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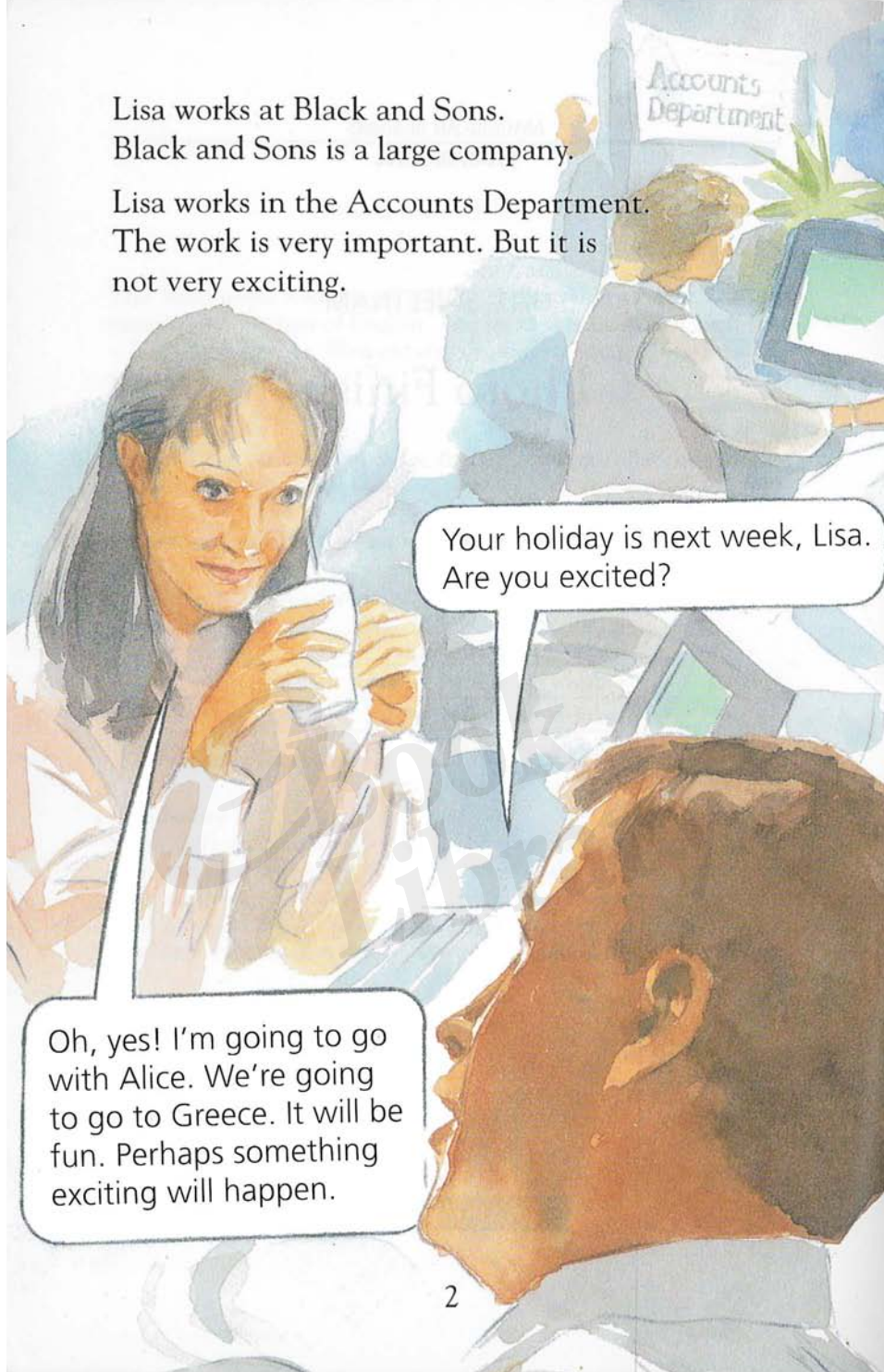


