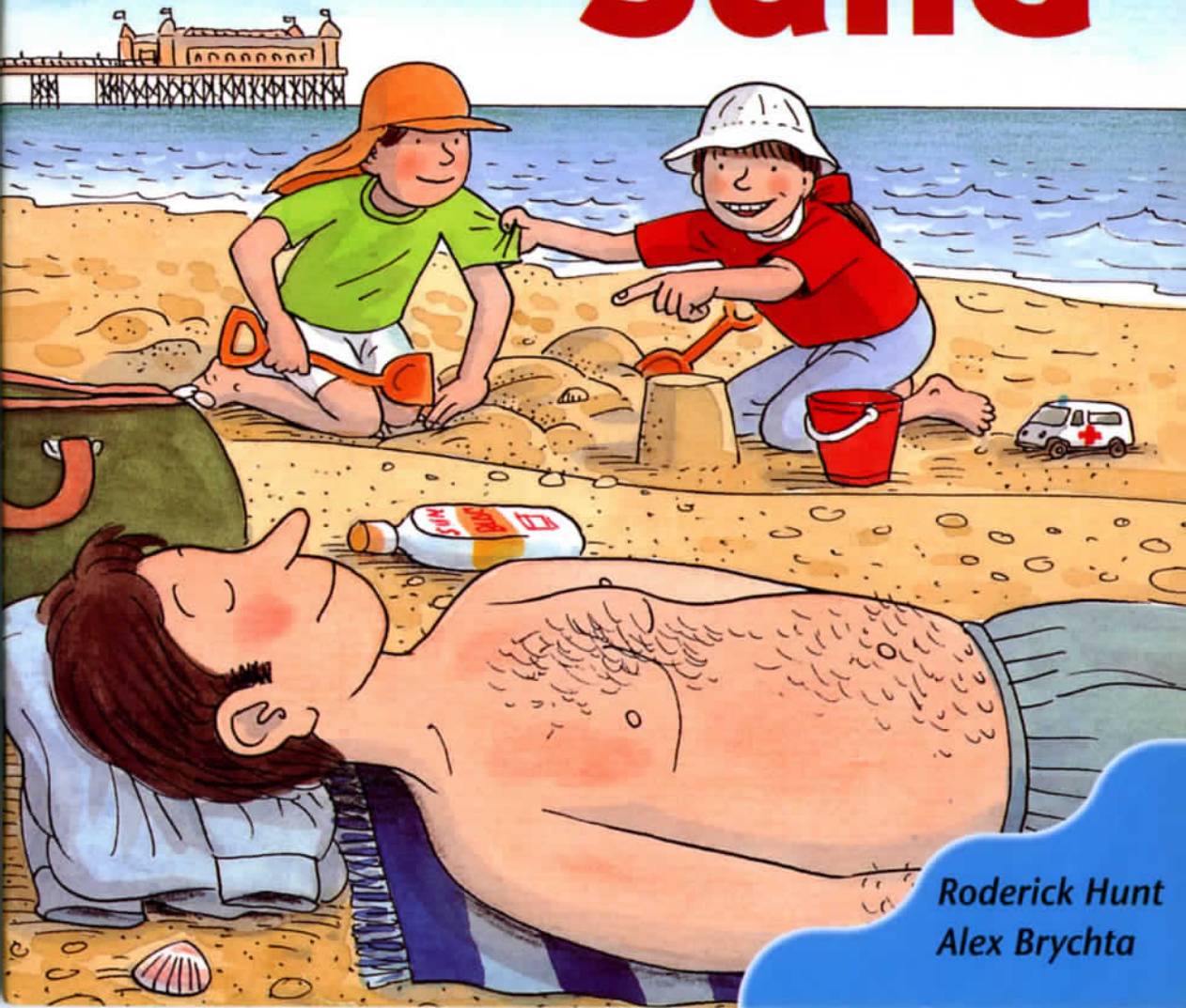




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# On the Sand



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### **What's this story about?**

Biff and Chip are on the beach with Dad. While Dad is asleep, the children build a sandcastle on Dad. When they go off to get an ice cream, Dad plays a trick on them. It makes Biff cross.

