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It was the middle of the day and the sun was at its highest. There were people baking under the sun like lobsters and kids splashing in the water. In the cloudless sky, the dazzling sun was shining on the dark blue ocean. All around, you could hear excited children laughing loudly, the smell of seaweed blew in the air.



Liza sprinted across the burning hot sand going towards the cool sea. As Liza sunk in the water, she sighed happily. Suddenly someone splashed water in Liza's face.

“Who did that?!” Liza screeched.

“Hi, I’m Gabby. Want to play?” a girl said as she swam over.



Liza and Gabby splashed about in the water together having fun until they became freezing and needed to get out and dry themselves.

“Would you like to come and play in the dunes with me?” Gabby asked. “It’s really fun. We can pretend we’re in the desert.”

“Pretending to be in a desert sounds cool,” Liza replied.

Gabby led the way towards the dunes. They were at the far side of the bay, so you had to swim across to get there. The sand dunes were as tall as two adults standing one on top of the other.

“Wow! This is awesome,” exclaimed Liza when they got there.

The girls were halfway up the tallest dune when Gabby stopped. She turned around and gave Liza a sneaky smile, but Liza didn't notice because she was distracted by the terrifying waves below, hitting the sand dune. Liza scrambled up the dune as quickly as she could to get away from the scary water. She didn't want Gabby to think that she was scared.

When Liza reached the top, she stood up straight biting her fingernails as she looked down below. Then out of nowhere, Gabby shoved her. Liza tumbled halfway down the dune.

"What was that for, Gabby?" Liza asked.

“I’ve had enough of playing nice,” Gabby said.
“Now that I’ve pushed you down the sand dune,
I am going to swim back home and leave you all
alone.”

Liza struggled to get back up the sandy
mountain. The sand kept collapsing so that she
couldn’t climb it. The waves were closing in.
“Help me, Gabby!” she cried. But Gabby was
nowhere in sight.

All of a sudden, a big wave came and safely pushed Liza to back across to the shore they had swum from.

“What happened?” asked Liza, to herself, with a big heavy sigh. Then Gabby came sprinting to Liza and said,

“How did you come to shore when the sand dune is all the way back there?”

“I thought you were my friend,” cried Liza. “You should never, ever, treat your new friend like that. In fact, we are not friends. You should think about what you have done. Seriously, I could have been killed.”

“I did it because I do not like making friends,” sighed Gabby. “I am the sort of person that loves pranking people.”

“Well, not all pranks are funny,” said Liza. “They can be dangerous.”

“OK,” said Gabby. “I am sorry for what I have done and I promise I won’t ever do it again.”

After that, Gabby and Liza became friends. They had a lot of things in common and Gabby no longer played silly, dangerous pranks.

THE END

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Liza is so excited to meet a new friend at the beach. Gabby seems cool and is fun to be around. That is, until Gabby convinces Liza to come to the sand dunes on the opposite side of the bay with her. What starts out to be an exciting adventure, soon becomes dangerous. Gabby doesn't seem like such a fun and friendly person to be around anymore. Will Liza and Gabby remain friends?