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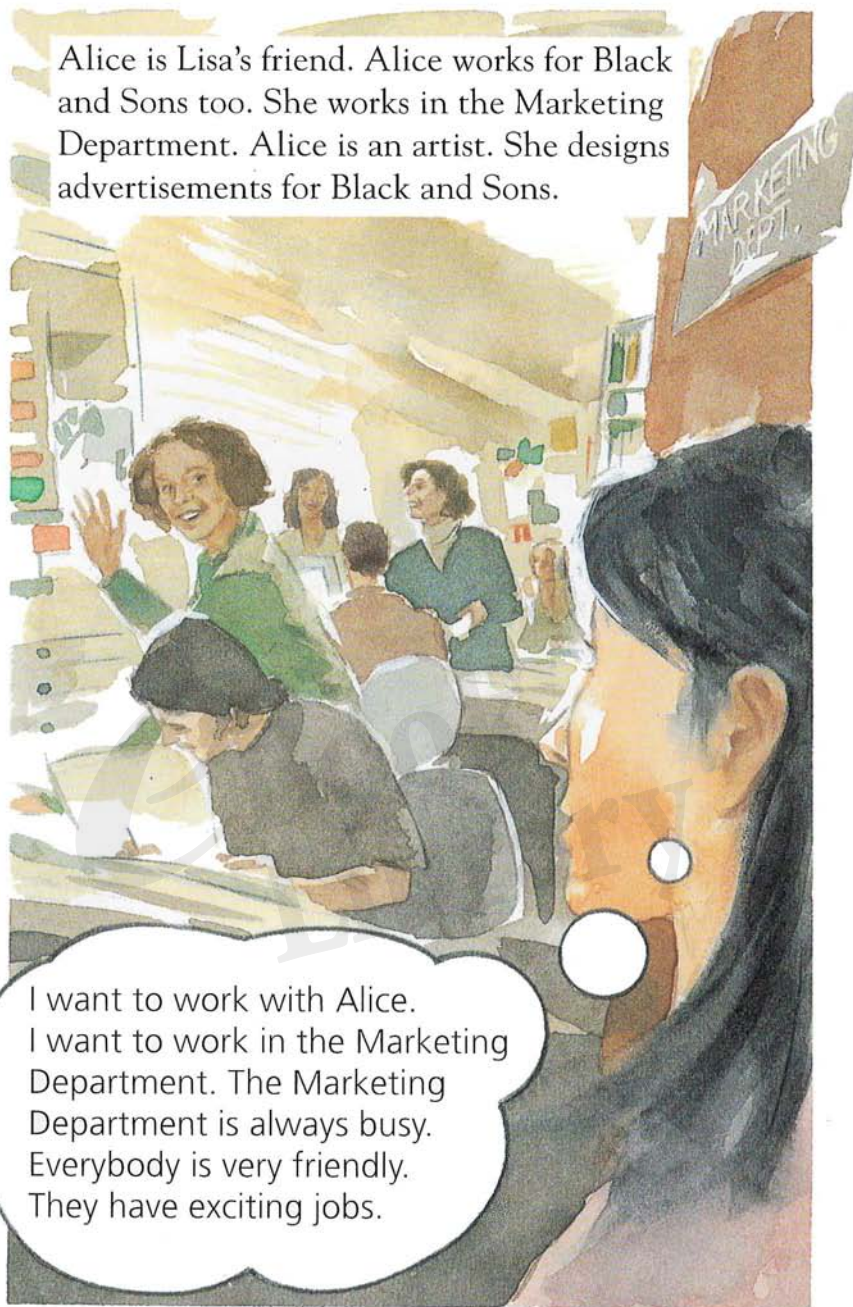
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Lisa works at Black and Sons.
Black and Sons is a large company.

Lisa works in the Accounts Department.
The work is very important. But it is
not very exciting.



Alice is Lisa's friend. Alice works for Black and Sons too. She works in the Marketing Department. Alice is an artist. She designs advertisements for Black and Sons.

