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Comic Book
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A prevention comic book for 6 to 12 year olds

This book belongs to:
Eva is 11 years old. She loves dancing, being creative, and watching videos online with her best friend Aisha.
When they are together, they love to make their own funny videos and dream of becoming famous.

(Eva’s little brother Tom is never far away.)
Eva and Aisha have been making silly videos for fun all day.

It’s getting late, I’m going to go home.

See you at school tomorrow.
Instead of going to bed, Eva decides to spend more time scrolling online.

If I upload these videos online, I wonder if I can get some likes and become an influencer?
Suddenly, she sees an online ad looking for child stars. Eva thinks this could be really fun, so she uploads a video of herself.

Oh! What’s this?

I’m going to upload a video!
Let’s see what happens!
Immediately, she gets a DM from a stranger. Usually Eva wouldn’t talk to a stranger, but she can see this message is about her video, so she responds.

Hi there! You look so pretty in your video.

Hi.

Send me some pictures and videos so I can see how talented you are.
The stranger asks if she has any other friends or siblings who would be interested in becoming famous. Eva thinks of Aisha and Tom, so she sends a video of her and Aisha and a few photos of her younger brother.

(But do you think Eva really knows who she is talking to?)
The next morning, Eva wakes up to more messages from the stranger. They all say how talented she and Aisha are and that they really have a shot at becoming famous.

You are both too pretty not to try out.

You were born stars.

You are such great dancers.
When Eva gets to school, she can’t wait to tell Aisha.

Aisha! Look at this. We’re going to be famous!

What? Show me, show me!
Aisha isn’t as excited as Eva thought she would be. Actually, Aisha looks a bit upset by what Eva has just said.

They think we’re beautiful and want us to send more dancing videos.

Wait, what?
Eva can see that her best friend is worried. Now Eva is concerned. Maybe she made a mistake?

Oh no, what's wrong?

Eva! We've learnt about unsafe strangers and tricky people at school! You know we're not meant to speak to people online who we don't know or share personal private information.
Aisha suggests that they go talk to their teacher who is a trusted adult.

I don’t think this is safe. Let’s ask our teacher what we should do.
The girls find their teacher and tell him about the ad and the messages. They also tell him they’re both worried now.

Thank you so much for telling me, girls. Don’t worry. I will talk to your parents after school and we will take care of things.

Is this okay?

Yes.

Yes.
IF SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAS HAPPENED TO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, CALL THESE HOTLINE NUMBERS TO GET HELP:

- 1-800-843-5679
  NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

- 1-888-373-7888
  NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

- 911
  FOR EMERGENCIES