### **Talk together**

Look at the picture on the cover and talk about what Biff and Chip are doing. Talk about what might happen in the story.

### **Read the story**

**W** = Word recognition    **C** = Language comprehension

- Look at the pictures. Read the story together.
  - W** Pages 4 and 5, ask, "What are Biff and Chip making?" Help the child read the word 'sandcastle' by breaking it into two words. Encourage the child to sound out the letters in the first part of the word (s-a-n-d).
  - W** Help the child read tricky words, such as 'donkeys' on page 8, by breaking the words up into syllables.
  - C** Page 15, talk about why Biff is cross. Ask, "Was Biff frightened?"
  - C** Ask, "Where has the sandcastle gone?" Talk about how the tide washes things away.
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Biff and Chip played on the sand.



Dad went to sleep.





Biff and Chip put sand on Dad.

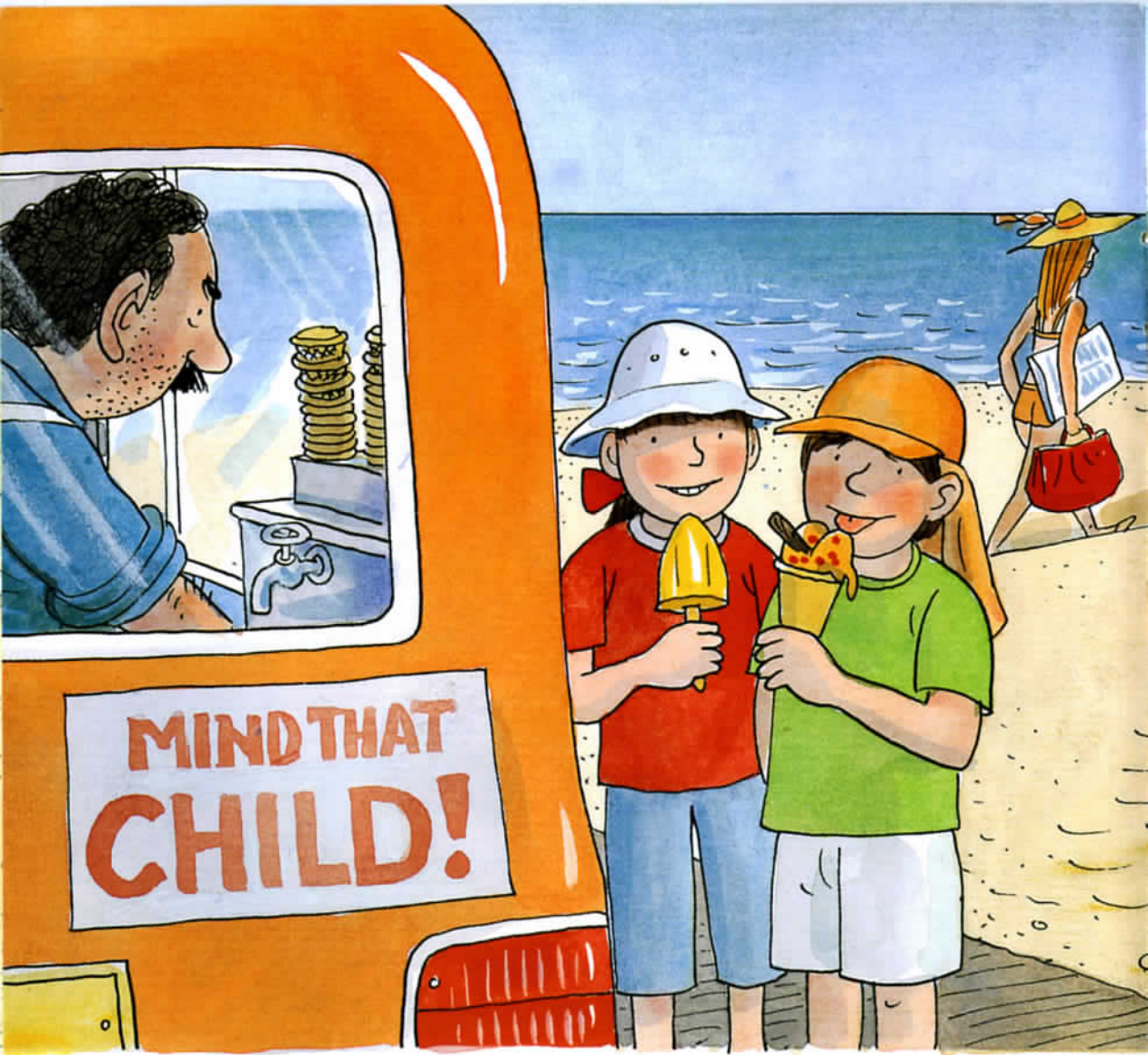


They made a sandcastle.



