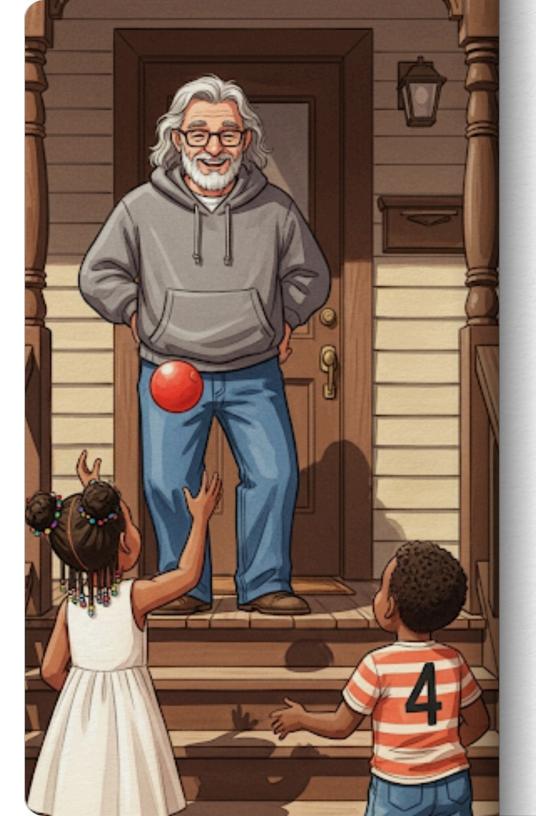


Kaelyn and DJ's Magical Adventures: The Great Broadway Steps Bouncy Ball Adventure

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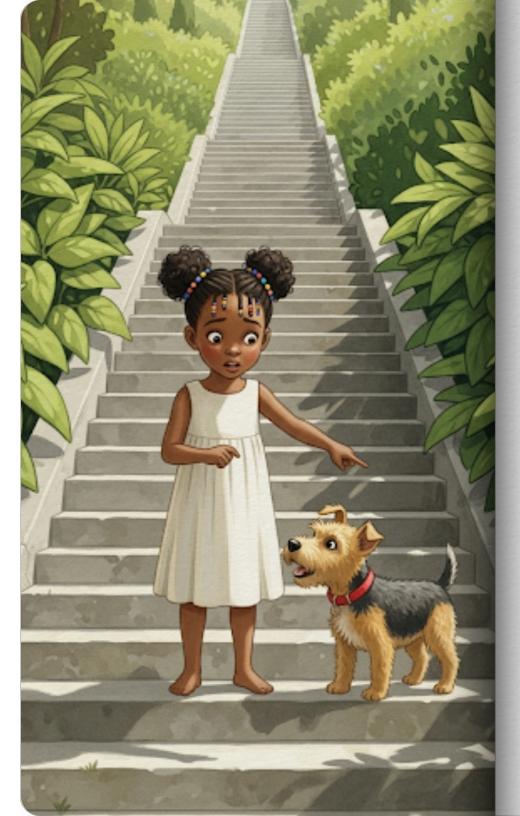


Kaelyn and DJ loved visiting their Peepaw. His house was at the very top of the super-long Broadway Steps. "It's the best playground in the world!" said Kaelyn. DJ agreed. "Let's play bouncy ball!" Their scruffy dog, Suki, wagged her tail, ready for fun.



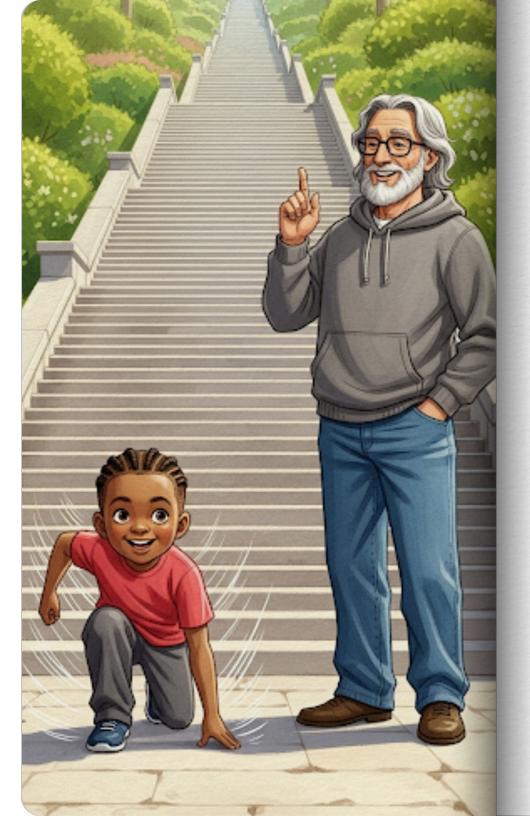
Peepaw came out onto his porch, smiling. He had long gray hair and a kind face. "Be careful with that ball," he chuckled. "Those steps are tricky." Kaelyn threw the ball high. "We're super careful!" DJ shouted, getting ready to catch it.

