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A Family

Book 4

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**In the evening when Tilly was taking
a stroll, Tina waited for Mr Brown
to start shuffling about. She heard a tiny
scratching noise. A pink nose popped
out from the hamster house. Tina saw
two tiny ears, two big brown eyes**

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**and twitching whiskers. Mr Brown was
awake. Tina opened the cage door
and lifted him out. She stroked
him and also gave him some seeds. He puffed
out his cheeks as he took the seeds.
He ran up and down Tina's arm.**

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Then she put him in the hamster ball.

He rolled himself over the lounge carpet.

Sometimes he got stuck in a corner

and wasn't able to move, but someone

helped him out and soon he was off

again at top speed.

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As she knew Mr Brown was safe in his ball, Tina often let him roll about on the floor while she watched television.

One night, Daniel and Thomas were making a model upstairs and Tina was downstairs with Mr Brown. She was

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**reading a story, while he ran up and
down her arms. It was a very exciting
story and Tina read on and on.**

**When she got tired of reading, she put
down her book and looked for Mr Brown.**

"Mum, dad. Have you seen Mr Brown?"

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Tina cried out.

**Mum and dad had been watching
television and didn't notice Mr
Brown climb down on to the floor.**

**The boys heard Tina shout and ran
downstairs to see what was going on.**

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Jack and Jess were also scampering about.

Tilly strolled in to sit by the fire.

A quiet evening was soon forgotten

as the family got down on hands and knees

to look for Mr Brown. But there

was no sign of him. Tina was very

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**upset and started to cry. They all
looked, but Mr Brown had gone.**

**At bedtime Tina cuddled a furry
toy. She cried herself to sleep.**

**When she woke in the morning she dashed into
her parents' room to ask about Mr Brown.**

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**"We're very sorry, but we didn't
find him."**

**Tina went downstairs and stared at the
empty cage.**

**She didn't want breakfast and she
didn't want to go to school. She**

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hung her head and walked by herself.

**Mrs Kibble went to see Tina's
teacher. She told her why Tina was so upset.**

**Tina didn't feel like talking to her
friends. One of her Friends called Sophie put
her arm in Tina's and tried to cheer her up.**

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Tina was very quiet all morning.

**When break time came the children fetched
bags and lunch boxes from the cloakroom.**

Then they sat in a circle on the carpet.

**Tina had a big red bag which she carried
on her back. It had some little pockets**

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where she kept her dinner money.

**She sat with the other children, legs crossed,
ready to eat her lunch. The children were
talking and the teacher was busy at her
table. Tina felt in her bag for her
hat and gloves. Her hand touched something**

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**fluffy. She peeped inside and there
in her woolly hat was Mr Brown.**

Tina shouted with joy.

"What's the matter?" asked Mrs Smith.

**She got up from her table and walked
over to Tina.**

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"I lost my hamster. He's in my bag."

Tina gently lifted Mr Brown from the bag.

She had a great big smile on

her face. Tina gave the hamster

to Mrs Smith. She showed Mr Brown

to the children. Tina felt very proud and happy.

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"Is your Mummy at home this morning?"

asked Mrs Smith.

"Yes, I think she is," said Tina.

**Raj's mum, who was helping the children with
cooking that day, went to phone Mrs Kibble.**

Mrs Kibble came to school with an ice

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**cream tub. She had made a hole in the
middle of the lid. The hamster was soon
inside and on his way home with Mrs Kibble.**

**That evening Tina rushed home and went to
Mr Brown's cage. Yes, there he was, quite
safe, and fast asleep.**

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**Tina felt hungry at teatime and
wanted some toasted muffins.**

**When bedtime came she ran upstairs
and sang to herself as she got ready for bed.**

**Soon she was fast asleep. Perhaps
she was dreaming about hamsters.**

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- 3. Why didn't Tina see the hamster go?**
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- 5. Where did Tina find Mr Brown?**
- 6. What was the hamster taken home in?**