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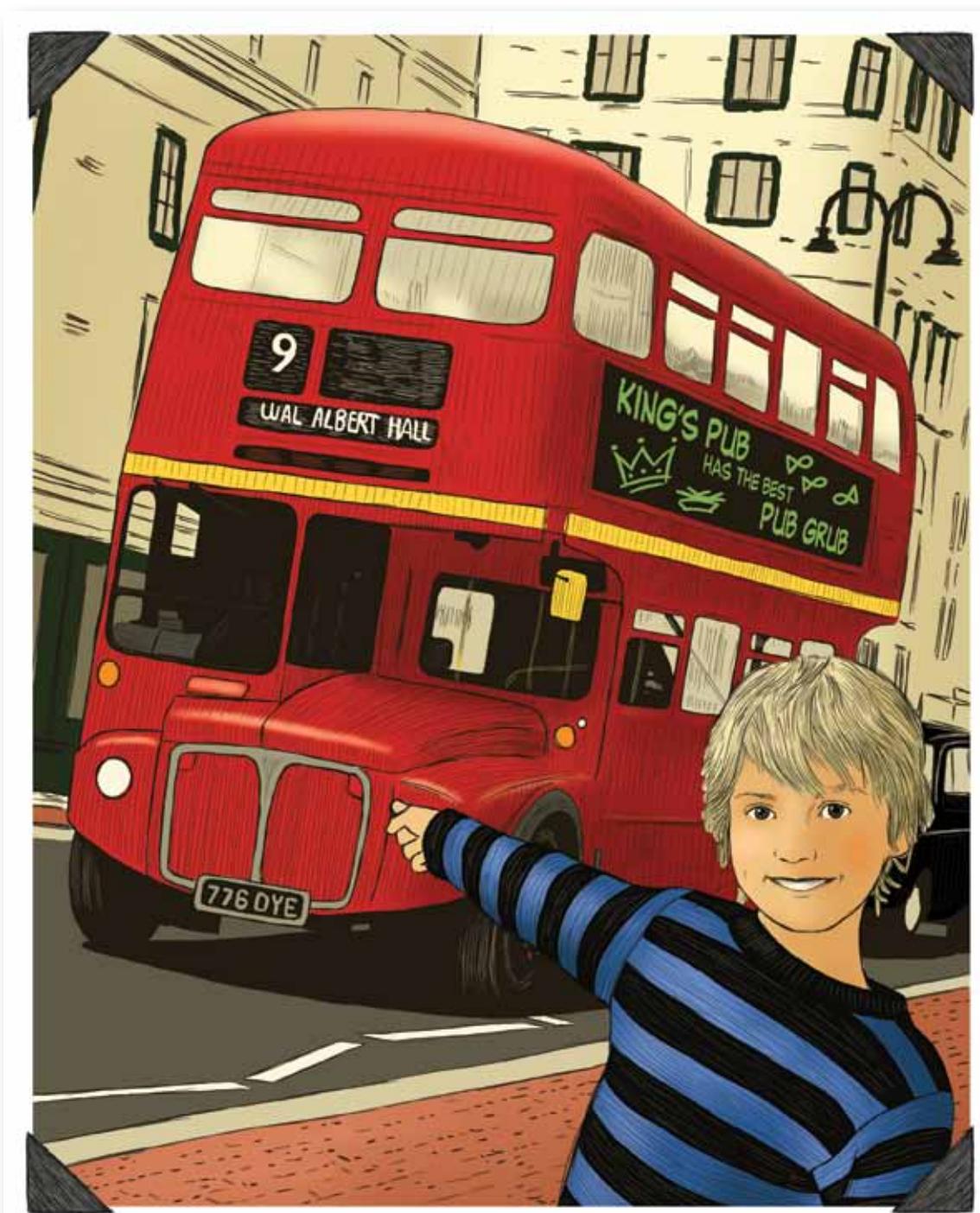


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# Beth

I am Beth.

I am ten.

I am at camp.

Camp is fun.



Once Mom and Dad went on a  
trip to the camp. All of us were  
at the camp.

Dad and I went up on top of a  
path at the pond.

Mom got a snap shot of us.

This is the snap shot.

