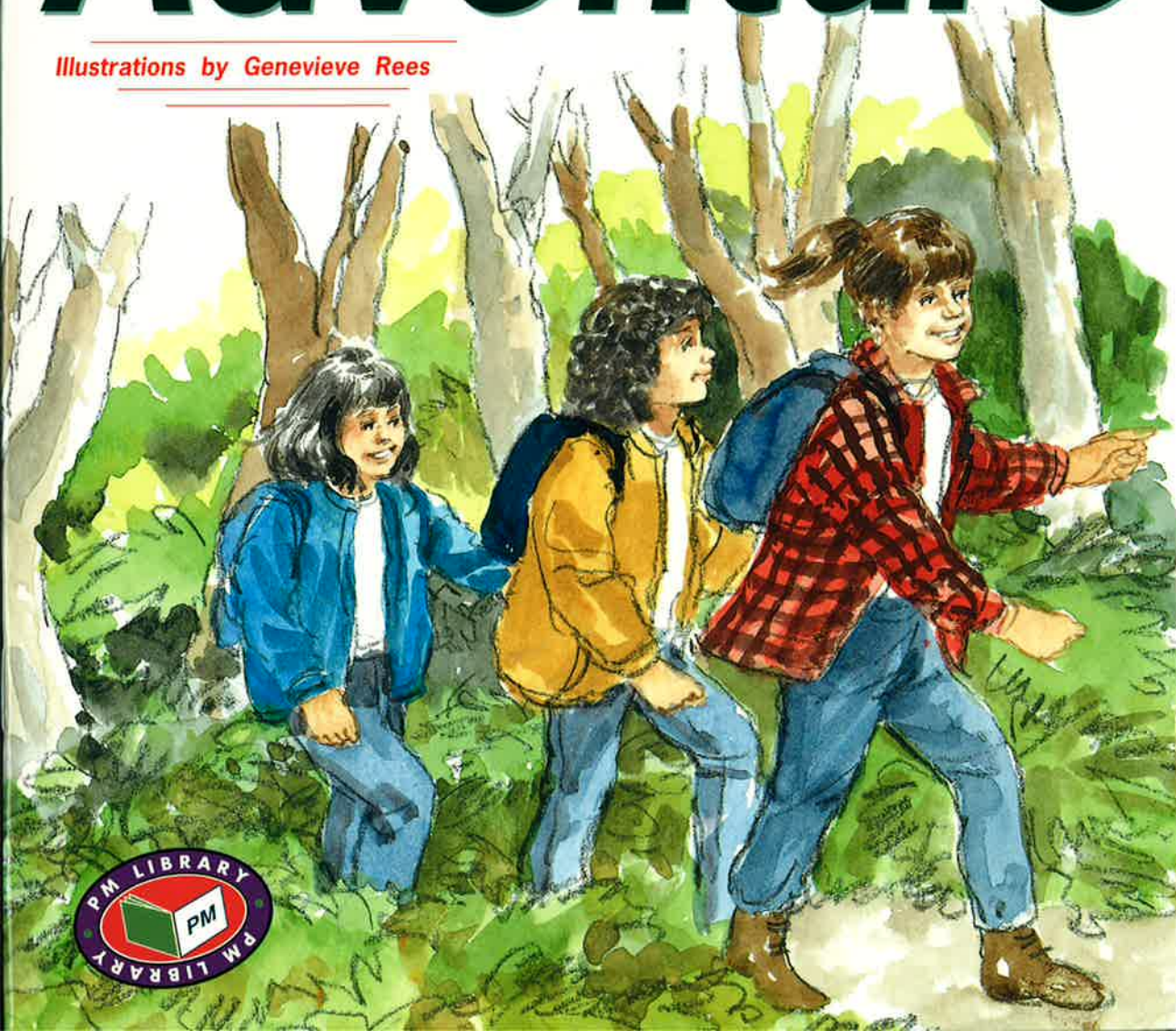


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A Little Adventure

