

## Swimming with Dolphins

The dolphin jumped high out of the water. ‘Wow!’ said Rosie. ‘Can we swim with it?’ ‘No, I’m sorry,’ said Dan Miller, a scientist who worked with the dolphins. Grandpa, Ben, Rosie, and Alice were visiting Dan. Years ago, he was one of Grandpa’s students. ‘All our dolphins have had injuries,’ Dan explained. ‘We help them to go out to the sea again when they are ready.’

‘Before we send a dolphin out to sea, we put a small radio on its fin,’ explained Dan. ‘Then we can follow it on the computer. Come and see.’ Grandpa and the children went with Dan into an office. In the office, a scientist was sitting in front of a computer. She turned in her chair and said, ‘Dan, come and look at this. There’s a problem with Ludo.’

‘Who’s Ludo?’ asked Alice. ‘Ludo is a young dolphin that we looked after for a long time,’ said Dan. ‘We sent him back to the sea a few days ago.’ He looked at the computer unhappily. ‘What’s the problem?’ asked Grandpa. ‘Ludo has been under the water for twenty minutes,’ said Dan. ‘He isn’t moving.’ ‘Can’t dolphins stay under the water for a long time?’ asked Ben.

‘Yes, but dolphins aren’t fish. They breathe air. So they have to come up to breathe after thirty or forty minutes,’ said Dan. ‘Ludo needs help!’

‘There isn’t enough time to reach him in the boat,’ said the scientist at the computer. ‘That’s OK,’ said Grandpa. ‘My van is outside. It’s much faster than any boat. Come on!’ They all went quickly to the door.

## Volcano Adventure

‘We’re here!’ said Grandpa. The children got out of the van and looked around. They were on a beach, but it was very different from most beaches. ‘The sand is black!’ said Max. ‘That’s strange.’ ‘Not really,’ explained Grandpa. ‘There’s often black sand on beaches close to a volcano.’ Rosie stopped. ‘A volcano?’ she asked. ‘Did you say a volcano?’

‘That’s right,’ said Ben. ‘Max and I are learning about volcanoes at school. I asked Grandpa to take us to one!’ They all turned and looked up at the big volcano behind them. ‘But volcanoes are dangerous!’ said Rosie. ‘Look! Smoke is coming from it now!’ A young girl on the beach heard Rosie. ‘That’s OK,’ the girl said. ‘There’s always a little smoke.’ Then she smiled. ‘My name is Nani.’

Nani lived with her grandmother in a village close to the beach. ‘Are you scared to live close to a volcano?’ asked Rosie. ‘No,’ said Nani. ‘The volcano hasn’t erupted for a long, long time. My grandmother was just a little girl when it happened. At that time, people had very different ideas about the volcano. They thought the volcano erupted because it was angry.’

Max laughed at the idea. ‘An angry volcano?’ Suddenly there was a loud noise. The ground started to move under their feet. ‘What’s happening?’ shouted Rosie. A big cloud of smoke was coming out of the volcano. Max pointed at the top of the volcano. ‘Is that fire?’ he asked. ‘No,’ said Ben. ‘It’s LAVA!’ ‘Oh no! The volcano is erupting!’ shouted Nani.