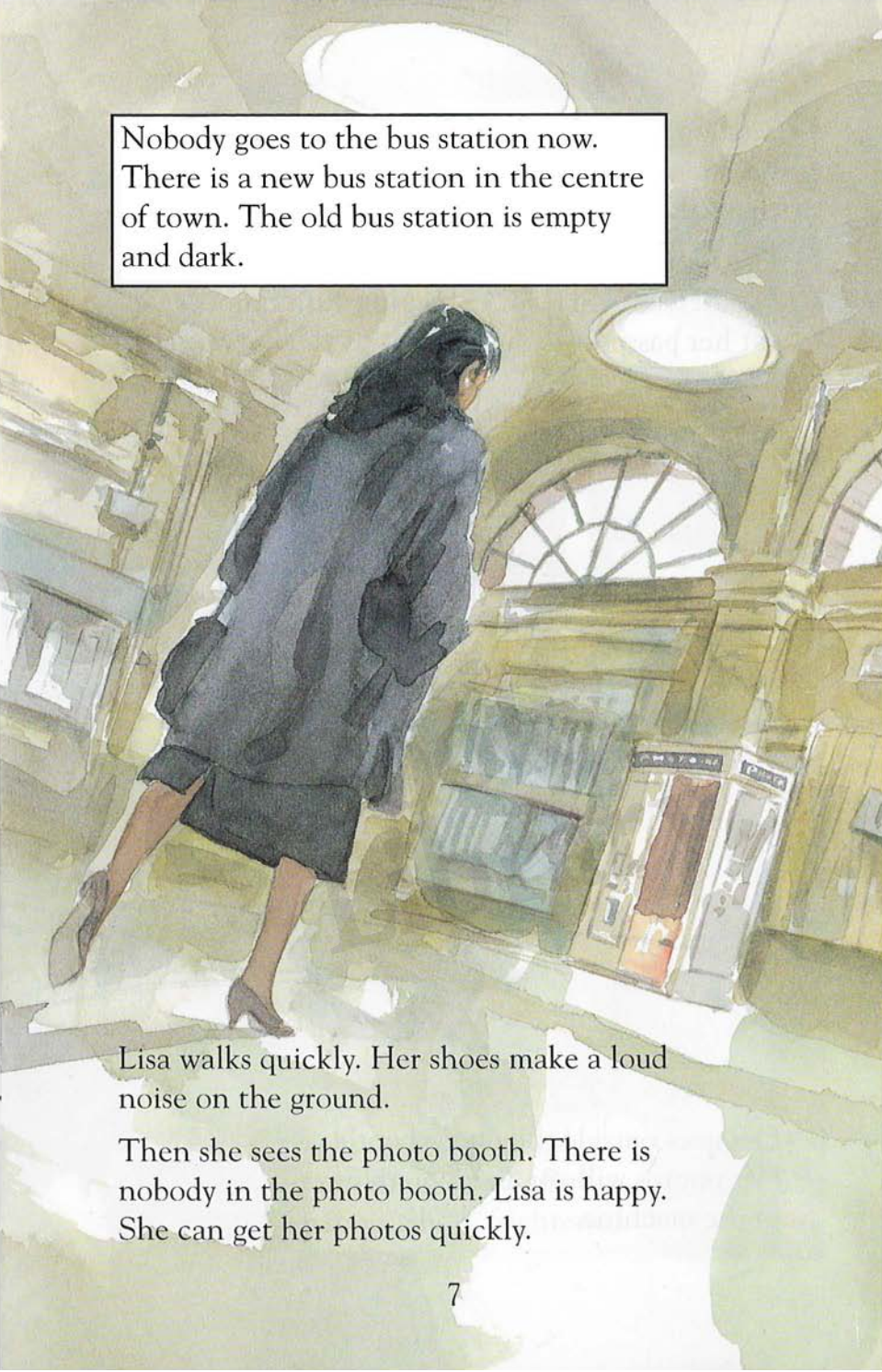


I want to work with Alice.
I want to work in the Marketing
Department. The Marketing
Department is always busy.
Everybody is very friendly.
They have exciting jobs.









