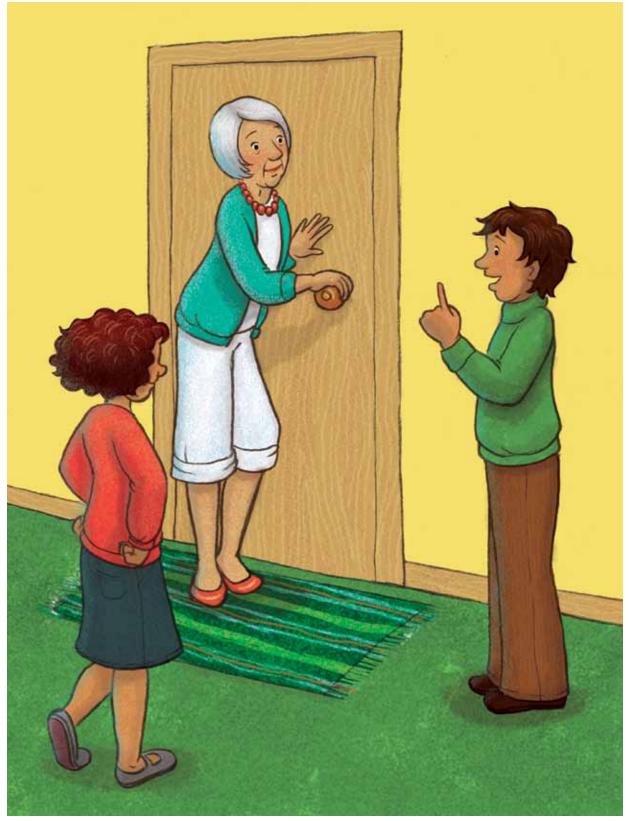
"Has he got teeth?" asks Josh.

"He has fangs!" says Gran.

"<u>What are fangs?</u>" asks Jen.

Just then, the bell rings.

Gran says, "That must be him!"



Wong from Hong Kong

Jen yells, "Gran, th<u>ere</u> is a man h<u>ere</u> with a big cr**a**t**e**."

Gran says, "It must be Wong!"

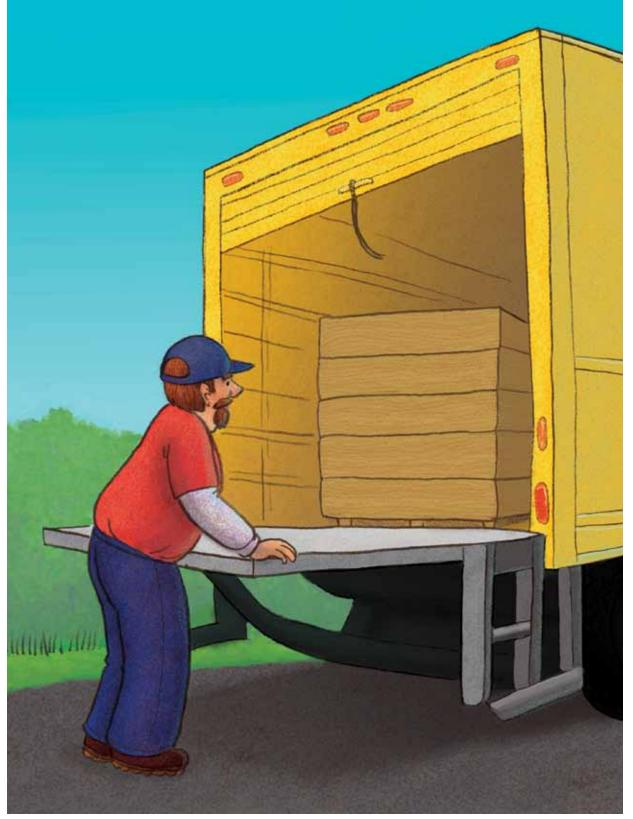
"<u>Who</u>?" asks Jen.

"The pet I got in Hong Kong," says Gran.

"Wong fr<u>o</u>m Hong Kong?" asks Jen.

"Yep!" says Gran.

"But <u>wha</u>t is this Wong?" asks Josh.

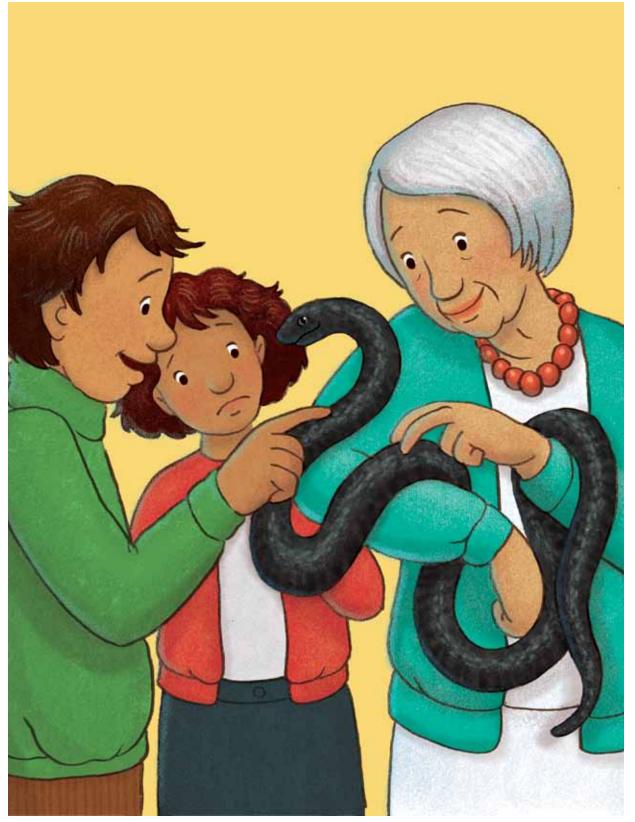


Gran t**a**kes the lid off the cr**a**te and lifts up a long, black sn**a**ke.

"Sw**ee**t!" s<u>ay</u>s Josh. "Wong is a sn**a**k**e**!"

"**Ee**k!" Jen yells. "I am sc**a**red of sn**a**k**e**s!"

Gran says, "Wong is a safe snake. Th<u>ere are</u> snakes that can kill us, but Wong is not <u>one</u> of them. This is a snake we can pet."

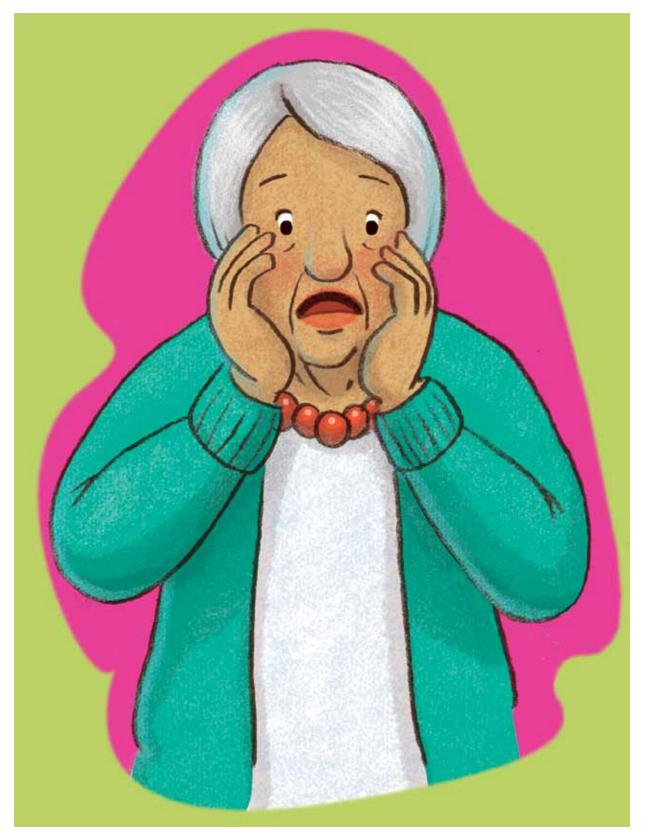


Where Is Wong?

"Help!" Gran yells.

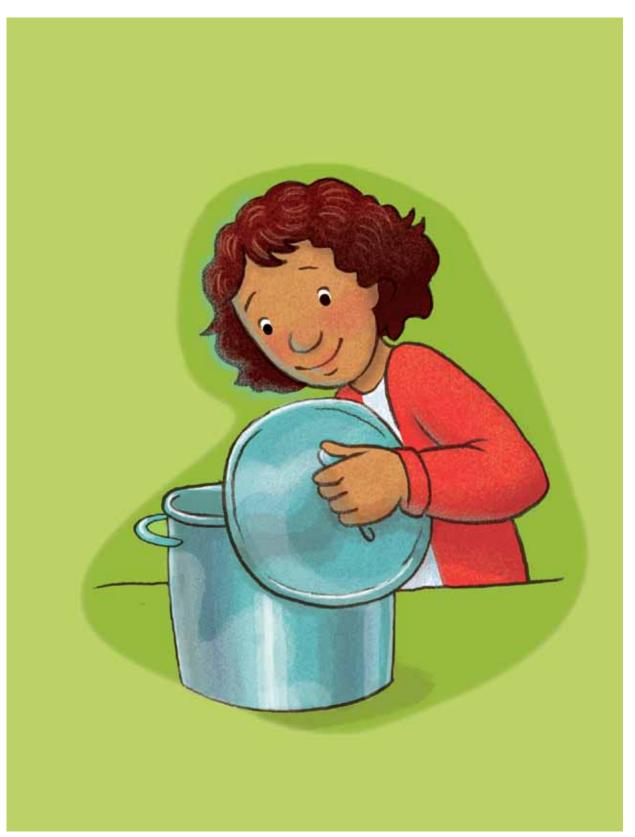
"<u>What</u> is it?" says Jen.

"Wong is not in his cr**a**te!" says Gran. "<u>Where</u> is h<u>e</u>?"



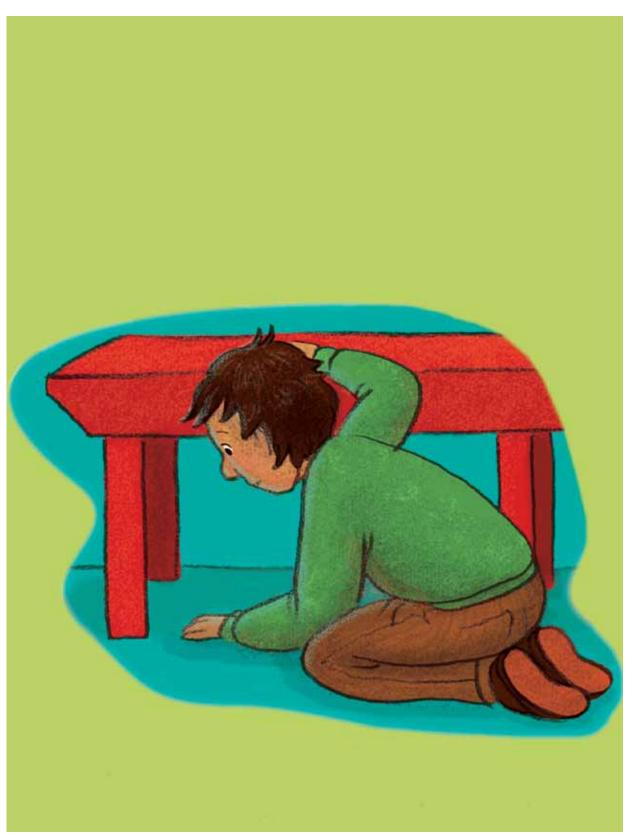
Jen checks the pots and pans.

