

## Lily and her baby doll **Adventures in Tairawhitii**

Once upon a time, there was a little girl named Lily who lived in a cozy house with her family. One of her most cherished toys was her baby doll, Emma. Emma was no ordinary doll; she was special to Lily because she always wore the cutest outfits.

Emma had a yellow cotton dress with white spots, and she never went anywhere without her matching hat and nappy. Lily loved the soft feel of the dress and how pretty it looked on Emma. But what made Emma even more cuddly was her cozy sleep suit, covered in pictures of forest animals—squirrels, foxes, and little owls. It was Lily's favorite because it reminded her of the animals she sometimes saw outside her window. Every day after school, Lily would come home, rush to her room, and pick up Emma.

Together, they would go on adventures around the house. Sometimes, Emma would sit at the table during Lily's tea parties with her other toys, wearing her bright yellow dress. Other times, Lily would tuck her into bed, making sure Emma was snug in her animalprinted sleep suit for their nap together.

One rainy afternoon, Lily decided to create a little tent in the living room using blankets and chairs. Inside, she and Emma had their own secret hideaway. Lily pretended they were camping in the forest, surrounded by friendly animals just like the ones on Emma's sleep suit. They listened to the sound of the rain, and Lily told Emma stories about brave explorers and magical creatures.

Before bedtime, Lily always made sure to dress Emma in her cozy sleep suit, give her a tiny kiss on the forehead, and tuck her into her own tiny bed right beside hers. And as they both drifted off to sleep, Lily would whisper, "Goodnight, Emma. Tomorrow, we'll have even more fun."

And so, every day with Emma was filled with love, laughter, and endless adventures for little Lily. And no matter what they did, Emma always stayed by Lily's side, wearing her favorite yellow dress or her warm, snuggly sleep suit.





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Tairawhiti means "the coast upon which the sun shines across the water". Gisborne is the first city in the world to greet the sun each morning.