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The sun was extra bright in the sky and the day was already very hot.

Freya turned to Pinky and asked: "What would you like to do today?"

"I would like to go to the beach to swim in the water and cool off", answered Pinky. "That's a great idea", said Freya.

Freya and Pinky,
put on their swim suits,
and packed a bag
with some water,
snacks, sunscreen lotion,
beach toys, sunglasses, and
two big beach towels.

With their beach bags in hand, they walked a few blocks to the beach.

At the beach,
Freya and Pinky
ran to the water's edge.

"I love the way it feels when the water tickles my toes", shouted Pinky!

"I can't hear you", said Freya.

"These waves are making too much noise".

"Too much noise you say!" a deep voice rumbled, "How dare you!"

"Who is that?" asked Pinky and Freya.

"It is I" answered the big Wave.
"I'm Wanda the Wave",
"and that noise you were
talking about, is me pounding
out my beat on the shore".

"Golly," said Freya,
"Now that you mention it",
"the boom, ka-boom, ka-boom
that your wave makes
is a very nice beat after all".

"I'm glad that you like it", said Wanda the Wave, who was already busy pounding the shore once more.

"Shall we play in the sand", asked Pinky? "Sure, that will be fun," Freya replied.

Pinky and Freya each took a scoop and a bucket from their beach bag and filled those up with sand.



Once their bucket was full, they'd turn it upside down to make castles on the sand.

They made lots of sand castles until, they heard: "Hey, who is putting sand on me?"

Pinky looked over at Freya and Freya looked over at Pinky

"Down here", said the voice.

Pinky and Freya looked down. and there was a little red crab rubbing the sand off of his shell.

"My name is Crawly the Crab" said the little red crab and you were building your sand castle right on top of me."



"I'm very sorry", said Freya.
"We will move our sand castle right away".

Just as Pinky and Freya started to scoop up more sand a little boy came running over to them.

"Can I play with you", the little boy asked?

"Of course you can", answered Freya.

"Just get your shovel and your bucket.

and start making sand castles over there",

she said.

"But I don't have a shovel or a bucket", said the little boy. "I don't have any toys at all." "That's too bad", said Freya.
"Yes, but you can still play with us if you like", said Pinky.

"You can use my shovel and bucket first and then I can use it after that." said Freya.

Then Pinky, Freya and the little boy had great fun sharing the shovels and the buckets and they built a very special sand castle.

Whenit was all done Freya,
Pinky and the little boy
stepped back and took a good
look at their sand castle.

"Wow", said the little boy it is really special!"

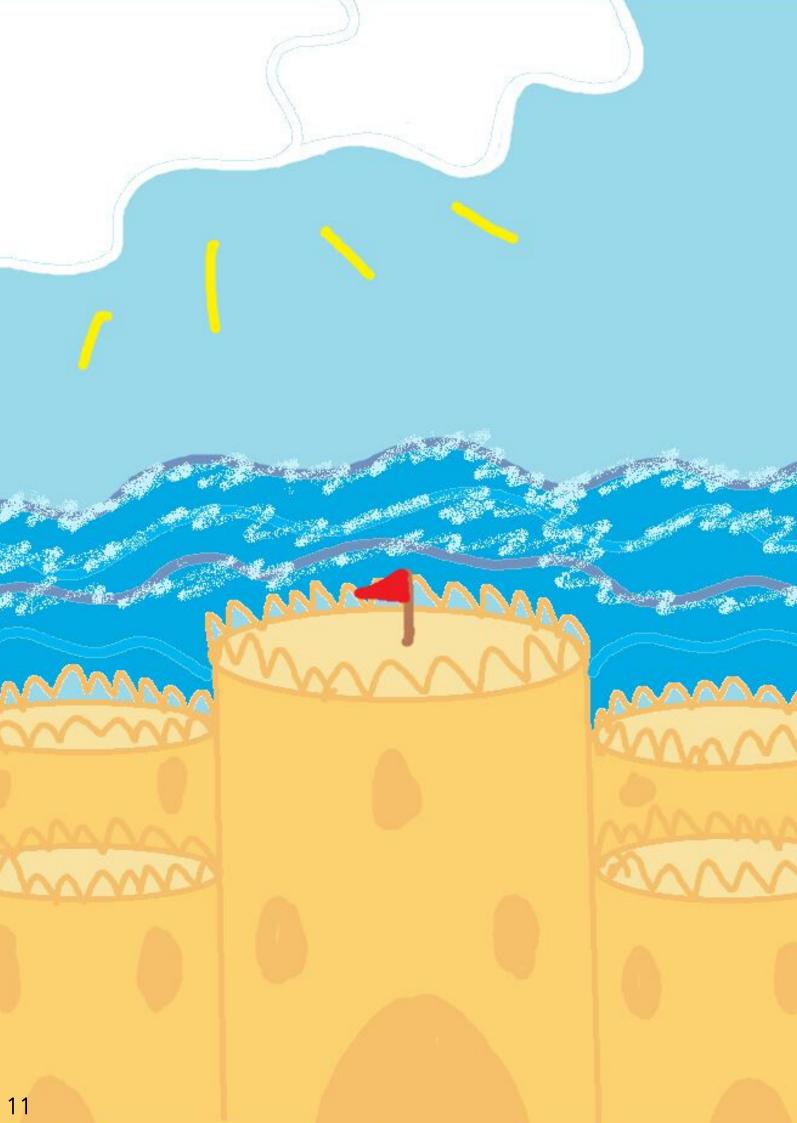


Then Crawly the Crab came over, took a long look and said: "That's a fine sand castle".

Then there was a big kaboom, and then another, and then they heard Wanda the Wave call out:

"Nice job with that sand castle," while her boom, kaboom, boom was ringing in their ears.

The little boy noticed that it was getting late, and he thanked Pinky and Freya for playing with him before running off to his home.



Pinky and Freya collected their beach toys, dried themselves off, shook off the sand and put their sandals on.

Then they said goodbye to Crawly the Crab and to Wanda the Wave.

While walking home, Freya turned and said to Pinky, "I enjoyed playing on the beach today, and it was also very nice to play with the little boy"

"It wasn't at all a problem that he didn't have toys. In the garden, we say that sharing is caring" said Pinky.

"In the garden, we share the soil, the sun, the moon, and the rain", added Pinky.

"I agree," said Freya, "sharing is caring, and sharing makes everybody better off".

Then Pinky and Freya held hands and walked home from the beach, while the sunset lit the sky and cast a warm glow over their beautiful sand castle.



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