

To Zara and Naomi

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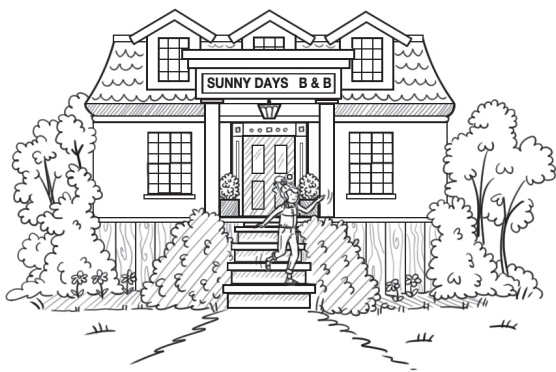
# Clare the Caring Fairy

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# The Last Day



It was a beautiful summer's afternoon on Rainspell Island. Rachel Walker shut the door of the Sunny Days Bed & Breakfast behind her and skipped down the steps. Her best friend, Kirsty Tate, was waiting for her on the path, and their parents had already started walking toward the park.



“I’m really looking forward to this barbecue,” said Rachel. “I’m starving!”

“I think the hot weather makes us hungrier than usual,” said Kirsty with a grin. “Just *thinking* about burgers is making my stomach rumble!”

Rachel laughed and reached out to hold Kirsty’s hand.



“This has been one of the best trips ever,” she said as they hurried to catch up with their parents. “I can’t believe that we’re going home tomorrow.”

“Vacations on Rainspell always go too fast,” said Kirsty.

The two girls shared a secret smile. Rainspell Island was the place where they had met and become best friends, and where they had had their first adventures with the fairies.

“It’s a great idea to celebrate the last day of the Summer Friends Camp with a barbecue,” said Mr. Walker with a twinkle in his eye. “I love barbecues!”

At the start of their vacation, the girls had joined the Summer Friends Camp, a day camp for children who were staying on the island on vacation. Now that they had reached the end of their stay, it was time to say good-bye to all of their new friends.

“It actually has been harder to make friends than I thought it would be,” Kirsty said to Rachel.

