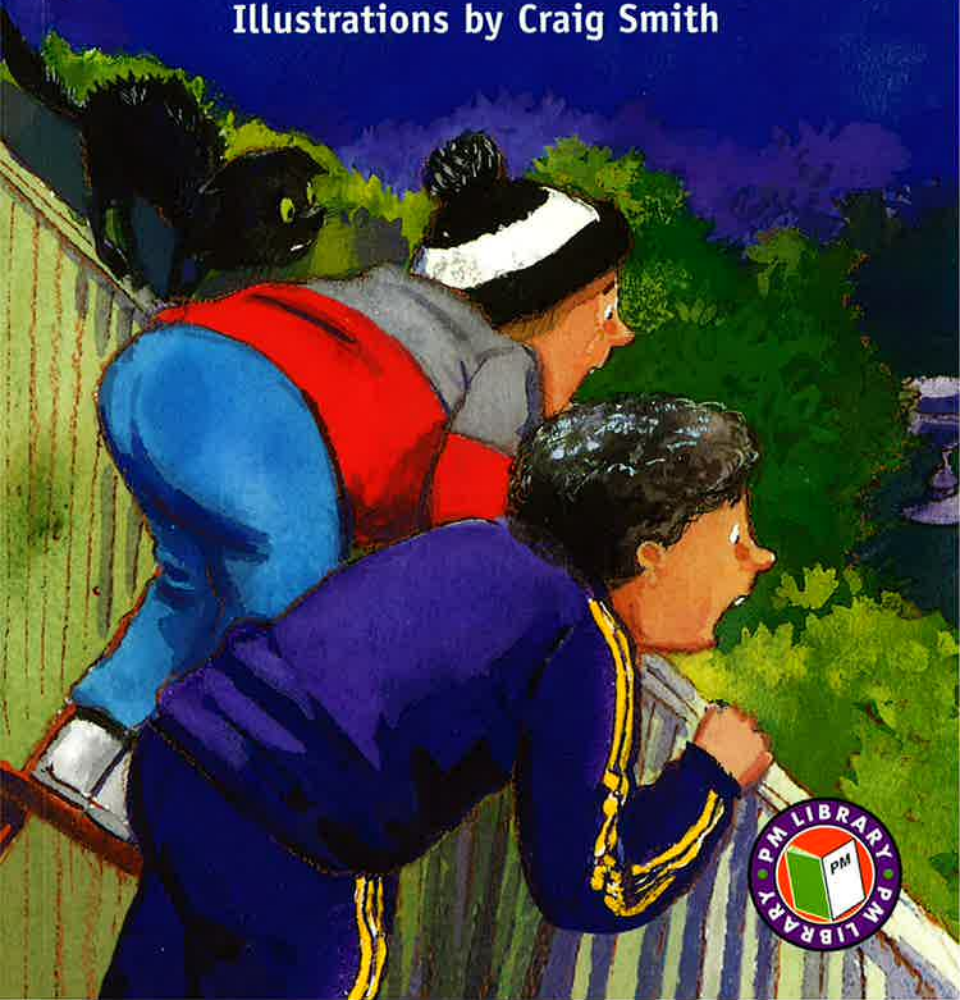
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Chapter 1

The New Neighbours



Wow. Look at that! Alex could hardly believe his eyes. Each item that came out of the moving van was weirder than the last.