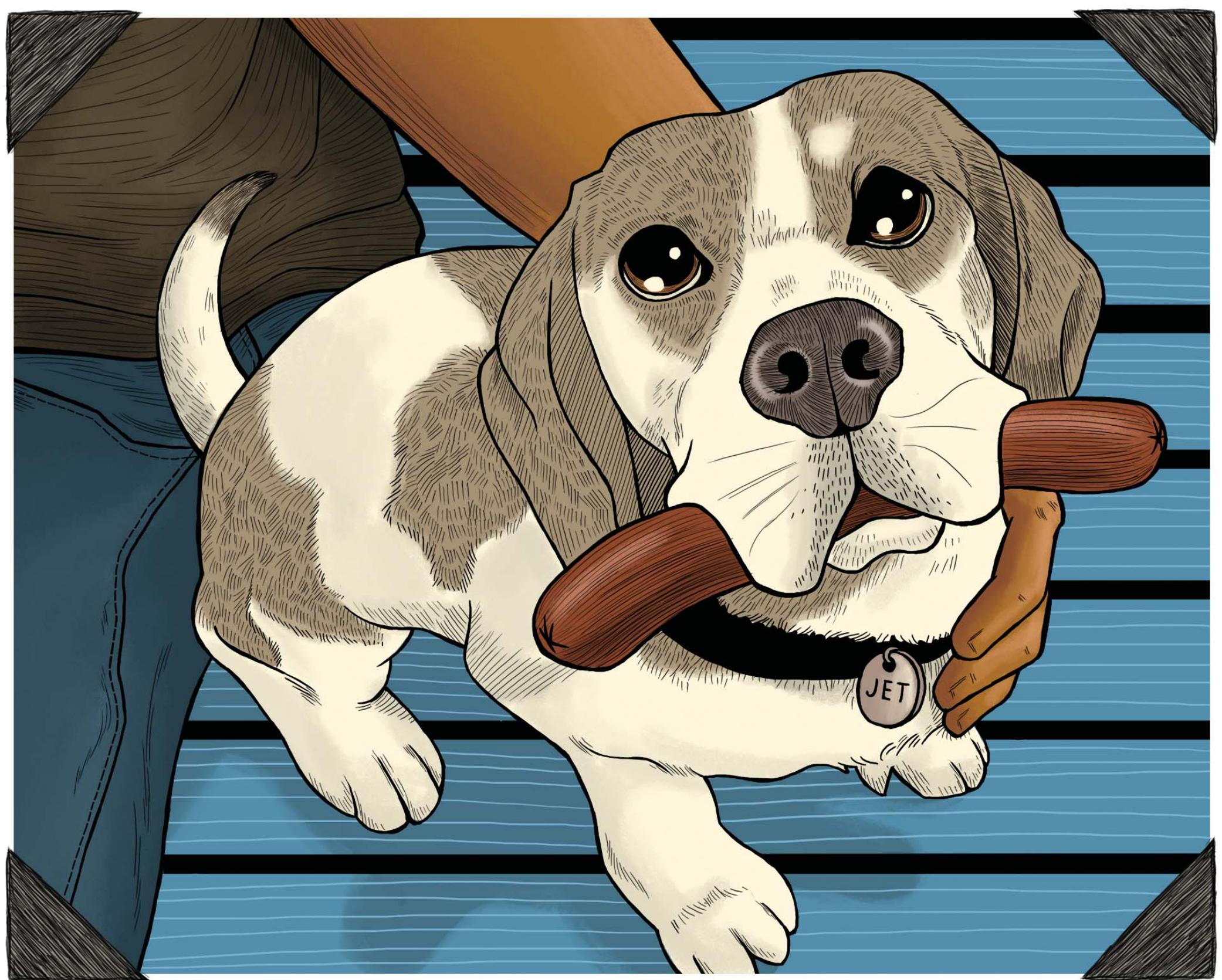


Then Mom let us snap some  
shots.

Dad got a snap shot of Mom.



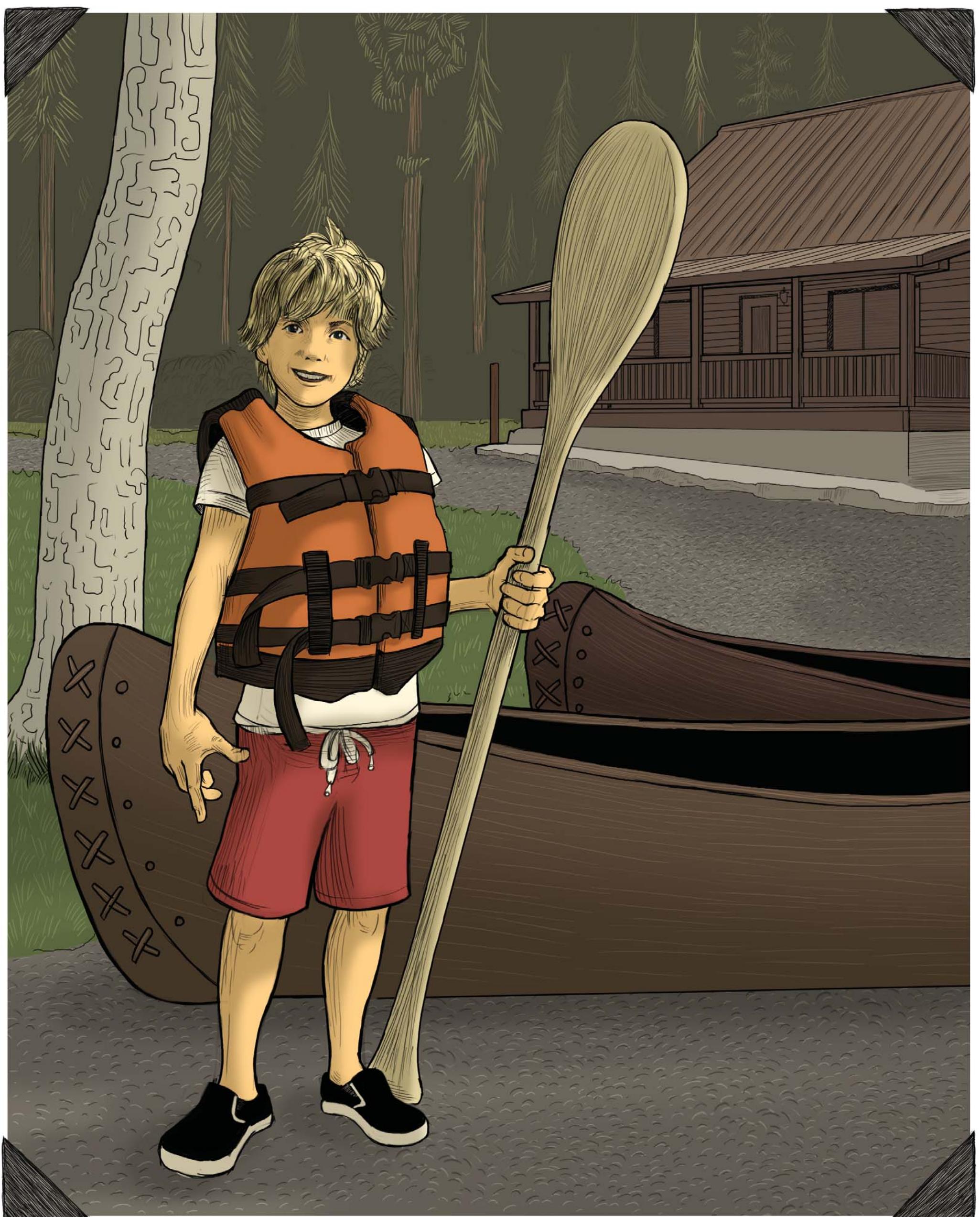
I got a snap shot of a dog with  
a hot dog.



# Nat

This is Nat.

Nat is a kid I met at camp.