"H<u>e</u> is not in h<u>ere</u>!" sh<u>e</u> yells. "Check in the den."



Josh checks the den.

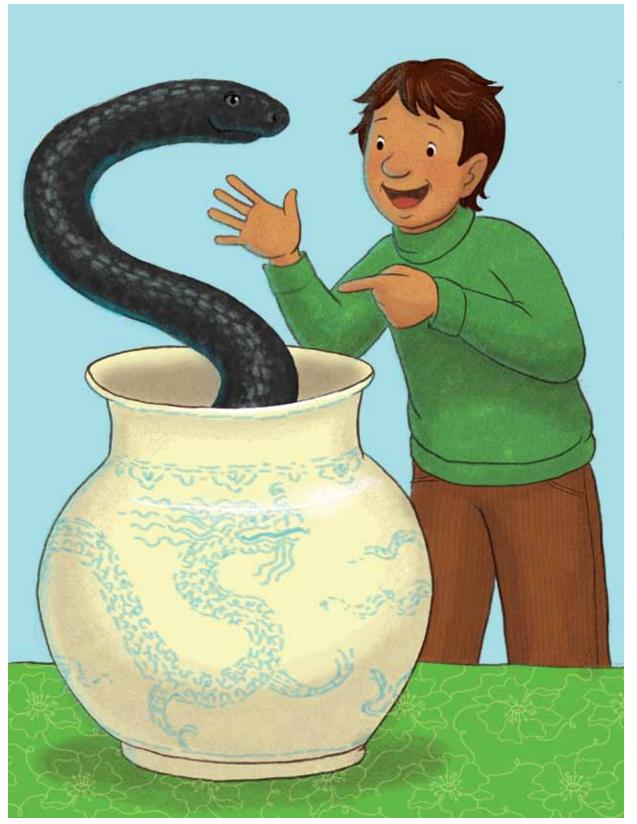
"He is not in here," he yells. "I bet he went back to Hong Kong!"



Just then, Wong p**ee**ks up fr<u>o</u>m a big v**a**s**e**.

"Th<u>ere</u> h<u>e</u> is!" says Josh.

Gran runs to Wong and picks him up. Sh<u>e</u> pets the sn**a**k**e**. Sh<u>e</u> is glad to s**ee** him.



The Swim Meet

Josh and Jen l**i**k**e** to swim. Th<u>ey</u> t**a**k**e** Gran to th<u>eir</u> swim m**ee**t.

Jen lines up in lane five.

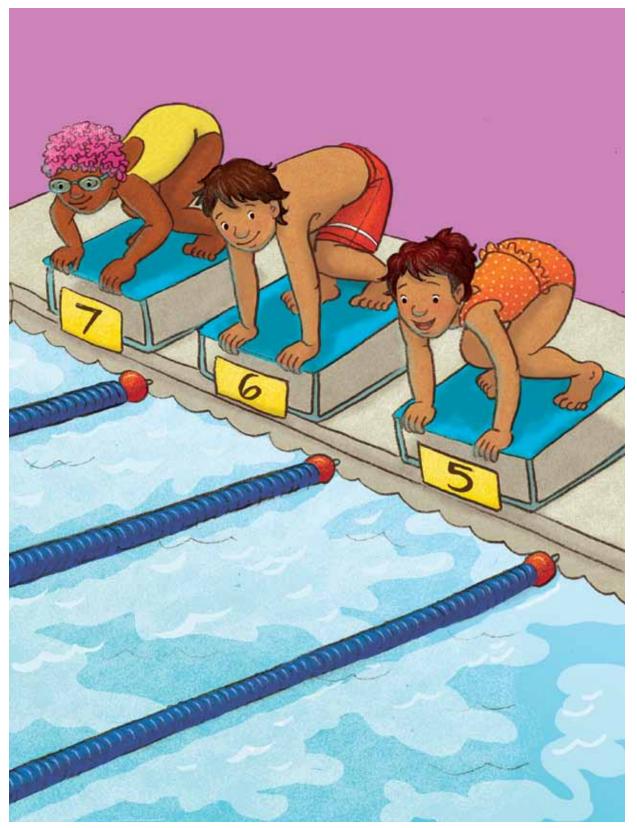
Josh lines up in lane six.

The kids <u>are</u> up on the blocks.

Then th<u>ere</u> is a b**ee**p.

All the kids dive in. Splash!

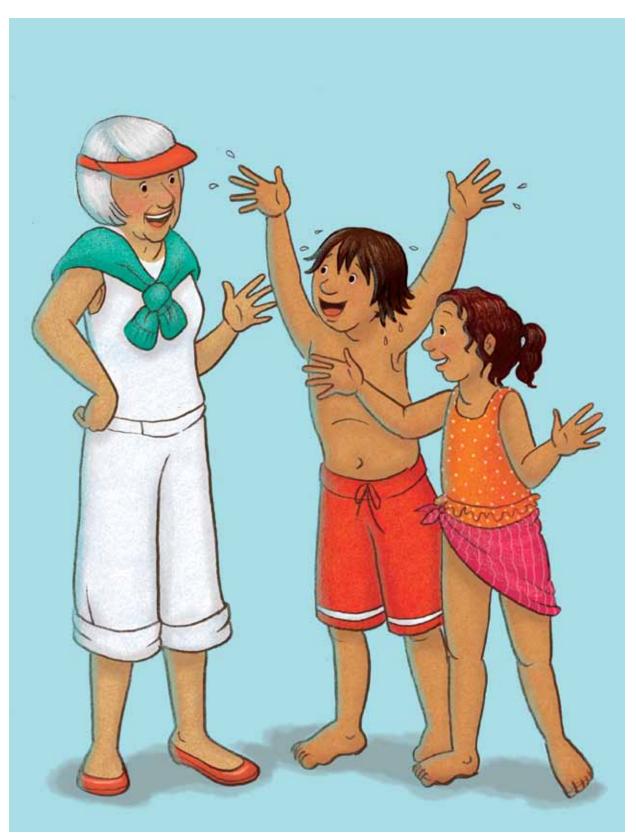
"Swim!" yells Gran. "Swim fast!"



Josh and Jen swim as fast as th<u>ey</u> can. Th<u>ey</u> swim and swim. In n<u>o</u> t**i**m**e**, th<u>ey</u> m**a**k**e** it to the end.

"Did Josh win?" asks Gran. "Did Jen win?"

Josh and Jen w**a**ve and sm**i**le. Th<u>ey</u> did not win, but th<u>ey</u> had a lot of fun!

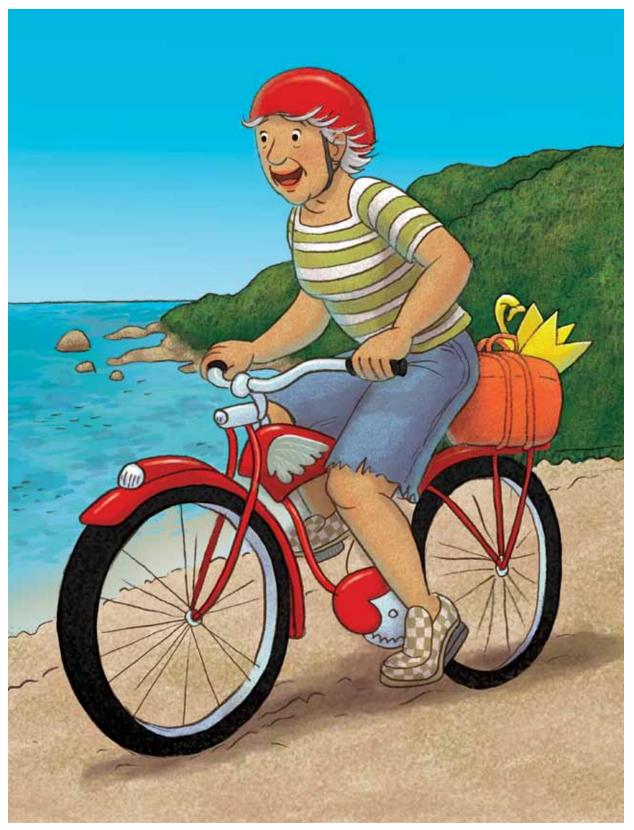


At the Reef

Josh asks Gran <u>wha</u>t it w<u>a</u>s like <u>wh</u>en sh<u>e</u> went to the r**ee**f.

"Well," Gran says, "it was a lot of fun! I made a plan to meet my pal Mike. I had to ride my bike nine miles to the reef to meet Mike."

"That is a long ride!" says Jen.



"<u>Wh</u>en I got th<u>ere</u> I went on a dive to see the fish and the eels."

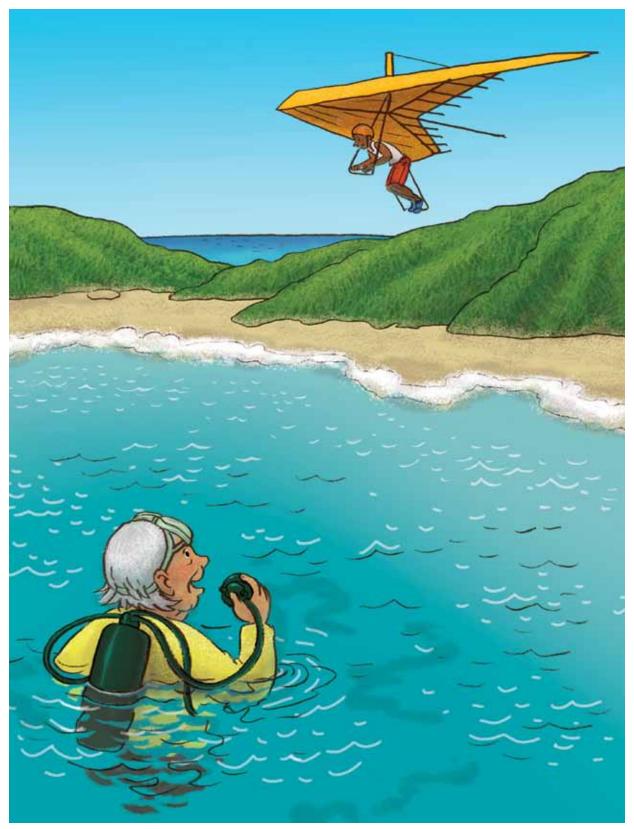
"With Mike?" Josh asks.

"<u>No</u>," Gran says. "Mike did not dive with me. He went to hang glide."

"Did h<u>e</u> l**i**k**e** it?" Jen asks.

