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Pinky the Flower and Freya were relaxing and reading books in Freya's room.

Then Freya's Mommy called out: "Freya, would you like to go shopping with Mommy?"

"That would be very nice", answered Freya.
"Would you like to join us?"
Freya asked Pinky.

"I've never been shopping before," answered Pinky.
"but I'd love to give it a try".

Then Freya and Pinky put on their jackets and got into the car with Freya's mommy.

"This is going to be so much fun", said Freya's mommy.

"I really do need a day of retail therapy", she added.

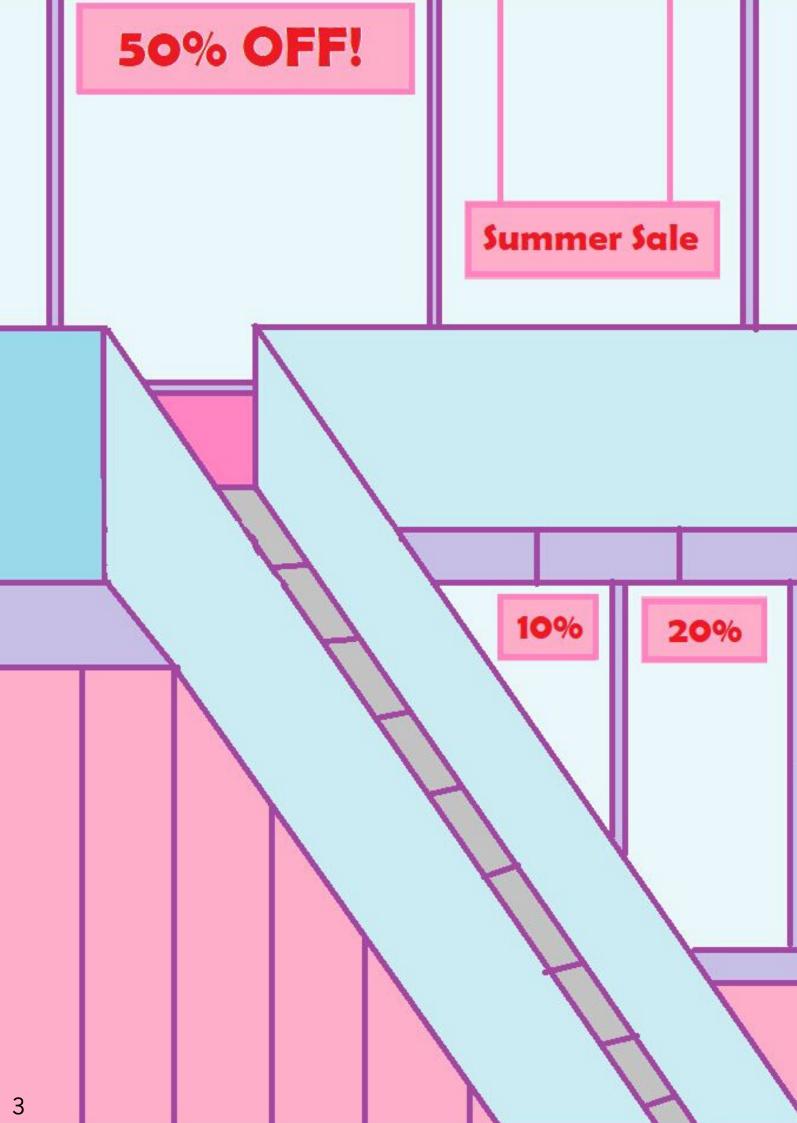
"What's retail therapy?", Pinky asked Freya. "Well, I think that's when you buy something and it makes you feel better", answered Freya.

"I see", said Pinky.

"I feel pretty good already, but I guess shopping might make me feel even better".

"I hope so", said Freya.

Then they pulled into a big shopping center with five floors, and each floor filled with so many different shops.



There were food stores, and clothes stores and toy stores and book stores and restaurants and stairs going up, and stairs going down.

There was even a playground on the ground floor where little children could jump and play.

Freya's mommy took them from store to store.

They went up with an elevator, and stopped on each and every floor.



They tried on clothes
at the clothing store.
They tried on shoes
at the shoe store.
They played with toys
at the toy store.
They flipped through
books at the book store, and
filled up a big basket with groceries
at the supermarket.

Then, with her arms filled with shopping bags, Freya's mommy took them for a yummy pizza lunch at a restaurant.