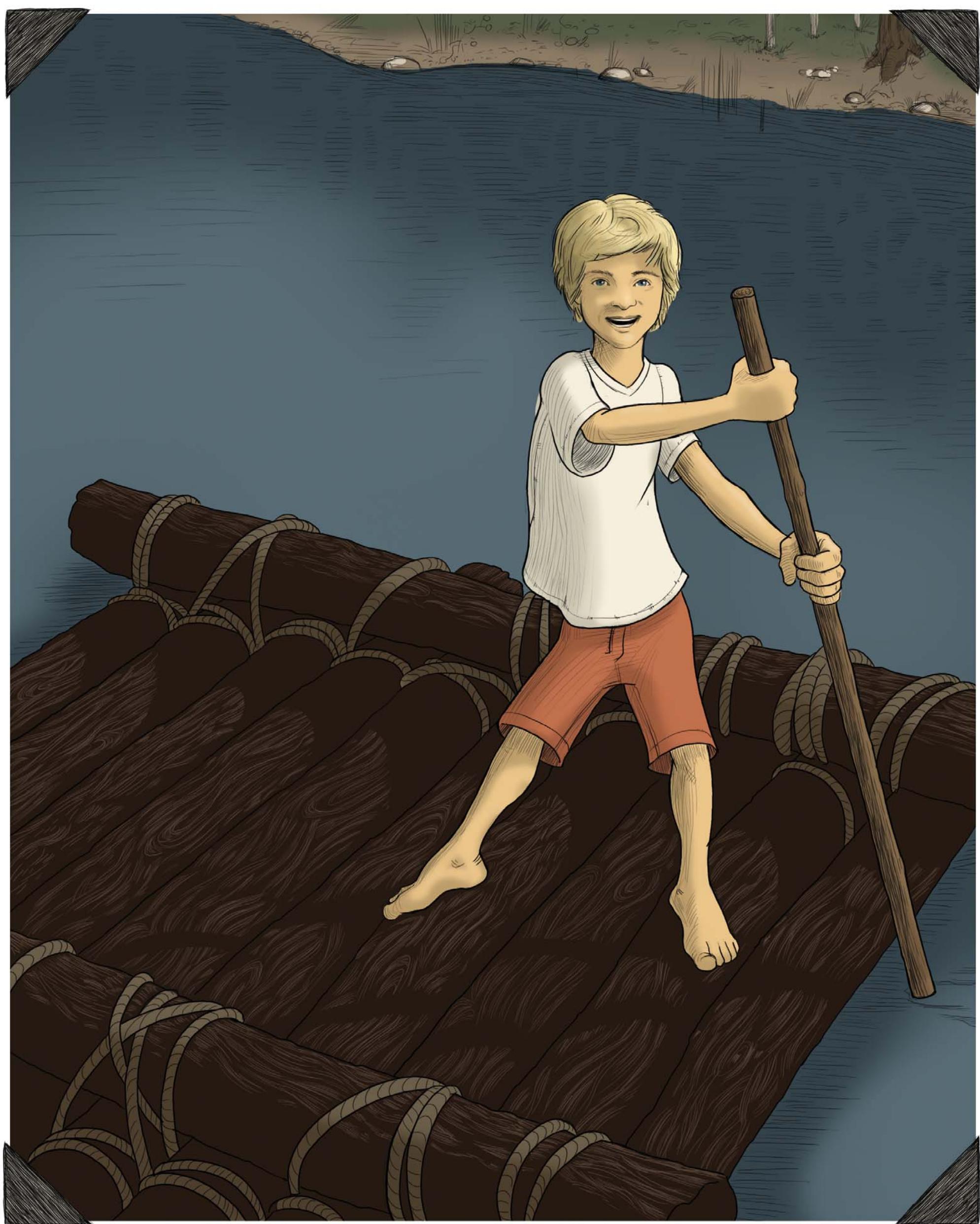


I have lots of snap shots of Nat.

This is a snap shot of Nat with a fish.



This is a snap shot of Nat on a  
raft.



Nat and I had lots of fun at camp. But then Nat's mom got a job in the U.K.

Nat left, and I felt sad.



# The Trip to the U.K.

Nat went to the U.K., and I felt sad. But then Mom set up a trip to the U.K.



Mom and I went on a jet. Ships  
are fun, but jets are the best!

I got to sit next to the wing. I  
had lunch. Then I had a nap.

Mom got this snap shot of the  
nap.



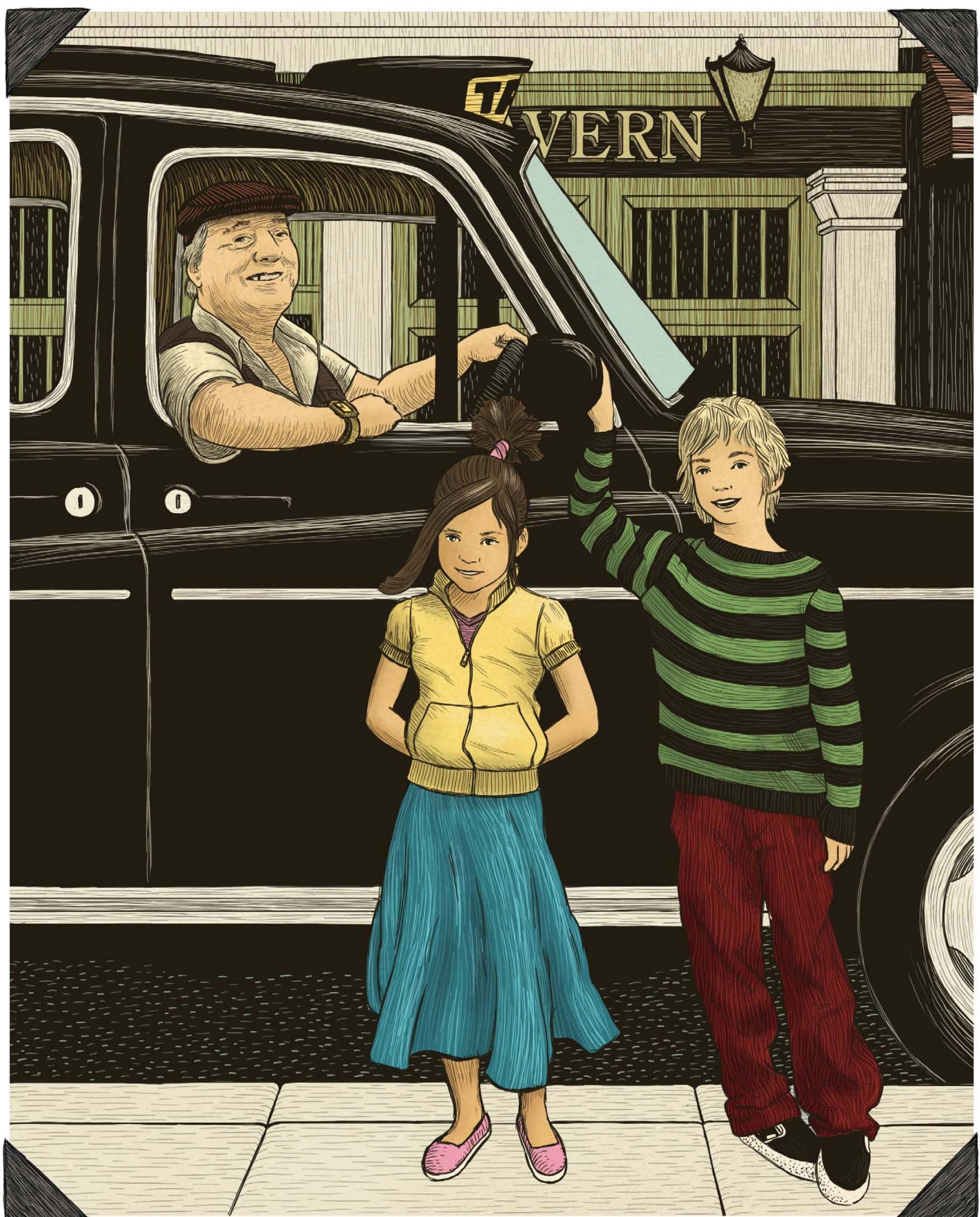
Nat met us at the  end of the  
ramp.

