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Preface

This is the third book of *One Story A Day for Early Readers*, a series of twelve books designed to develop a love of reading in children ages 6 and up.

Written by a team of professional writers, these books comprise high-interest topics and motivational content that make children excited about reading.

The stories are based on everyday life, funny tales of friendship and family, fables from around the world, and stories about nature, science and history.

The *One Story A Day* series fosters children's total development—linguistic, intellectual, social, and cultural—through the joy of reading.

Both the content and structure of the books encourage children to read every day. Controlled vocabulary and targeted illustrations make the stories easy to understand. Moreover, each book comes with an audio CD with all stories narrated in clear, natural voices.

This series can be used in a variety of settings and with many different approaches. The stories can always bring the joy of words and reading to the ears and minds of children at a crucial stage in their development.

Sit back, relax, and discover the pleasure of reading!





Butterflies and Bird Song

(based on a Native American legend)

One day in late summer, a magic man was passing through a village. It was a wonderful, sunny day.

“Soon, it will be winter,” thought the man. “It will be cold and grey. Everyone will be sad.”

But, the man had a plan.

He gathered all the beautiful things of the world and put them into a magic bag. He collected a golden ray



of sunshine, the green from the leaves of trees, the rich blue of the summer sky, and the flowers of many colours.

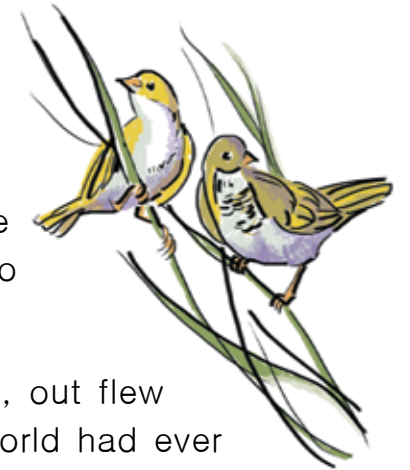
He heard the birds singing, so he added all their wonderful songs to the bag too.

Then, when he opened the bag, out flew the most beautiful creatures the world had ever seen—butterflies!

The birds agreed that the butterflies were beautiful. They would help the people remember the beauty of the world, even during the dark, cold winters.

But the birds asked the man to give them back their songs. “These belong to us,” they cried. “Butterflies are still beautiful without our songs.” The man agreed.

And so, from that time on, butterflies were silent and beautiful.





