

## CHAPTER ONE Best friends



Linda and Blu were best friends. They did everything together.
Linda had a bookshop and Blu loved helping her. He liked reading the books too.

Today the bookshop was quiet. Blu looked out of the door. It was cold outside.


Suddenly the door opened and a man came in. 'Excuse me,' he said.
Linda and Blu looked up.
'I saw your photos of Blu on the Internet,' the man said. 'He is great!'
'Yes,' said Linda, 'he is.

'My name is Tulio,' said the man. 'I'm from Rio. There are not many Spix's Macaws in the rainforest now.'
'I didn't know that,' said Linda quietly.
'I have a Spix's Macaw too,' said Tulio. 'Her name is Jewel. Blu and Jewel must be together. They can save the Spix's Macaw. Come to Rio and meet her, Blu.'
'Rio?' thought Blu. 'But that's in Brazil!'
Tulio gave his phone number to Linda. 'Think about it,' he said. 'Please!'

Linda thought about it. Rio was far from their small town ... but she wanted to save the Spix's Macaw too.
'Let's go to Rio!' Linda said to Blu. 'Don't worry, I'm going to look after you.'