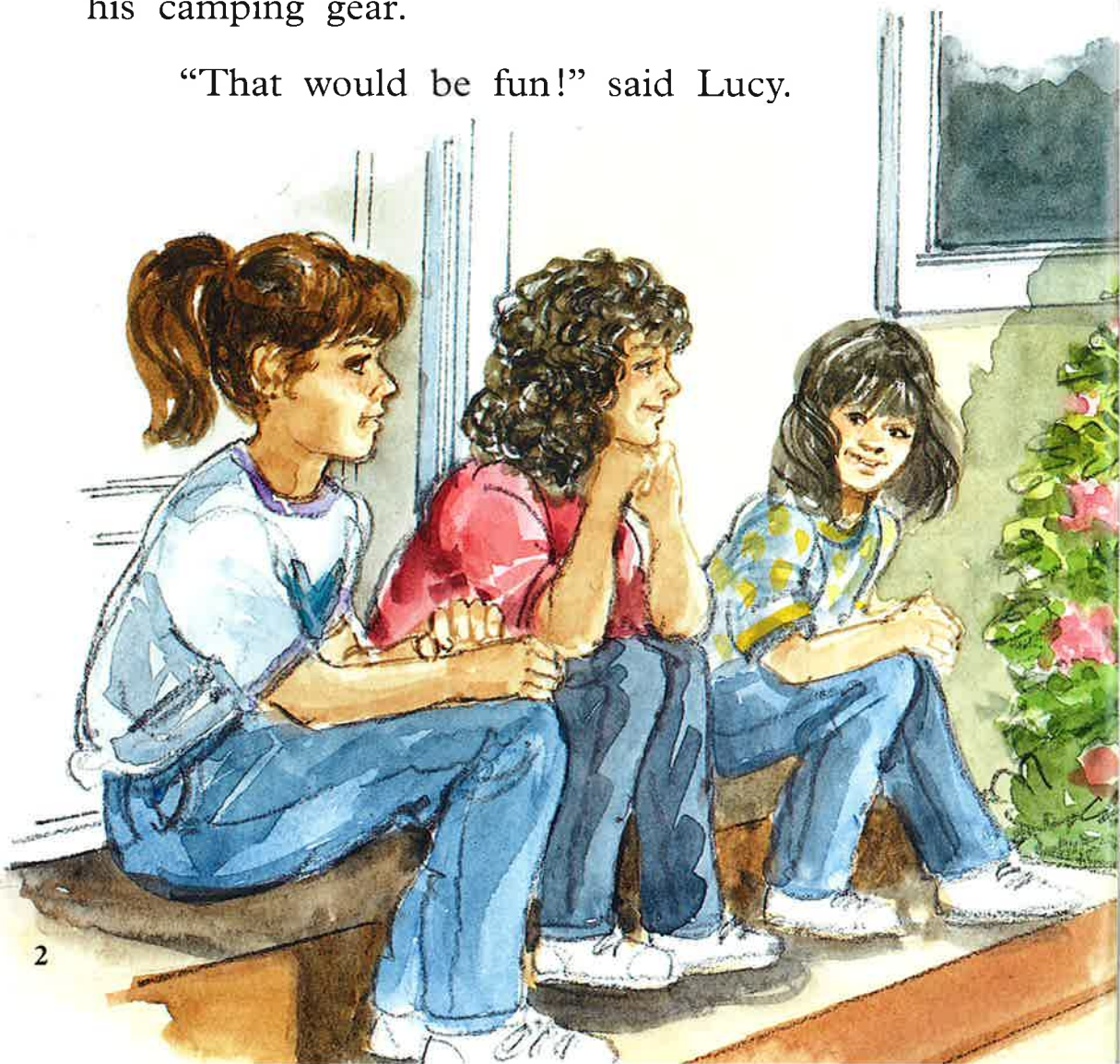
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Abby sat on the steps with her friends from next door.

