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Summary:

In book six, Lindie Lou travels to New Zealand, also called Aotearoa (Au-tay-uh-row-uh), where she finds a rare pounamu (poo-na-moo) greenstone. Lindie Lou learns about the HMS Buffalo shipwreck and wonders if this stone was left behind by the crew.

While looking for answers, Lindie Lou, Diamond, and their friends visit a local museum. The helpful manager introduces them to a Māori sand artist who tells them about a real lost treasure worth looking for.

Join the crew and a girl with a passion for details, as they leave no stone unturned, in their quest to find a rare island treasure.

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Chapter 1

SOUTH OF THE EQUATOR

Kate opened the drawer in her desk and pulled out a folder full of papers. Something fell on the floor. Lindie Lou went over and sniffed it



"Oh, there it is," said Kate. She bent down and picked up a small booklet. "Here's your pet passport. You must have this to travel with me to New Zealand."

Lindie Lou 'umpeo' up in the air and barked. She was excited because she loved to travel.

"We're flying to Auckland, New Zealand to meet with a local author," said Kate. "I'm going to be drawing pictures for her new book. And guess who is in it?" Kate tickled Lindie Lou under her chin.



Lindie Lou closed her eyes and smiled.

"Hey, Bryan," said Kate. "Let's go into the living room. It's time for us to contact my sister Sherry's best friend, Roma, and her husband, Rod."

They went downstairs and sat on the sofa. Kate was humming the "Lindie Lou Song".



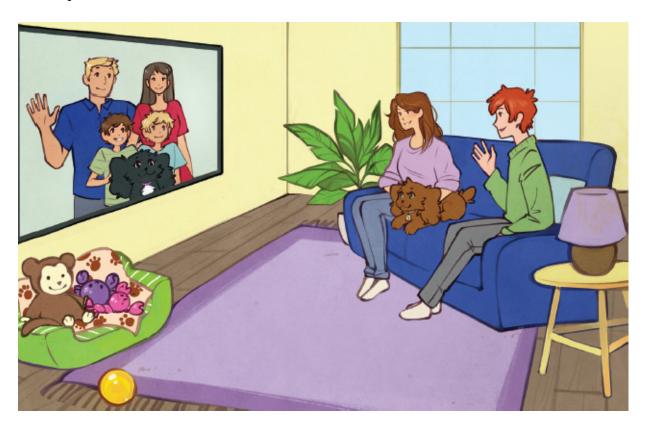
YOU ARE COOL
AND YOUR FRIENDS
THINK YOU'RE A JEWEL

Kate picked up a remote control and turned on a video screen. Bryan came over and sat next to her. Lindie Lou jumped up on the sofa. She **SDUCCZEC** in between Bryan and Kate.

"Hi, everyone," said Kate.

"Kia ora," said Rod. "It's a Māori greeting they say in New Zealand."

"We can see all four of you," said Kate. "The twins are getting so tall. Chris is looking a lot like you, Roma. And Ryan has blonde hair, just like Rod. Oh look, there's Diamond."



Lindie Lou barked at her sister.

Diamond barked back.

Lindie Lou jumped off of the sofa and ran over to the video screen. Diamond \mathbf{wased} her tail.

"Diamond is excited because Lindie Lou will be traveling with her," said Roma. "She doesn't like to be **alone** on airplanes."

"When Sherry told me you were going to New Zealand at the same time," said Kate, "Lindie Lou and I were even more excited. I checked on our flight from Seattle to Los Angeles and it is on time. Lindie Lou and I will meet you at the pet check-in counter, tomorrow around 2 p.m."

"Okay," said Rod. "My brother Hone will meet us at the airport in **Auckland**. The house he rented on **Mercury Bay** has a room just for you and Lindie Lou."

"That's very kind of him," said Kate. "Lindie Lou and I are looking forward to meeting Hōne and his kids."

"Bryan, we wish you could join us," said Rod.

"I have a lot of important meetings next week," said Bryan.

"After Lindie Lou and I went to the AFCTIC, we came back with some very special data to share with my team. But, thanks for inviting me."

"We will be sure to send you lots of pictures and videos," said Roma.

"Great," said Bryan.

"Our twins are **thrilled** about spending their birthday in New Zealand," said Rod.

"It's in two days, on

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