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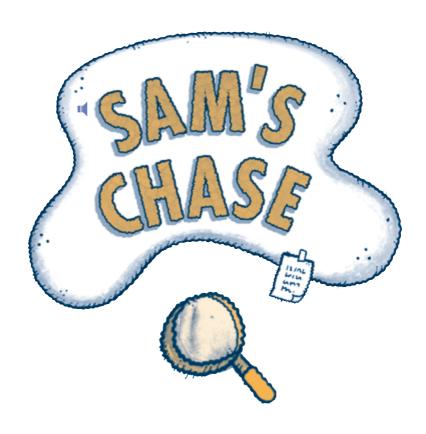
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Scene One: Sam's House

Narrator: Sam comes home from the park and finds a postcard. It is not a typical note. What can it mean?

Sam: Mom! Is this postcard for me? It says "Look in your backpack."

Mom: That's odd. Did you look in your backpack? It's in here by the sink.



Sam: How did it get there? I'm confused! I thought I left it in the van I never close it like this. The clasp gets stuck.

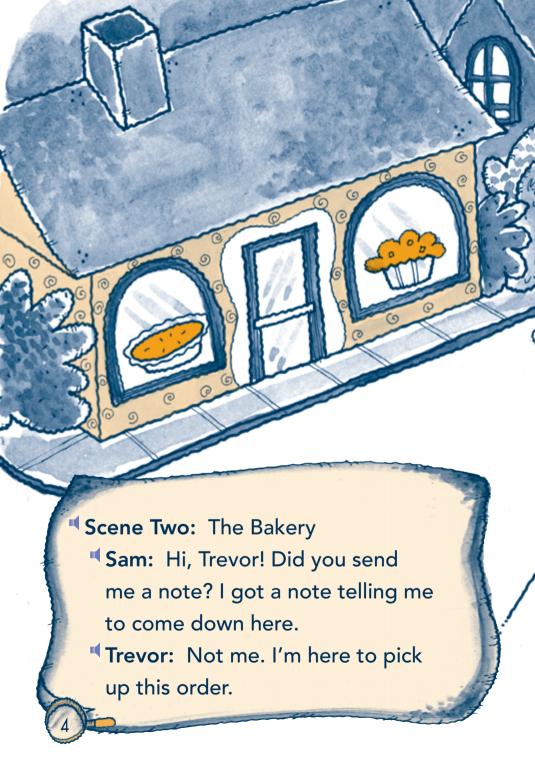
Mom: What's inside, Sam?

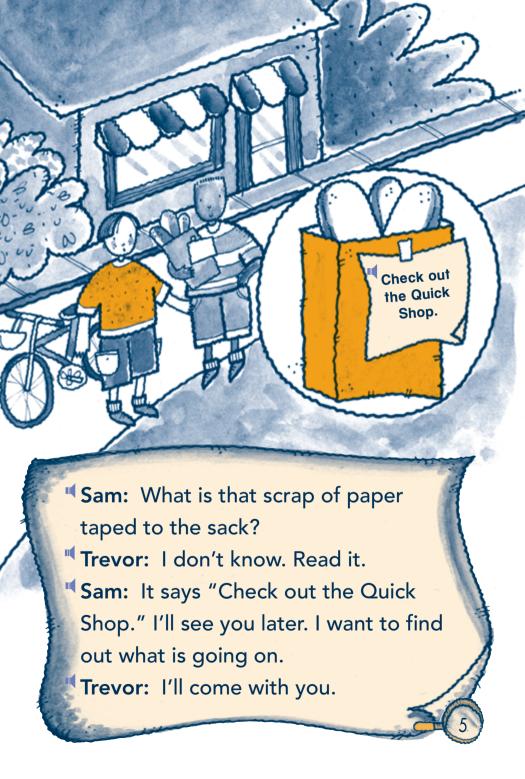
Sam: Just a scrap of paper. It says "Do not loaf. Go to the bakery."

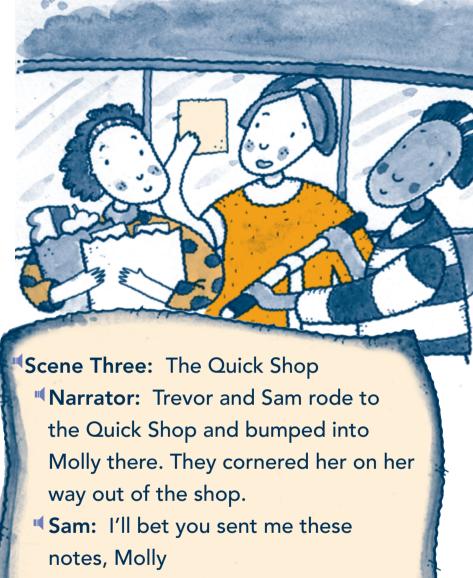
Mom: Who sent it?