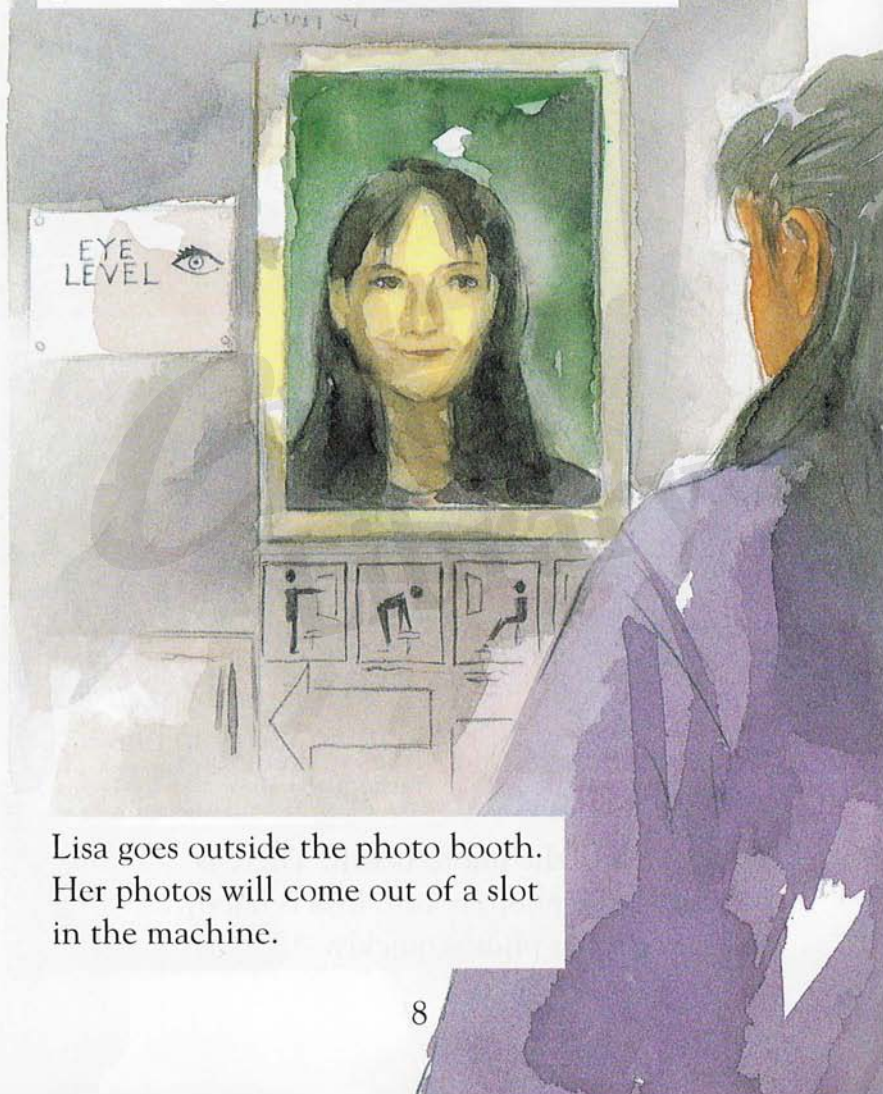
Nobody goes to the bus station now.
There is a new bus station in the centre
of town. The old bus station is empty
and dark.

Lisa walks quickly. Her shoes make a loud
noise on the ground.

Then she sees the photo booth. There is
nobody in the photo booth. Lisa is happy.
She can get her photos quickly.

Lisa goes into the photo booth. She puts her money into the machine. She closes the little curtain. She sits down. She waits.