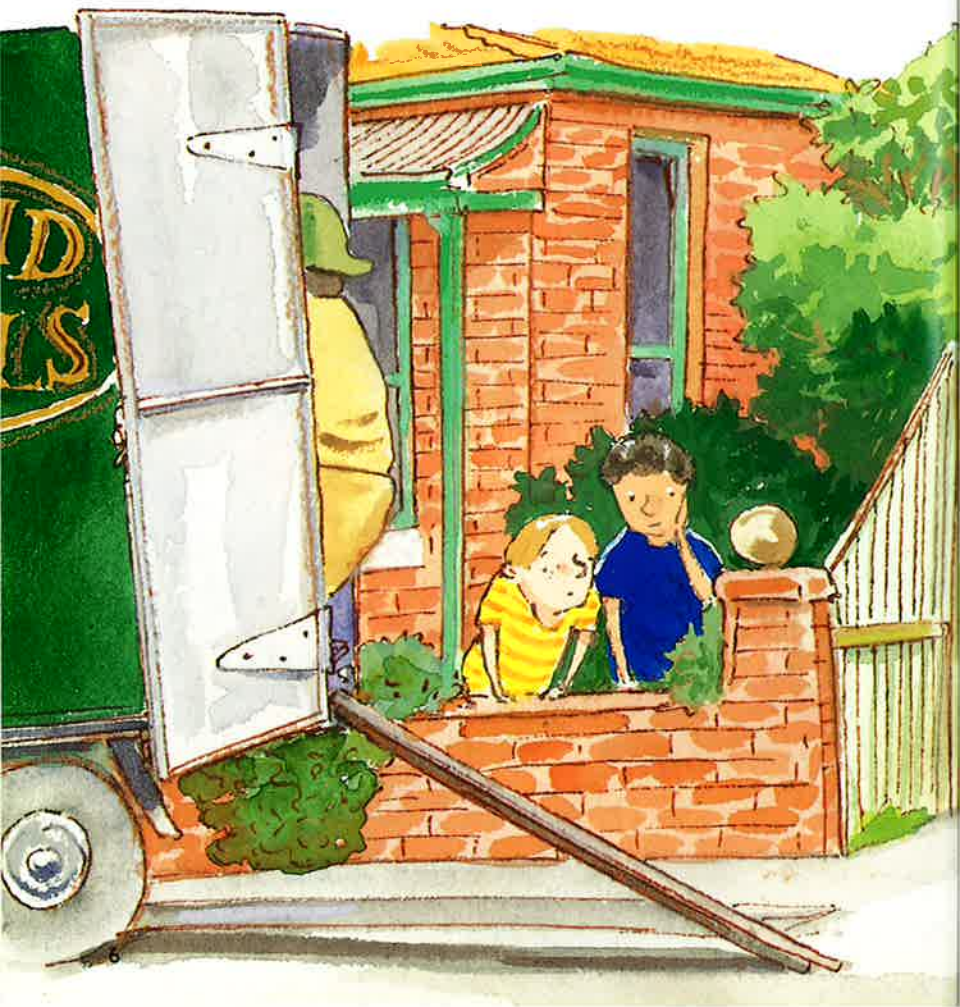
Then a huge set of antlers was carried down the ramp. That was it; Alex went across the road to get Brendan.



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"Brendan, come and see the weird stuff the new people next door have got," he said.

