Carmen Has Big News

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From the moment Carmen sat down next to Melissa on the bus, Melissa knew that Carmen had big news. With a big smile, Carmen said, "You know how my birthday is coming up?"

Melissa knew when her best friend's birthday was. "Yes, it's the weekend after next!"

"Well, my mom is taking us to Big Waves Water Park, and I can bring a friend!"

Melissa's brother Frank had just been to Big Waves and said it was fantastic. "Are you going to invite me?"

"Duh," said Carmen. "Who would I rather take than you?"

At dinner, Melissa told Frank the news.

Frank said, "Oh my gosh, you will have the best time. There are six water slides. At first, I only went down the blue and green slides, but at the end of the day I went down the black slide too. I hit the water so fast that I almost felt like my suit was going to come off. There is an amazing wave pool that is so fun to relax in. And there are these big tubes that you can grab for free to float on."

When they got to the water park, they all looked at the map to see where everything was. While they put on sunblock and packed their beach bags, Mrs. Diaz came up with a plan.

Mrs. Diaz would entertain Carmen's brother Dan in the Splash Zone across from where they entered the park. The girls could visit all the slides so long as they stuck together. At one, they would all meet up at the Riptide Snack Bar for lunch. After lunch, she could take them to explore the big wave pool which was on the other side of the park.

Carmen and Melissa looked at each other with big smiles. A day of water fun began.