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One book. If found, please return to Hayley Campbell
(although she may be too big for it)
or Maddy Gaiman (although it may be too big for her).
No fish, please.

Wanted:

One halibut, must be in good working order, own fins,
no skate please.
Will swap two infants, one called Yolanda, one called Liam.

Offers to Mr. David Tench McKean, Esq. c/o The Publisher.

One day my mum went out and left me at home with just my little sister and my dad.

My dad sat in front of the television, reading his newspaper. My dad doesn't pay much attention to anything when he's reading his newspaper.



My little sister and I played in the garden.
My sister played with her Barbie dolls
and I played at putting mud down my sister's neck.

My friend Nathan came
over to my house.



They were pretty neat.

"I'll swap you them,"
I said.

"What for?"
asked Nathan.