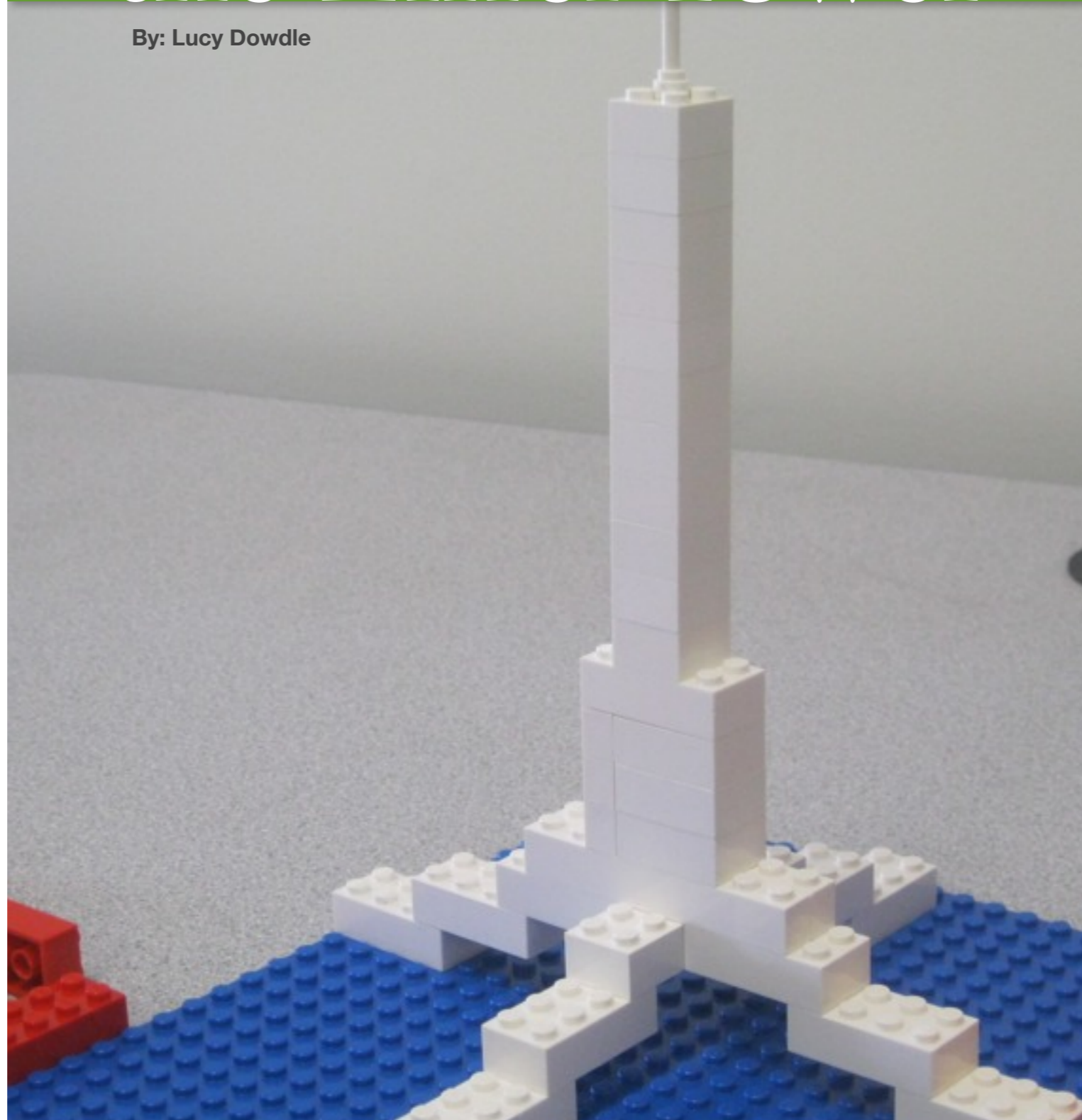


# The Journey to the Eiffel Tower

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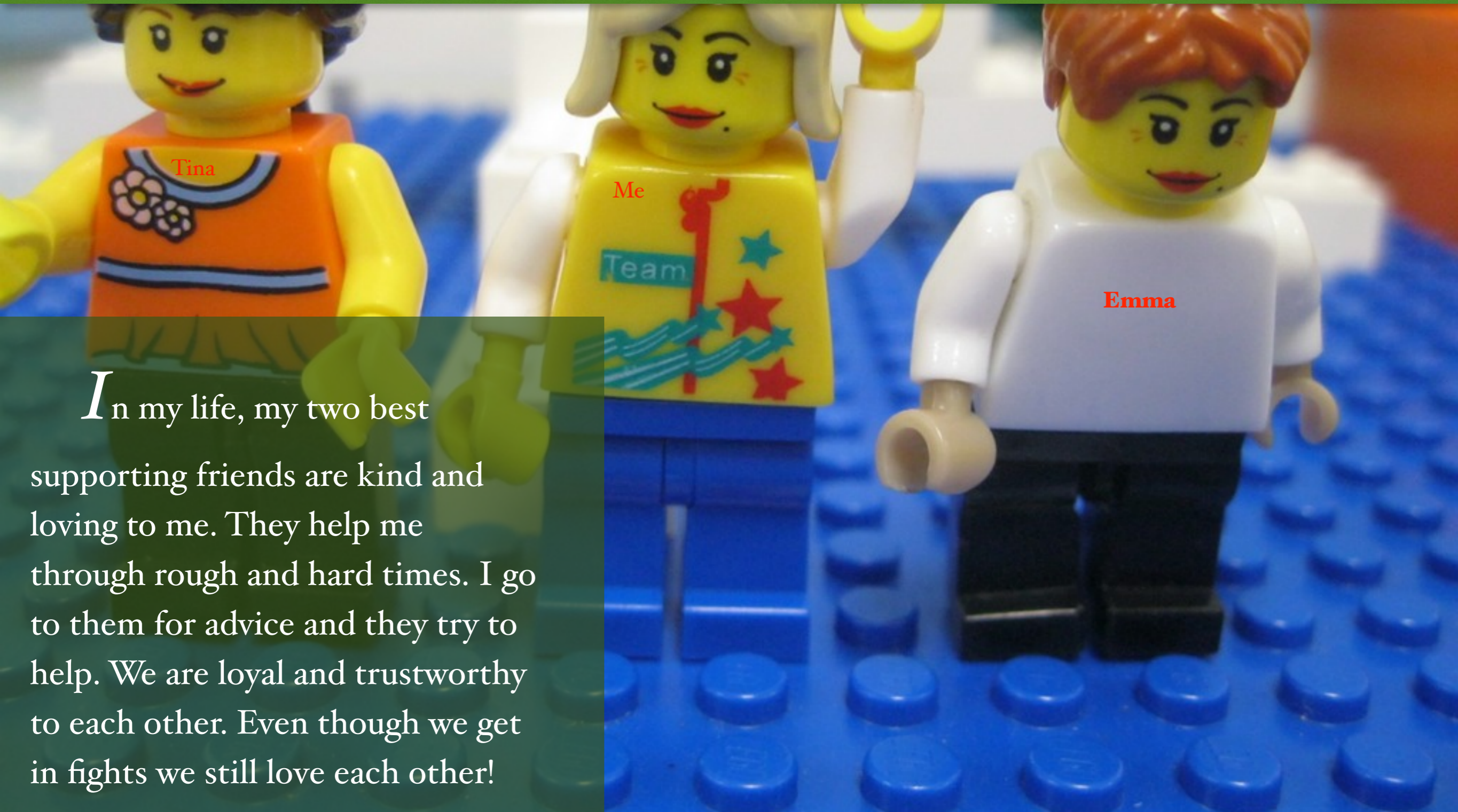
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This book is dedicated to

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*My supportive friends and family.*

# My best friends



*In* my life, my two best supporting friends are kind and loving to me. They help me through rough and hard times. I go to them for advice and they try to help. We are loyal and trustworthy to each other. Even though we get in fights we still love each other!

