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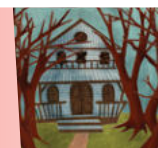
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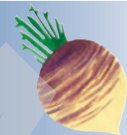
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Chapter 1

Chen's Magic Pen



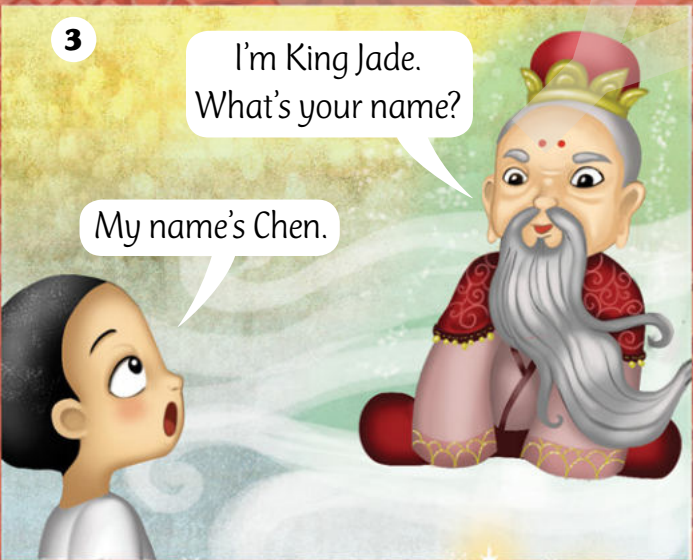
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What is it?

It's a tree.



2
Is it a table?

No, it isn't.
It's a chair.



3
I'm King Jade.
What's your name?

My name's Chen.



4
What is it?

Here.

It's a book.



5
And here ...

Is it a pen?

Yes. It's a magic pen.



6

It's a horse.
A brown horse!

Thank you, Chen.
Thank you.

What is it, Mama?

Rice! Look!
It's rice – beautiful,
white rice.

Gold, please!

No.

What!
No gold?

7

Wow!
It's a tree.

10



11



Ha!



Aaargh!
Help!

12



Hmm.

13



Look, it's a
door. Ha-ha!

14



Aaargh! It isn't
a magic pen.

4





The Princess and the Teddy Bear



Look. A doll,
a robot, and a teddy bear.
How old are you? Six?
Seven?

Oh, no. My
favorite teddy
bear.



How old
is she?

2

She's
five.

Thank
you!

Here.
A teddy bear.



Happy
Birthday,
Daisy.

3

Thank you,
Mommy.
A teddy bear!

5

4



My teddy bear is my favorite toy!

Oh, Polly! How old are you?

I'm 13.



5



Here's a teddy bear.

That isn't my teddy bear. My teddy bear is yellow.



6



Look at this teddy bear.

That isn't my teddy bear. My teddy bear is small.



7



Please help...

8

Please help Princess Polly. Find my teddy bear. It's small and yellow.



9

Oh! This teddy bear is small and yellow.

Please help Princess Polly. Find my teddy bear. It's small and yellow.



6



10

Is this your teddy bear?

Yes, it is. Thank you.



11

Wait. When's your birthday?

It's in June.

Happy Birthday! This is your teddy bear now.

Oh. Thank you, Princess Polly!



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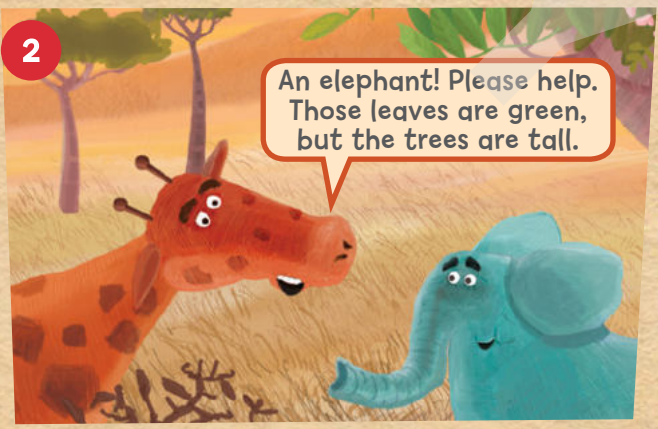
The Hungry Giraffe



I'm hungry!
Let's eat
these leaves.

No. These leaves
are brown. Those
leaves are green.

1



An elephant! Please help.
Those leaves are green,
but the trees are tall.

2



Sorry! The trees
are very tall.

3



What are
these?

They're
bananas.

No, thank you!

4

8



Here.
Eat this.

Thank you.

6

5

7



Whoaaaa!
My neck!

8



Mmm! These
leaves aren't brown.
They're green.

9



Thank you!

10



Here! Eat these. I'm
not hungry at all.

Thank you,
Giraffe.

THE MYSTERY HOUSE



1

Hi, Tilly. Can we come in?

Yes, of course. Welcome to The Mystery Club!



2

Can I come in?

No, sorry! Go away.



