





Kip looked closely at his new friend.

"You're right, Bird," he said.

"This is a fake person.

But she's still my friend."



"No, she's *our* friend!" Bird said. Just then they heard a voice. "I lost Ashley!" cried a girl.



"Don't worry," said her mom.

"We'll find Ashley."

"I wonder who Ashley is," said Bird.



"It's sad that Ashley is lost," said Kip.

"It sure is," said Bird.

"I hope they find—"



"Ashley!" cried the girl.

The girl came running over.



"She's going to take our friend!" cried Kip.

"Kip, wait!" said Bird.

"I found Ashley, Mom!" called the girl.

"The fake person is Ashley!" said Bird.



"Oh well," said Kip.

"It's sad that we lost our fake friend."



"I like real friends better anyway," said Bird.

"Me too," said Kip.

"Let's play hide-and-seek!"



Level 2

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