I ran up to hug him.



Then Nat's mom, Dot, got us a  
cab.

This is a snap shot of us with  
the cab man.



Nat and I had a lot of fun.

Then it was time for bed. Mom  
and I slept in a bed next to  
Nat's bed.



# Bud the Cat

This is a snap shot of Nat's cat,  
Bud.

Nat got Bud from a vet. Bud  
had a bad leg. The vet had to  
fix Bud's leg.



Bud had to sit in a box with a cast on one leg.

Then Nat said, “Mom, can I have him? Can I? Can I? Can I? ”

Dot said yes.



# The Fish

This is a snap shot of Nat's fish.

The fish swim and splash and  
munch on fish snacks.



The e cat can smell the e fish. It  
can press on the e glass. It can  
grab at the e fish. But it can not  
get them.



# The Flag Shop

Mom and I went in a lot of  
shops in the U.K. One of the  
shops was a flag shop.

The shop had the U.S. flag, the  
French flag, and the U.K. flag.

That's Mom in the snap shot,  
with the U.S. flag.



The U.K. flag has a big red cross on it. Nat and his mom held one up.

I got this snap shot of the two of them with the flag.



# Which is the Best?

This is a snap shot Mom got. All  
of us had to run up a bunch of  
steps to get to this spot.

Nat and I ran up fast. The  
moms had to huff and puff to  
get to the top.

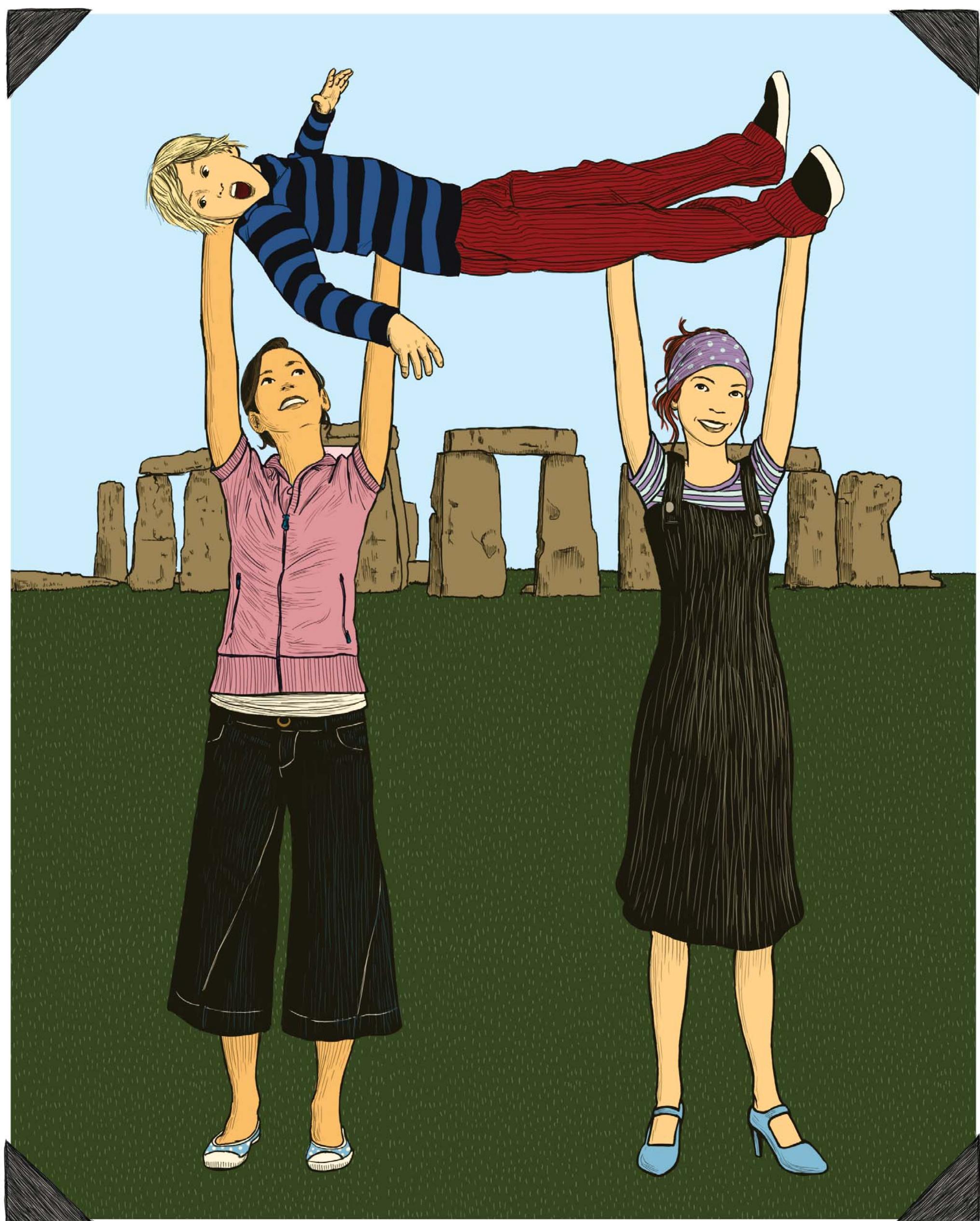


This next snap shot is one that I got. It is Nat with a bunch of big rocks.

