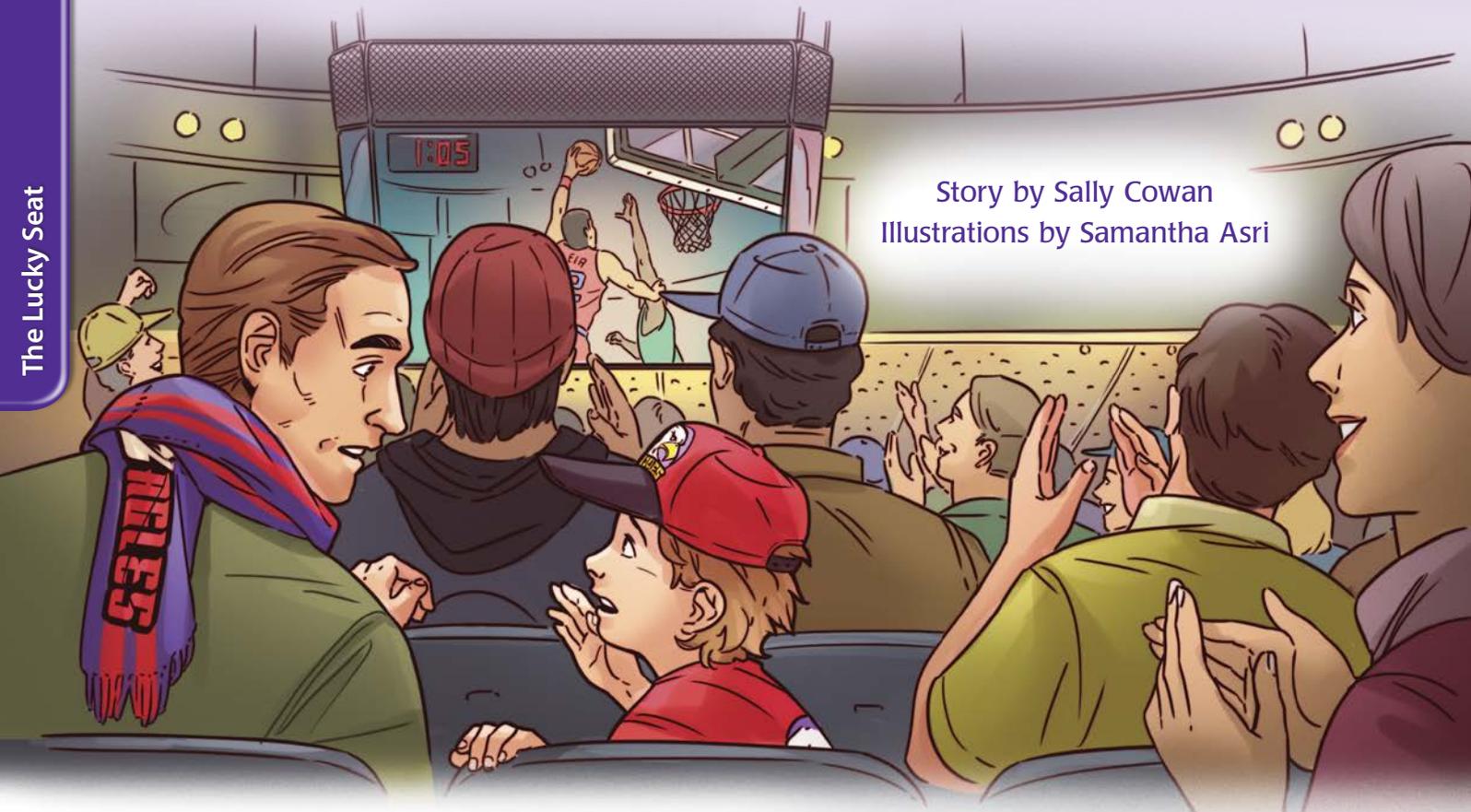


The Lucky Seat



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Lucas and Dad sat in the grandstand of the huge basketball stadium.

Lucas was very excited.

His favourite player, Jasper Baker, was on the court today.

But, just as the game was about to start, two big men sat down in the seats right in front of Lucas and Dad.

“Dad, I can’t see the court,” whispered Lucas.

“The people in front of us are too tall.”

“Can you see the big screen?” asked Dad.

“Only a little bit,” said Lucas.

Just then, the crowd roared as the game started.

At quarter-time, Lucas was not happy. He hadn't been able to see Jasper Baker when he shot the first basket for the Eagles.

