

# A Place for Shad



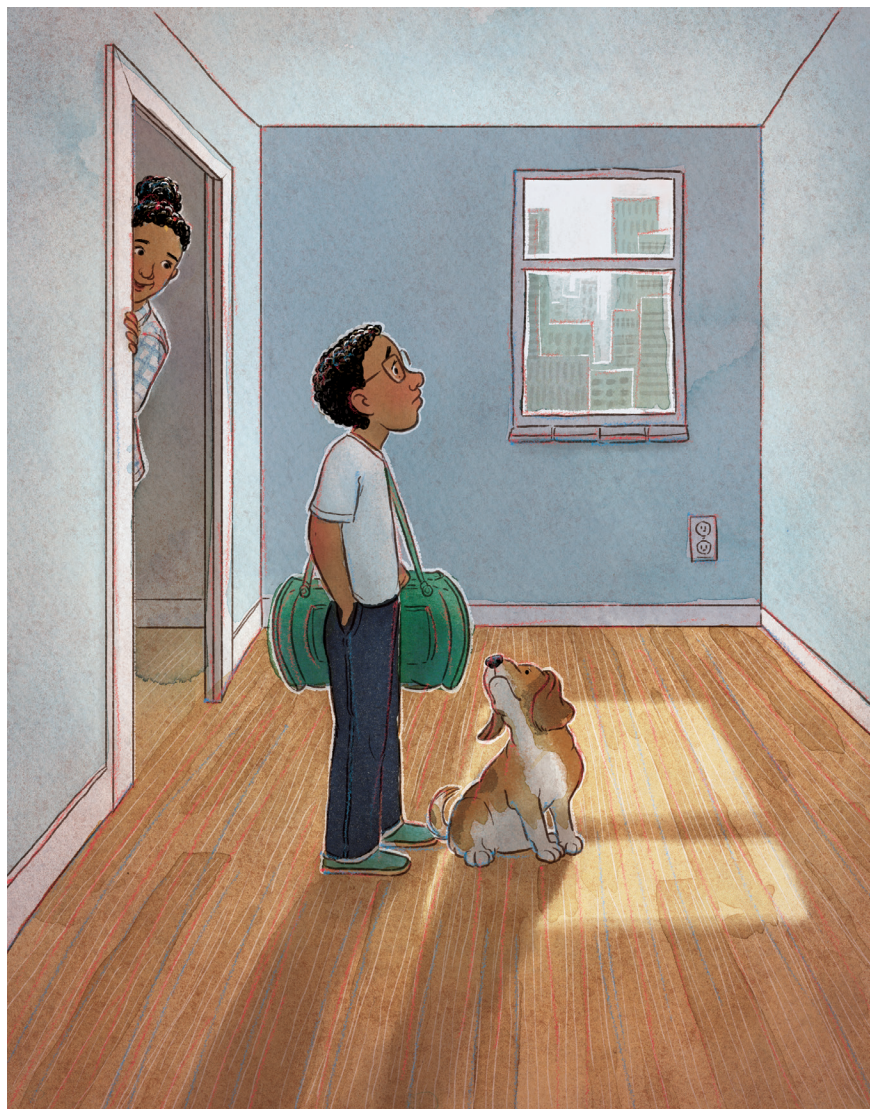
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## **Chapter One: A New Stepdad**

Shad had a new stepdad named Holt. Holt was a potter. Shad liked Holt. He liked the bold colors of Holt's pots, and he liked Holt's big, clever hands. He liked the smell of Holt's workshop, and he liked the way Holt took care of his mom. He liked almost everything about Holt.







Except for one thing. He didn't like where Holt lived. Holt's apartment was great, but Shad did not want to live there. Shad didn't want to move. He liked his old apartment just fine.

"Shad!" his mother called. "Time to go!"

Shad looked around his old room. It felt cold and empty. He would miss his room the most.

"Good bye," he said as he turned out the light.



Gus barked and jumped up to lick Shad's face. It was the way he told Shad he loved him.

Shad scratched Gus behind his ears. That was the way he told Gus that he loved him back.

They walked away, together.





## **Chapter Two: Luz**

“Lunchtime,” said Mom.

Shad was glad. His arms had lifted lots of boxes, and his legs had climbed lots of stairs.

“There’s a diner on the corner,” Holt said. “Want a bagel, Shad?”

Shad did.

Gus’s ears pricked up. He wanted a bagel, too.

“Sorry, bud,” Holt said. “No dogs allowed.”





Shad's bagel was good, and so was his milkshake.

A man came over to the table. His face looked surprised, but happy. "I can't believe it!" he said. Then he shouted, "Luz! Come quick!"

A girl came in from the kitchen. "What is it, Papa?"

Shad dropped his paper napkin. It was his old friend, Luz.

"Shad!" Luz shouted.

Shad was shocked. "What are you doing here?"



“This is our new diner,” said Luz.

“But you moved away!” said Shad.

“We moved here,” said Luz.

“So did we!” said Shad’s mom with a hug for Luz.