Nat had Mom and Dot lift him up.

Then Nat said, “Beth, get a snap shot of this! I am the rock on top! Get it?”

So which snap shot is the best?



# The Bus Stop

Dot led us to a bus stop. At the bus stop there was a thrush.

Nat held up his hand. The thrush was all set to land on his hand, but then Dot said, “Nat, stop that!”

Nat let his hand drop.



At the bus stop, Nat said, “Beth,  
this is the best bus!”

I said, “Why? Is it fast?”

“No,” Nat said, “it is not that  
fast.”

“Then why is it the best?”

Just then, Nat said, “There it is!”  
It was a big red bus with a top  
deck!



# On the Bus

Nat and I sat up on the top deck of the big red bus.

The bus went past a big shop.

“That is where Mom shops,” said Nat. “That shop has all the best stuff!”



The bus went past a big clock.

A bell went ding, dong, ding,  
dong.

“That is Big Ben!” said Nat.

“Who is Big Ben?” I said.

“Big Ben is not a man,” Nat said.  
“Big Ben is the bell that is in that  
clock.”



The bus went on.

“That is a posh spot there!” Nat  
said.

“Posh?” I said. “What is that?”

“A posh spot is where stuff  
costs a lot,” said Nat. “Mom had  
lunch in there once, and it cost  
so much that dad got mad.”



# The Man in the Black Hat

All of us got off the bus. Nat led us up to a man in a black hat.

“Beth,” Nat said, “that man will not grin.”

“Why not?” I said.

“His job is to stand there as still as a rock and not grin,” Nat said.



“I will do the best trick I can,”

Nat said. “But I will bet that  
man will not grin.”

Nat did a trick and fell on his  
back.

Nat’s trick got all of us to grin,  
but the man in the black hat  
did not grin.



“I bet I can get him to grin!” I  
said.

I did a split, but the man did  
not grin.

I sang a song and did a jig, but  
still the man did not grin.



Mom got lots of snap shots of us and the man in the black hat. But there is not one snap shot where that man grins.



# The Man in the Kilt

Once Nat and I met a man in a kilt.

I said, “Why is that man in a dress?”

Nat said, “That is not a dress. It is a kilt.”

“A quilt?” I said.

“No,” Nat said. “A kilt.”



“What is a kilt?” I said.

Mom said, “The kilt tells us that the man is a Scot. The cloth on the kilt tells us where the man is from.”

“So the kilt tells us his past?” I said.

“Yes,” said Mom. “It is a bit of his past.”

Mom got this snap shot of us with the man in the kilt!



# The Map

Once all of us were on a trip  
when a dog ran up and bit the  
map.

Dot said, “Bad dog! Stop that!

Drop that map! Drop it!”

But the dog did not drop the  
map. The dog ran up the block  
with the map.



Nat ran to get the map, but Dot said, “It is just a map. Let the dog have it.”

Just then the dog let the map drop. Nat got it and held it up.

“Here it is,” Nat said. “But it’s got a big rip in it.”

“Well,” Dot said, “I am just glad the dog bit the map and not one of us.”



# In the Cab

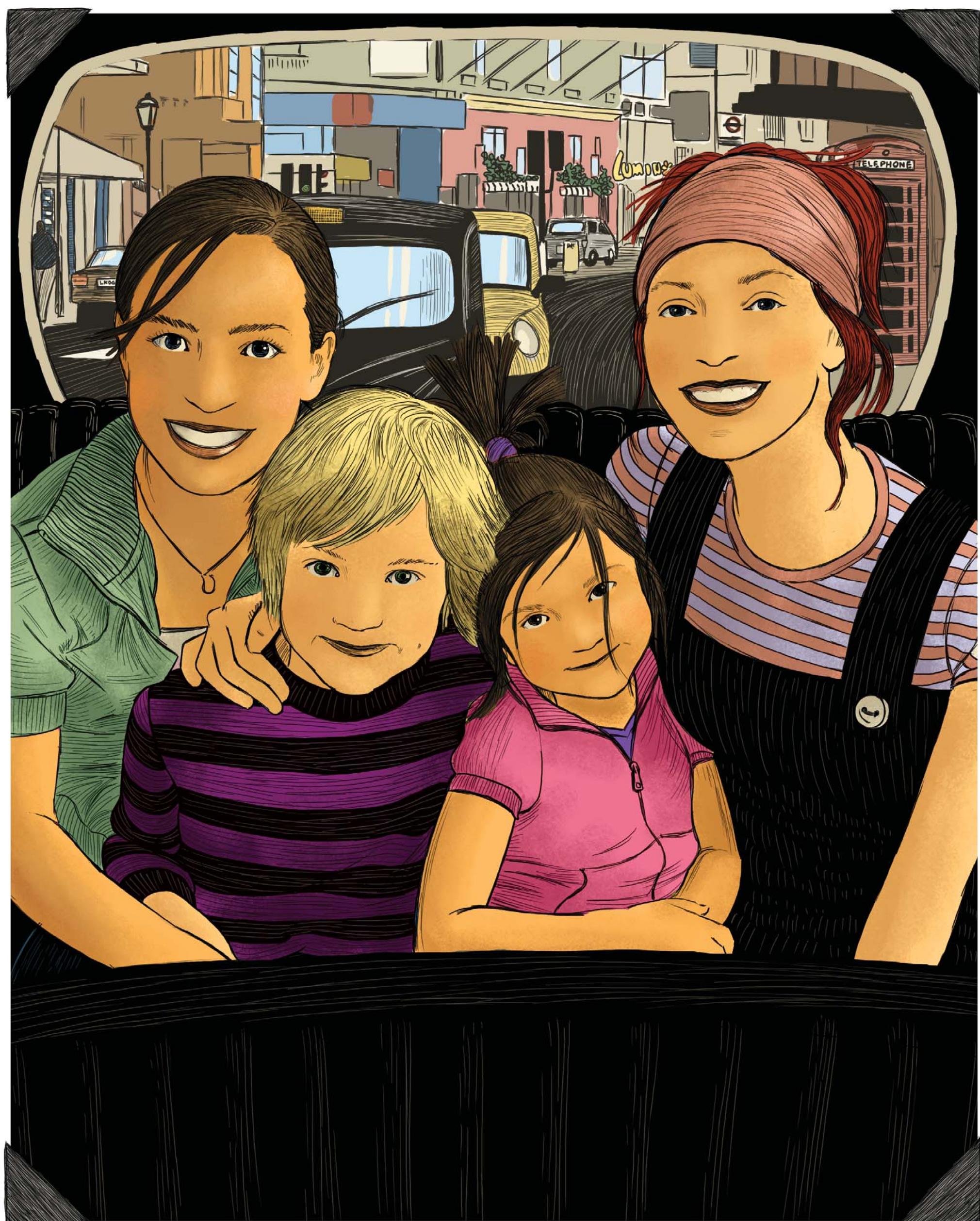
Dot got us a cab.