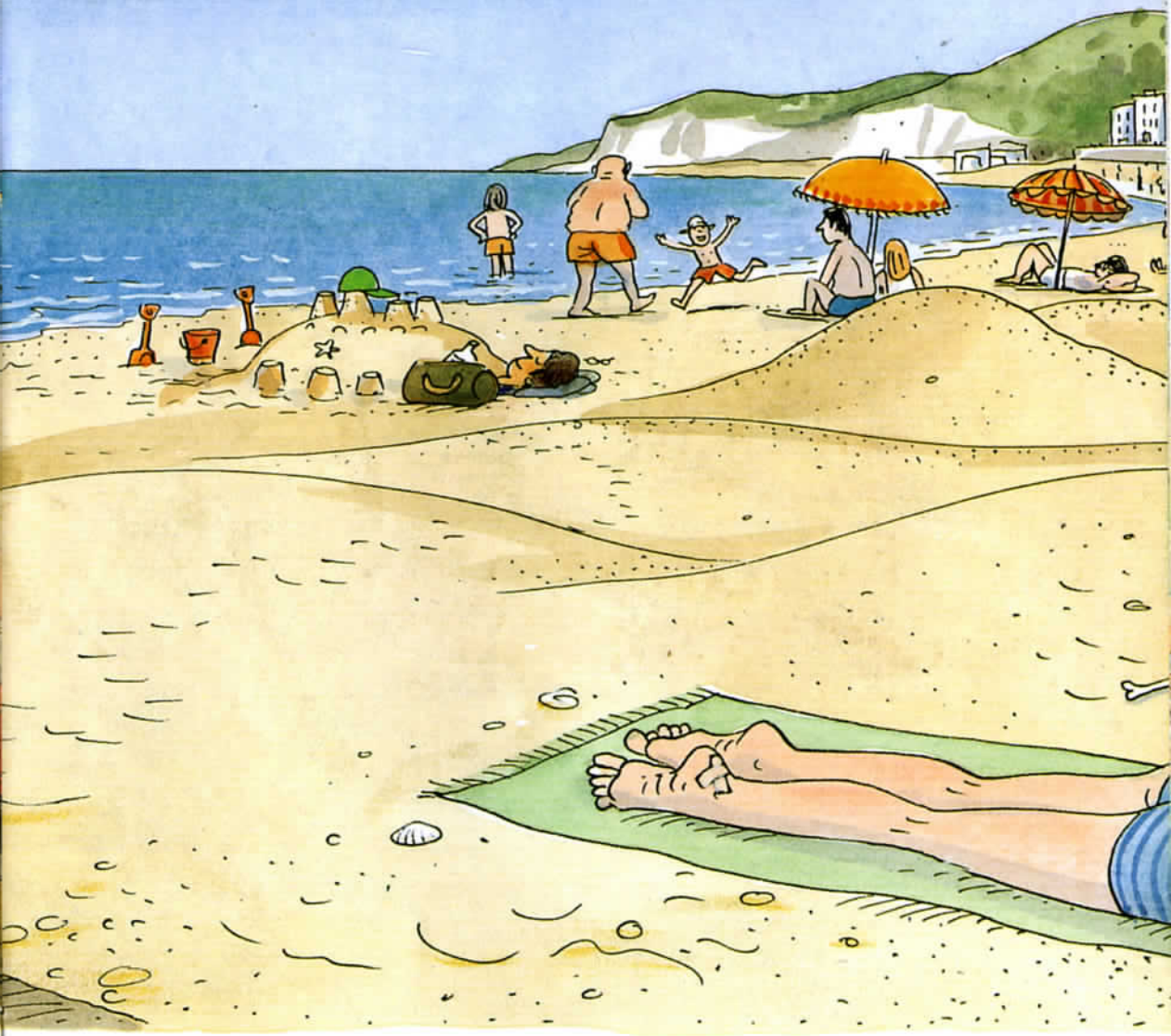


They put Dad's hat on top.