Luz wanted to know about Gus.

“Come and see,” said Shad.

Luz and Shad ran home to see the dog. Shad unlocked the door. He opened it.





Where was Gus?

The room was silent, and Gus was gone.

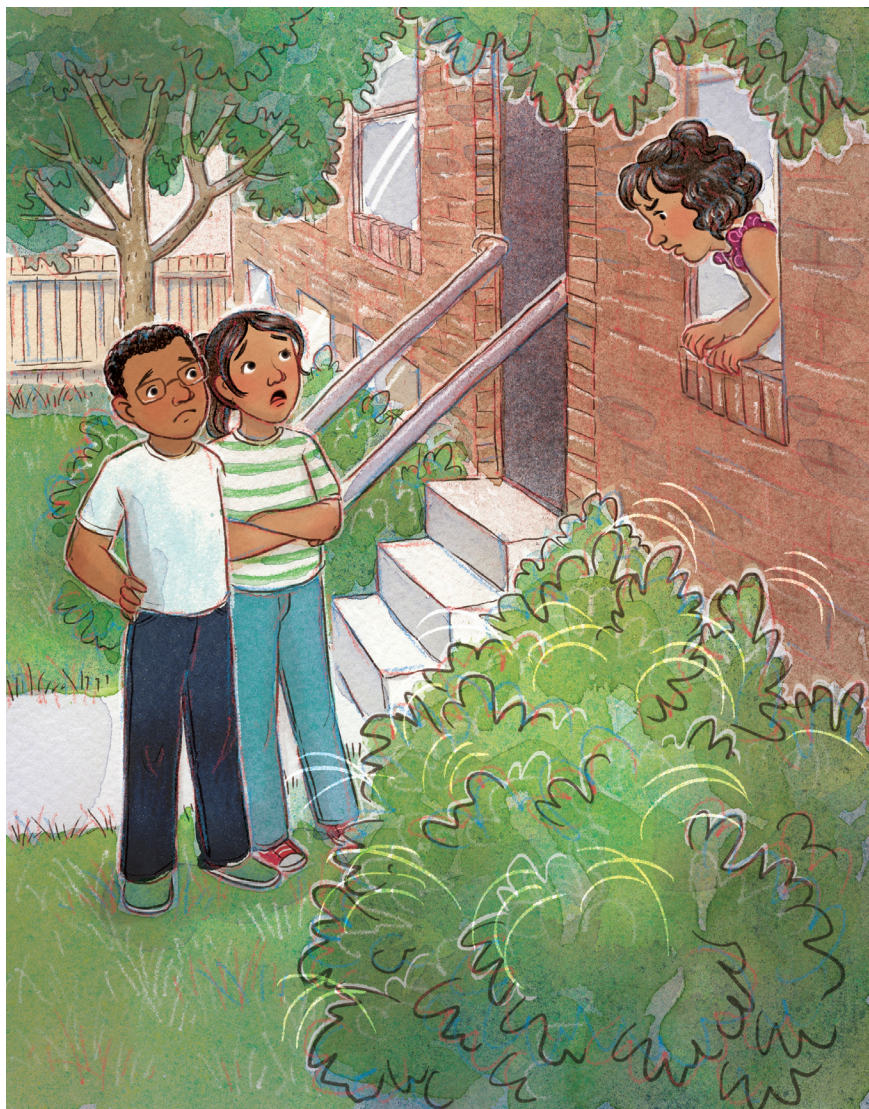


## **Chapter Three: Beth**

Shad and Luz looked behind every door. They opened every box. No Gus.

Who could have let him out?





Just then there was a loud noise from the backyard.  
They went out to see what it could be.  
“What are you doing?” someone said sharply.  
Shad and Luz jumped and looked up.  
A girl leaned out of a window above them. She wasn’t  
scolding them. It looked like she was scolding some  
bushes.  
The bushes shook.





Two dogs burst out. They were dressed in baby clothes. They did not look happy.

The girl from the window stomped out of the building. She did not look happy either. She pulled two small children out of the bushes.

“Did you take Holt’s key?” she asked them.

“What key?” the boy said, as he hid something behind his back.

“We had to take the key. The big dog wanted to meet Bandit,” said the little girl. “So we let them out.”

“And I guess you thought the dogs wanted to play dress up?” asked the girl.





“Hey, Beth,” said Luz. “This is my friend, Shad. He just moved in. This is Beth. Her dog is Bandit.”

Bandit yipped.

Shad scratched Gus behind his ears as the dog jumped up to lick his face. “We’re going to like it here,” said Shad to his new friends.

# Reading

## Eureka Kid Adventures: Book 1

Many changes are happening for Shad. He has a new stepdad and is moving to a new neighborhood. Shad is worried about these changes, but he is happy to learn that his old friend Luz lives near his new home! Shad and Luz are off on their first adventure when they find that Shad's dog, Gus, is missing. The first book in the Eureka Kids Adventures series, *A Place for Shad*, is a story about dealing with change, keeping old friends, and making new ones.

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