"Not so much," Gran says with a smile.

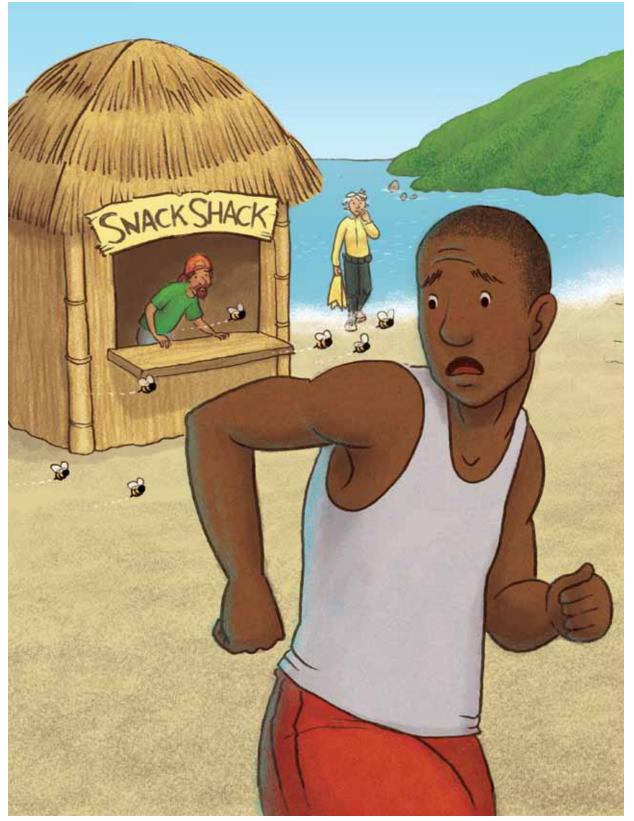
"<u>Why</u> not?" asks Josh. "It must b<u>e</u> lots of fun to hang gl**i**d**e**."



"Did he crash?" asks Jen.

"No, no," says Gran, "but he did have a bad time. When it was time to land, he hit a hive of bees! He got stung ten times."

"Yikes!" says Jen.



The Bug Glass

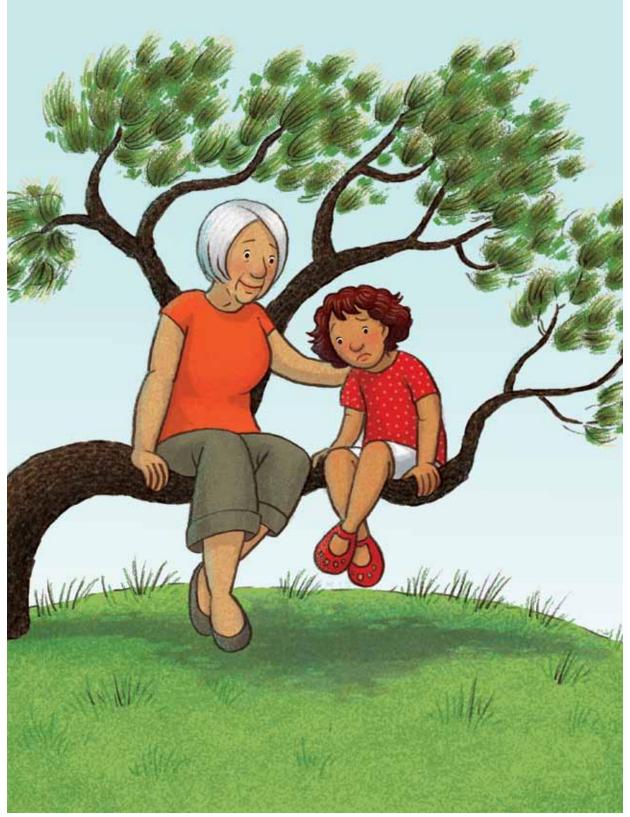
"Gran," Jen says, "Josh is mad at m<u>e</u>."

"<u>Why</u> is he mad?" Gran asks.

"I broke his bug glass."

"What is a bug glass?"

"A bug glass is something that lets him see bugs and ants up close."



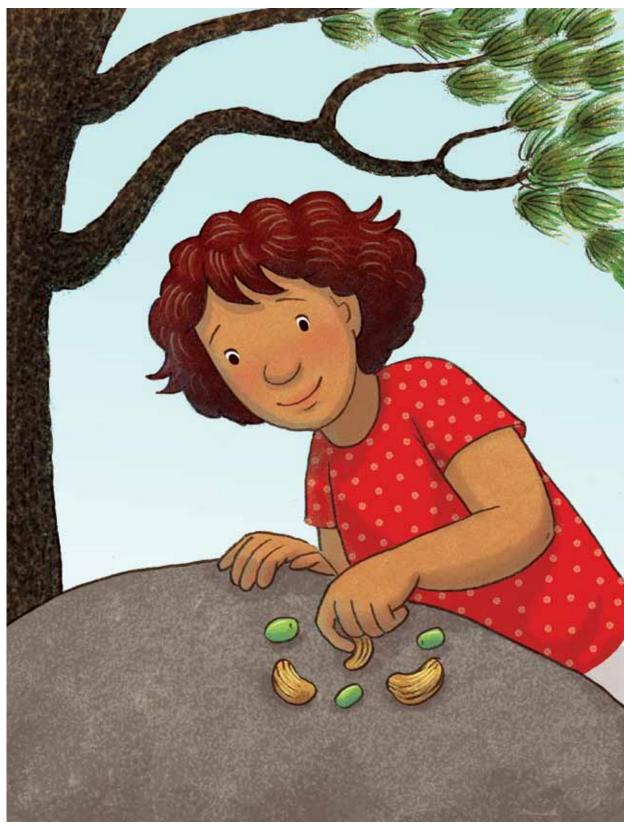
Gran checks the bug glass.

"It is not so bad," she says. "We can fix it with some t**a**pe."

"Josh will still be mad," Jen says.

"We can m**a**k**e** him a snack," says Gran. "And w<u>e</u> can m**a**k**e** the ants a snack, as well."

Gran hands Jen some chips and gr**a**p**e**s. "H<u>ere</u>," sh<u>e</u> says, "Set th**o**s**e** on the big st**o**n**e** in back."

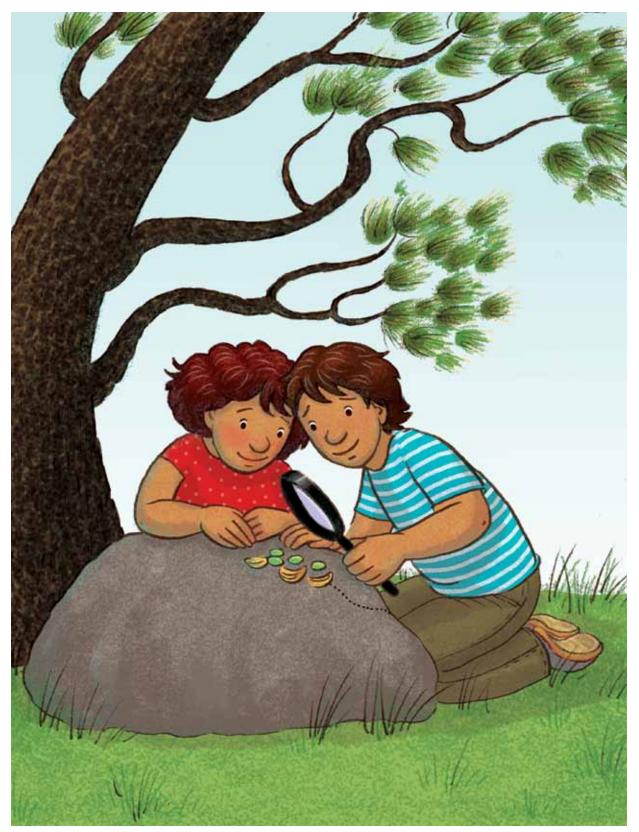


Gran yells, "Snack time!"

Josh runs in and grabs a snack. Gran lets him munch on it. Then sh<u>e</u> says, "Jen, t**a**ke Josh to the st**o**ne."

Jen grabs Josh by the hand and takes him to the stone. H<u>e</u> sees his bug glass. Then h<u>e</u> sees a bunch of ants. H<u>e</u> picks up the glass and stares at the ants.

Josh smiles. "The ants like those chips!" h<u>e</u> says. H<u>e</u> hands Jen the glass. "H<u>ere</u>!" h<u>e</u> says, "T**a**ke a p**ee**k!"



The Tape

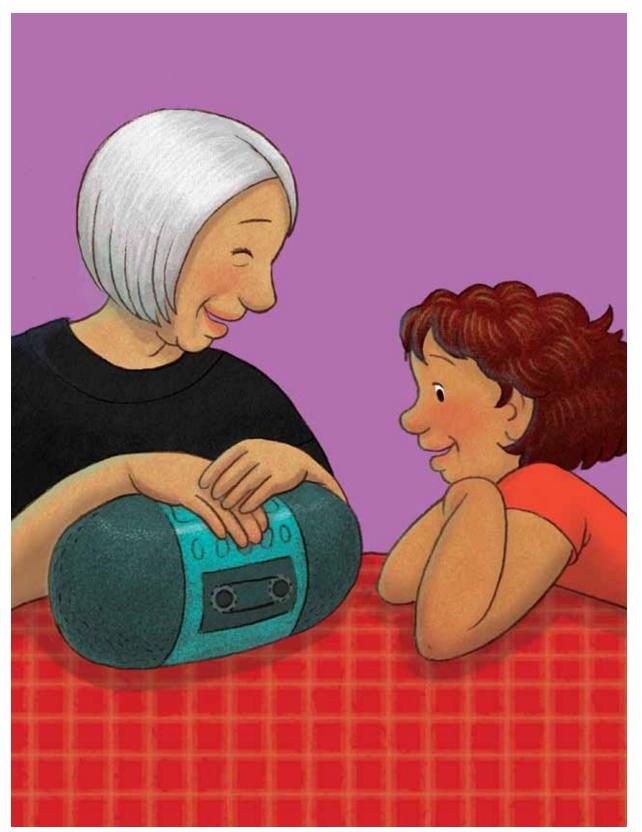
"Gran," Jen asks, "<u>wha</u>t is that?"

"This is a t**a**p**e** deck," Gran says. "And in it is a t**a**p**e** with s<u>ome</u> songs sung by my Gran."

On the t**a**p**e** Gran's Gran sings a jazz song. At the end sh<u>e</u> sings "Pip! Pip! Ting a ling a ling!"

"I like those notes she sings at the end!" says Jen.

"So do I!" says Gran.



"Gran," says Jen, "we can act like we are in the band and sing the song!"

"OK," says Gran. "Run and get a dress. I will grab th**ose** sh**a**d**e**s I l**i**k**e**."

Gran and Jen dress up. Then th<u>ey</u> sing the song. At the end th<u>ey</u> sing, "Pip, pip! Ting a ling a ling!"



Fuzz and Mel

The kids <u>are</u> in bed, but th<u>ey</u> can not sl**ee**p.