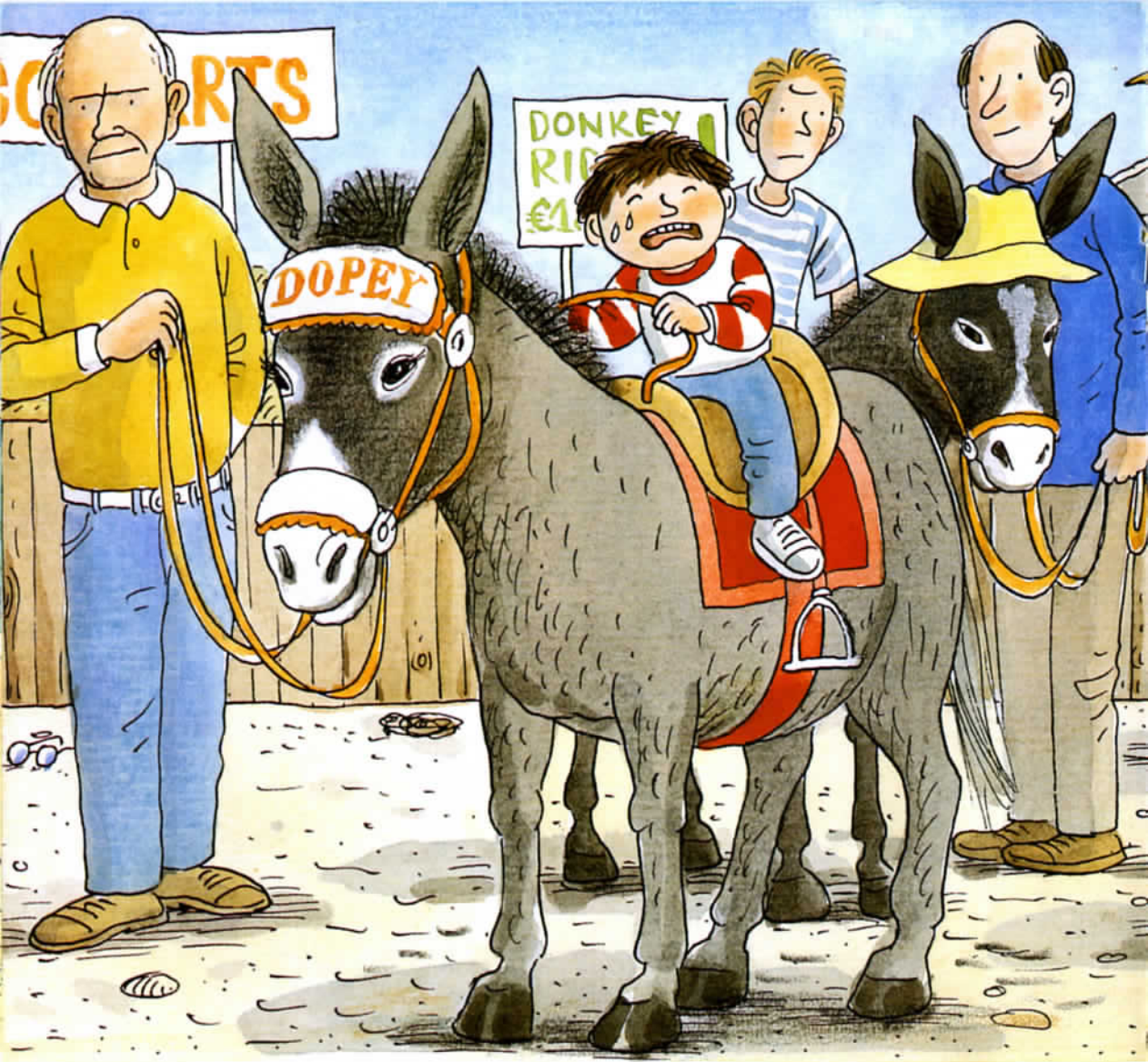


They went to get an ice cream.



