



# The Adventure

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Dedicated to my Bigs Crew

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## Chapter 1

'Yay we're here,' said Lola.

They had just arrived at their grandma and grandad's beach house in Barbados.

'What a sunny day,' said Sam.

Then they went inside.

The house was beautiful but small. It had a painted wooden bunk bed with the paint peeling off and another single bed which was in the corner of the room.

'Dibs the single bed!' shouted Penelope excitedly.

'No fair! I'm the oldest. I shouldn't have to share a bed with Lola,' said Sam.

'Well, that's too bad,' said Penelope. 'I did dibs it first.'

'Fine,' said Sam crossly.

Suddenly, there was a knock at the door.

'Come in,' they all said in unison.

Grandma entered the room wearing her cooking mittens and a blue apron.

'Hey kids, why don't you go outside while me and Grandad cook dinner,' she said happily.

'Good with me,' said Sam.

'Yay!' squealed Lola happily.

So off they went.

## Chapter 2

The beach was soft, sandy, and golden and stretched out for miles. There were children playing in the sand and sea. The sea was sapphire blue and sparkled in the sun. Seagulls were bobbing on the waves searching for their next meal.

'Let's go for a swim in the sea,' suggested Penelope.

'I don't want to get my princess paws dirty,' replied Lola.

'Oh, come on, it looks amazing!' said Penelope.

'Ok, fine,' said Lola reluctantly.

They all ran to the water. It was warm. They swam a bit deeper.

'Hey! What's that swirly thing?' said Lola.

The sea was swirling round and round in circles.

### Chapter 3

'It looks fun!' said Penelope. 'Let's swim a bit closer.'

'No! Wait!' shouted Sam.

Penelope had already gone. They had no choice but to go with her. Suddenly, they got sucked into the swirly water. They opened their eyes and looked around. They were in the middle of a dark forest. The canopy of trees stretched so far that you couldn't even tell if it was day or night and there were poisonous plants with venom strong enough to kill a hundred fully grown men. As they

wandered around, a man popped out from behind a tree.

‘Hello little children. Can I help you? Are you lost?’

Before they could run, a huge net came down over their heads.

## Chapter 4

‘Children make delicious meals,’ the man said as he dragged the net across the ground.

The children screamed and begged to be released.

‘I want Mummy!’ cried Sam with tears streaming down his face.

The forest floor was rough and bumpy and the children were banging against each other as they were dragged along.

‘Ow! My arm!’ screamed Lola. ‘I think it’s broken!’

Soon they were in a cave. It was very wet, and water was dripping from the ceiling.

Drip, drip, drip, drip, drip.

In the centre of the room was a huge cauldron. It smelt like a swamp.

'Oh good! It's already boiling. Who's first?' asked the man.

'Take Lola!' said Sam.

'No way!' shouted Lola.

'Enough squabbling,' the man screeched.

'You're some sour kids. I'd better go and get some seasoning.'

'He's gone. I've got a pocketknife! Quick we've got to do something.'

'Start chopping,' shouted Penelope.

'Ok,' said Sam.

He cut through the rope.

'To the door,' shouted Sam 'Let's go!'

'Got the seasoning,' said the man as he suddenly appeared through the door.

They ran for their lives.

'Where are you going little children?' shouted the man.

'Home,' screamed Lola as they continued to run.

'Not if I can help it,' the man replied.

The children's hearts were pounding in their chests as they ran back to the portal. Just as they were nearly there Sam tripped on a rock.

'Help!' Screamed Sam.

The man was only a few metres away from catching them. The portal was glowing brighter than ever

as Lola and Penelope grabbed Sam's hand and dived in. The portal closed just in time.



## Chapter 5

Within seconds they had passed through the portal and as they looked around, they realised they were back in the sea. They quickly swam to the shore and flopped down onto the warm, golden sand.

‘We’re home,’ cried Lola.

‘Kids! Where have you been!’ shouted Grandma.

‘Sorry we lost track of time,’ the three children replied.

‘Never mind. Just in time for dinner. Come on inside now,’ she said.

The end

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Lola, Sam and Penelope go on holiday to Barbados and find more than they bargain for when they go for a swim in the sea and plunge into a mysterious whirlpool. Will they make it back from this strange new place or will they end up stuck there forever?



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