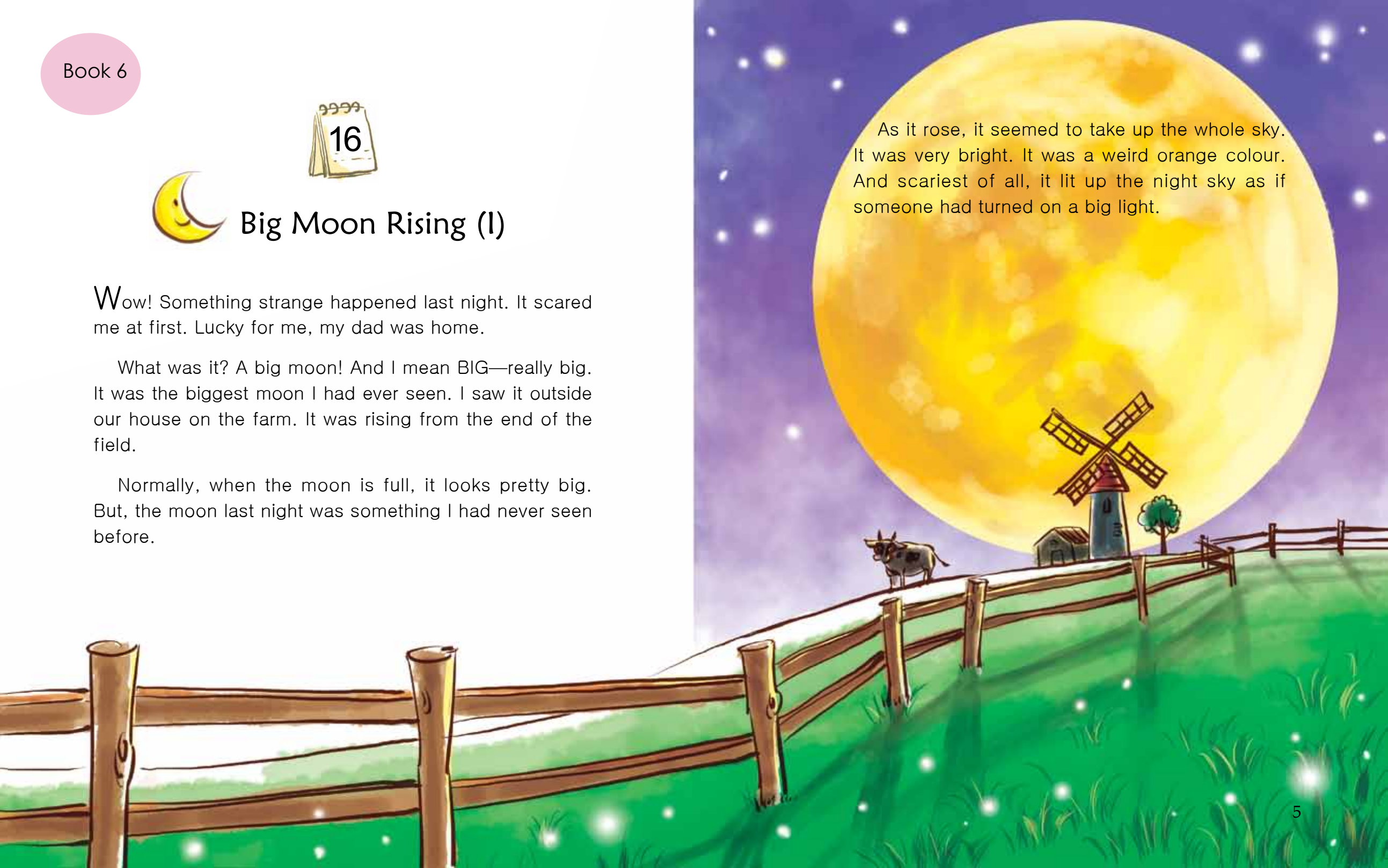
Big Moon Rising (I)

Wow! Something strange happened last night. It scared me at first. Lucky for me, my dad was home.

What was it? A big moon! And I mean BIG—really big. It was the biggest moon I had ever seen. I saw it outside our house on the farm. It was rising from the end of the field.

Normally, when the moon is full, it looks pretty big. But, the moon last night was something I had never seen before.

As it rose, it seemed to take up the whole sky. It was very bright. It was a weird orange colour. And scariest of all, it lit up the night sky as if someone had turned on a big light.