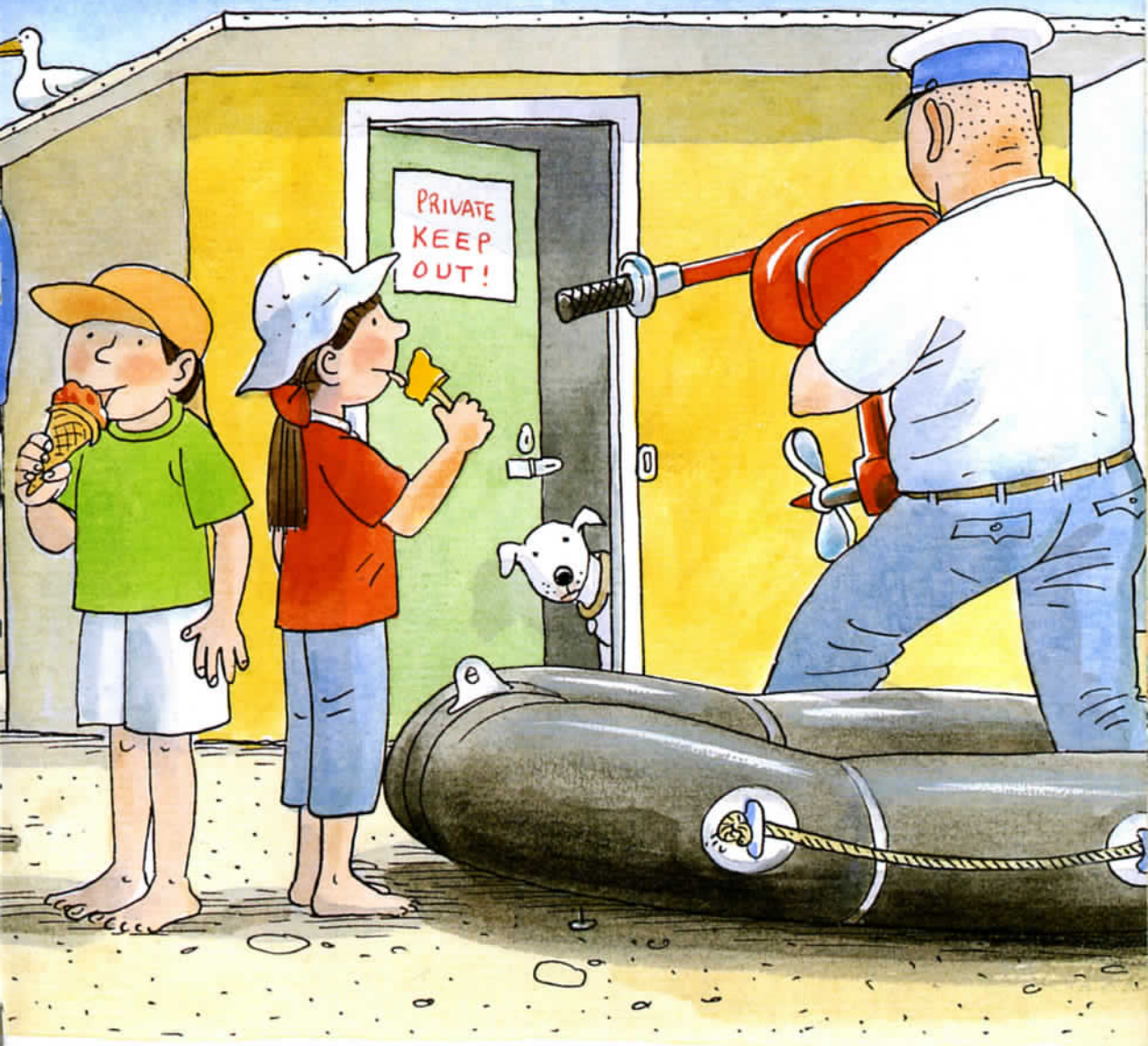


Dad was still asleep.