The cab man said, “Where to?”

Dot said, “The King’s Pub.”

“What is a pub?” I said.

“A pub is a spot to get lunch,”  
said Nat.



“If it’s the King’s Pub,” I said, “I bet it’s posh. Will I get to sit with the king?”

“No,” said Dot with a grin. “But this pub has got the best fish and chips!”

The cab man got us to the pub in a flash. Then all of us went in to have lunch.



# Lunch at the King's Pub

At the King's Pub, all of us had fish and chips.

All of the pubs in the U.K. sell fish and chips. The fish and chips I had in the King's Pub were the best I had in the U.K.

Yum, yum!



Nat had a glass of milk with his fish and chips. Then his hand hit the glass.

Splash!

The milk went on Dot's fish and chips.

This snap shot tells it all.



# The Punt

Dot said, “Let’s rent a punt!”

“A punt?” I said. “What’s that?”

Dot led us to a dock. There  
were two punts there, as well  
as a man with a long stick.

“Let’s rent one!” I said.



All of us got in the punt. The

man with the stick got in last.

The man said, “Kids, this punt

can tip. If it tips, all of us will get

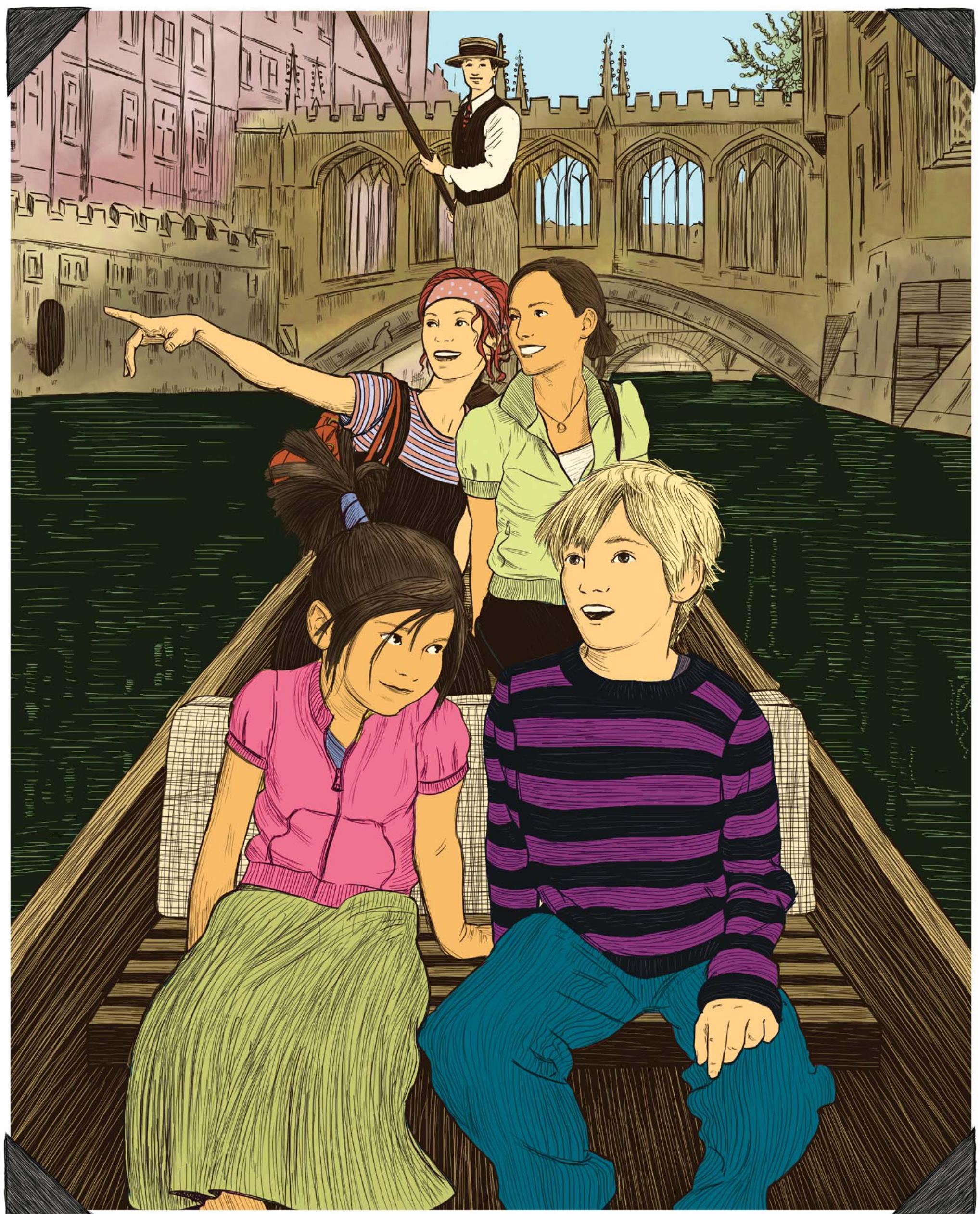
wet. The best thing to do is to

sit still and not stand up.”

Nat and I sat still and did not

get wet.

It was a lot of fun.