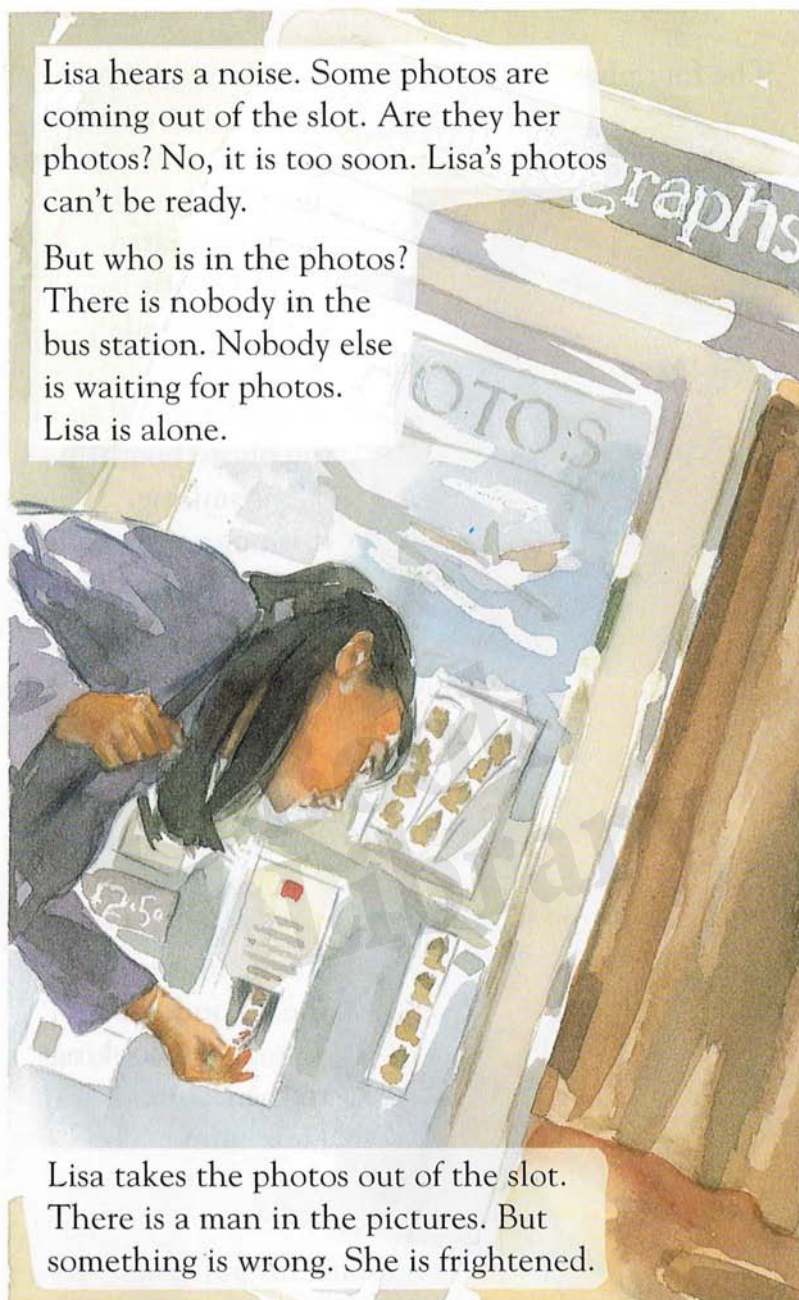
FLASH! The camera is very quick.
FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! Now Lisa can get her passport today.



Lisa goes outside the photo booth.
Her photos will come out of a slot
in the machine.

Lisa hears a noise. Some photos are coming out of the slot. Are they her photos? No, it is too soon. Lisa's photos can't be ready.

But who is in the photos? There is nobody in the bus station. Nobody else is waiting for photos. Lisa is alone.



Lisa takes the photos out of the slot. There is a man in the pictures. But something is wrong. She is frightened.

The four photos show a murder!

There is a man in the first photo.

He is very large.

He is wearing a black coat and a red scarf.

The man is sitting in the photo booth.

He is smiling.

It is not a nice smile.

It is a cruel smile.

The man is in the second photo.

The man is looking to the right.