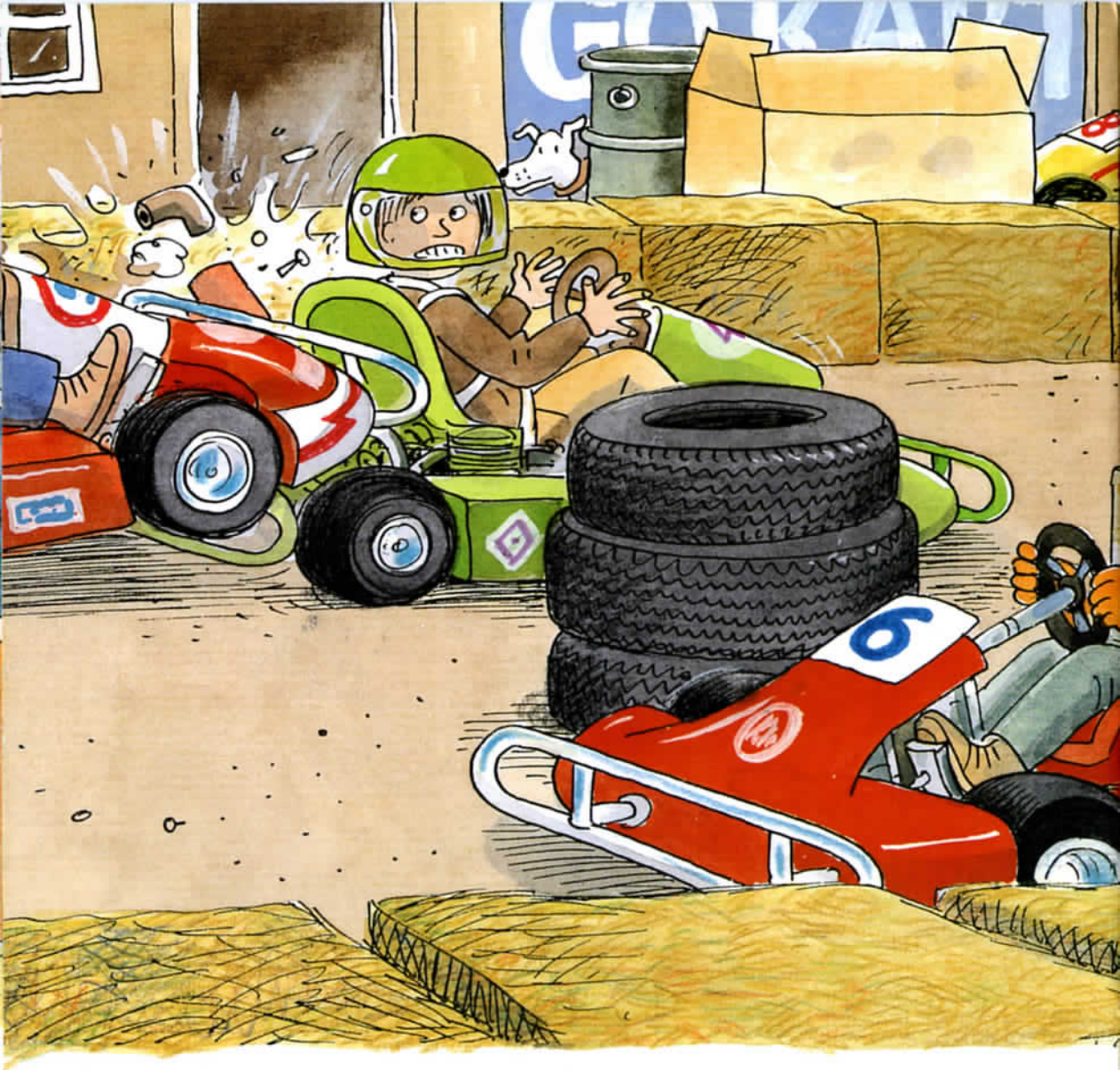


Chip looked at the donkeys.





