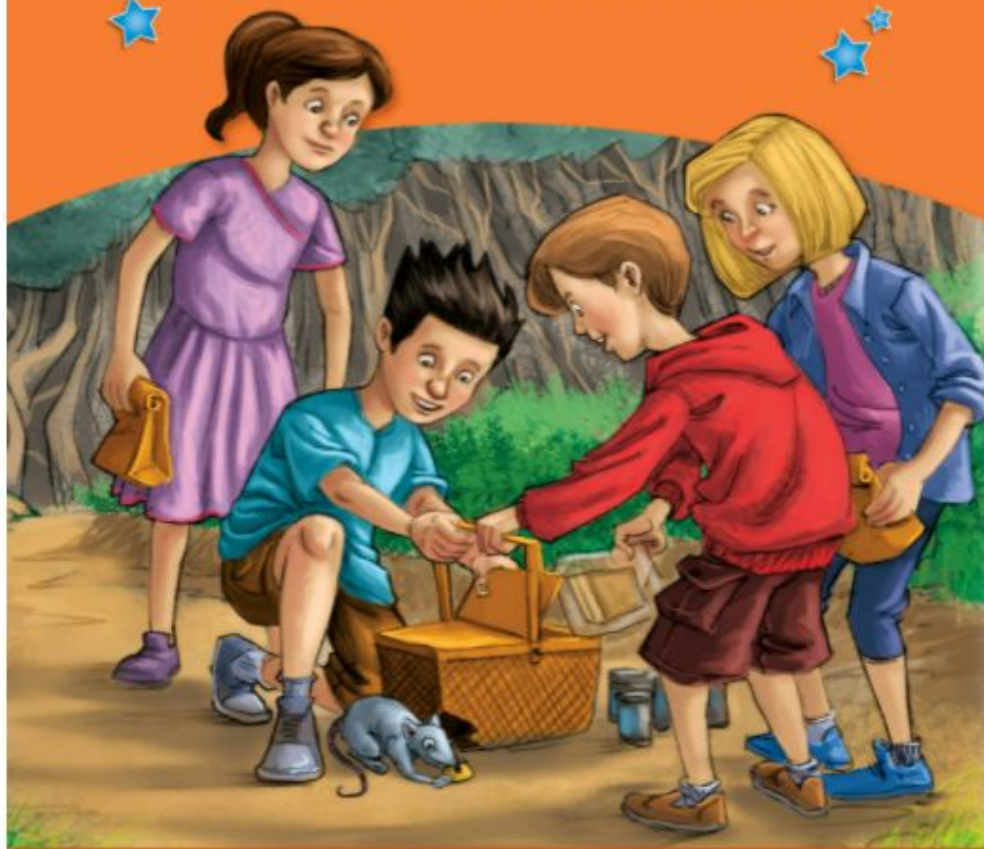


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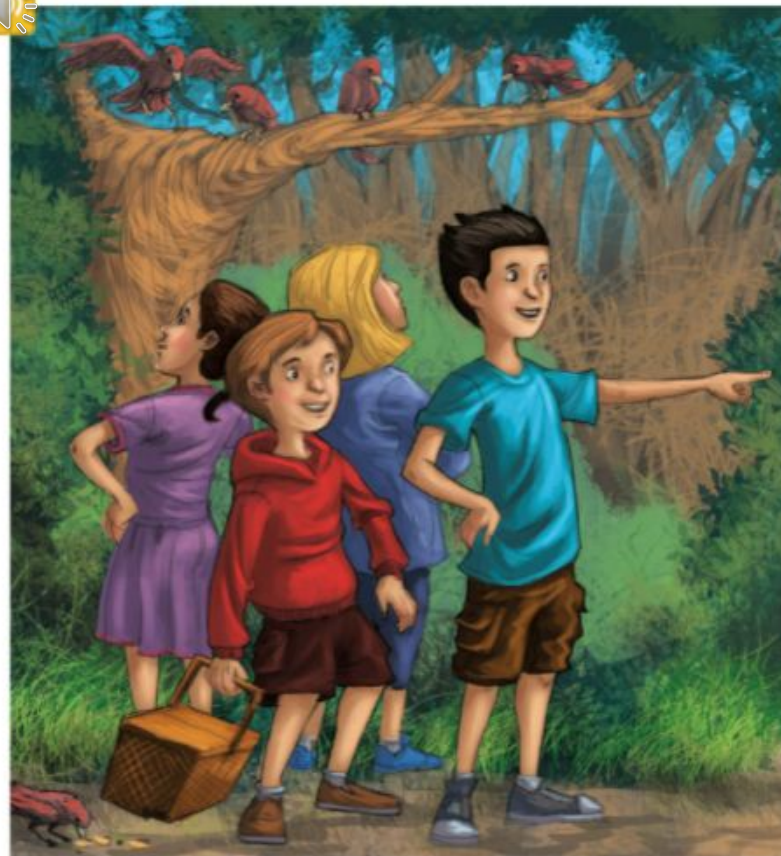
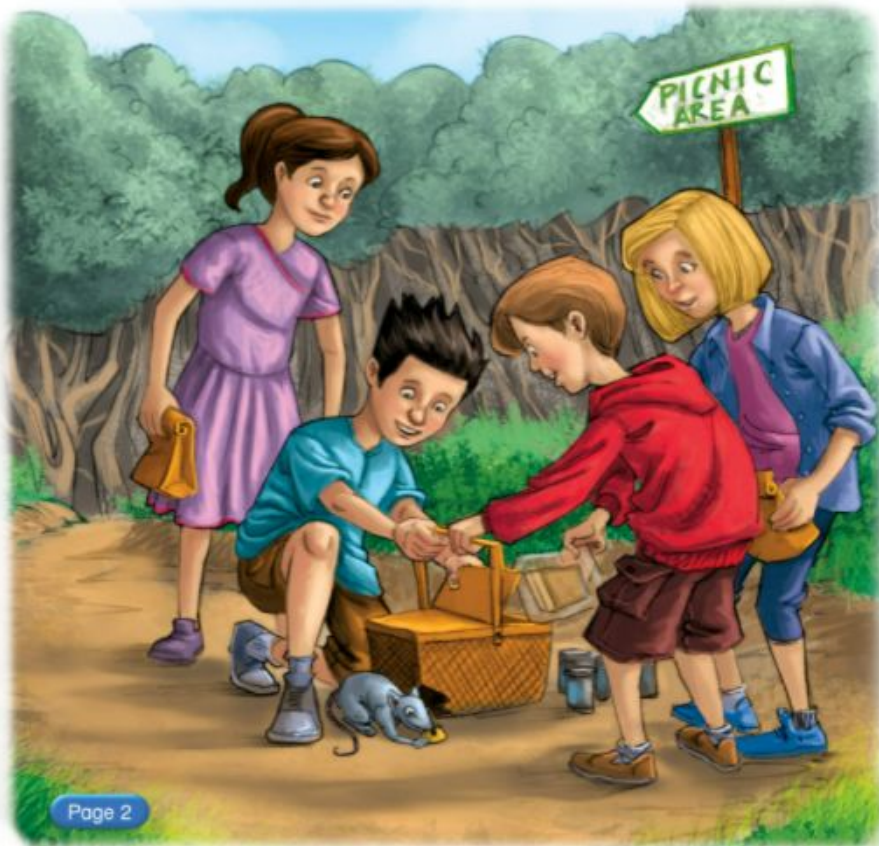
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One day, four friends went on a picnic in the woods.
"Is everything ready for the picnic?" asked Dan.
"I think so," said Stacy.
"How many sandwiches are there?" asked Dan.
"There are four sandwiches," said Toby.
"There are four bags of chips and four cans of soda," said Stacy.
"And we have a lot of carrots and nuts," said Kim.
"Good," said Dan. "We have a lot of food. Let's go!"



They walked into the woods.
There were a few birds in the trees.
"Look at the birds!" said Stacy.
"They're so pretty," said Kim.
"Are we there yet? I'm hungry," said Toby.
"Not yet," said Dan.
"Which way do we go now?" asked Kim.
"I think we go around the pond," said Dan.



They walked around the pond.
"There are a lot of flowers," said Dan.
"Look!" said Kim. "There's a squirrel."
"He's cute," said Stacy.
"Are we there yet? This picnic basket is heavy," said Toby.
"Which way do we go?" asked Kim.
"Up that hill," said Dan.