But the ball didn't come down to DJ. It took a funny bounce.
Boing! It bounced on the top step. Boing! It bounced on the next one. And the next! It was bouncing all by itself, all the way down the Broadway Steps!

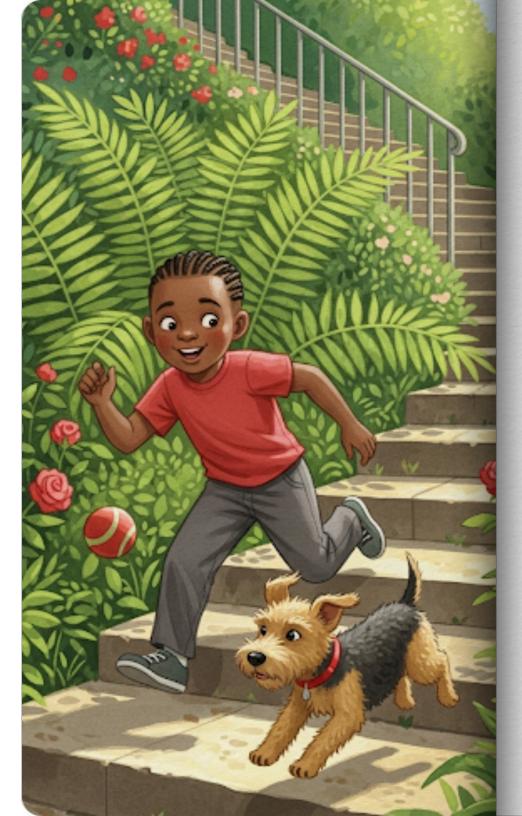


"Oh no!" cried Kaelyn. The red ball bounced off the path and disappeared into one of the big, leafy green gardens that grew all along the side of the steps. Suki barked, looking down the stairs anxiously.

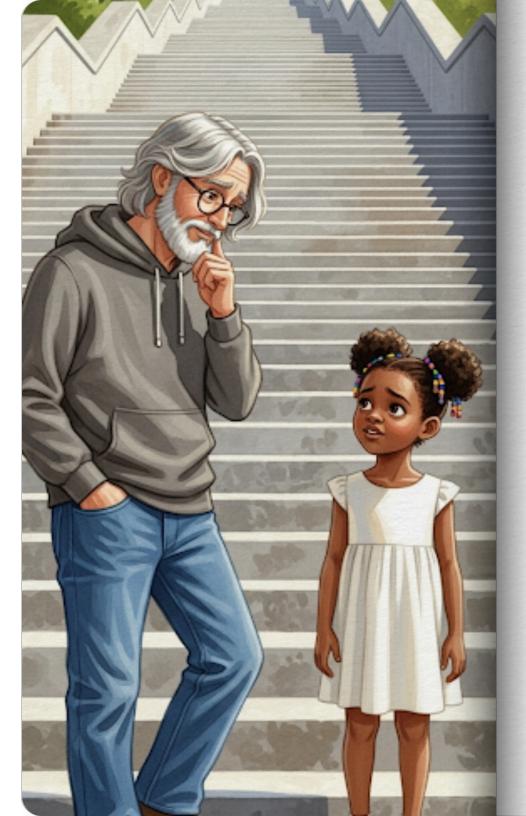
Peepaw came down to join them. "Hmm, a runaway ball on the super-long steps. That's a tricky problem," he said, tapping his chin. He looked at them and winked. "What special skills do you two have that might help solve it?"