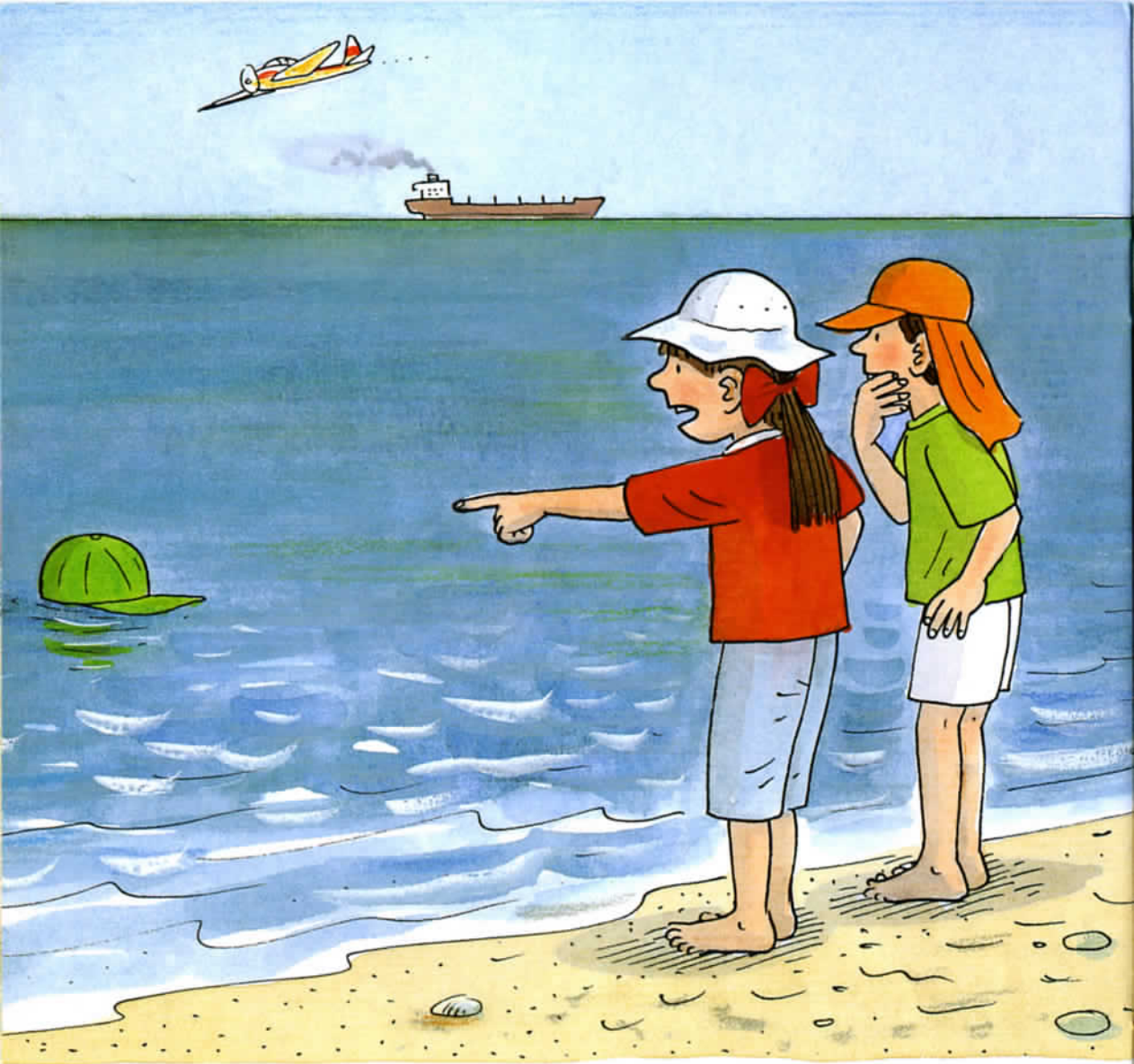
Biff looked at the boat.



They looked at the go-karts.







They looked at Dad's hat.





“Oh no!” said Biff.