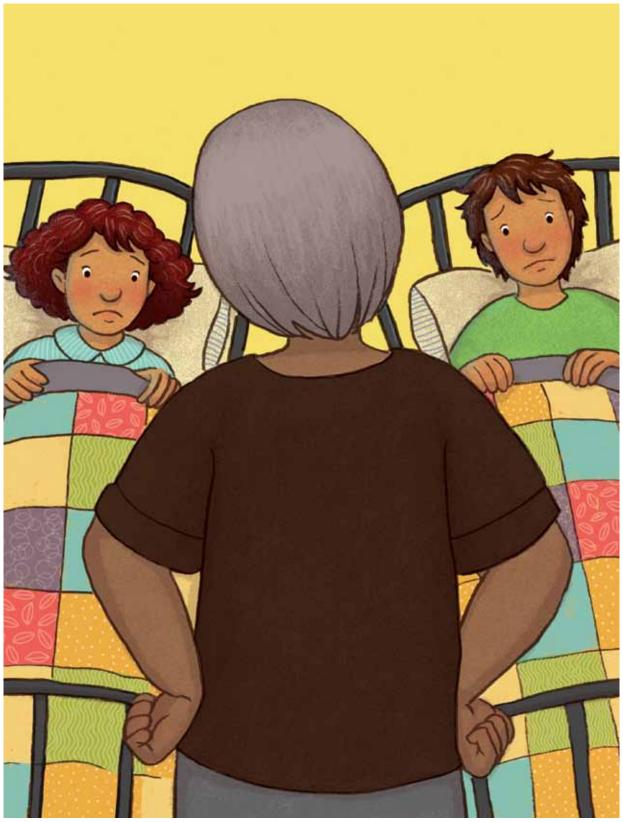
"Gran!" Josh yells.

Gran p**ee**ks in and asks, "<u>Wha</u>t is it?"

"W<u>e</u> can not sl<u>ee</u>p!" says Josh. "W<u>e</u> can not sl**ee**p."

"Tell us a t**ale**!" says Jen.

"OK," says Gran. "This is the t**a**le of Fuzz and Mel."



<u>Once</u> th<u>ere</u> w<u>ere</u> t<u>wo</u> cats n**a**m**e**d Fuzz and Mel.

Fuzz w<u>a</u>s a c**ute** cat <u>who</u> did his best to b<u>e</u> s**afe** at <u>all</u> times. Mel w<u>a</u>s a br**ave** cat <u>who</u> had a fast pl**a**n**e**.

"Fuzz!" Mel said, "We can t**a**ke a r**i**de in my pl**a**ne!"

"Um," Fuzz said, "well . . . the thing is . . . I l**i**k**e** to b<u>e</u> s**a**f**e** . . . and I am not . . ."

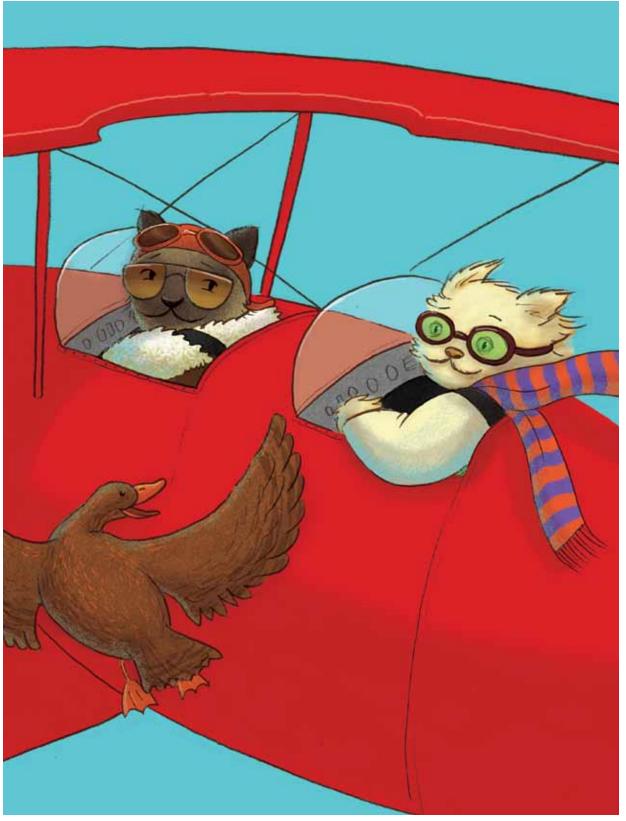
"It is safe," Mel said. "Jump in!"



The plane went up, up, up.

A duck c**ame** up next to the pl**a**n**e**.

"<u>What a swell duck!</u>" said Fuzz. "And <u>what a swell plane ride!</u> <u>Why was I so scared of a plane</u> ride?"



Just then, Mel m**a**de the pl**a**ne zip fr<u>o</u>m side to side.

Fuzz did not l**i**k**e** that. It did not f**ee**l s**a**f**e** to him.

Then Mel made the plane dive.

"Stop!" said Fuzz, as he held on to the side of the plane. "Not safe! Not safe!"



Mel set the pl**a**n**e** back on the land.

Fuzz felt sick. He had the sh**a**k**e**s.

"Ug," he said. "That's the last time I ride in a plane with Mel."



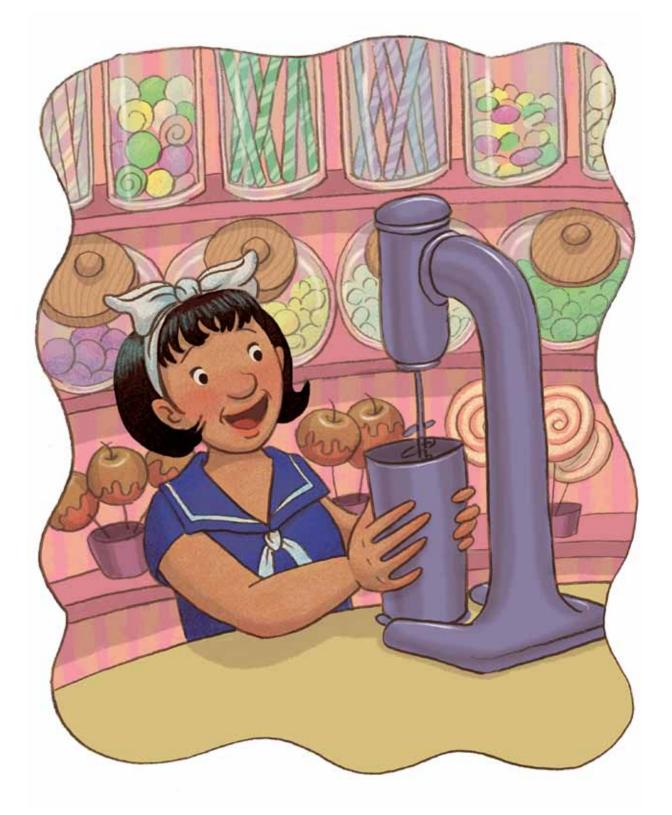
The Sweet Shop

"Gran," Josh asks, "did y<u>ou</u> h<u>ave</u> a job <u>wh</u>en y<u>ou</u> w<u>ere</u> a kid?"

"I did," says Gran. "My dad had a sw**ee**t shop and I had a job in the shop."

"Did you get to make sweets?"

"Yes," says Gran. "I got to m**a**k**e** milk sh**a**k**e**s, c**a**k**e**s, and gum drops."

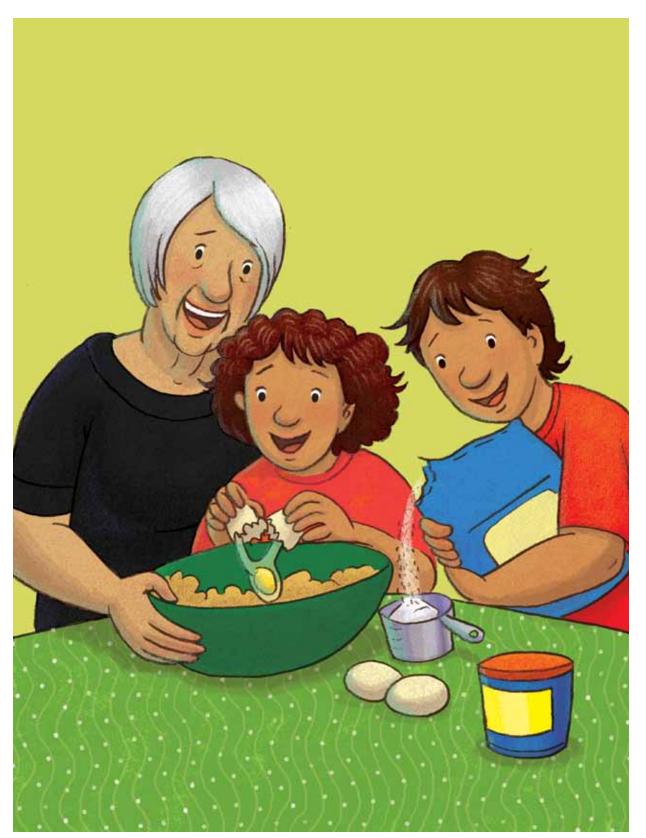


"Was it fun?" Josh asks.

"Some of it was fun," says Gran. "But it was not all fun and games. I had to sweep and pick up. And I had to wipe off the cake case."

"Can y<u>ou</u> still m**a**k**e** c**a**k**e**s?" asks Jen.

"You bet I can!" says Gran. "Do you want to m**a**ke one?"



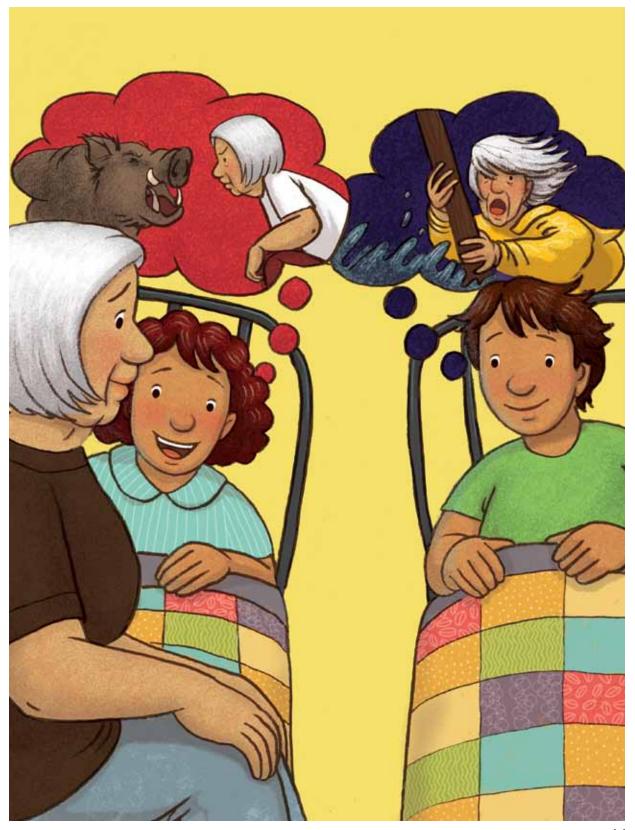
King and Queen

"Gran," Josh says, "will y<u>ou</u> tell us a t**ale**?"

