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*to  
Martha, Pepa,  
Daphne and Maia*

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Joe was sound asleep,  
as the waves crashed on the shore  
and the windows rattled in the gale.

Until *baroom!*  
the whole house shook,  
the floor tipped up, and  
Joe fell out of bed.



It was morning, but it was still dark outside.  
Something was wrong.





"Grandma May," said Joe.  
"It's still dark outside!"  
They went to the door...  
but they couldn't get out.



Joe ran up to the attic.  
"There's someone at the window!"



Grandma May put on  
her Going Out Hat  
and grabbed her umbrella.  
"Right, come on then," she said.  
"Up the chimney!"