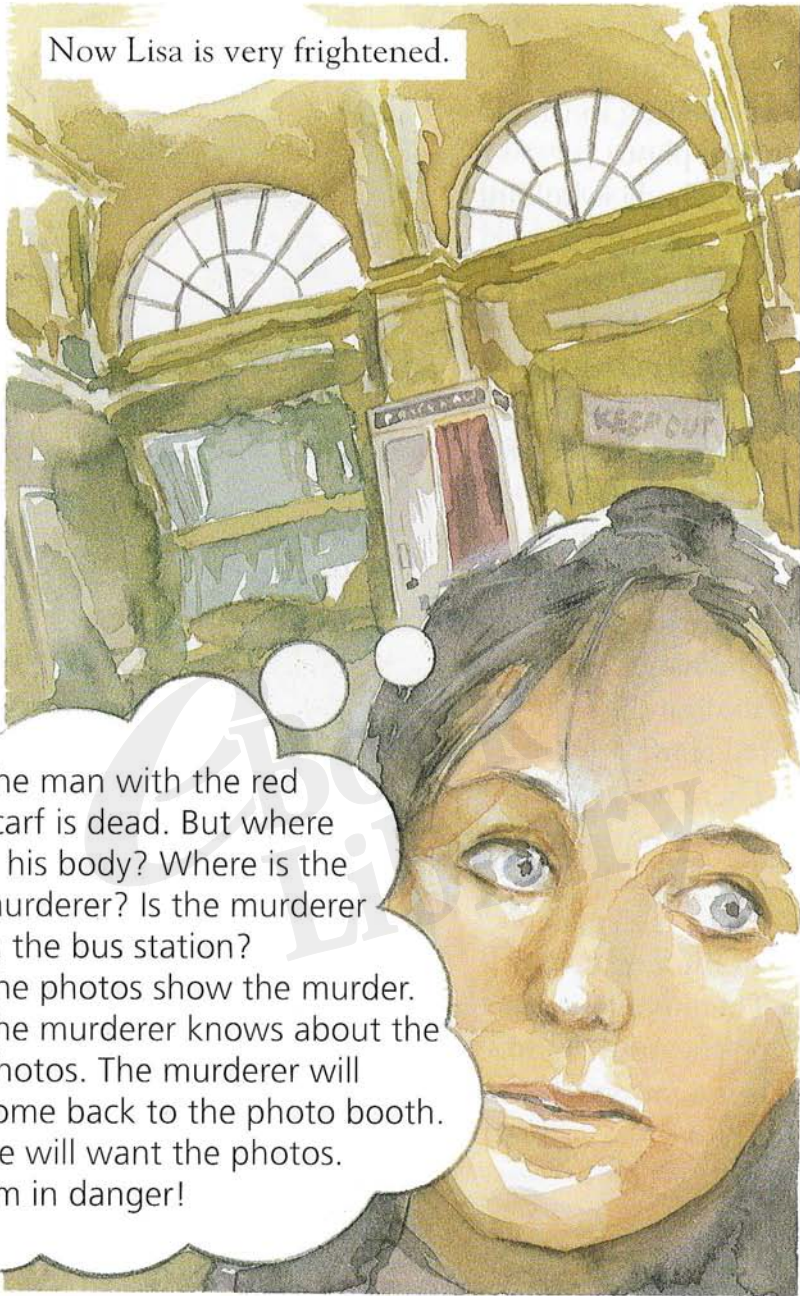
He is afraid.

Something is
happening in the
third photo.
Somebody is holding
the man's scarf.
Somebody is
holding the man's
scarf very tightly.
The large man is
pulling at his scarf.

There is no man
in the fourth photo.
There are two hands.
The hands are
holding the
red scarf.
There is a ring
on one of the hands.
It is a strange ring.
There is a snake
on the ring.
There is a tattoo
on the other hand.
It is a tattoo of
a bird.