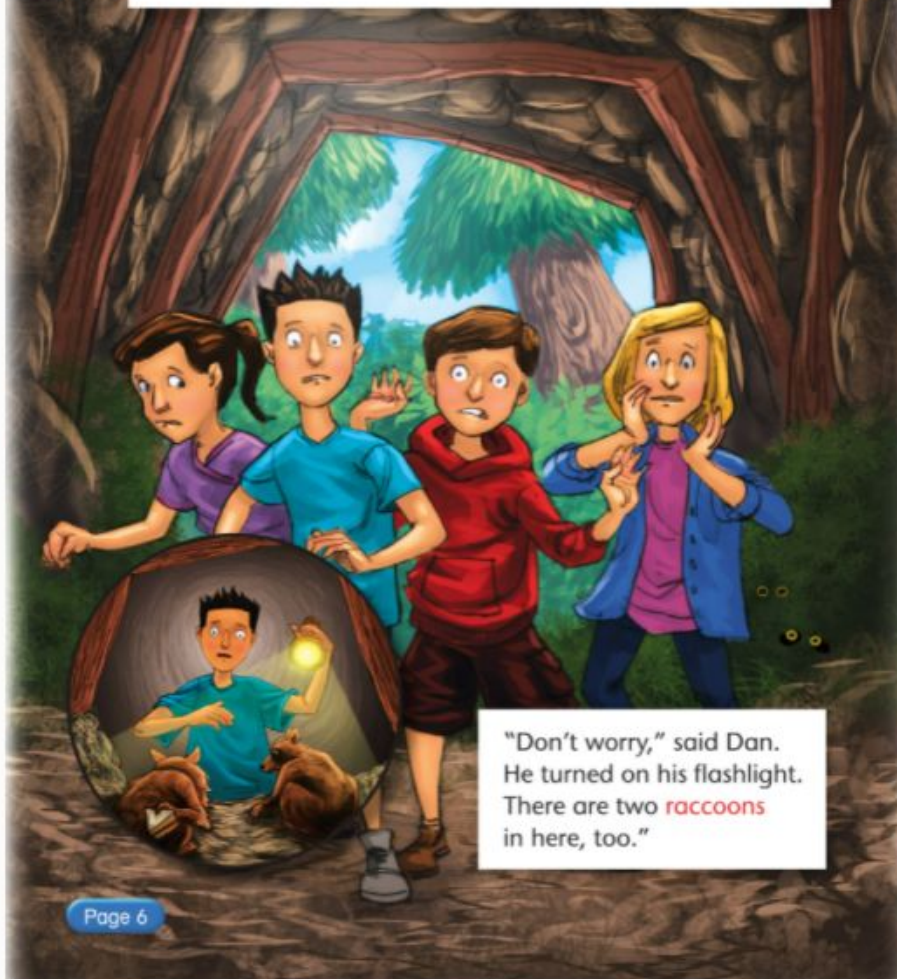


They went up a hill.
"There aren't many trees up here," said Stacy.
"But there are a few rabbits!" said Kim. "They're so cute!"
"I hope we don't get lost," said Toby.
"We won't get lost," said Dan. "I never get lost. I should be a tour guide. **Follow** me."





They followed Dan down the hill and through a tunnel. It was **dark** in the tunnel.
"There are a lot of eyes in here," said Stacy.
"1, 2, 3, 4,...12 eyes! There are too many eyes in here!" said Kim. She was scared.
"Whose eyes are those?" asked Toby. He was scared, too.