"Yes!" says Jen. "Tell the <u>one</u> <u>where</u> y<u>ou</u> had to sc**a**r**e** off the mad hog!"

"No!" says Josh. "Tell the <u>one</u> where you were on that ship in the wind and w**a**v**e**s!"

"I will tell y<u>ou</u> a t**ale** I m**a**de up," says Gran. This is a t**ale** of a king and his qu**ee**n."



<u>Once</u> th<u>ere</u> was a qu**ee**n <u>who</u> felt sad. <u>All she</u> did was sulk and m**o**p**e**.

The king felt sad that his wife was so sad. He made eggs to cheer up the queen. But the queen said the eggs had a bad smell.



The king m**a**d**e** a c**a**k**e**. But the qu**ee**n did not l**i**k**e** it.

The king m**a**d**e** gum drops. But the qu**ee**n did not l**i**k**e** them.

By this time, the king was not sad. He was mad. He went back to the stove and made a pot of green slop.



"Th<u>ere</u>!" the king said. "This slop is not fit to f**ee**d to pigs! The qu**ee**n will h**a**t**e** it. But so what?"

The king piled some slop on a plate. Then he gave the plate to the queen.

The queen had a bite.

"Mmmm!" sh<u>e</u> said. "This is the best!"



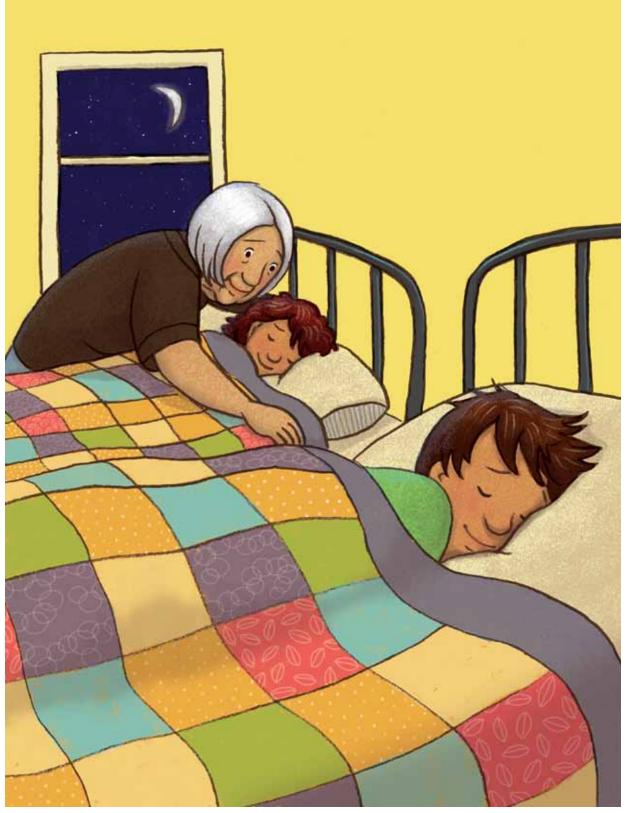
"Did sh<u>e</u> l**i**k**e** the gr**ee**n slop?" Jen asks.

"Yep!" says Gran.

"That w<u>a</u>s an odd t**a**l**e**!" says Jen.

"Odd but fun!" says Josh.

Gran tucks the kids in. Then Josh and Jen drift off to sl**ee**p.



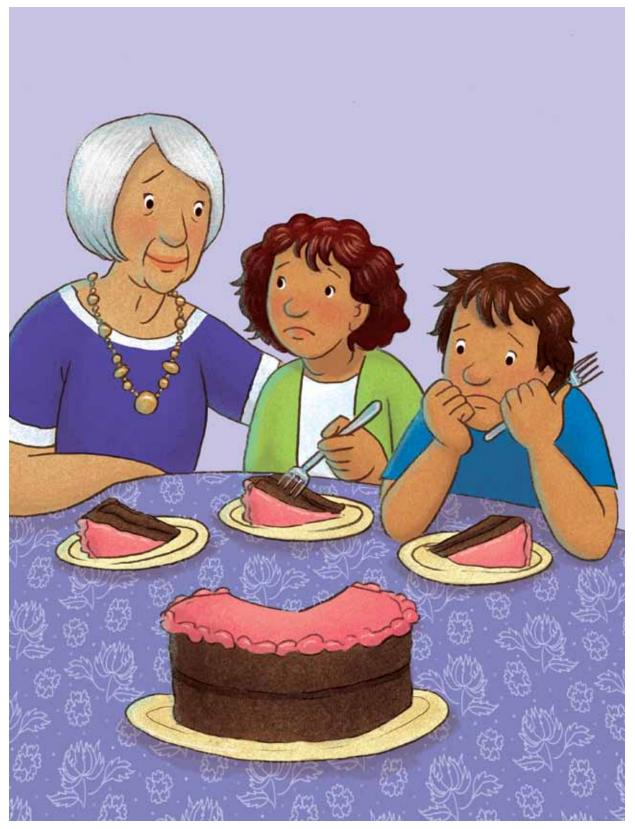
The Trip West

"I have m**a**d**e** plans to t**a**k**e** a trip," says Gran. "My pal Tex has a ranch in the West. It will b<u>e</u> a lot of fun!"

Gran smiles, but Josh and Jen <u>are</u> sad.

"We will miss you!" says Jen.

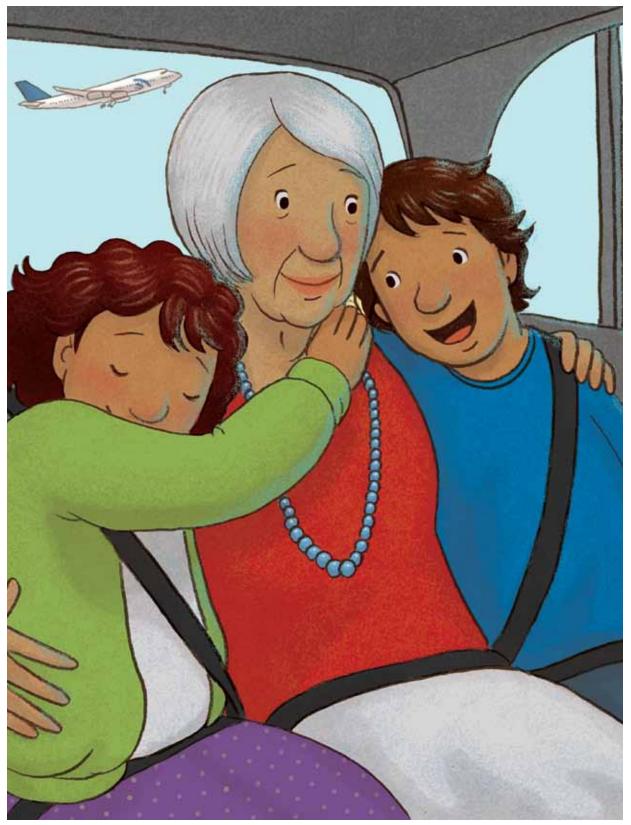
"<u>Wha</u>t will w<u>e</u> d<u>o</u> h<u>ere</u>?" says Josh.



"Well," says Gran, "<u>What if you</u> kids c**ame** on the trip with m<u>e</u>? Y<u>our</u> mom and dad said I can t**ake** you with m<u>e</u>, if you would like."

"Yes!" the kids yell. "T**a**ke us with y<u>ou</u>! T**a**ke us with y<u>ou</u>!"

Josh and Jen pack th<u>ei</u>r bags. Th<u>ey</u> get in a cab with Gran. Then th<u>ey</u> get on a pl**a**n**e**.

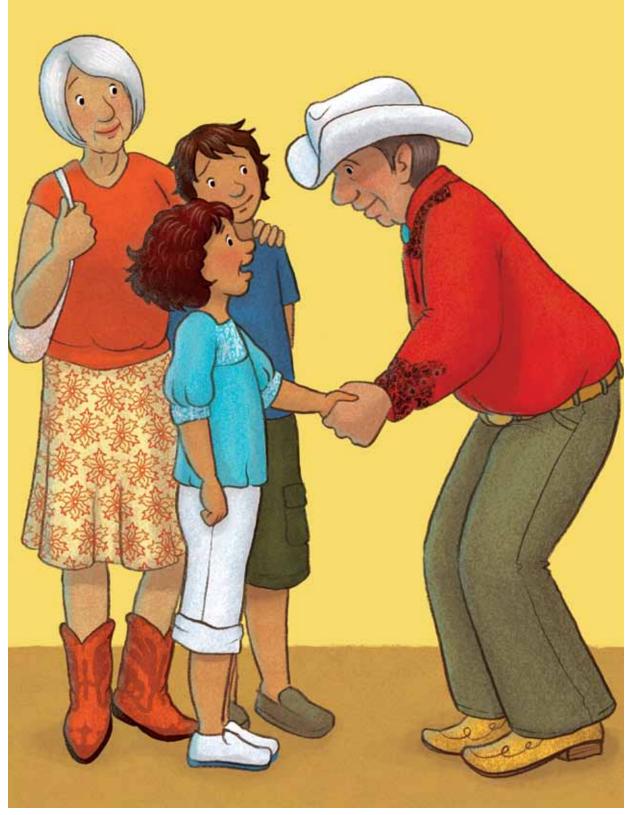


"Will w<u>e</u> b<u>e</u> s**a**f**e** on this pl**a**n**e**?" Jen asks.

"Yes," says Gran. "This will b<u>e</u> a s**a**f**e** pl**a**n**e** r**i**d**e**, not l**i**k**e** the <u>one</u> Fuzz had with Mel."

<u>Wh</u>en the pl**a**ne lands, Gran rents a van and dr**i**ves the kids to the ranch.

Tex is th<u>ere</u> to gr**ee**t them. He is a big man with a big hat. He sh**a**k**e**s hands with Josh and Jen. Then he hugs Gran.



At the ranch th<u>ere</u> is a m**ule** with packs on his back and bells on his neck.

