

Alba  Series

Lost



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Chapter 1

The Last Pip

Alba is in the flat. She pats her dog, Ben, and sips pink milk. Alba's dad is not at the flat. He has a job at a lab. He is the top man at the lab.



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Chapter 2

Run!

Max is in the flat! Alba jumps up. Max must not get the box with the last pip! Alba grabs it and runs.



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The Plan



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The bag is as big as a hill! Alba tugs at the bag. She hops on top of it. She drags a box of milk from the bag and gulps from it.



Chapter 4

The Map

Alba has the pip but she is still lost. She drags a map from her big bag. The map will get her to Dad!



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Alba Slips Up



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"Get off me!" Alba yells at the dog.
She slips and lands in wet mud.
The mud is cold and it stinks.



The tap is on. Alba stands still and lets the scum of mud slip off her. She cups a drop in her hands to drink.



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Hot Chips for Lunch



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Todd fetches a bag of chips from the shop. The smell of hot, fresh chips drifts in the wind. Alba sniffs.



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The Bus

The bus has not left yet! Alba dashes to the bus. She jumps on and lands with a crash. She lets the rat finish the chips.



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A Bit of Luck



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Alba had spotted a ring rolling along the bus! She ran back to fetch it. It had got stuck in a crack.



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Todd spotted the ring in the ring box. He grinned and began to sing. Snug in his pocket, Alba hummed along to his song.



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A Brave Escape



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Todd's Flat

Alba was in Todd's flat! She was on a shelf, a long way up. Alba was so afraid that she felt faint. Her legs began to shake.



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Mum was spraying a plant on the table.
A soft mist fell on Alba like rain. She
grabbed hold of the spray can.



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Apple Trees



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A stream filled with goldfish weaved between the trees. Alba leap-frogged across it on green lily pads. A goldfish bobbed up to meet her!

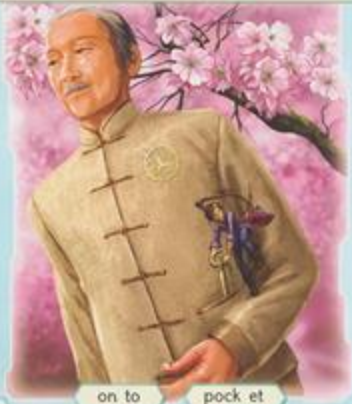


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The old man did not feel Alba drop onto his sleeve. She reached for his pocket and slid the key into it.



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The Long Road Home



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The phone was broken. Alba was filled with sorrow. She had never felt as lonely as she did at that moment.



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He had given her hope as well as a lift.
Alba stroked the dog as she rolled off his
back. She set off boldly along the road.



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Supper



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Alba sat under a fern. It gave her shelter from the hot sun. Suddenly she spotted a dirty, old letter.



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Alba dragged herself up onto the stick.
She skimmed along the surface of the
water like an expert surfer!



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Howling Wind



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Clouds hung in the sky like a frown.
The road wound down to a patch of
trees. The wind was howling.



howling

Alba made herself a crown out of a flower. She ran up a mound of leaves. "I saved the pip!" she shouted.



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River Flight



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A spider was inside the pocket! Alba let out a cry! The spider had a surprise too. A girl that size was quite a fright!



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Chapter 3

Alba Takes Flight

Alba curled up inside the packet to hide. She slid down to the river. Light from the fire made the silver packet shine.



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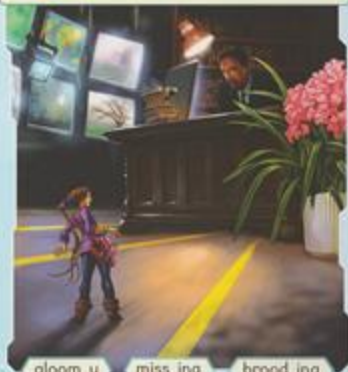
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The Truth



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Alba zoomed up to the lab in the lift. Dad was in his room. His face was gloomy. Alba had gone missing. He was brooding about her.



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In a flash, Alba grew bigger. She zoomed up like a rocket! She stooped down in case she hit the roof!



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