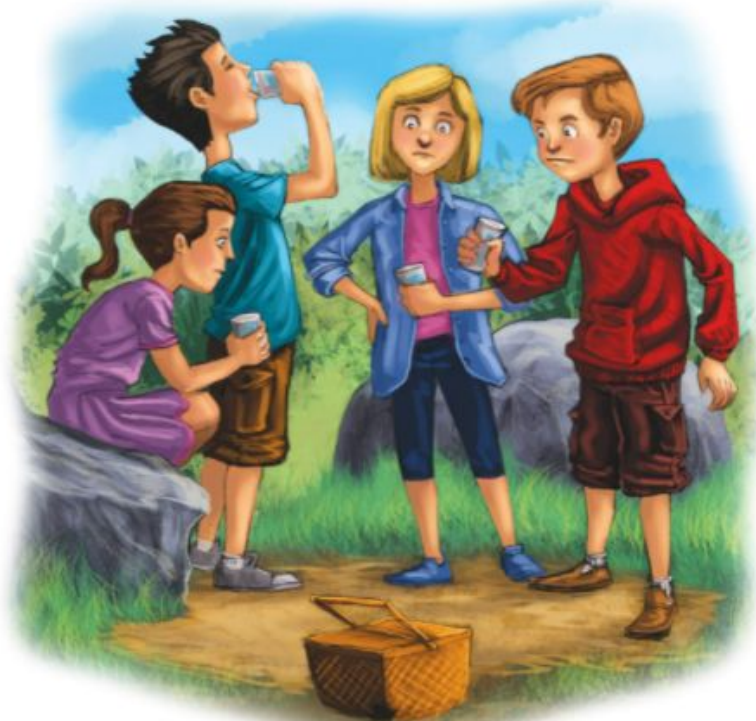
"Don't worry," said Dan. He turned on his flashlight. There are two **raccoons** in here, too."



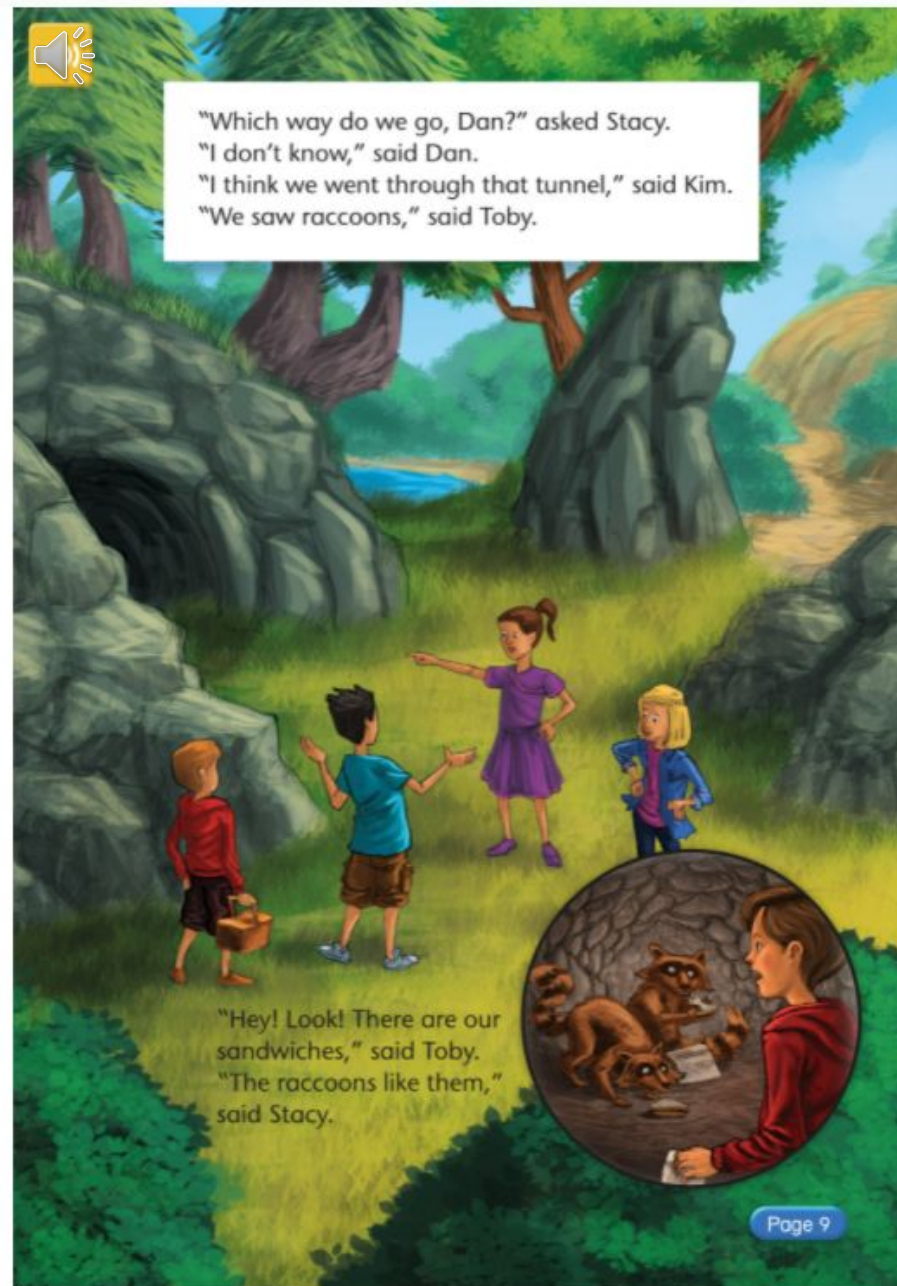
They came to a place in the woods. There was a picnic table and a few chairs.
"Here we are!" said Dan. "I never get lost. I'm the best tour guide."
"Let's eat! I'm hungry," said Kim.
"Me, too!" said Stacy.
"Oh no!" said Toby.
"What's wrong?" asked Dan.