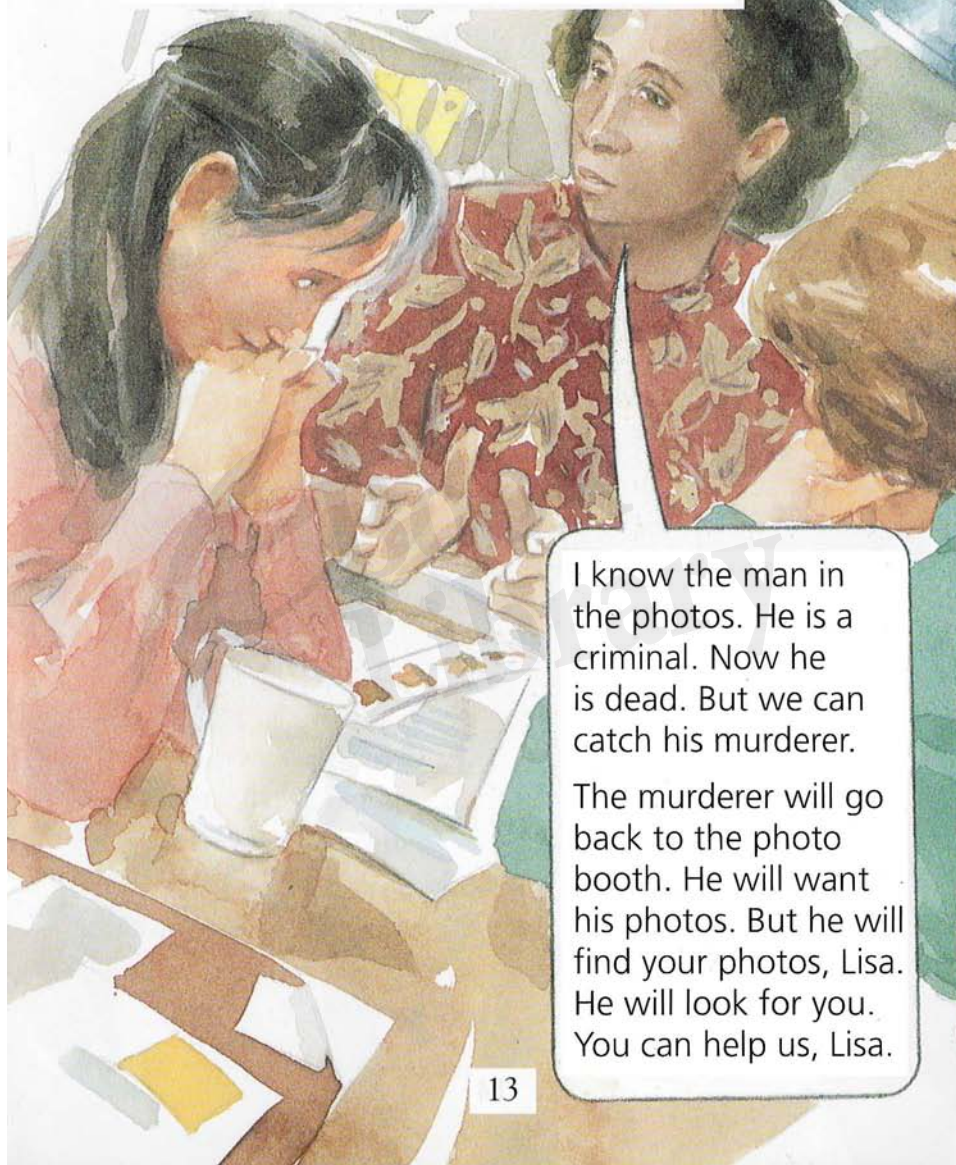
The hands are the murderer's hands.

Now Lisa is very frightened.



The man with the red scarf is dead. But where is his body? Where is the murderer? Is the murderer in the bus station? The photos show the murder. The murderer knows about the photos. The murderer will come back to the photo booth. He will want the photos. I'm in danger!

Lisa and Alice are at the police station.
They are telling their story to the police.
They are showing the photos to a
detective. She is very interested.
The detective has a plan.

