

Chapter 11

The Black Box

Tim digs out the box from the chest.

There is no lock on it. He wants to lift up the lid to check what is in it. But the lid is stuck. He grabs a rock and taps the top. The lid pops up.

There is a set of pins in the box.

The red pin says: BACK TO THE PAST.

The black pin says: BACK TO THE PRESENT.

On top of the pins, there is a switch. The 3-inch black display is blank.

“I want to check it out,” Kim jumps up. “Let me have it!”

She grabs the box.

“Are these the on and off pins?” she asks.

The box slips out from her hand and drops in the sand. It lands flat on the pins with a bang.

There is a...

Tick.

Tick.

Tick.

“What is that?” asks Tim.

He picks up the black box fast. The display blinks BLAST OFF in red.

Then, a gust of wind picks up. Their hats drift in the wind.

Tim wants to press a pin to stop the blinking. But there is no pin that says on or off.

Then the lid of the box slams shut with a clang. It is as if a spell was cast.

The twisting wind sucks Kim, Tim and the black box up.

Did they just get into a big mess?