## Part 2

# My best friends and me!

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Hi my name is Lucy and I am 11. I do gymnastics and I am in level 6. I love to read and hang out with my friends, Tina and Emma. Tina is 11 and Emma is 12. Tina does gymnastics and is level 7. Emma does Basketball and softball and is good at both. I love them with all my heart! All of us live in Apex, NC and visit each other frequently. We never let each other out of sight and never ever tell a lie. But sometimes you have to keep a secret and that's what I had to do. I just cant tell them. Not yet!



# The Journey

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It was a Thursday afternoon and I was hanging out with Tina and Emma. We were at my house when I told them exciting news. “My mom said she is going to take me to Paris and she said I could bring two friends!” As i said this, I saw a smile appear on both of their faces. “ And I have decided to take you guys!” They both jumped up and down in excitement saying “Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!” I was excited and so were they neither of us could wait to go to Paris!

The next day they both went to their parents and asked for permission. They both said yes and said as long as you stay close together and don’t wonder off with a stranger. Apparently, both of Emma and Tina’s parents gave them each \$100 dollars to take with them. They packed their bags and texted me a billion times how excited they were.

The next day on Saturday morning, they came to my house so we could go. They asked me how we were getting there and I said “By airplane, of course”! I told them that we are going to be there for a week and they made sure they had enough clothing for that amount of time. Tina didn’t pack enough so she borrowed a shirt of mine and we were ready to leave.

# The Journey

*M*y Mom drove us to the airport Saturday afternoon and we all went into the airport together. There was a bunch of places to eat and the ticket booths. My mom took us to get our tickets and asked for four tickets to Paris, France. The lady said, "I'm sorry but we only have 3 seats left". That is when my mom freaked out. She said "Is there any possible way I can get on the flight?" But the lady said "No sorry!". My mom took a few minutes to think and said "You guys can go with out me but you must text me almost every minute your there". I looked at Tina and Emma and we agreed and Emma said "Don't worry we will be safe and we will make sure Lucy is safe too".

My mom walked with us through security and to our gate she gave me \$100 dollars also and once again said to be safe. All of a sudden the person over the speaker said "There is one seat left because of someone not showing up, if you want to be on the flight to Paris please come to the ticket counter now." My mom raced to the ticket

counter and quickly bought the ticket! I was excited my mom was going to be able to come with us! Then she asked for her \$100 dollars back. I wasn't to excited to give it up but I was happy she was coming!

The speaker said it was now time to board the plane. We handed the flight attendant our ticket and got on the plane. The plane had four seats by five seats so all four of us got to sit together! As soon as the plane took off my mom was fast asleep.

