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Hallie has always wanted to be a superhero, even though she is just an ordinary girl. But when her friends are in danger, she realises that not all heroes have powers.

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Chapter 1

Hallie and her friends loved going down to the beach after school. They splashed in the waves, cleaned up rubbish that had been washed onto the shore, and hunted for fossils along the cliffs.

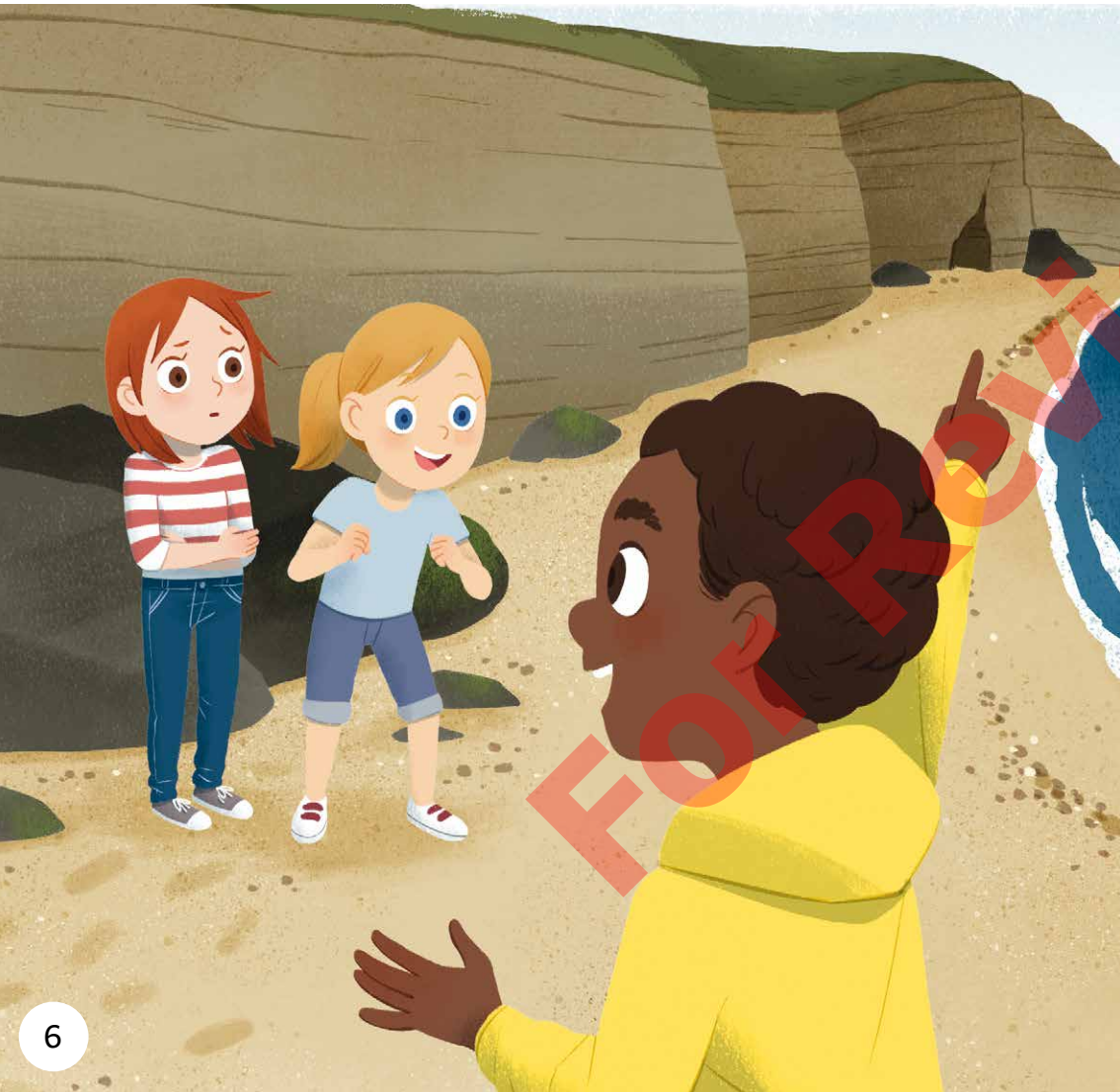
“Whoa,” Robin cried as she slipped on some pebbles.

“I’ll help you,” Hallie said, rushing over to her. But Robin was already back on her feet.

“I’m fine, thanks,” Robin said. She was used to Hallie always trying to be the hero. All of her friends knew that Hallie wished she really was a superhero, with real superpowers. She was always trying to be super helpful. But most of the time her friends thought it was super annoying.



“Look, the tide’s out. Let’s explore the rocks around the bay. I bet we will find loads of really great fossils round there,” Marcus said after school one day.



“Great idea,” said Robin. “Come on, let’s go.”

But Hallie wasn’t sure. “We’re supposed to stay on the beach,” she said.

“We will be on the beach, just a bit further along,” Marcus said. He started to walk over to the rocks at the bottom of the cliff. “Besides, we won’t go far.”

“Okay,” Hallie agreed. “As long as we aren’t too long.”

“Don’t worry, we’ll come back long before the tide comes in,” Robin said.



Chapter 2

Hallie had never been this far around the cliffs before. The wet sand was soft and squidgy under her feet, and the rocks were huge.

The friends searched through the rock pools and along the cliff face, but they couldn't find many fossils at all.

They carried on along the shoreline.

"We shouldn't go too far," Hallie said.

"Just a bit further," Marcus called back. "We haven't even found anything good yet."

Hallie noticed dark clouds gathering on the horizon. It looked like a storm was coming. Her mum had always told her how dangerous the beach could be, especially during a storm.



"We should probably go back now," Hallie said.