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Friends Across Miles

By Kelly Hashway

Dana slumped down on the couch and sighed.

"What's wrong, little sis," Megan asked her, sitting down beside Dana.

"I'm bored," Dana muttered.

"Just because Elianna moved across the country doesn't mean there's nothing to do. You have plenty of other friends. Why don't you call one of them?"

"I always spent Saturdays with Elianna. It wouldn't feel right hanging out with someone else."

"Do you think Elianna is sitting on her couch doing nothing because you're not with her?" Megan asked.

"I don't know. Let me ask her." Dana reached for the laptop on the coffee table. She set up the video chat and smiled. "Elianna's online." She clicked the button to connect with Elianna.

"Hi, Dana!" Elianna said, once her face popped up on the screen.

"Hi. Megan wants to know if you're bored like I am."

"Totally," Elianna said. "I miss you."

"I miss you, too," Dana said, the smile leaving her face.

"Okay, you two," Megan said. "You can't mope around just because you don't live two houses apart anymore. Why don't you both go out and have fun? In fact, why don't you see how much you can do in one day, and then you can chat tonight and tell each other all about it?"

Dana and Elianna both shrugged. "Okay."



Dana and Megan headed out for a day of fun, and by seven o'clock, Dana couldn't wait to tell Elianna about her day. She logged back onto the video chat. "Hey, Elianna!"

"Hey! I actually had a pretty fun day."

"Me too."

"What did you do?" Elianna asked.

"First I biked to the lake."

"I biked to the beach," Elianna said.

"Then I had a picnic at the park with Megan."

Elianna laughed. "I had a picnic with Janel."

"Don't tell me you went to the movies after that," Dana said.

"Okay, I won't, but the popcorn was really salty, just the way you like it."

"Mine too!" Dana shouted.

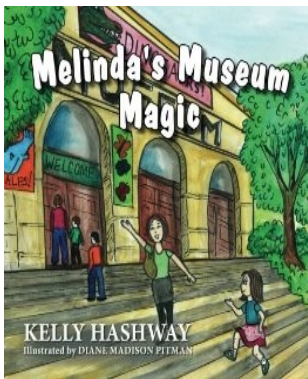
"Everything okay in here?" Megan asked, walking into the room.

"Yeah, but listen to this. Elianna and I did all the same things today."

"I'm not surprised. You two have been hanging out together since you were in diapers. I knew you would manage to stay best friends no matter how many miles are between you."

Dana looked at Elianna and smiled. "Yeah. Between video chatting and visiting during school breaks, we'll stay best friends forever."

About the Author



Kelly Hashway's picture book, *Melinda's Museum Magic*, is now available!

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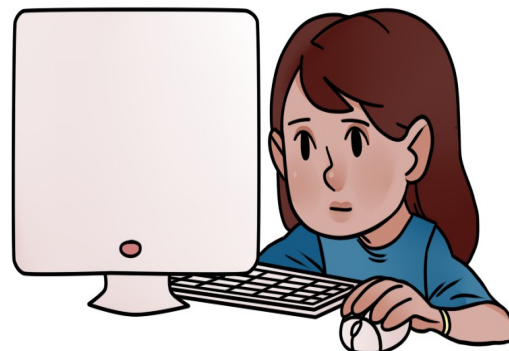
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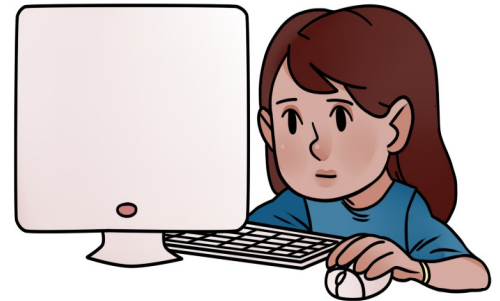
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