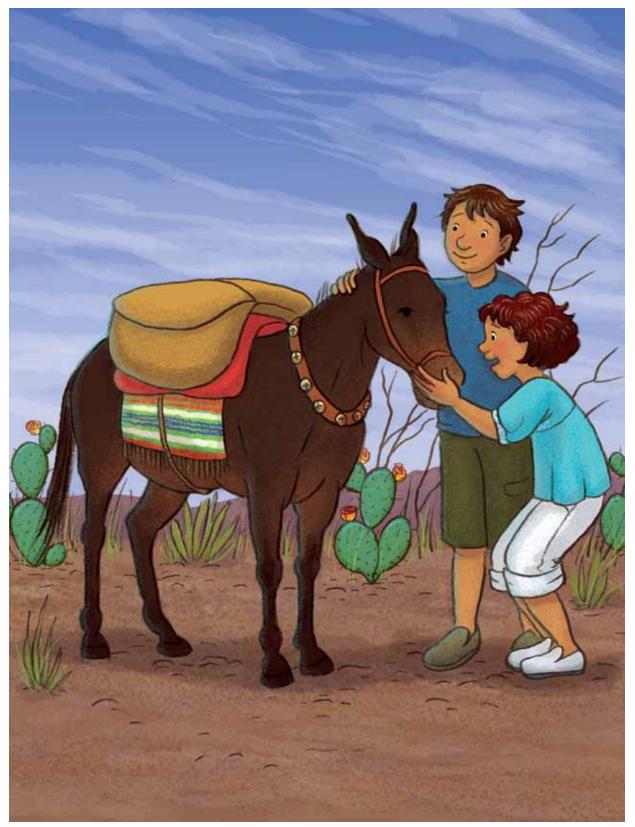
"That is Sam," says Tex. "He has <u>a</u>ll the camp stuff in his pack."

"Will w<u>e</u> get to camp?" asks Jen.

Tex nods. "Yup. He has y<u>our</u> tent on his back!"

Josh and Jen run to Sam. Th<u>ey</u> pet the m**ule**. Sam sh**a**k**e**s and his bells ring.

The kids smile.



Saved by the Bells

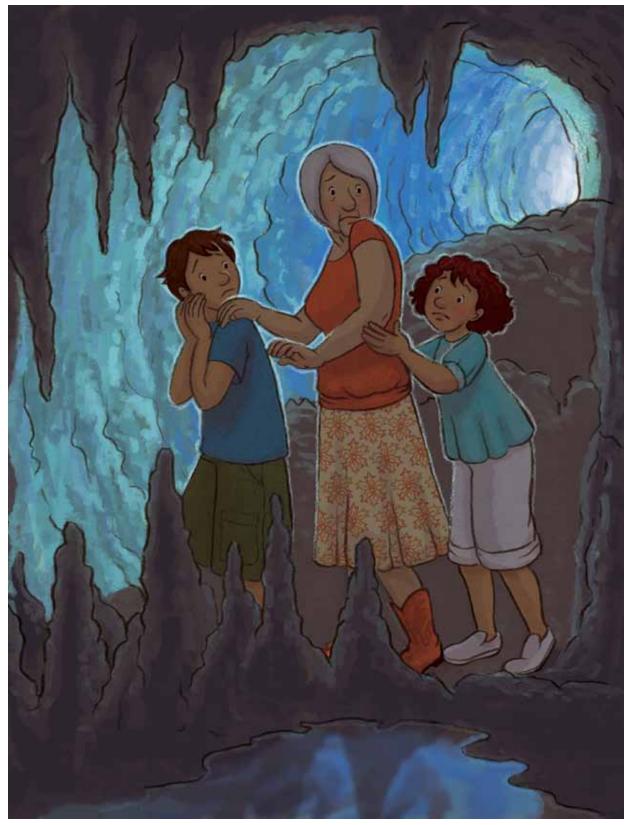
Josh, Jen, and Gran hike off to the camp site with Sam the mule.

"I will m**ee**t y<u>ou</u> there!" Tex yells.

<u>Wh</u>en th<u>ey</u> get to the camp site, Josh hangs Sam's rope on a tree.

The camp site is close to a cave. Gran and the kids peek in the cave.

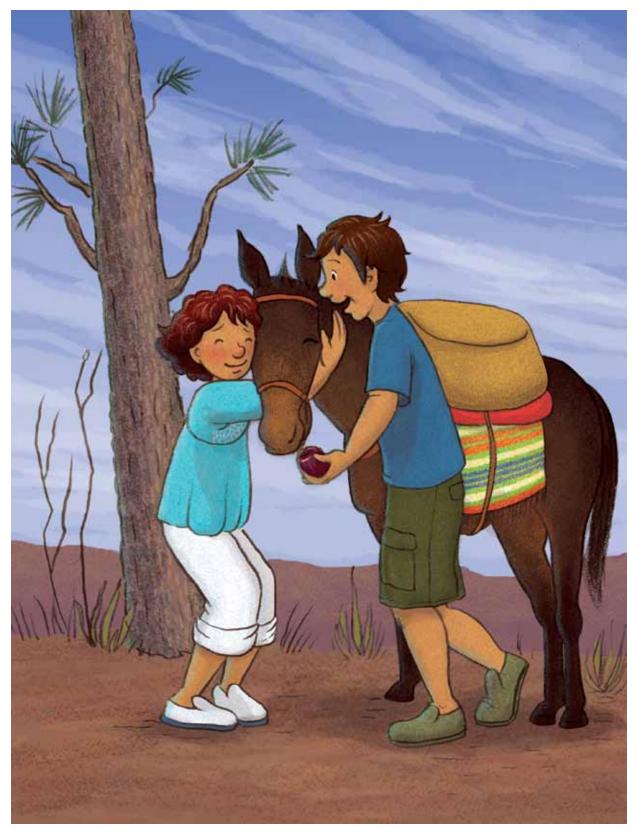
Drip. Drip. The c**a**ve is damp and dim. N<u>o</u> sun sh**i**nes in the c**a**ve.



Josh, Jen, and Gran hike deep in the cave. They get lost. They <u>are</u> a bit scared, but just then Sam's bells ring.

Sam's bells help them get back to the camp site.

<u>When they get back</u>, Jen hugs the m**ule** and says, "Sam, y<u>ou</u> and y<u>our</u> bells s**a**v**e**d us!"



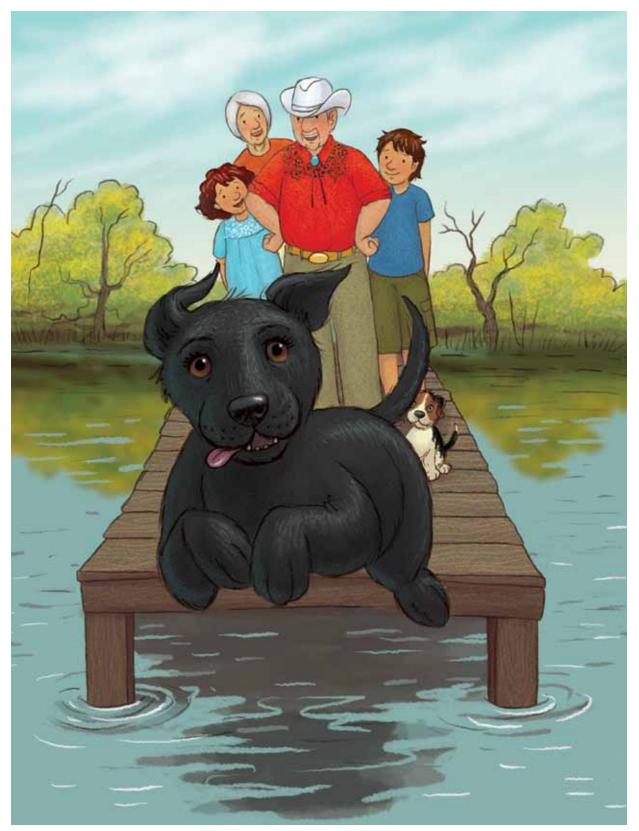
Splash Dogs

Tex takes Gran and the kids to meet his dogs, Buck and Pup. Buck is a big black dog. Pup is just a pup.

"We can take them to the lake so you can see their tricks," says Tex.

<u>At the lake, Tex grabs a stick.</u> "H<u>ere</u>, Buck!" he yells.

Tex chucks the stick in the l**a**ke. Buck runs to the end of the dock and jumps. Splash! Buck swims to the stick and brings it back.

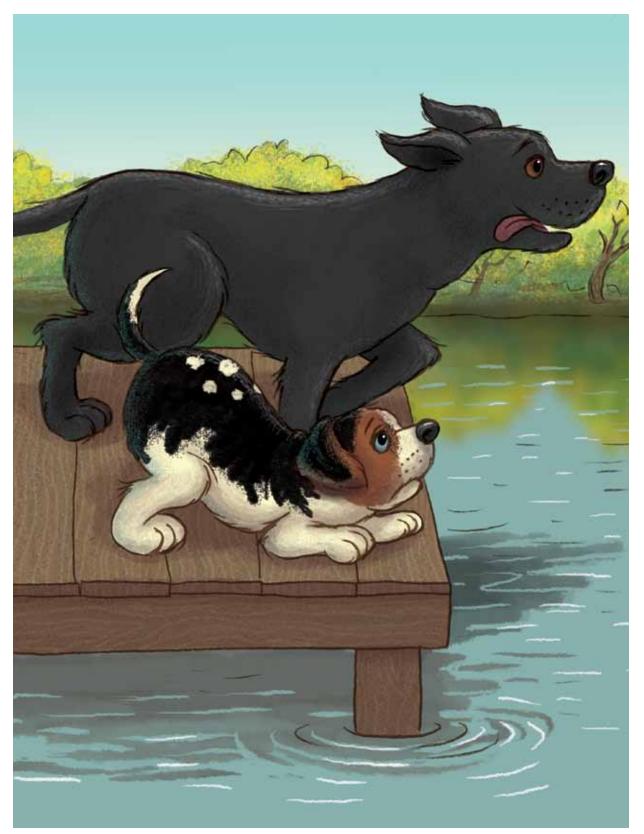


"Can Pup jump?" Jen asks.

"Well," Tex says, "he can swim, but he has not m**a**d**e** a jump yet. Let us s**ee** if w<u>e</u> can get him to jump."

Tex t**a**k**e**s a stick and chucks it on the land. Pup runs and gets it. Tex pats him on the back.

Next, Tex takes a stick and chucks it in the lake. The dogs run off, but Pup skids to a stop at the end of the dock. Buck jumps in and gets the stick.



"This t**i**m**e**," Tex says, "k**ee**p a hand on Buck and s**ee** if Pup will jump."

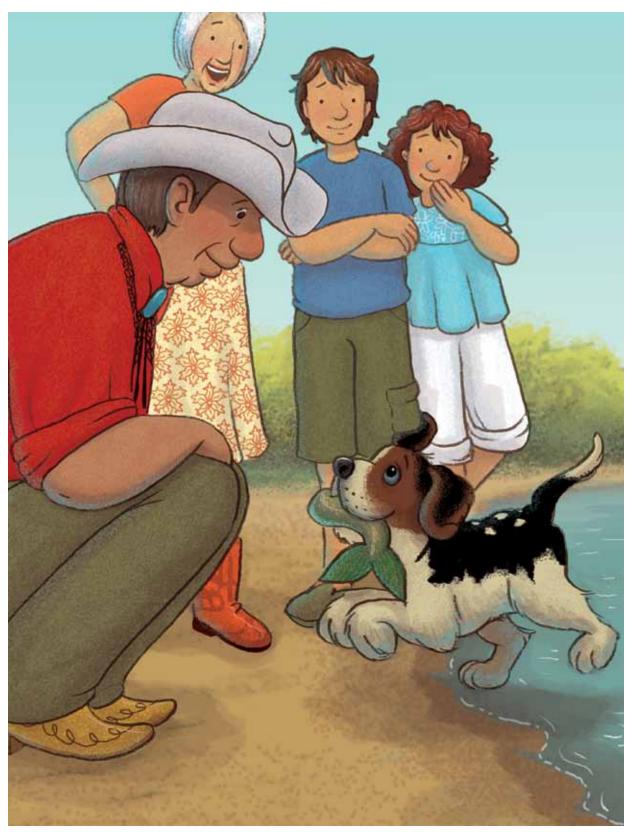
Gran grabs Buck and hugs him. Tex chucks the stick in the l**a**ke. This t**i**me, Pup runs and m**a**kes the jump. Splash!