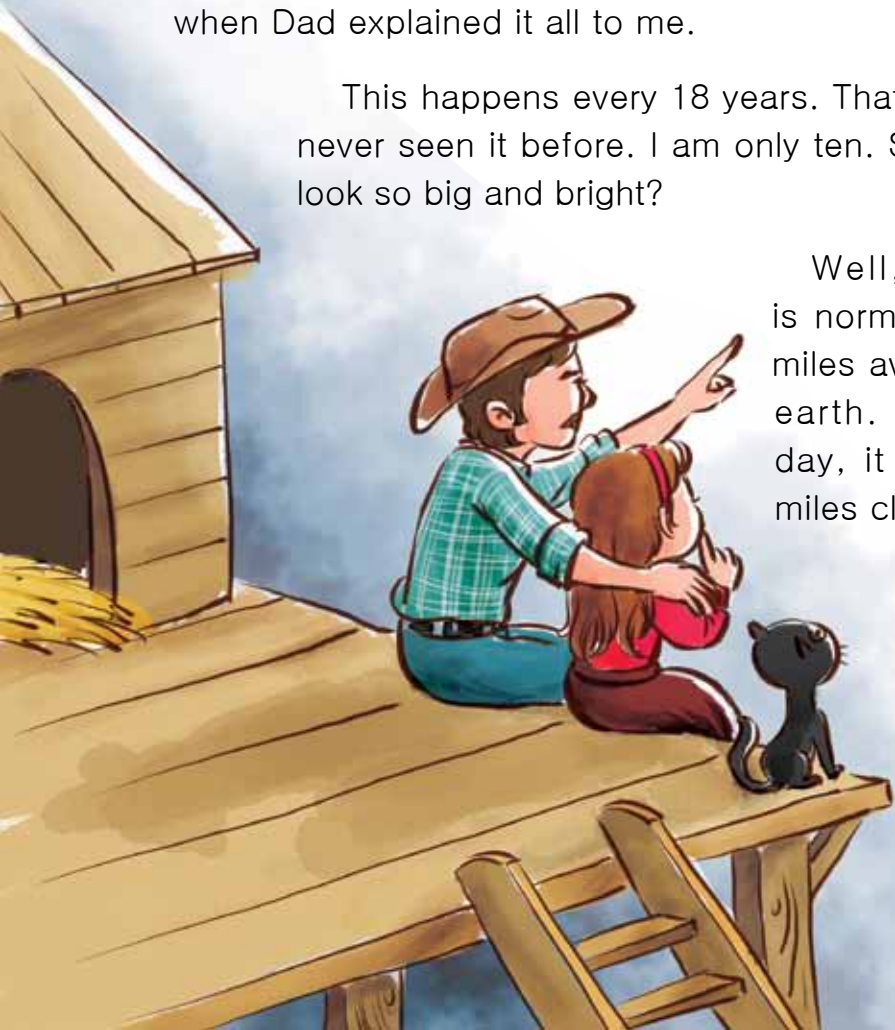


Big Moon Rising (II)

I ran inside feeling really excited and nervous. That's when Dad explained it all to me.

This happens every 18 years. That's why I had never seen it before. I am only ten. So why did it look so big and bright?

Well, the moon is normally 253,000 miles away from the earth. But on this day, it was 31,000 miles closer to us!



Don't worry. It's natural and normal. It will happen again in 18 years. How old will I be then? Wow! I will be twenty-eight years old. But I won't be scared when I see it next time.

When you understand why things happen, you are not afraid of them anymore.

Keep your eyes open and you will be able to see the big moon too.



Lost at the Beach

Yesterday at the beach, I saw a man walking slowly. He was holding a strange machine in his hand.

Every now and then, he stopped to dig in the sand. I was curious. What was the man doing?

“I am searching for treasure,” he said.