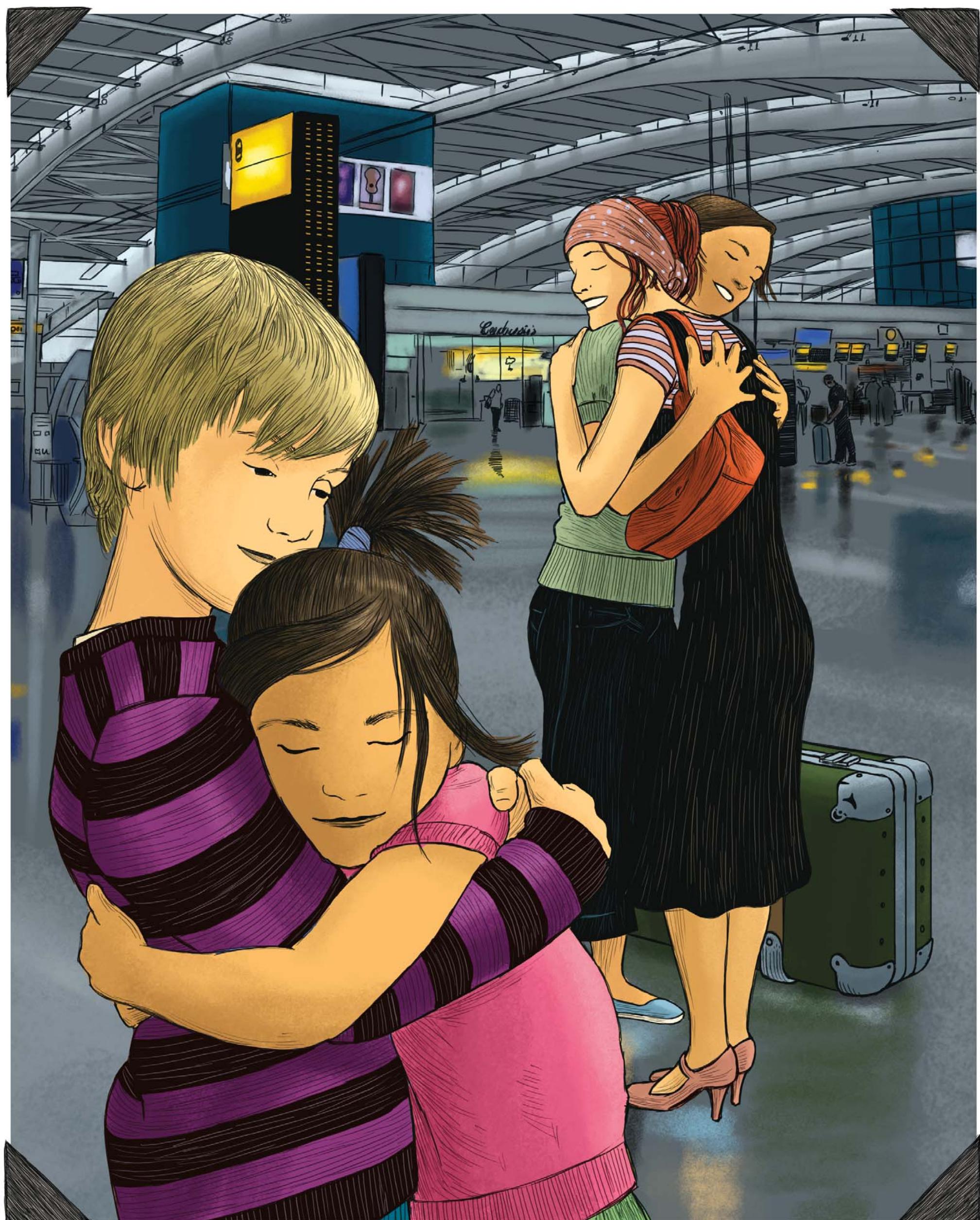


# The Trip Back

The trip to the U.K. was so much fun. I was sad that it had to end.

When it did end, Nat and I had a hug. So did Mom and Dot.

Then Mom and I got back on the jet.



When Mom and I got back to the U.S., Dad met us.

“Dad!” I said, I am glad you are here. I wish you were with us in the UK. “Mom and I went on a punt and had fish and chips at a pub! Nat and I sat on top of a big red bus and went past Big Ben! It was the best trip!”



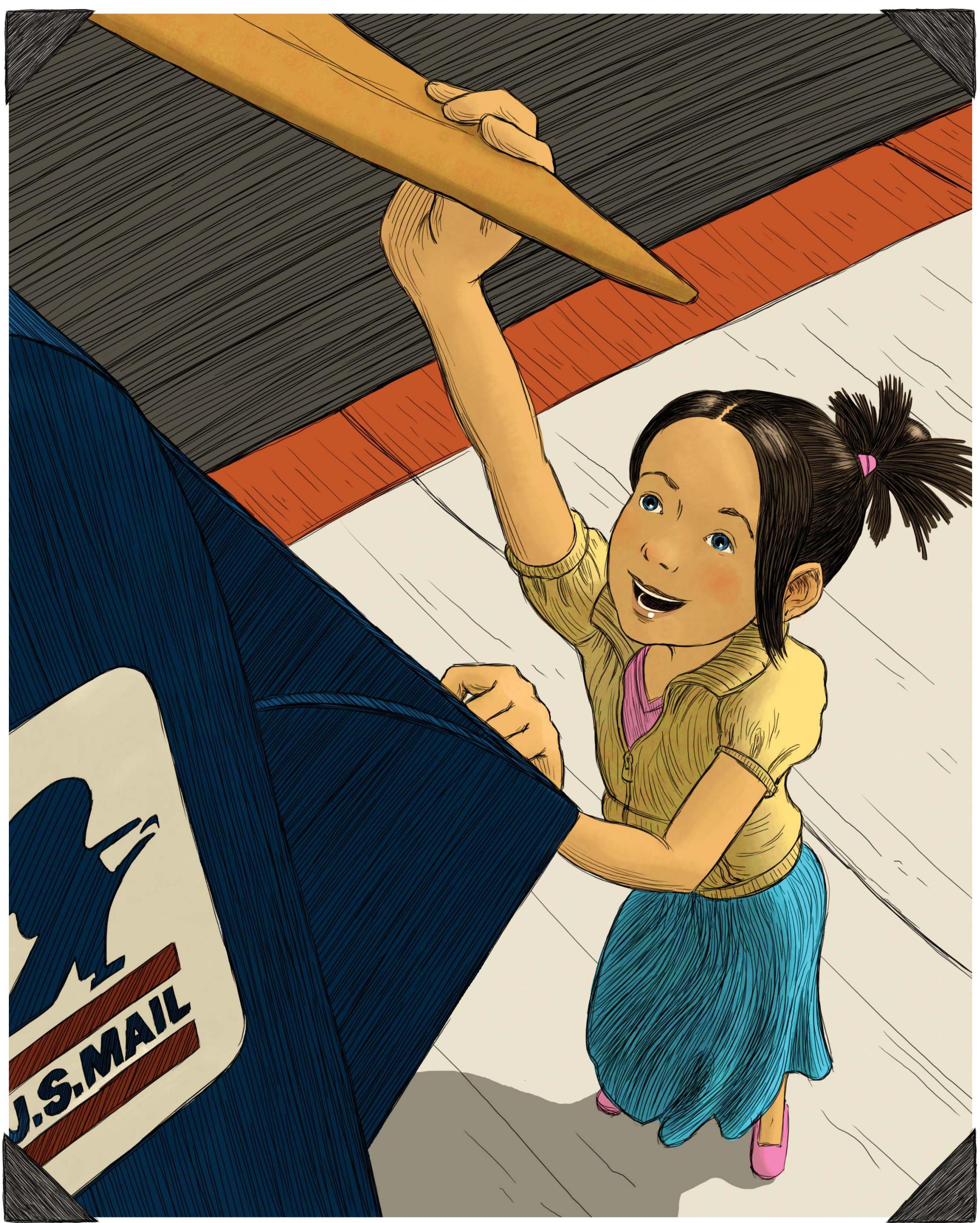
I got a map of the U.K. and  
hung it up.