Josh and Jen cheer and clap.

Pup pops up and swims back to the land. But <u>wha</u>t has he got in his t**ee**th?

"Is that the stick?" Josh asks.

"No!" yells Jen. "Pup has a fish!"



Tex and Rex

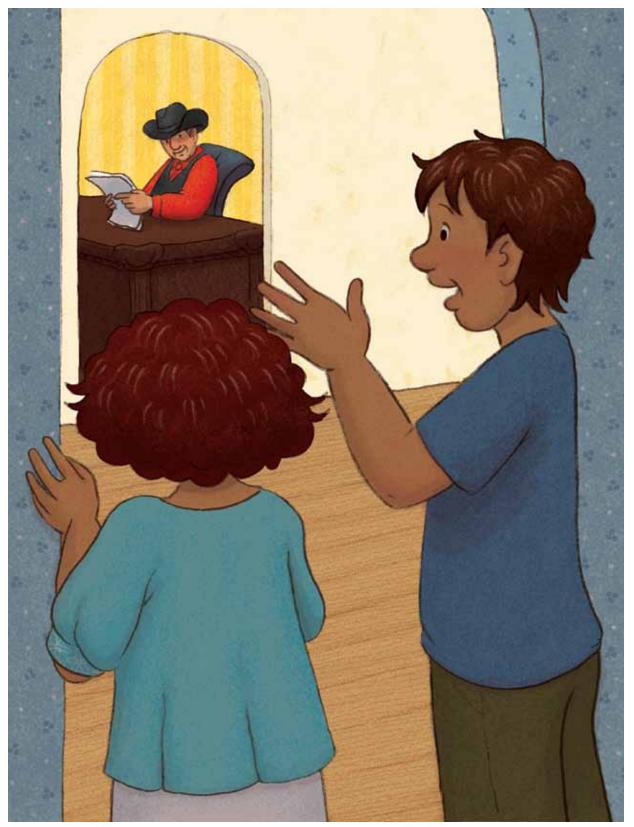
Josh and Jen s**ee** a man in the den. The man has a black hat.

"Tex!" says Jen.

The kids sm**ile** and w**a**ve. The man w**a**ves back.

"W<u>e</u> w<u>ere</u> at the cr**ee**k!" Jen yells. The man just sm**i**l**e**s.

"There w<u>ere</u> d**ee**r tracks at the cr**ee**k!" Josh yells. The man nods, but then he runs off.



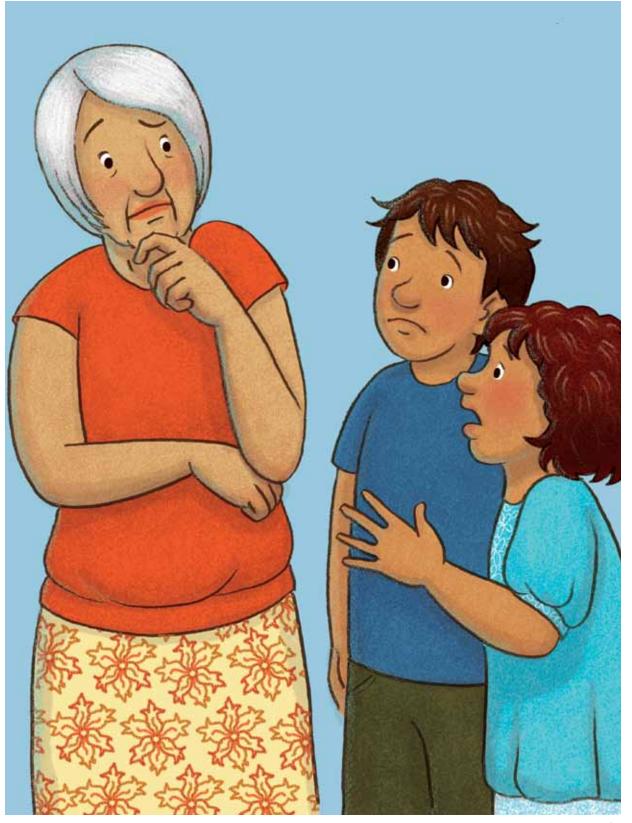
"Gran," Jen asks, "is Tex mad at us?"

"Mad?" Gran asks. "Why?"

"He seems odd," says Jen. "I said we went to the creek and he just smiled."

"And I said there w<u>ere</u> d**ee**r tracks at the cr**ee**k and <u>a</u>ll he did was nod," says Josh.

"It was Tex, but he did not act like Tex," says Jen.

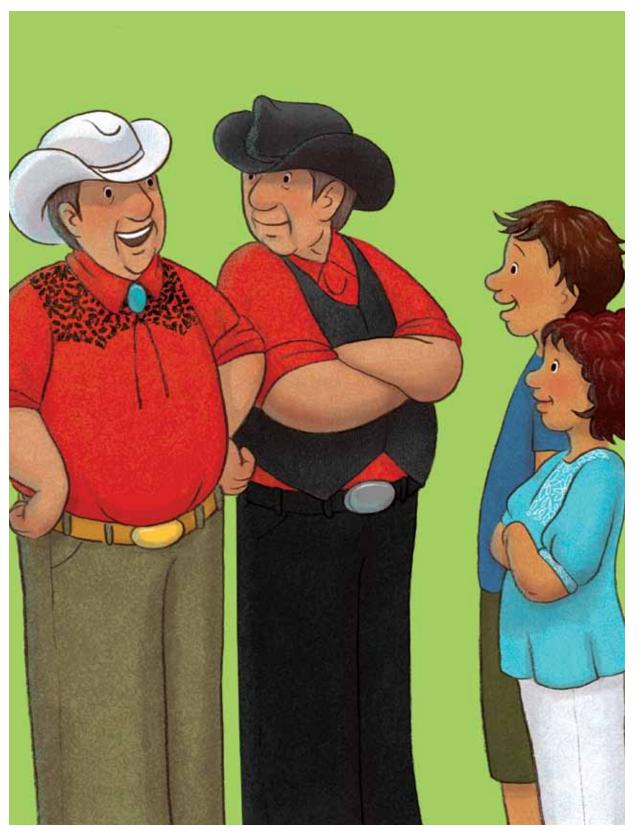


Just then, Gran grins. "We n**ee**d to t**a**k**e** a trip to the shed," sh<u>e</u> says.

<u>When Gran and the kids get to</u> the shed, they see Tex. Then they see the man in the black hat.

Jen st**a**res at Tex and says, "If you are Tex, then who is that?"

"Kids," says Gran with a big sm**ile**, "m**ee**t Rex. Rex and Tex <u>are</u> twins!"



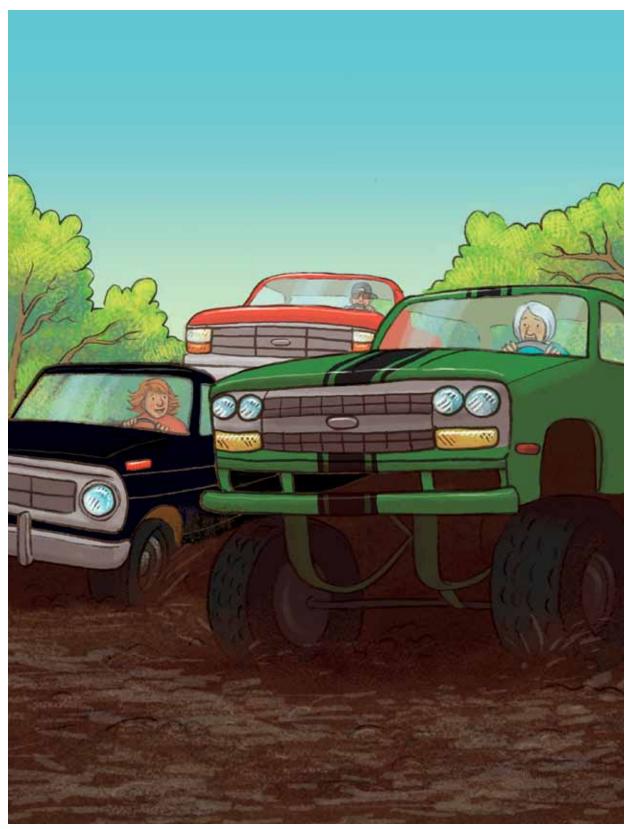
Gran's Mud Run

Gran, Tex, and the kids <u>are</u> at a track. Gran is <u>all</u> set to drive in a Mud Run. Three trucks <u>are</u> lined up side by side.

A man w**a**v**e**s a flag and the trucks t**a**k**e** off.

Gran is fast. Sh<u>e</u> drives past the red truck and the black truck. Sh<u>e</u> spins the tires and slings lots of mud on the black truck. Splat!

Josh and Jen ch**ee**r.

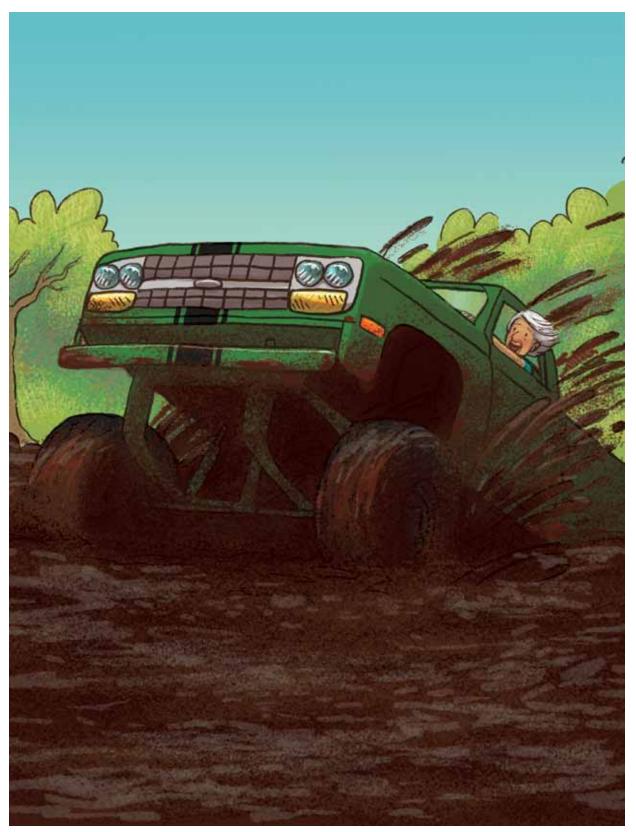


Gran dr**i**v**e**s f**i**v**e** laps. Then sh<u>e</u> gets stuck in d**ee**p mud.

