



Stephen Seagull flew high above the sea. He wanted to see how the waves would be.



Would the waves be small... ok... or GREAT?

He wanted to surf and he just couldn't wait!



So, he swooped low to the ground and stuck out his feet and woosh, just like that he landed right on the beach.



He waved to his friend Finn, out having fun, and then grabbed his board and got ready to run.



Stephen was excited and the waves were fantastic, but when he took a step, he got caught in some plastic.

It wasn't just plastic buried half in the sand, it was more and more trash, like bottles and bags!



This was horrible! What a mess! He was all tangled up! The more he tried to get out, the more he got stuck.



This was a problem, this trash shouldn't be there. The beach needed to be cleaned! It needed our care. Stephen told himself, "As soon as I get free, I need to tell everyone to keep the beach clean!"



He spread out his wings and jumped up in the air,

"Help! Help!"

he yelled out."What a mess! Doesn't anyone care?"



Soon, a family playing ball on the beach heard Stephen yell and saw his tangled up feet.

"Oh no! Let's go help! He shouldn't be stuck! It's all of that trash!! Oh gross! Yuck!"

"This is our beach where we all surf and play. We can't let it get trashed like this. No way! Come on guys, let's go see. We've got to go help that little seagull get free!"



Poor little Stephen was tangled up in muck so they ran as fast as they could to get him unstuck.





Hooray! Finally! Stephen was set free. He flew up in the air just as happy as could be.



He thought, "My little friend Sammy Seal likes to surf a lot, if that trash ends up in the ocean, he could get caught!"



So, he flew down to the beach and wrote letters in the sand. "Please keep the beach clean! Only you can!"



Even though it was just a little message written in the sand, it was just the start of a much bigger plan!



The mini-book has ended but the adventure continues!

Find out what happens next and enjoy the full story!



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