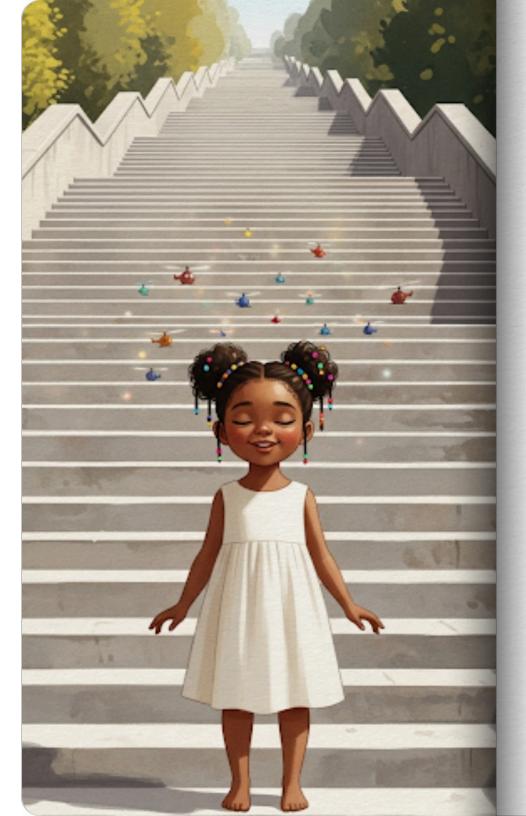
DJ's face lit up. "My super speed! I can get down there fast and look for it!" Peepaw nodded. "A great idea! A fast search is a smart search. What's your plan?" "I'll zip down and scan the gardens on the right side!" DJ declared.



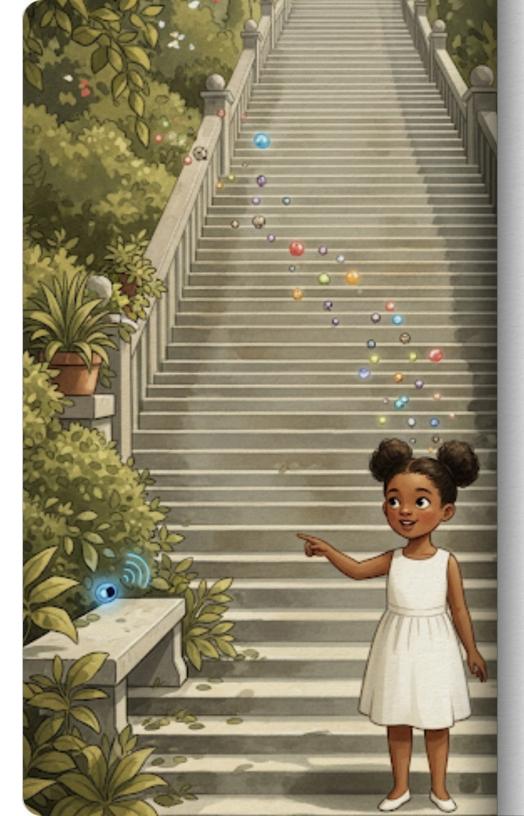
WHOOSH! In a flash, DJ was a blur of motion, zipping down the steps. He scanned the gardens, peeking under ferns and behind rose bushes. "It's not here!" he called up. Suki tried her best to keep up, her ears flapping in the wind.



Kaelyn looked worried. "He can't find it." Peepaw smiled gently. "DJ covered the ground, but the ball is small and the gardens are big. How can you search a big place for a small thing without having to run all over?"



Kaelyn thought hard. Then, she smiled. "My beads!" She shook her head, and the colorful beads on her puffs lifted into the air, buzzing like tiny helicopters. "I can send them into the gardens to search for me! They can go where I can't see!"



Kaelyn waved her hand, and her tiny, colorful scouts flew down into the gardens on the left.

They zipped under leaves and around flower pots. Suddenly, a little blue bead that flew behind a hidden stone bench started to signal. BEEP BEEP!



"It found something!" Kaelyn cried. WHOOSH! DJ used his super speed to zip over to the bench. Tucked right beside it was their red bouncy ball. "You did it, Kaelyn!" DJ cheered, holding up the ball. "We found it!"



They ran all the way back up the Broadway Steps. At the top, Peepaw had a surprise: three big glasses of lemonade. "To the Super-Stair-Searching Squad!" he said. Kaelyn and DJ clinked their glasses. Using their powers together was the best adventure ever.