"There's a **hole** in the picnic basket!" said Toby.
"Are there any sandwiches?" asked Dan.
"Are there any chips?" asked Stacy.
"Are there any carrots or nuts?" asked Kim.
"No, no, no, and no," said Toby. "There isn't any food.
There are only four cans of soda."
Everyone drank a soda.
"This isn't a very good picnic," said Stacy.
"We should go back now," said Dan.



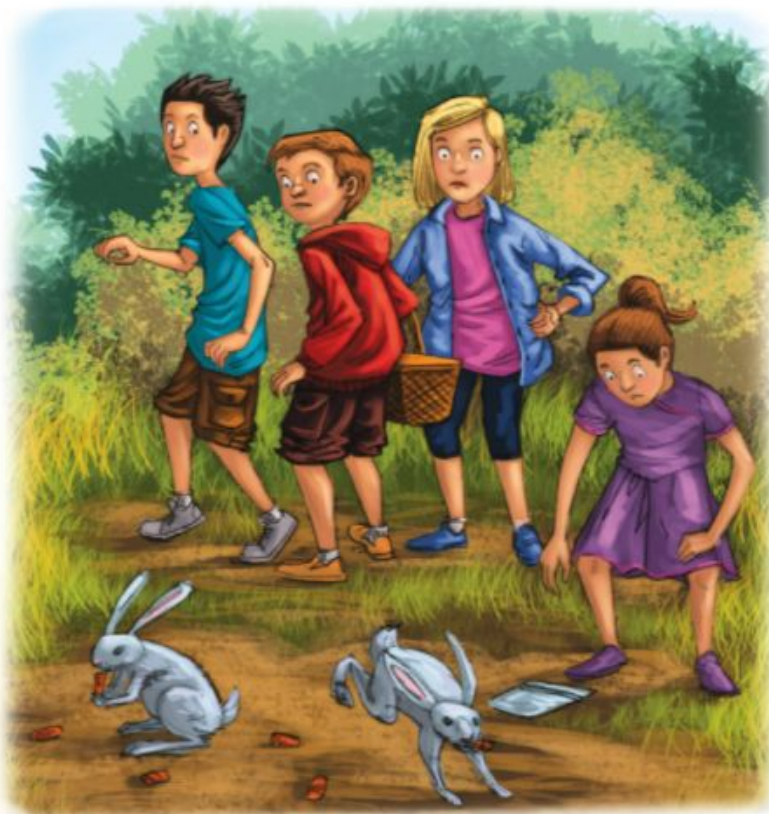
"Which way do we go, Dan?" asked Stacy.
"I don't know," said Dan.
"I think we went through that tunnel," said Kim.
"We saw raccoons," said Toby.



"Hey! Look! There are our sandwiches," said Toby.
"The raccoons like them," said Stacy.