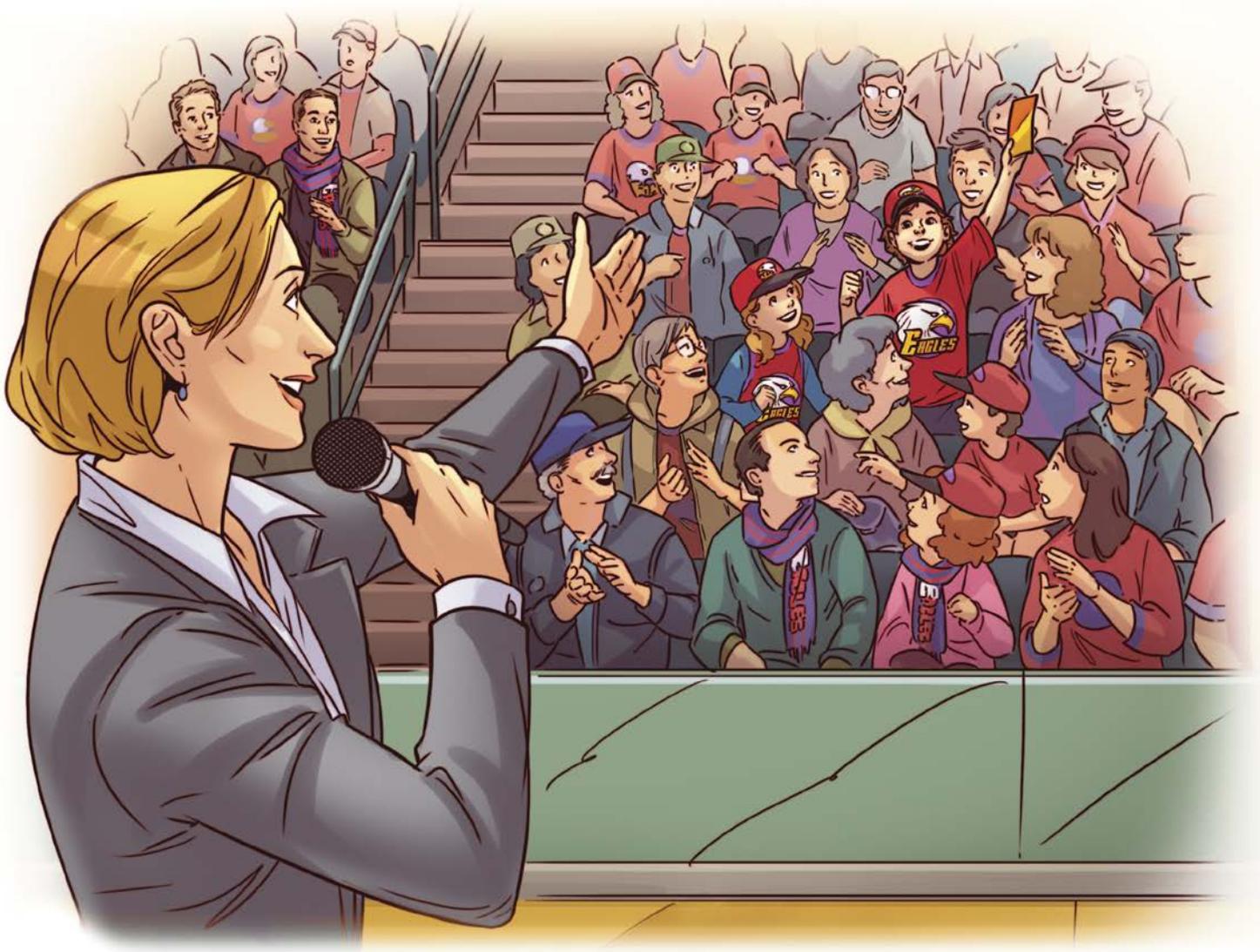
As Lucas looked around the stadium, he suddenly spotted his cousin, Emily.

"Look, Dad!" said Lucas. "Emily and Uncle Ben are over there. They've got great seats."

"I'll call Uncle Ben on my phone," said Dad. "He might change seats with you."

Uncle Ben came up straight away, and Lucas went to sit with Emily. Now he could see all of the court!





The second quarter began.

Both teams were running hard and shooting goals, one after the other.

At half-time, a woman with a microphone came onto the court.

“Everyone, check under your seats!” she said.

“If you find the lucky-seat ticket, you will meet Jasper Baker, captain of the Eagles, after the game!”

Lucas and Emily felt under their seats.

“I don’t have the ticket,” said Emily.

“Oh, wow!” shouted Lucas. “I’ve got it!”

He jumped up at once, holding the ticket above his head.

“There’s our lucky winner!” called the woman, pointing to Lucas.

In the last minute of the game, Jasper raced down the court and dropped the ball into the hoop. The Eagles had won!

The crowd cheered as Jasper ran over to meet Lucas.

“That was a great game!” Lucas said to him.

“Yes,” grinned Jasper. “Now, would you like me to sign your shirt?”

“Thanks!” said Lucas. “I can’t wait to show my friends at school. This has been my lucky day!”



Retell this Narrative

Read this story again.

Record yourself as you retell the story.

Listen to the recording.

Check! Did you remember most things in the story?

Questions about *The Lucky Seat*

- 1 Why were Lucas and his dad at the stadium?
- 2 What happened just before the game started?
- 3 Why did the crowd roar as the game started?
- 4 Who did Lucas see at quarter-time?
- 5 Why did Dad use his phone to contact Uncle Ben?
- 6 Why could Lucas see the game when he was in Uncle Ben’s seat?
- 7 Who had the lucky-seat ticket?
- 8 Why did the crowd cheer when Jasper ran over to meet Lucas?