

TEN WORD TALES EASTER SPECIALS

# The Guava Palava

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## CHAPTER 2



Three weeks and two days later, Nick and Norma were on their way to the tropical island. Nick sat in the airport worrying. He sat on the plane worrying. Nick knew that Mick and Melanie would look after the greenhouse while he was away. He trusted his plants to get on with their lives (plants do not need humans really unless they have special requirements) but spikes of worry kept popping into his head as the plane landed.

Norma looked out of the window of the taxi as it drove them deeper and deeper into the rainforest where they would be staying with the scientists. She was wondering about the guava flowers and hoping she could do a good job. But she knew very well that Nick was worried.

“Let’s face-time Mick and Melanie while we have a signal,” she said. Soon Nick was happily talking to Mick and when he came off the phone he looked much better. He took hold of Norma’s hand and smiled at her.

“I think I can promise not to worry the whole time,” he said.

“Good,” said Norma smiling back.

The taxi pulled up at a group of tents pitched between dense forest and the ocean. Some of the tents were high up in the trees like treehouses. Nick and Norma quickly unpacked and went down wearing hats for extra protection from the bright sun.

Norma was ready to sketch the guava flowers at once while Nick was going on a tour of the local fruit trees. It was going to be a wonderful time.