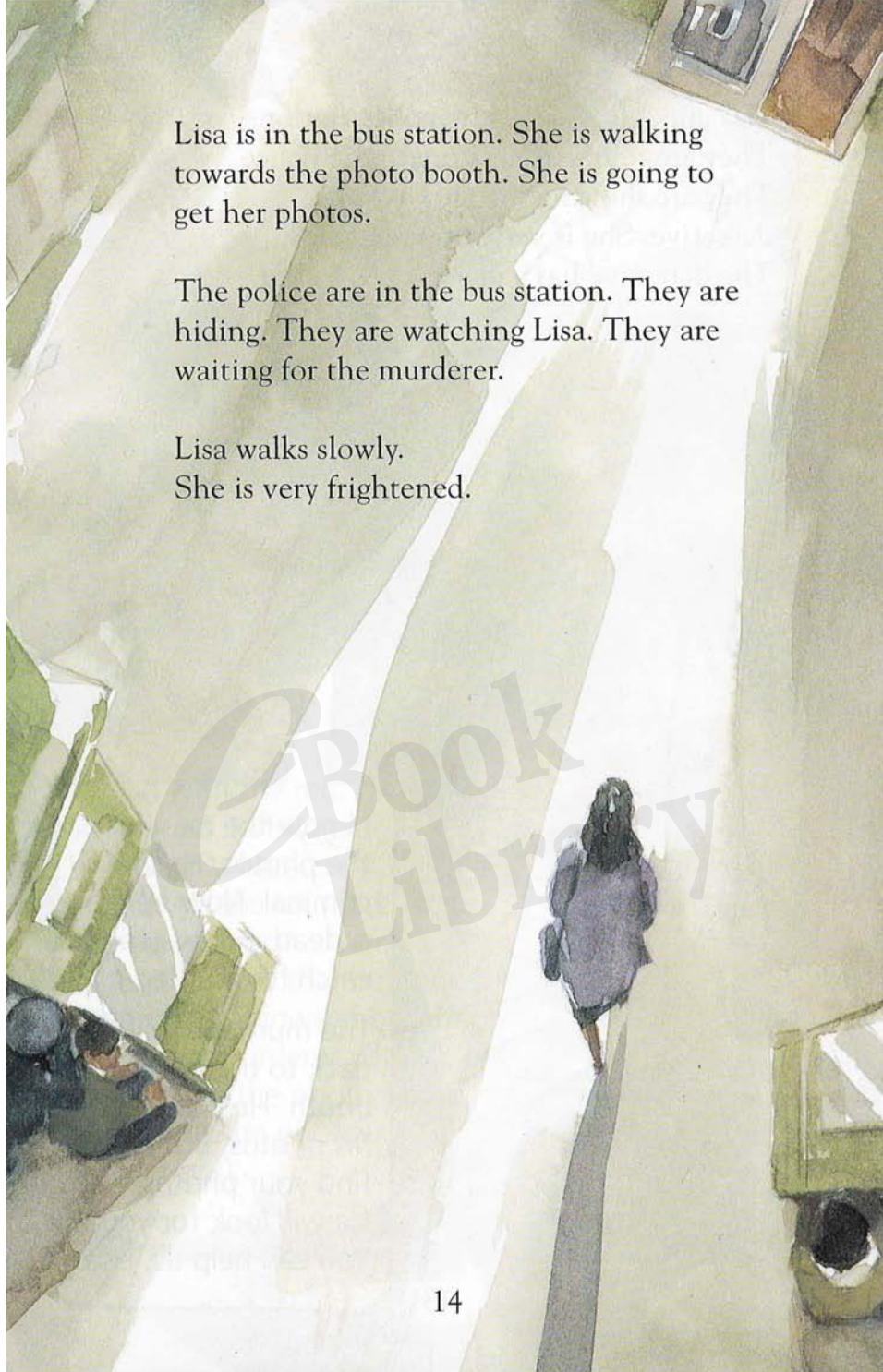


I know the man in
the photos. He is a
criminal. Now he
is dead. But we can
catch his murderer.
The murderer will go
back to the photo
booth. He will want
his photos. But he will
find your photos, Lisa.
He will look for you.
You can help us, Lisa.

Lisa is in the bus station. She is walking towards the photo booth. She is going to get her photos.

The police are in the bus station. They are hiding. They are watching Lisa. They are waiting for the murderer.

Lisa walks slowly.
She is very frightened.



A man is standing by the photo booth.
He is young and handsome. Is this
the murderer?

The man sees Lisa.
He smiles at her.
He has a nice smile.
He is holding some photos.
Lisa sees his hands.
She sees the snake ring.
She sees the bird tattoo!



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