

JB'S BRIGHT BUTTON ADVENTURES

Mia and the Secret Chat

NO SECRET CHAT. NO PHOTO.
TELL.

A read-together story for approximately ages 7 to 9





The special offer

Mia and JB were building a castle in Sky Kingdom when a helpful player offered Mia a rare silver dragon. There was one condition: move to a private chat. Mia wanted the dragon, but the side door felt strange.

FOR GROWN-UPS

Gifts, rewards and special access can be used to move a child away from visible or moderated spaces. A child should not continue the conversation to be polite.



A secret and a photo

In the next message, the player said not to tell her parents and asked for a photograph. Mia worried that Mum might be angry or take the game away. JB moved closer. This is not your fault, he said. Do not answer. Take the chat to Mum.

FOR GROWN-UPS

Tell children clearly that secret photo requests are never their fault. Do not ask them to investigate, reply or gather more material.



The safe secret is shared

Mia carried the tablet to Mum. Mum listened without blame and thanked her for telling. You are not in trouble, she said. I cannot promise to keep this secret, because my job is to help keep you safe, but I will explain what we do next.

FOR GROWN-UPS

Stay calm, listen and avoid promises you cannot keep. Explain each next step and involve the child where that is safe.



Help, then return safely

Mum kept the messages, blocked and reported the account and asked a specialist service for help. She did not forward any images or confront the player. Later, when it was safe, Mia and JB finished their castle together. The silver dragon had never been worth a secret.

FOR GROWN-UPS

For concerns about online sexual abuse or the way someone is communicating with a child, use CEOP. A child can contact Childline free on 0800 1111 or online. Call 999 if anyone is in immediate danger.

YOUR BRIGHT BUTTON

REMEMBER

Do not move to a secret chat or send a photo because someone offers a gift. Stop, keep the message and tell a trusted adult.

TALK ABOUT IT

- Why did the gift not make the request safe?
- What helped Mia feel able to tell Mum?

TRY IT TOGETHER

Name two trusted adults and practise the words: Someone online asked me to keep a secret. I need help.

PARENT SETUP

- Limit private messaging and review who can contact the child's account.
- Listen without blame, preserve evidence and do not forward possible illegal images.
- Use CEOP for concerning communication, Childline for child support and 999 for immediate danger.

GROWN-UP GUIDE

bastionhost.co.uk/security/families/help

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