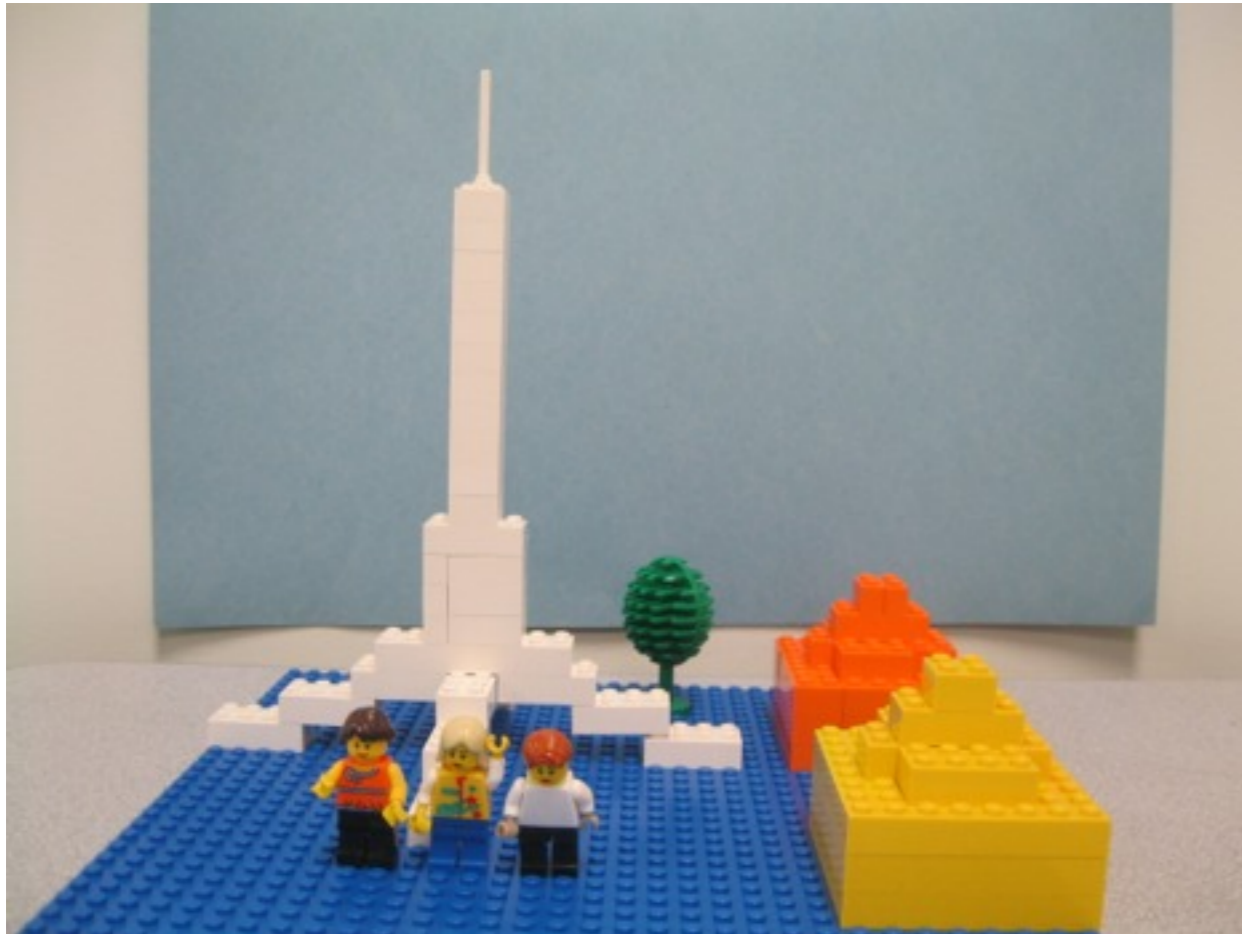
As we got higher in the air the captain announced that we can take out electronics and all phones must be turned off. We were about 2 hours away when the captain said we might have major turbulence. My mom instantly woke up and the plane was going up and down for about an hour. All of a sudden the plane dropped! We were free falling for about 5 seconds with everyone screaming. The captain steadied the plane and we were flying normal again. Everyone in the whole plane was awake and non stop talking about that moment. We were 1 minute away now and the captain announced we are going to land. We

flew down to the runway and we landed! We were in Paris  
and who knew what was ahead of us.



# Chapter 3-

# Paris



“Paris, oh Paris!”, Tina said. “What a wonderful and expensive place” Emma said. “I can’t wait to go shopping in Paris!” I said. “Lucy that’s what you always do anyways” ,Emma said. Tina announces “We should get off to our hotel guys!” Where are we staying anyways mom?” I ask “Um well i haven’t really booked one yet, I haven’t had time with all that’s been happening. “How about this, you girls can go shopping while I handle the hotel and luggage” Lucy’s mom states. I respond “ Really that would be great but can I have my \$100 dollars back?” Her mom agrees and the three girl heads of to go shopping.