I stuck red dots on all the spots  
Mom and I went to.



Mom got prints of the snap  
shots from the trip.

I sent the best ones to Nat!



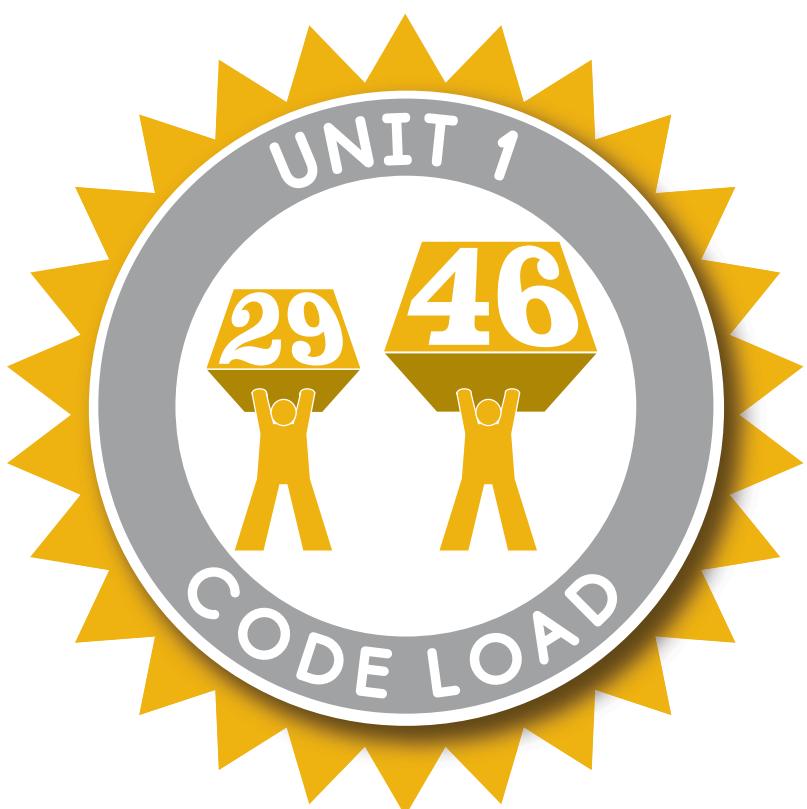
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This book has been created for use by students learning to read with the Core Knowledge Reading Program. Readability levels are suitable for early readers. The book has also been carefully leveled in terms of its “code load,” or the number of spellings used in the stories.

The English writing system is complex. It uses more than 200 spellings to stand for 40-odd sounds. Many sounds can be spelled several different ways, and many spellings can be pronounced several different ways. This book has been designed to make early reading experiences simpler and more productive by using a subset of the available spellings. It uses *only* spellings that students have been taught to sound out as part of their phonics lessons, plus a handful of Tricky Words, which have also been deliberately introduced in the lessons. This means that the stories will be 100% decodable if they are assigned at the proper time.

As the students move through the program, they learn new spellings and the “code load” in the decodable Readers increases gradually. The code load graphic on this page indicates the number of spellings students are expected to know in order to read the first story of the book and the number of spellings students are expected to know in order to read the final stories in the book. The columns on the inside back cover list the specific spellings and Tricky Words students are expected to recognize at the beginning of this Reader. The bullets at the bottom of the inside back cover identify spellings, Tricky Words, and other topics that are introduced gradually in the unit this reader accompanies.

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## Code Knowledge assumed at the beginning of this Big Book:

### Vowel Sounds and Spellings:

/i/ as in *skim*  
 /e/ as in *bed*  
 /a/ as in *tap*  
 /u/ as in *up*  
 /o/ as in *flop*

### Consonant Sounds and Spellings:

/m/ as in *swim*  
 /t/ as in *bat*  
 /d/ as in *bid*  
 /k/ as in *cot, kid*  
 /g/ as in *log*  
 /n/ as in *run*  
 /h/ as in *ham*  
 /s/ as in *sit*  
 /f/ as in *fat*

/v/ as in *vet*  
 /z/ as in *zip*  
 /p/ as in *tip*  
 /b/ as in *rub*  
 /l/ as in *lamp*  
 /r/ as in *rip*  
 /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 *thing*  
 /th/ as in *then*

### Tricky Words

*the, who, once, to, do, two, are, have, were, one, a, I, no, so, of, is, to, all, some, from, word*

### Other

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

## Code Knowledge added gradually in the unit for this Big Book:

- Beginning with “Nat”: /ng/ as in *king*, /qu/ as in *quit*, Tricky Words *said* and *says*
- Beginning with “The Fish”: double-letter spellings for consonant sounds, i.e., ‘bb’, ‘dd’, ‘ff’, ‘gg’, ‘ll’, ‘mm’, ‘ss’, ‘ck’
- Beginning with “The Flag Shop”: double-letter spellings for consonant sounds, i.e., ‘cc’, ‘nn’, ‘pp’, ‘rr’, ‘tt’, ‘zz’, ‘tt’, ‘zz; /z/ as in *dogs*; Tricky Words *was, when, why*
- Beginning with “Which is Best?”: Tricky Words *where, what, and which*
- Beginning with “The Bus Stop”: Tricky Words *here and there*



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