The red truck sp**ee**ds by. Then the black <u>one</u> zips past. Gran rocks the truck. It hops fr<u>o</u>m the trench.

Gran steps on the gas. With thr**ee** laps left, sh<u>e</u> zips past the black truck.

With <u>one</u> lap left, Gran is just in back of the red truck. The red truck slings lots of mud on Gran's truck. Gran can not s**ee** much, but sh<u>e</u> steps on the gas.



The red truck and Gran's green truck cross the line side by side.

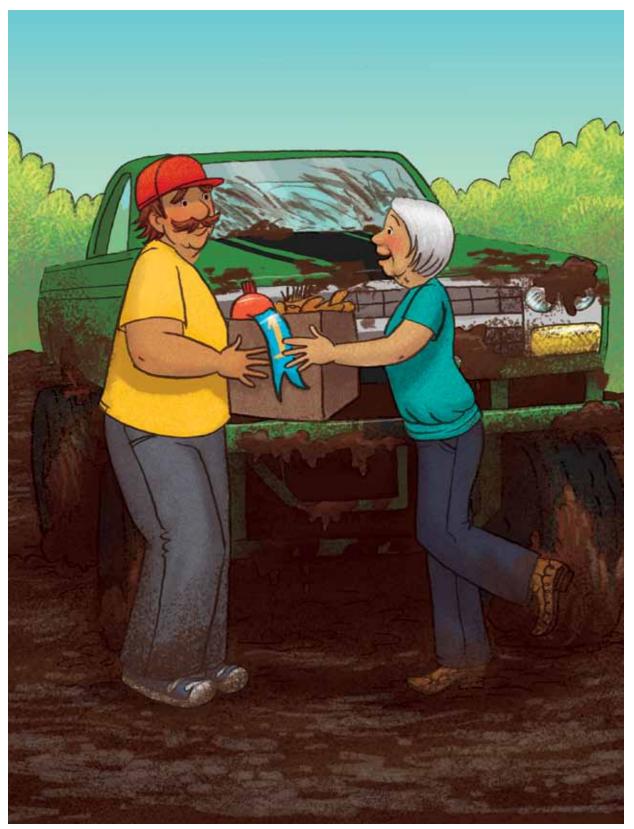
Gran hops fr<u>o</u>m the truck and yells, "Did I win?"

"Yes!" the kids yell.

Gran wipes off some mud and asks, "<u>What</u> is my prize?"

A man runs up with the prize. He hands Gran a tire brush, a big box of rags, and some truck wax.

"Just <u>wha</u>t I n**ee**d!" says Gran.



Gran's Trip Home

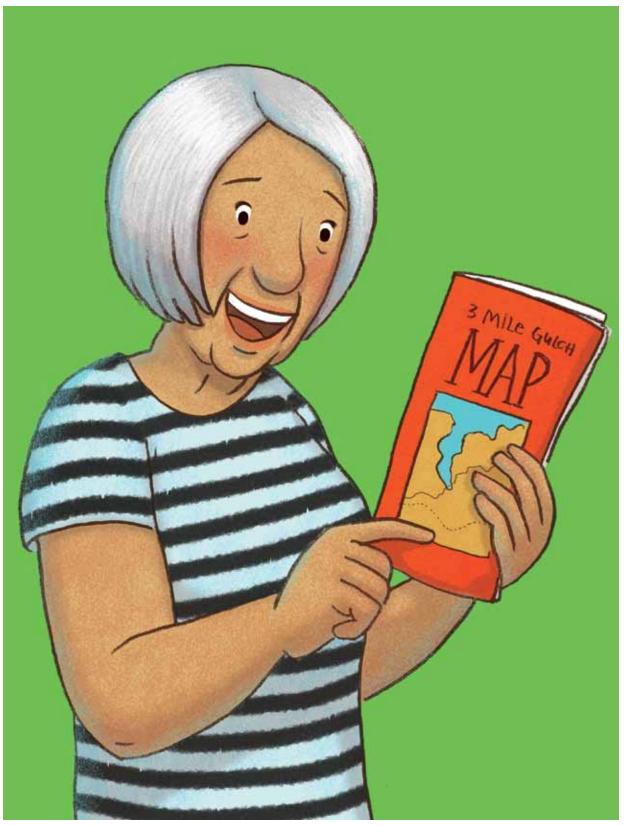
Gran hugs Josh and Jen.

"Tex will t**a**k**e** y<u>ou</u> kids back in his truck," sh<u>e</u> says.

"Will you take a bus?" Jen asks.

"Nope," says Gran.

Gran w**a**v**e**s a map. "This will get m<u>e</u> h**o**m**e**," sh<u>e</u> says.



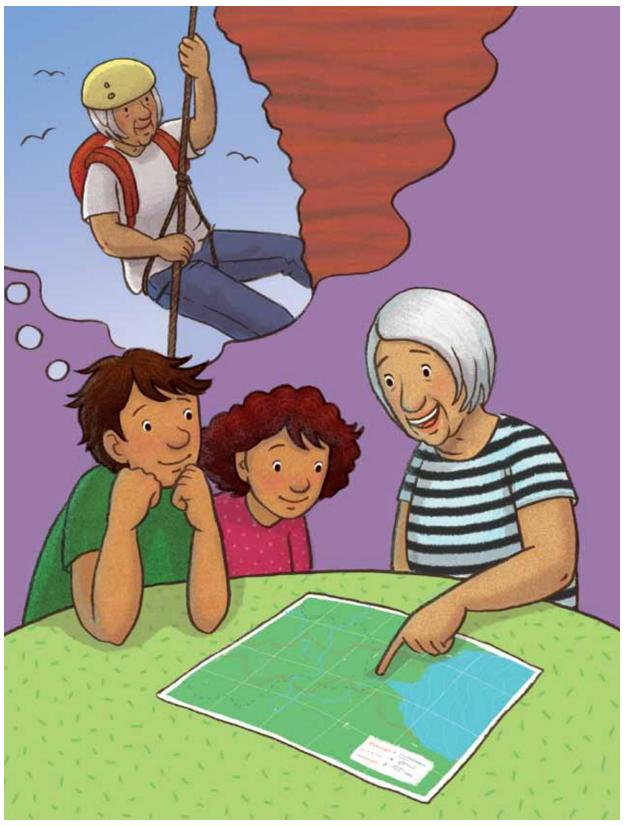
"See h<u>ere</u>?" she says. "W<u>e are</u> h<u>ere</u>. I will ride my bike to Three Mile Gulch, <u>wh</u>ich is h<u>ere</u> on my map. It will take m<u>e</u> a week to get there."

"A w**ee**k!" says Josh.

Gran nods.

"I will **use** my rope to cross the gulch," Gran says. "Then I will hike up to Pine Hill. It's just nine miles."

"Nine miles!" says Josh.



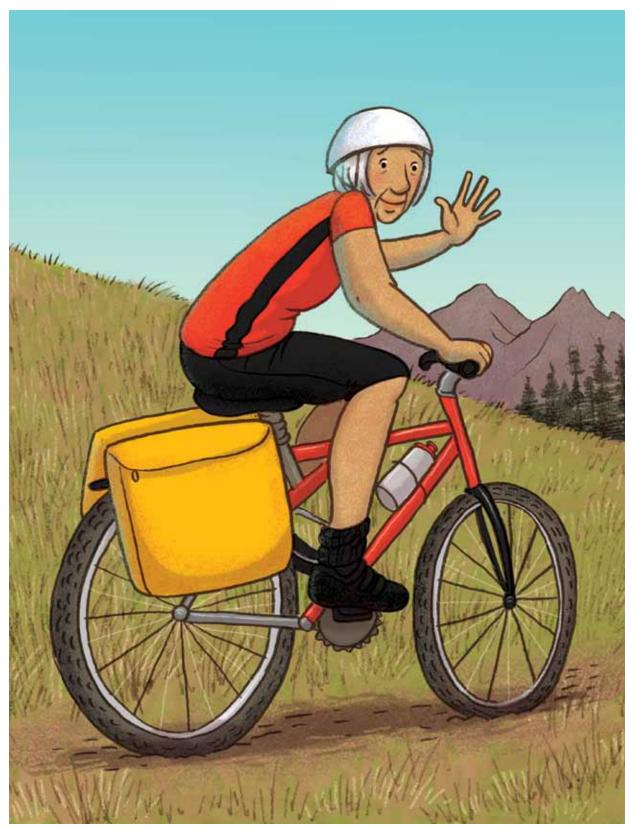
"Then I will b<u>e</u> cl**ose** to h**ome**," says Gran. "It is just ten m**ile**s from P**ine** Hill to my h**ome**."

"Ten miles!" says Jen.

"Y<u>ou</u> kids h<u>ave</u> got <u>one</u> heck of a Gran!" says Tex.

As Gran sets off, the kids wave.

Gran w**a**ves back. "See y<u>ou</u> in six weeks!" she yells.



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Vowel Sounds and Spellings:

/i/ as in *skim* /e/ as in *bed* /a/ as in *tap* /u/ as in <u>up</u> /o/ as in *flop* **Consonant Sounds and Spellings:**

> /m/ as in *swi<u>m</u>, swi<u>mm</u>ing /t/ as in <i>bat, sitting* /d/ as in *bid, add* /k/ as in <u>cot, k</u>id, hi<u>cc</u>up, bla<u>ck</u>, /g/ as in *log, egg* /n/ as in *ru<u>n</u>, ru<u>nn</u>ing /h/ as in <u>ham</u> /s/ as in <u>sit</u>,*

/f/ as in *fat, huff* /v/ as in vet /z/ as in <u>zip</u>, buzz, dogs /p/ as in *tip, napping* /b/ as in *rub, rubbing* /l/ as in lamp, bell /r/ as in *rip*, *ferret* /w/ as in wet /j/ as in *jog* /y/ as in yes /x/ as in box /ch/ as in *chin* /sh/ as in shop /th/ as in <u>th</u>ing /th/ as in then /qu/ as in <u>quilt</u> /ng/ as in king

Tricky Words:

the, who, once, to, do, two, are, have, were, one, a, l, no, so, of, is, to, all, some, from, word, said, says, was, when, why, where, what, which, here, there

Other:

Punctuation (period, comma, quotation marks, question mark, exclamation point)

Code Knowledge added gradually in the unit for this Reader:

- Beginning with "Gran's Trips": /ee/ as in bee
- Beginning with "The Pet": Tricky Words he, she, be, me, we
- Beginning with "Wong from Hong Kong": /ae/ as in cake
- Beginning with "Where is Wong?": Tricky Words they and their
- Beginning with "The Swim Meet": /ie/ as in bite
- Beginning with "The Tape": /oe/ as in home; Tricky Words my and by
- Beginning with "Fuzz and Mel": /ue/ as in cute
- Beginning with "The Sweet Shop": Tricky Words you and your



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