After lunch, Freya's mommy said to them: "because you've been so good today, I'm going to let you play for an hour in the play park".



At the play park,
Pinky and Freya
blew bubbles,
painted pictures,
glued stick figures,
and jumped and bounced
in the big bouncy house.

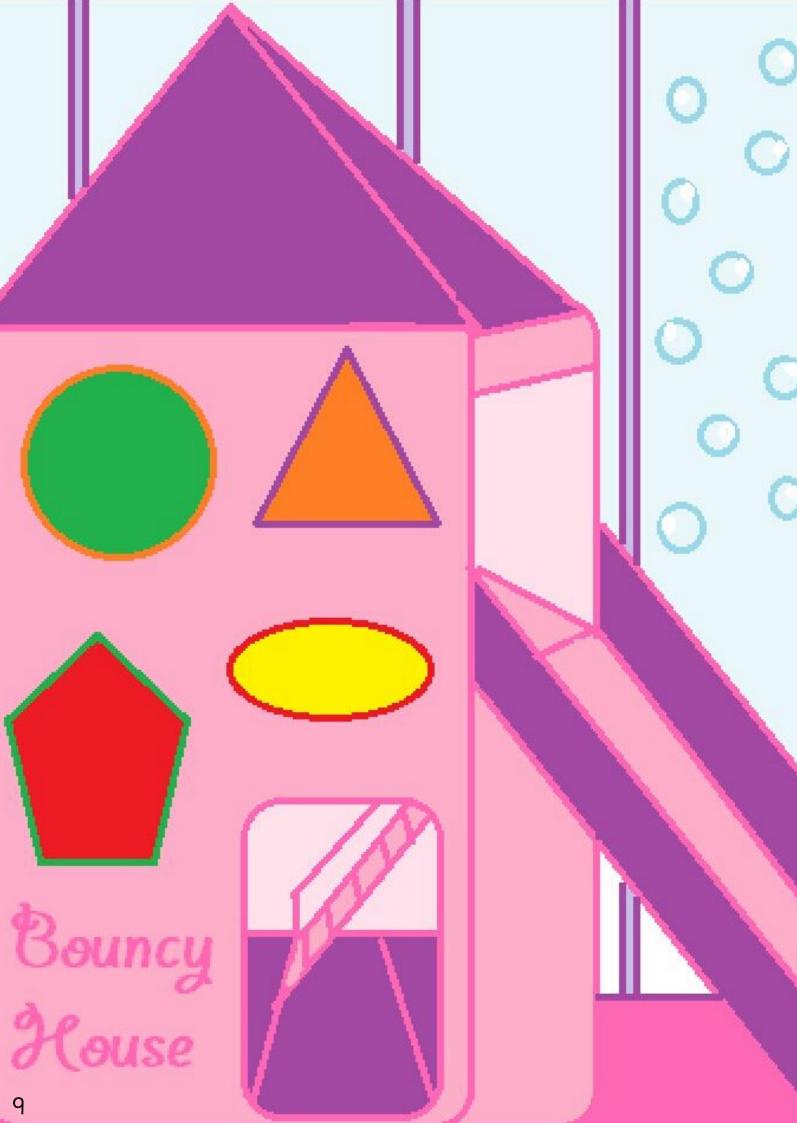
When they could bounce no more, Freya and Pinky the Flower sat down on the ground, laid back, and put their hands behind their heads.

"Golly Freya," said Pinky.

"going to the mall is so much fun."

[&]quot;Yesit is", said Freya.

[&]quot;But what was most fun of all", said Pinky,



"was just spending time together, visiting all the pretty stores, and having the day together."

Freya thought about this, turned to Pinky, and said: "It's not what you buy at the Mall that matters Pinky, what matters is just doing fun things together".

"That's so true", answered Pinky.

And then Pinky the Flower and Freya, who were both so very tired after shopping and playing at the mall, closed their eyes for just a second.

The next sound they heard was:

Euuuuuuup, squeaked the door, and Euuuuuuup, squeaked the door,

As Freya's Mommy opened her car door, put her packages in the trunk, and put the two friends safely into the back seat of the car.

"Rest well Freya", said Pinky the Flower. "Rest well Pinky", answered Freya.

Then Freya's Mommy drove them home from the Mall while Pinky the Flower and Freya took a deep and happy nap in the back seat of the car.



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