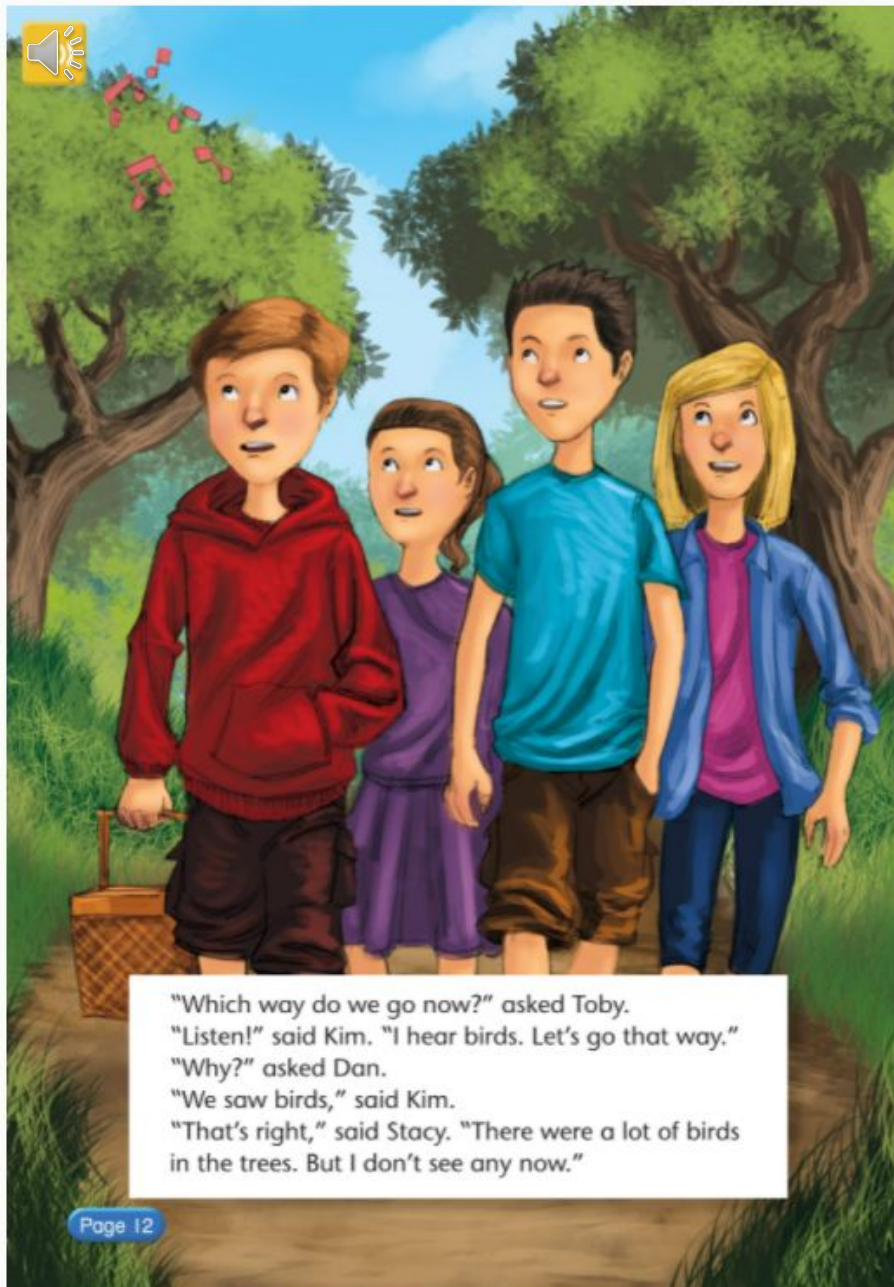


They went through the tunnel and up the hill.
"Now which way do we go?" asked Stacy.
"I forget," said Dan.
"Look!" said Kim. "There are a lot of rabbits."
"We saw them before," said Stacy.
They walked by the rabbits.
"The rabbits are eating our carrots!" said Toby.



They walked down the hill.
"Which way do we go now?" asked Stacy.
"Next, we go around the pond," said Kim.
"Really?" asked Dan.
"Yes," said Kim. "We saw a squirrel
by the pond. Remember?"
"Oh, right," said Dan. He was embarrassed.
"Look! Now there are a few squirrels.
They're eating our nuts," said Stacy.





"Which way do we go now?" asked Toby.
"Listen!" said Kim. "I hear birds. Let's go that way."
"Why?" asked Dan.
"We saw birds," said Kim.
"That's right," said Stacy. "There were a lot of birds in the trees. But I don't see any now."



"Look! There are a lot of birds now!" said Stacy.
"And they're eating our chips!" said Toby.
"And that's the way home," said Kim. She pointed to a sign.
"Thanks for being the tour guide," said Dan.
"No problem," said Kim.
"I'm sorry I lost our food, and we didn't have a picnic," said Toby.
"That's OK. The animals had a picnic!" said Stacy.

