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For Eve Gonson, a perfect audience.
– N.G.

For Henry.
– A.R.

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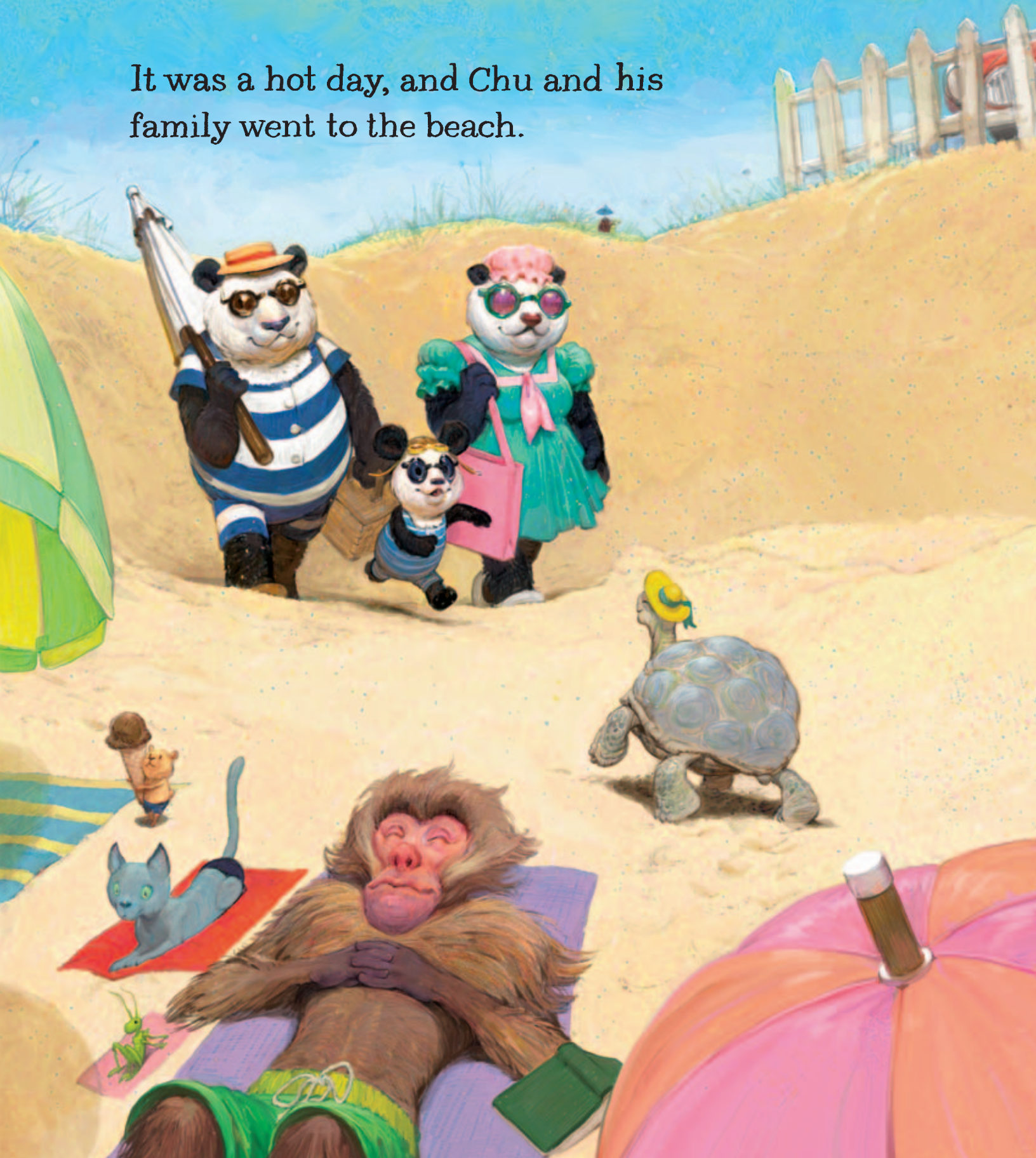
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When Chu sneezed,



big things happened.

It was a hot day, and Chu and his family went to the beach.







Chu had an ice cream. The ice-cream seller was very nice. She gave Chu an extra scoop of vanilla.


Chu said hello
to a crab in a rock pool.
Chu's mother sat on the sand
and read her book. Chu's father
went into the water up to
his tummy.



Chu took off his sunglasses. He looked at the sea. The day was so sunny and bright.