Sam: I don't know, but I'll go to

the bakery and see.

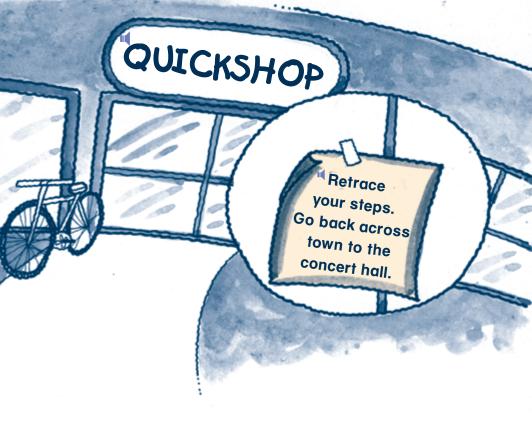






■ Molly: What do you mean?

Sam: These NOTES! Very funny,
Molly. (Sam removes the notes from
his pocket.)



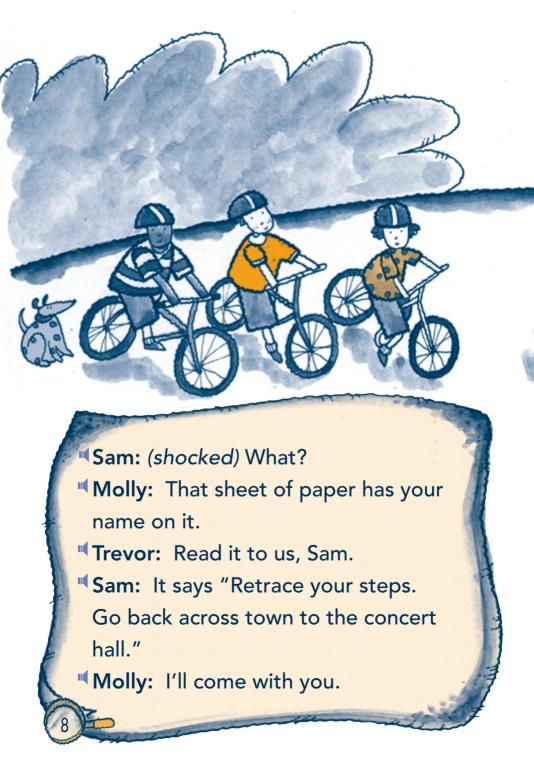
Molly: What makes you think it was me. Sam?

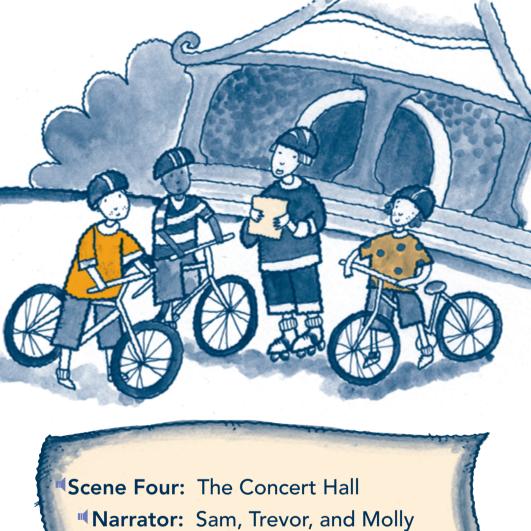
Sam: (frowning) Let me rethink this.

Trevor: Good plan. I don't think Molly

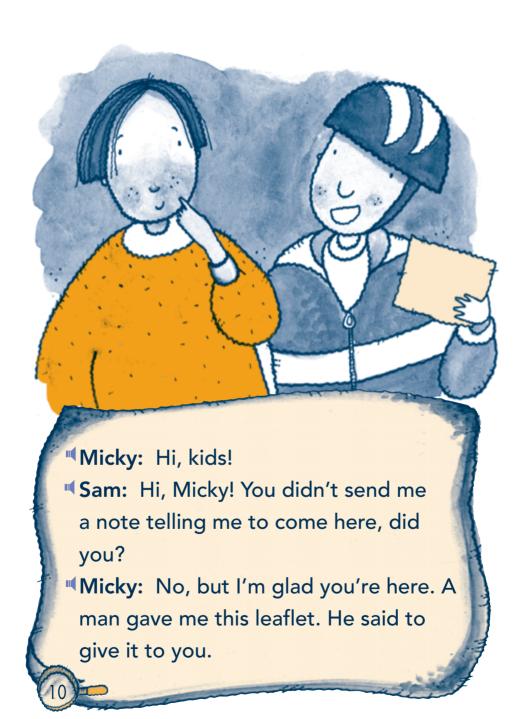
did it.

