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People in the story



Rick plays the guitar and writes songs



Mary is Rick's wife



Barry Green is running from the police



Sarah is a singer

Places in the story



Chapter 1 *Buying a lottery ticket*



Rick Drummond is going to buy a lottery ticket. He's walking down the street and listening to music. The music is very loud. Rick is singing as he listens. He walks into an ice-cream shop.

'Can I help you?' the shop assistant asks Rick. Rick looks at the man, but he can't hear him.

'Sorry?' Rick says.

The shop assistant writes something and gives it to Rick. It says: **TURN YOUR MUSIC OFF!**

'Sorry,' Rick says. He turns off his music. 'Can I have a lottery ticket, please?'



The shop assistant smiles. 'This is an ice-cream shop,' he says. 'We don't sell lottery tickets.'

'But I always buy my lottery ticket here, from Mr Khan. Where is he?' says Rick.

'Mr Khan's shop is next door and he sells lottery tickets,' the shop assistant says slowly.

'Ah, I've got the wrong shop. Stupid me!' says Rick.

'Well,' asks the shop assistant, 'do you want to buy an ice-cream?'

'No, thank you,' says Rick. 'Ice-cream is bad for me. See you.'



‘Why? What do you do?’ the shop assistant asks.

Rick turns and smiles at the man. ‘I play the guitar and I write songs. I’m going to be a famous rock star one day.’

Rick leaves the shop. He’s singing a new song.

‘It’s an ice-cream shop, baby,
You can’t buy a lottery ticket here,
It’s an ice-cream shop, baby,
No lottery tickets here.’

The shop assistant watches him. ‘He can’t sing and he writes stupid songs. He isn’t going to be a rock star!’ He laughs.

