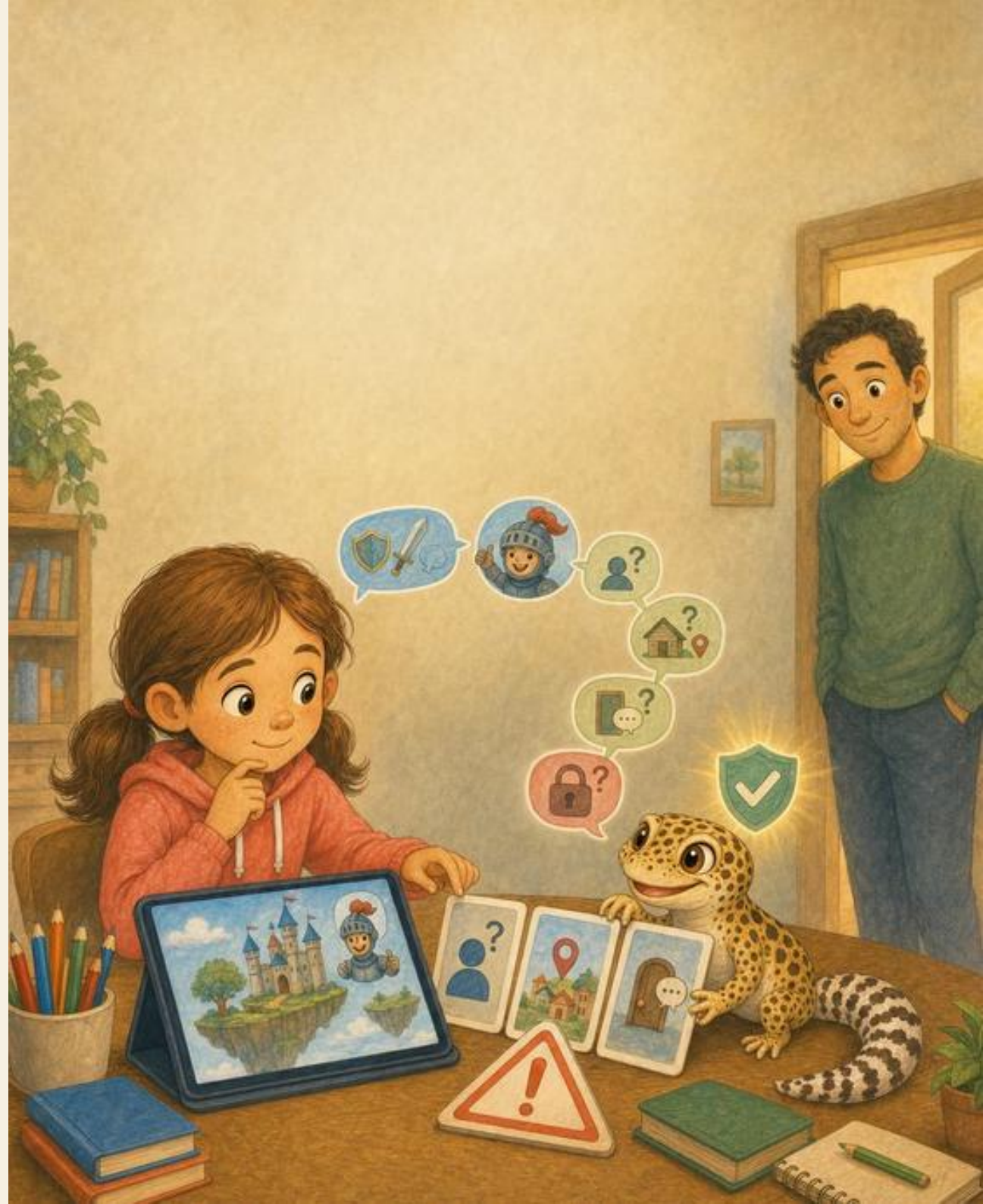


JB'S BRIGHT BUTTON ADVENTURES

Mia and MegaMystery99

NOTICE THE PATTERN. STOP.
TELL.

A read-together story for approximately ages 7 to 9





A helpful teammate

Mia and JB built floating castles in Castle Builders. A player called MegaMystery99 was funny, helpful and brilliant at defeating marshmallow monsters. Playing together felt ordinary and fun.

FOR GROWN-UPS

Children often meet people through shared play. Focus on behaviour and boundaries rather than asking the child to decide whether an unknown person is good or bad.



The questions change

The messages changed. What is your real name? Which town do you live in? Can we use a private chat instead? Mia's hand stopped above the screen. JB noticed that the game questions had become personal questions.

FOR GROWN-UPS

Personal information requests and moves to private services deserve a pause. The child should not reply while deciding what to do.



Three clues make a pattern

Then came another message: Do not tell your parents. JB placed three clue cards together: personal questions, private chat and secrecy. One clue might feel confusing. Together they made a pattern. Mia closed the conversation.

FOR GROWN-UPS

A request for secrecy from trusted adults is an important warning sign. Reassure the child that showing you will not make them responsible for the other person's behaviour.



Tell, save and report

Mia took the tablet to Dad. He listened calmly and thanked her. They kept the messages, reported and blocked the account, and did not confront the player. Later Mia and JB returned to their own castle with safer contact settings.

FOR GROWN-UPS

Preserve the account and messages when safe. For concerns about online sexual abuse or the way someone is communicating with a child, use the CEOP Safety Centre. Call 999 if anyone is in immediate danger.



YOUR BRIGHT BUTTON

REMEMBER

A friendly name does not prove who someone is. Personal questions, private chat and secrecy together mean stop and tell a trusted adult.

TALK ABOUT IT

- Which three clues helped Mia notice the pattern?
- Why was Mia right to tell Dad before replying?

TRY IT TOGETHER

Draw three clue cards for personal questions, private chat and secrecy, then name the adult you would show.

PARENT SETUP

- Limit direct messages and friend requests to approved contacts where the service allows it.
- Keep evidence and avoid confronting the account yourself.
- Use CEOP for concerns about online sexual abuse or concerning communication with a child.

GROWN-UP GUIDE

ceop.police.uk/safety-centre

Read and discuss with your child. Parent guide reviewed 15 August 2026.