Molly: By the way, there's a note for you taped to the window.





Marrator: Sam, Trevor, and Molly got to the concert hall and stopped on the steps. A classmate named Micky whizzed by on his skates. He almost caused a crash when he stopped. He had some objects in a bag.





Sam: Let me see that. (He takes the leaflet.)

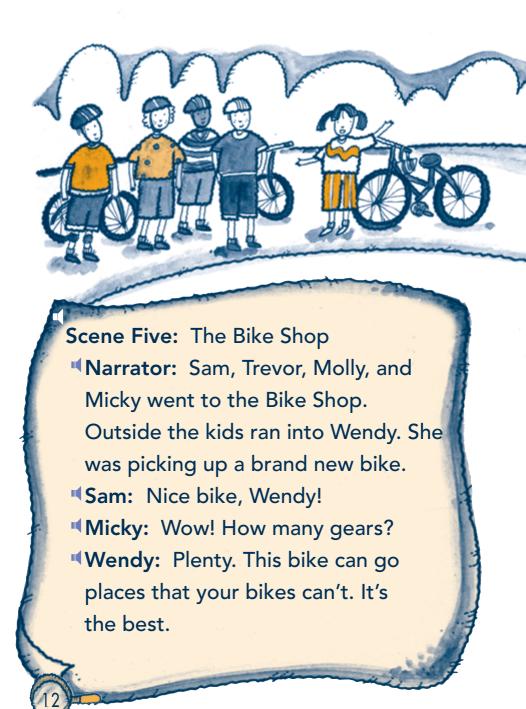
Molly: Read it.

Sam: It says "Be a sport. Go to the Bike Shop."

Trevor: I don't get it. This is nuts!

Sam: Off we go again!

Micky: I'll come with you.





- **Trevor:** (whispers to Wendy) Do you think you can handle it, Wendy?
- Wendy: I'll be fine. I'll soon get the hang of it. (Wendy wobbles and giggles on the bike.) What brings you kids here?
 - Sam: I got all these notes sending me all over town.
 - Wendy: Who sent them?
 - Sam: Who knows? (shrugs)



Wendy: Maybe the ad on that pole is for you too, Sam.

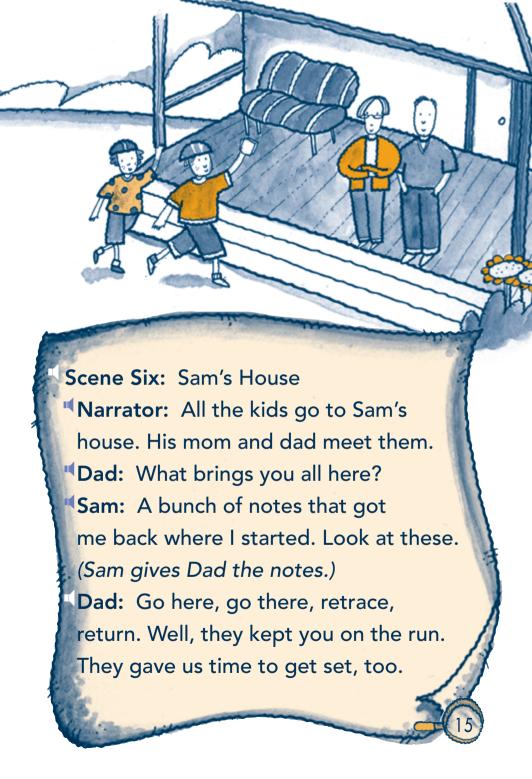
Sam: What ad?

Molly: The one that says "There's no place like home."

Sam: OK that's it. I'm going back to my house.

Trevor: We'll come with you.

(All the kids nod and follow Sam.)





Sam: Get set for what?

Mom: Your surprise party! Is everyone

here? (She counts heads.) Perfect.

We're all set. One, two, three...

All: Happy birthday, Sam!



Think and Respond

- 1 How can you tell which character is speaking in the play?
- How do you know the kids are all up to something?
- Where do the notes tell Sam to go in the neighborhood?
- How can you tell that Sam is preoccupied with the notes?
- If you could write a note for Sam, what would it say?
- Make a Map Use the places Sam went in the play to make a map of Sam's neighborhood. Label each place.
- School-Home Connection Make a special birthday card for someone. Use colored paper, paint, crayons, and cutouts from magazines.

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