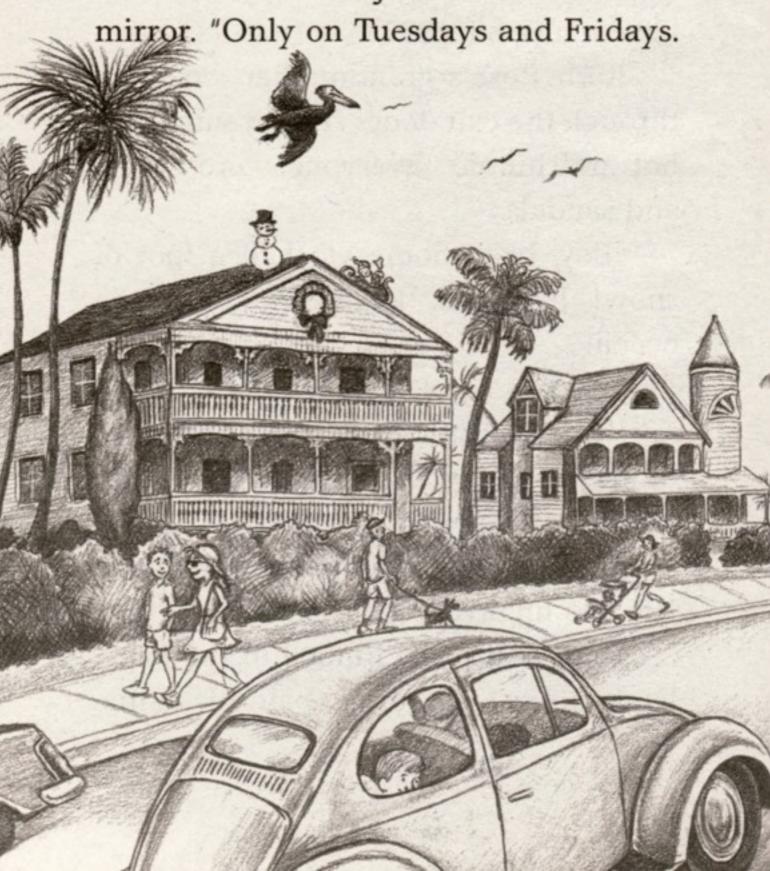


"Hi, Mom, I'm in Florida!" Dink said into the phone. He glanced out the airport's large windows. "I can see palm trees! And it's about 80 degrees!"

Donald David Duncan, known as Dink to his friends, was on winter vacation from school. He, Josh, and Ruth Rose were visiting Ruth Rose's grandskates. "Just dump those on the floor," Gram said.

Josh snuck Dink a look. "Do you skate?" he asked Ruth Rose's grandmother.

She winked at Josh in the rearview

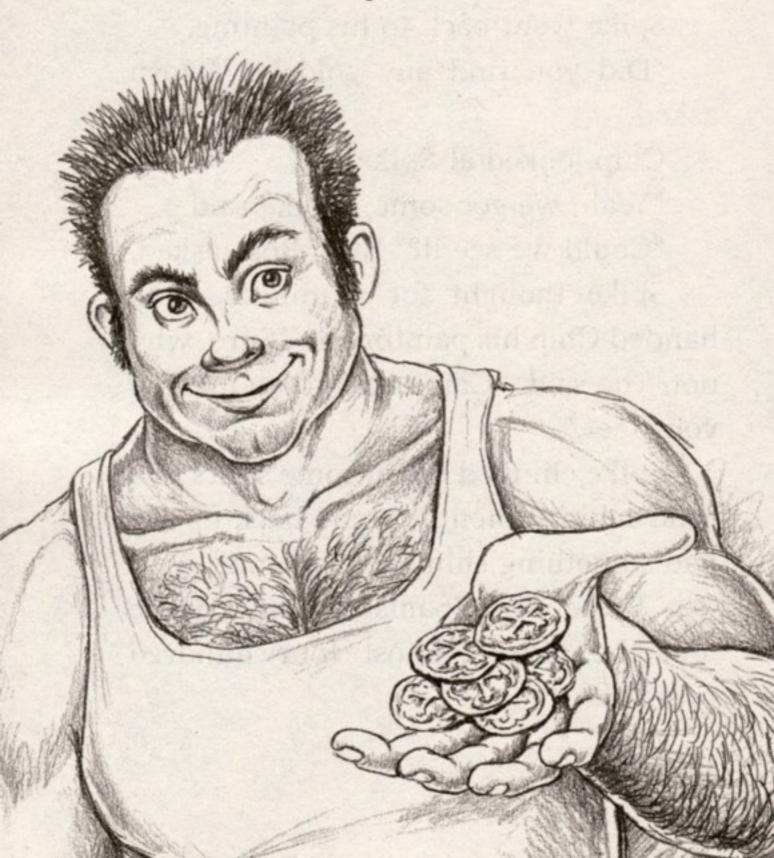


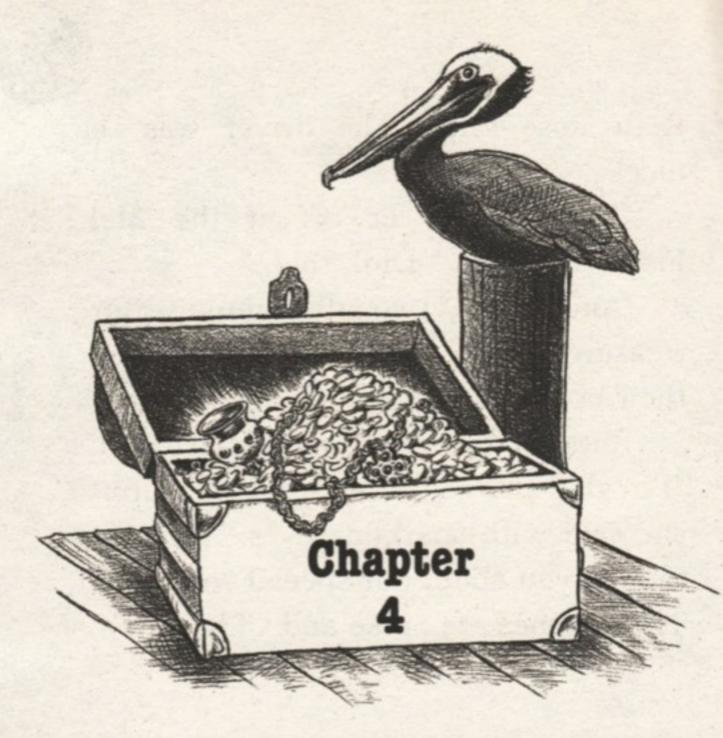
The kids stared at the gold coins in Spike's hand.

"Pretty neat, huh?" he asked.

The large gold coins gleamed in the sun.

"Awesome!" Josh said.





"Gram, how do you know Spike and Chip?" Ruth Rose asked.

"Wash up for lunch, and I'll tell you all about it," her grandmother said.

The kids crowded around the kitchen sink and washed their hands.

"A few weeks ago, Spike and Chip came to my senior center," Ruth Rose's

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