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On the day of the big bottom hunt, Sandy and Ella went beach-combing. They took a bucket, a net and a magnifying glass.

They walked along the shoreline, looking for treasures and toys washed up by the sea.



Last week, they found a burst football, one welly and a crab's pincer.



The week before, they found an orange hard hat, three spiral shells and a stripy stone.

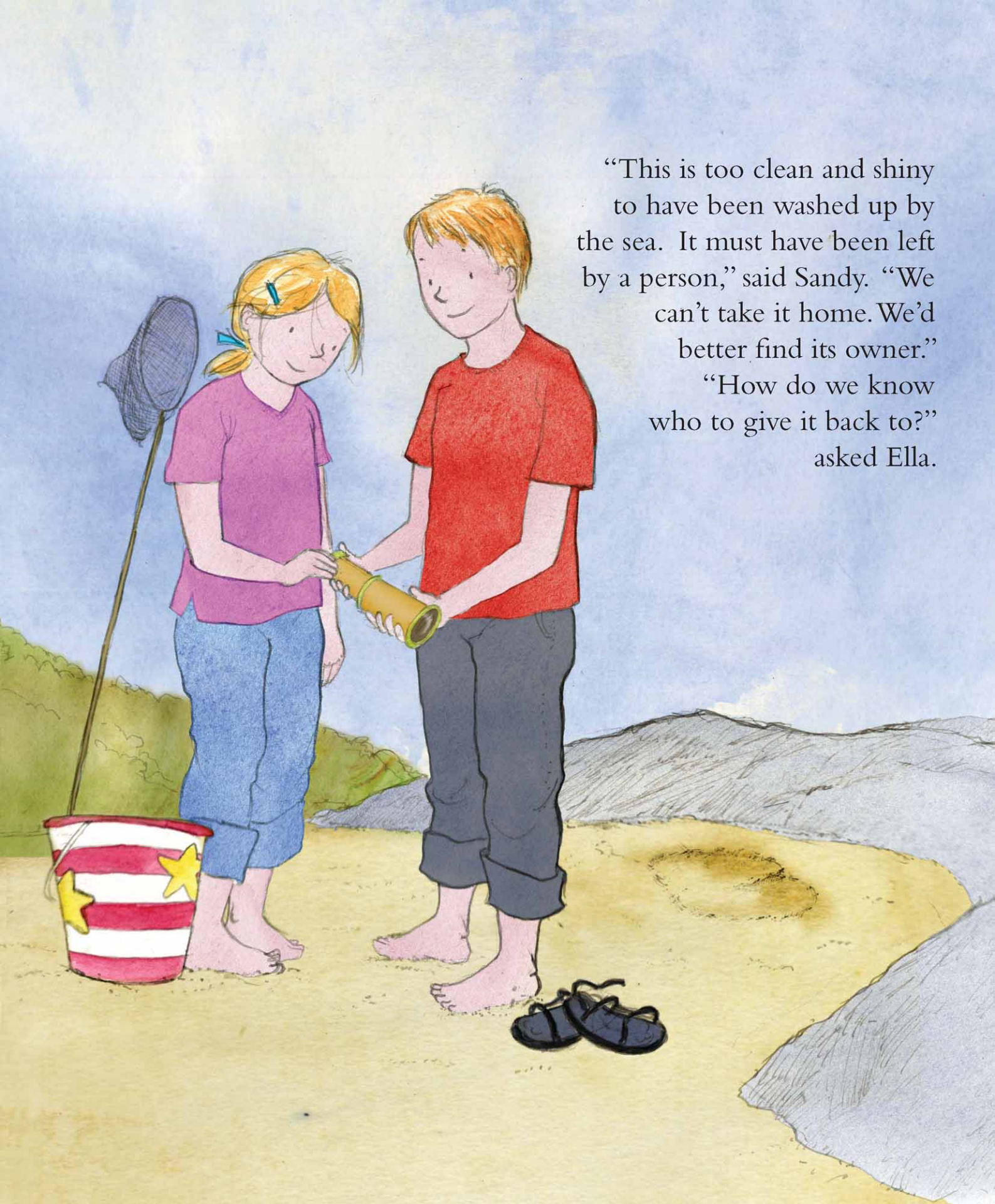
On the day of the big bottom hunt, Sandy saw something glitter by the jaggy rocks.

They ran up to have a look.



It was a telescope.

But it wasn't stained by salt water, or scraped by sand and stones.



"This is too clean and shiny to have been washed up by the sea. It must have been left by a person," said Sandy. "We can't take it home. We'd better find its owner."
"How do we know who to give it back to?" asked Ella.