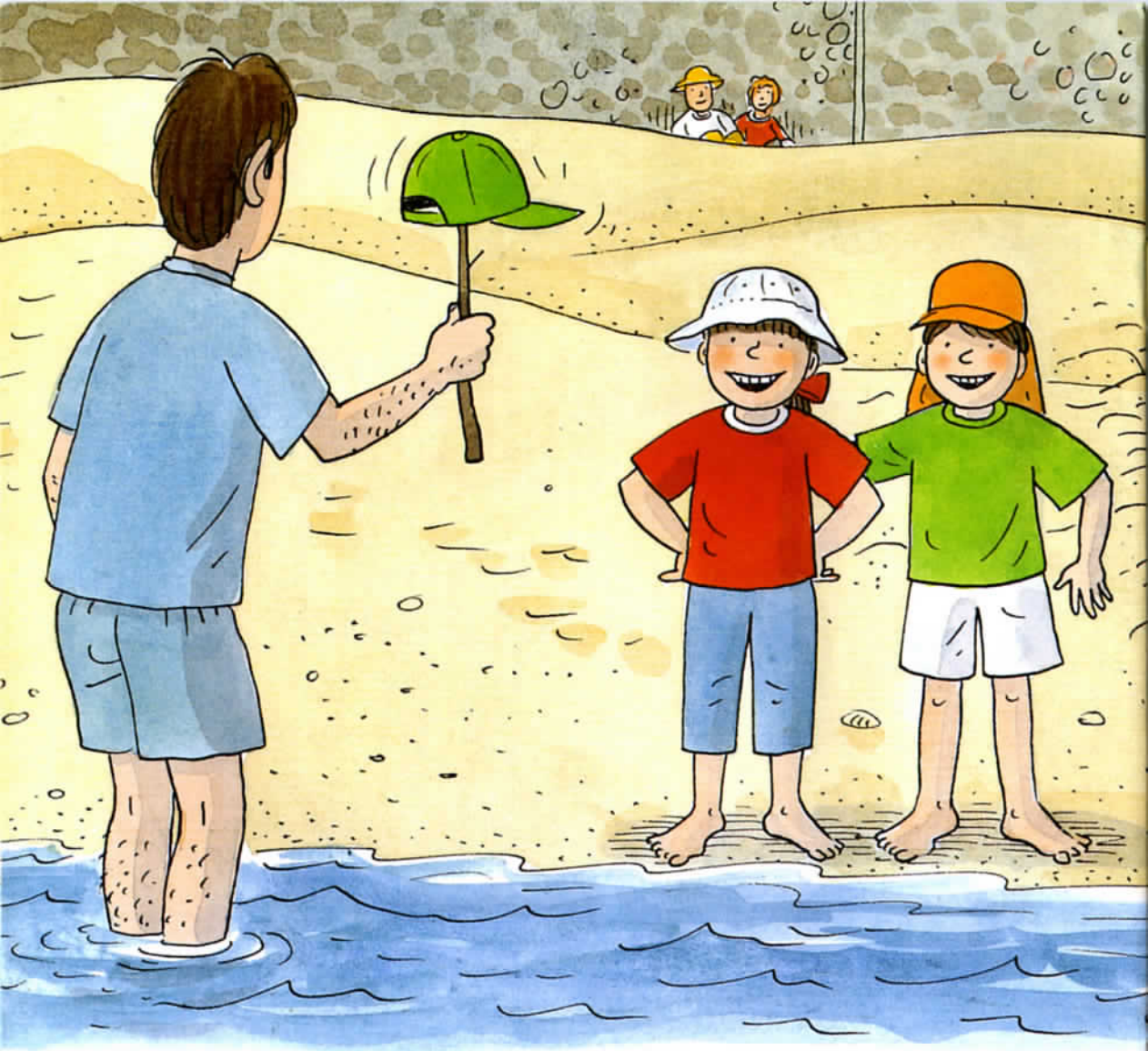


Dad was hiding.





Biff was cross.



The hat was on a stick.



## ***Play a game***

### ***Find 'and' in 'sand'***

*To help the child find small words in longer words.*

- Turn to page 1. Ask the child to find the word 'and' inside 'sand'.
- Ask him/her to spell 'and'.
- Repeat with other words, e.g. 'on' or 'key' inside 'donkey'.
- When confident, ask the child to choose words for you to find the hidden word.

## ***Other ideas***

*You can use these ideas straight away, or on another day.*

- Find words beginning with 'a', 'b', 'c', or 'd' in the story and make a list.
- Sort capital letters into those that start sentences, those for names and those used in notices.

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Dad plays a trick on  
Biff and Chip.

This story practises these words:  
made put said went

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