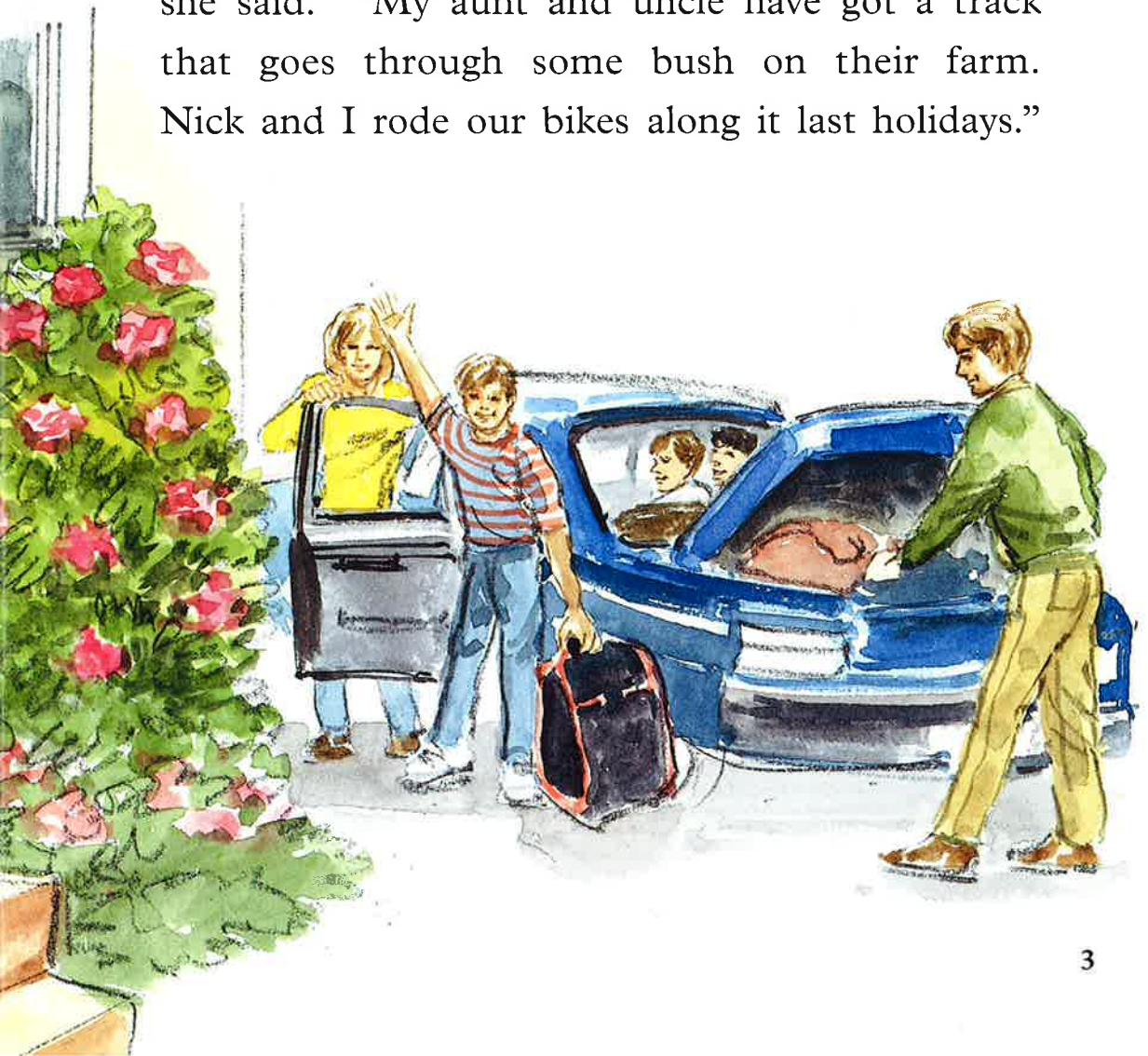
"I wish we could go hiking like Nick," she said, as she watched her brother leaving with his camping gear.

"That would be fun!" said Lucy.



Caitlin looked at her sister. “But our parents would never let us,” she said, gloomily.

Abby jumped to her feet. “Just a minute — I know where we could go hiking!” she said. “My aunt and uncle have got a track that goes through some bush on their farm. Nick and I rode our bikes along it last holidays.”



“Well...” said Abby’s father, when the girls asked him, “I don’t see why not. You’d be quite safe there. Why don’t you phone Aunty Kath and ask her?”

Abby ran inside, and her friends followed.

“Aunty Kath says we can come tomorrow!” Abby said. “Let’s go and ask your parents now.”

The girls’ parents agreed to let them go, and helped to make a list of the things they would need.

“After the hike, we’ll be able to have a ride on the flying fox that I was telling you about,” said Abby. “You’ll love it.”

“Fantastic!” said Caitlin.

“It’ll be really **exciting!**” said Lucy.

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When they arrived at the farm, the girls put on their backpacks.

“Take our mobile phone with you,” said Aunty Kath, “so that you can call us if you need to.”

They all waved to Abby’s father as they walked towards the trees. “Remember to stay on the track,” he told them. “I’ll meet you at the other end.”

“This is going to be fun!” shouted Lucy, and she started to run.

“Hey! Slow down!” called Caitlin. “We have to stay with Abby, because she’s the one who knows the way.”

The three girls set off together. It was quiet and cool in the bush, and they looked up at the tall trees as they went along.