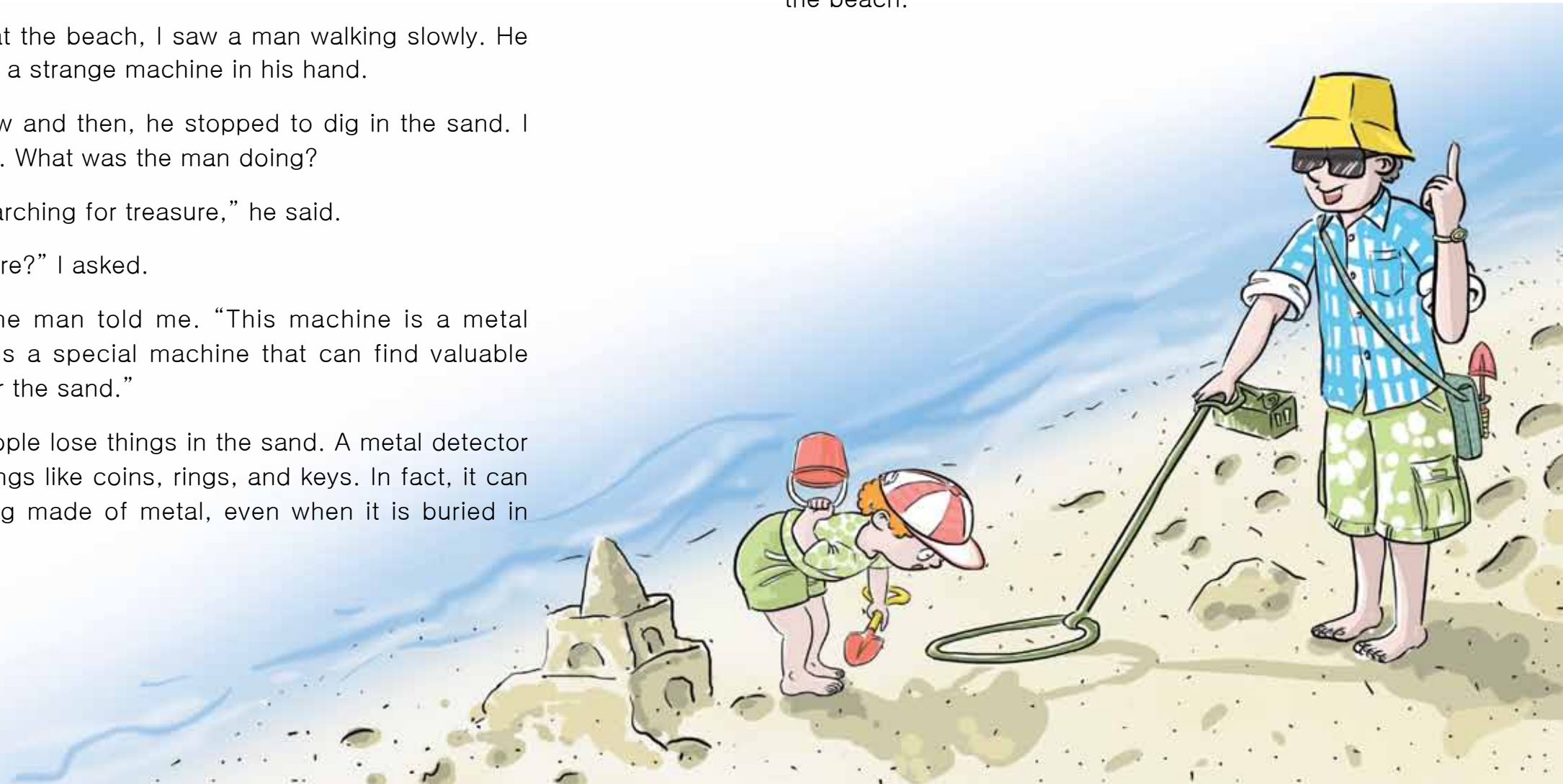
“A treasure?” I asked.

“Yes,” the man told me. “This machine is a metal detector. It’s a special machine that can find valuable things under the sand.”

Many people lose things in the sand. A metal detector can find things like coins, rings, and keys. In fact, it can find anything made of metal, even when it is buried in the sand.

When the machine passes over metal, it beeps loudly. It tells the man there is something under the sand. So, he digs and usually finds something valuable.

Then, he takes the treasures to the Lost and Found, where people come to look for things they have lost on the beach.





Connie was very excited. Today was her birthday and she had just received her very own computer!

“With a computer come certain responsibilities,” said her father. “You have to use it responsibly or it will be put away.”



“I will,” promised Connie.

“That means no chat rooms other than the one your school uses,” said Dad. “No talking to strangers and no giving out your name, address or email.”

“I won’t,” promised Connie. “And if something doesn’t seem right, I’ll tell you or Mom.”

“Okay,” said Dad. “Then go ahead and turn it on.”

Connie pushed the start button, but nothing happened. She tried again. But still nothing. “Oh no!” she cried. “It’s broken and I haven’t even used it once.”

“I’ll take it back tomorrow and get another one,” said Dad.

Suddenly, Mom started laughing. She held up the cord. “It will work much better if you plug it in!”



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