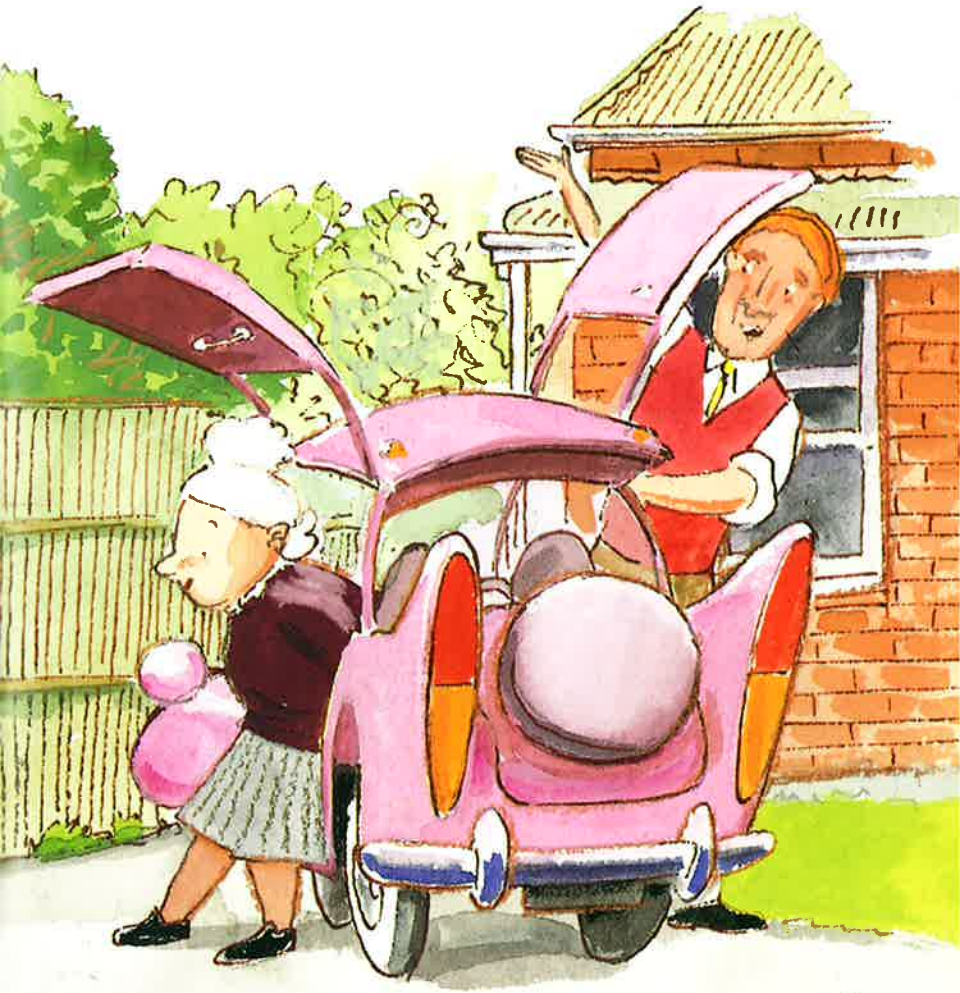
They ran outside in time to see the strangest car they had ever seen. It pulled into the driveway next to Alex's house.



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"That must be the new owners," hissed Alex.

A very tall man and a woman climbed out of the strange little car. The man waved to the boys.



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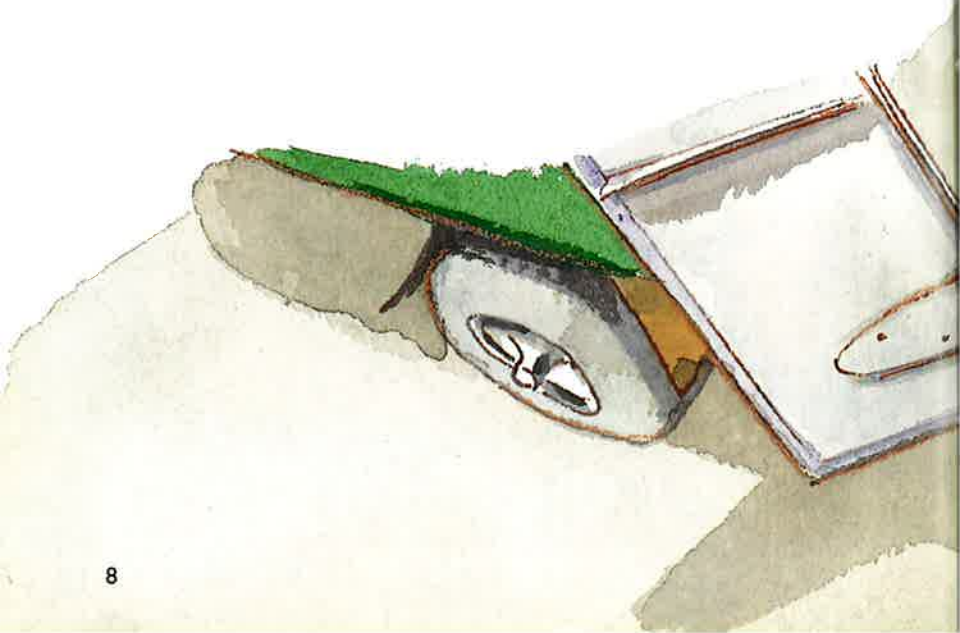
Before they could wave back, the man began to yell, "No, no, no. Don't carry it like that. Be careful."

The boys looked at the van driver. He was walking down the ramp carrying something odd. The boys' mouths dropped open.

"Do you see what I see?" said Alex.

"I think so," said Brendan. "That is, if you see a ... a skeleton."

The skeleton disappeared inside, followed by the man and woman.



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