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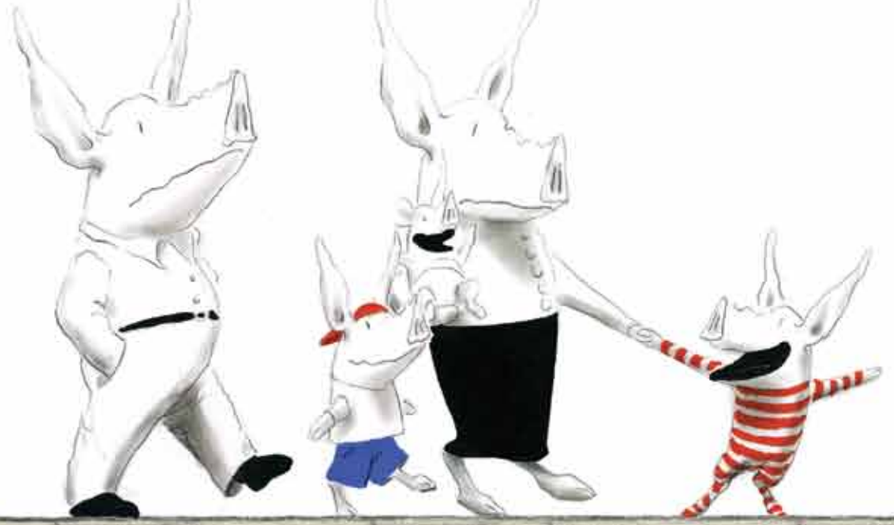
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After that exhausting encounter
Olivia required another gelato.



GONDOLA!
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The next day Olivia begged
her parents, "Oh, Mommy,
Daddy—PLEASE can we take
a gondola ride?"



It was time for spring vacation. Olivia decided that she and her family ought to spend a few days in Venice. There was a lot of packing to be done. Apparently the city was often under water.

"Olivia, you won't be needing your snorkel," said her mother. "or your flippers."



"... or your water skies."