



Shelley the Sugar Fairy

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To Auriana and Elodie

Special thanks to Rachel Elliot

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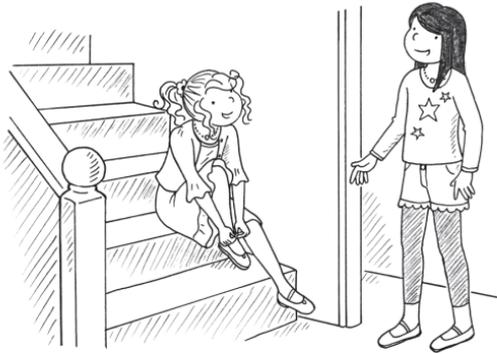
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An Extra Present



Rachel Walker was sitting at the bottom of the stairs in the house of her best friend, Kirsty Tate, fastening her party shoes.

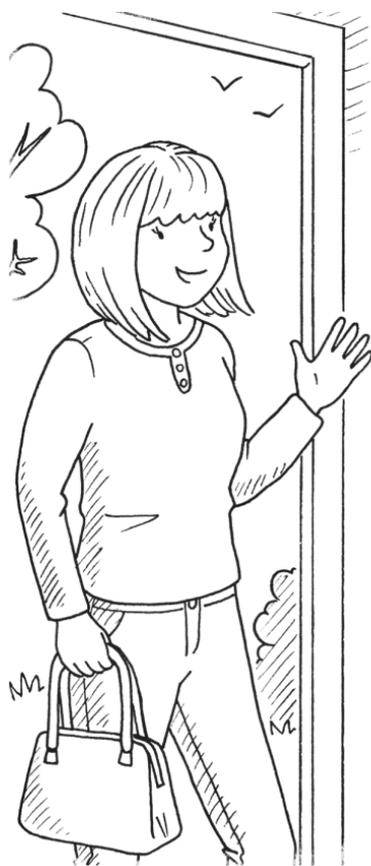
“It’s nice of your friend from school to invite me to her birthday party, too,” said Rachel.

“Anna knows how excited I am to have you staying with me for a whole



week,” Kirsty said, smiling. “She’s looking forward to meeting you.”

Rachel jumped to her feet and smoothed down her party dress.



“I’m ready,” she said. “Let’s go.”

Kirsty put their presents for Anna into a bag and then opened the front door. To her surprise, she saw her aunt Helen standing there.

“Oh!” said Aunt Helen. “How lucky —I was just about to knock. My goodness, you two look sharp!”

“We’re on our way





to my friend Anna Goldman's birthday party," Kirsty explained.

"I know," said Aunt Helen. "Actually, I'm here to give you a ride to the party. You see, Anna has won a Candy Land





Helping Hands award, and I was hoping that you would present it to her.”

Kirsty clapped her hands together in delight.

“This will be a really perfect birthday surprise for Anna,” she said. “She has raised lots of money for the Wetherbury Children’s Hospital.”

Aunt Helen worked at Candy Land, a candy factory in town. She was in charge of organizing the Helping Hands awards, which were special gift bags of candy for local children who did helpful things around the community. Kirsty and Rachel had been helping her present the awards all week.

Kirsty and Rachel said good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. Tate, and then jumped into Aunt Helen’s Candy Land van. It didn’t take long





to reach the Wetherbury community center.

“Wow, the community center looks amazing,” said Kirsty.

Rachel looked up. Colorful balloons were tied to the building’s railings, and there were more around the doorway. A huge banner above the door said HAPPY

BIRTHDAY, ANNA!

“I’m good friends with Anna’s mom,”
said Aunt Helen. “We got up early this
morning and came here to decorate. I’m
still shaking glitter out of my hair!”