The three girls tried on clothes, jewelry, and makeup. Meanwhile, Lucy’s Mom was stuck in traffic and trying to get a hotel.

”What do you mean it’s going to be \$150?” Lucy’s mom says. The cab driver answers with sorry just the price you have to pay.” The mom literally screams and tells the cab driver that she doesn’t have that money. The cab driver immediately stops the car and kicks the mother out letting her take her bags just in time before he pulled off.

She was sad but she still had some money left. She suddenly realized that she was standing in front of a hotel and quickly went inside to find out if they had any open rooms left. To her surprise it was a really nice hotel for only \$100. The mom asked if there were any rooms left and the person behind the counter answered “We have 3 rooms left” and the mom instantly replied “Yes!”

After that I got a call from my mom and she asked me if we

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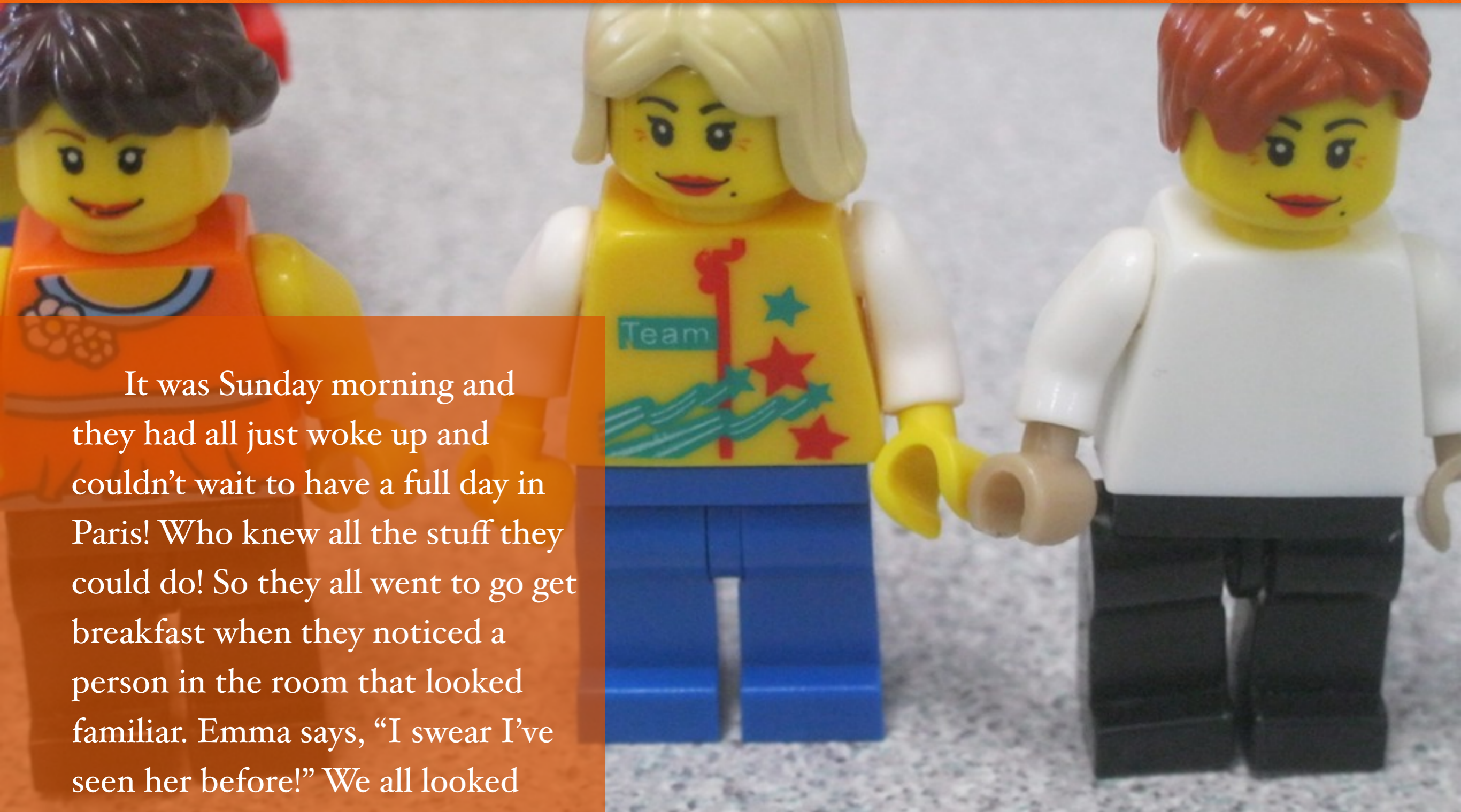
ten minutes early so we could check out the tower. “Wow this is beautiful!”, Emma says. Tina states, “I totally agree!” “ I think we should go up in it” I said Tina announces “But we only have \$30 left do you think it would be enough to get in?” Emma responds “I don’t know lets go ask that lady over there how much it is!”

We walked over to a lady who had yellowish hair and was very pale. “Um excuse me” I say.. “What?” said the lady very rudely. “Um... How much does it cost to go up in the Eiffel Tower?” I ask trying to be nice and calm. The lady responds and says “\$300 but you must be eighteen years old or older.” I say, “Oh, well thank you.”

My mom finally shows up and I ask her if she has enough money to go up in the Eiffel Tower. She says no probably not right now. Then I say “ok.” All of us went to the hotel by walking because we did not want to pay anymore money. We get there and we settle down get ready for the night (because it’s already 11:00) and we head off to bed. We all say goodnight and we all dozed off.

# The Unexpected Celebrity

It was Sunday morning and they had all just woke up and couldn't wait to have a full day in Paris! Who knew all the stuff they could do! So they all went to go get breakfast when they noticed a person in the room that looked familiar. Emma says, "I swear I've seen her before!" We all looked





# Chapter 2 section 2- The Unexpected Celebrity

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closely and then Tina finally shouted out “That’s Lady Gaga!” Everyone in the room turns their head around to see who Tina was pointing at. Apparently even French knew about Lady Gaga because they all ran over to her and screamed saying “ Can I have your autograph?” Tina, Emma, and I all ran over too. We were the only kids over there, apparently. She didn’t stop fussing and panicking about these people until she saw us. She finally announced “Stop!” Instantly the whole crowd stopped yelling and screaming and payed really close attention to her. She then said to Tina “ Are you the one who announced that I was Lady Gaga?” Tina shyly responded with “Yes, Sorry.” Lady Gaga instantly said “No, it’s nothing to be sorry about. Are you by any chance from the U.S? Tina said “Yes why.” Because I want to invite you guys to my next concert in Raleigh, Nc! By any chance are you near that location?” Lady Gaga said I instantly replied with “Yes we are very close and that would be amazing thank you!”

We left the restaurant realizing we never ate anything and not caring because we just met Lady Gaga! We headed back to the hotel to just eat something there. The day was not over but it was soon to be. We realized we were in there for about 3 hours because of all that commotion and we figured it would be good to get some sleep anyways. Somehow it was already 7:00 pm and we were tired. So we went to sleep dreaming about what had hap-

pened today and thought of what would be happening the next day. They woke up to a sudden phone call in the middle of the night. It was coming from Emma’s phone and she quickly answered it.

“Hello.” Emma said confused.

“Emma” a voice said.

“Mom, Is that you?” Emma said.

“Yes, something very important happened and I need you to come home NOW!” Her mom said

“What, what happened?” Emma said

“Well, I just can’t, I just can’t tell you. You need to come home please!” Her mom said

“Ok. I will tell them. Bye.” Emma said sadly

Tina and I said at the same time “What happened!” Emma answered “We have to go home.”

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