3

A lost cat.
Hmm ... Look!
A lost necklace.

And a prize.
Let's find that necklace!

4



Can I come?
Pleeeeeease?

No!

Uh... Yes, of course. Find the cat. Look in that big old house.

It's scary. Hmm, where's the cat? It's small and black.

What's that?

5



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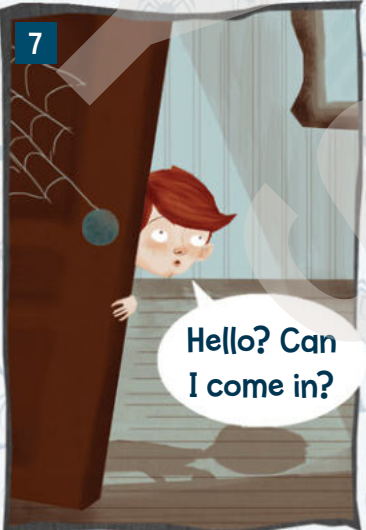
It's behind the door. It's in the living room.

6



Oh, it's a cat. Come here, Kitty.

7



Hello? Can I come in?

9



Hmm, is it under the table?
No.

10



It isn't in the kitchen.

11

11

Aha!
A clue.

12

It's in the
bedroom.

13

Oh, you're
on the chair!
Come here.

Meow!

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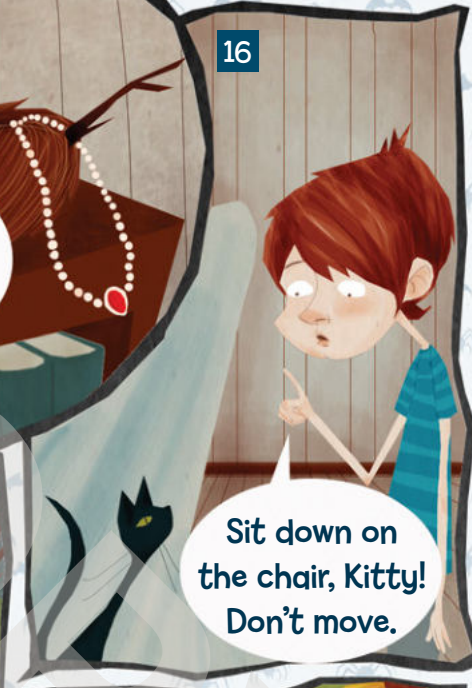
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Aargh!
Help.
Go away!





Oh, what's on the shelf?
It's the necklace!



Sit down on the chair, Kitty!
Don't move.

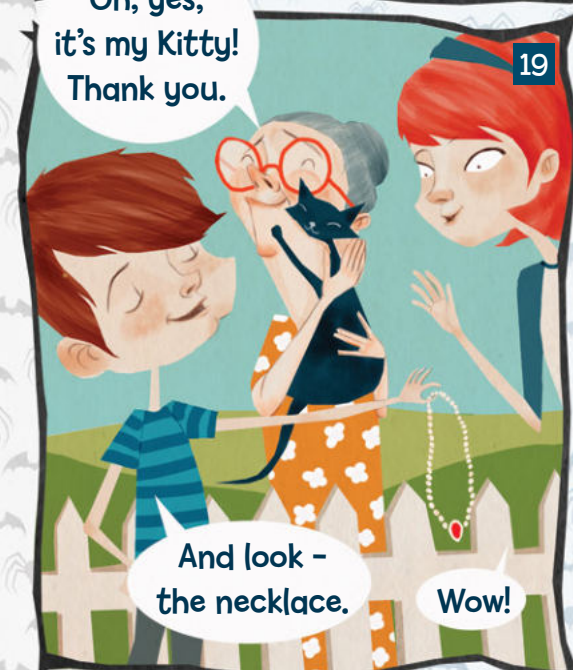


Whoa, I'm on the chair, and it's scary.



Hello, Mrs. Ruiz. Is this your cat?

Oh, yes, it's my Kitty!
Thank you.



And look - the necklace.

Wow!



Here - Welcome to The Mystery Club!

Thanks!

I love Mystery

CAPTAIN NAVIGATE





4

MALL

Oh, no! It's Maria's birthday today. Is there a mall near here?

There's a mall across from the movie theater on Second Avenue.

W
H
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5

Thanks, Captain Navigate!



Excuse me. Where's the bus station?

Go straight. Take a left. It's next to the library.

Oh, dear.

BUS STATION

6



7

Don't worry. Don't be late! I'm Captain Navigate.

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M



8

BUS STATION

Thank you.

You're welcome.

15





The Giant Turnip



1

I'm Nadia.
I have a big
family.
I have a little
sister, Olga.

2

I'm
hungry!

I don't
have any
food, Olga.
Sorry.

3

It's OK, Olga.
Look! The turnip
is big now.
Let's eat it!

That's
my dad.

5

This
turnip is
very big.

Where
are your
brothers?
Sergei!
Mikhail!
Come
here!

4

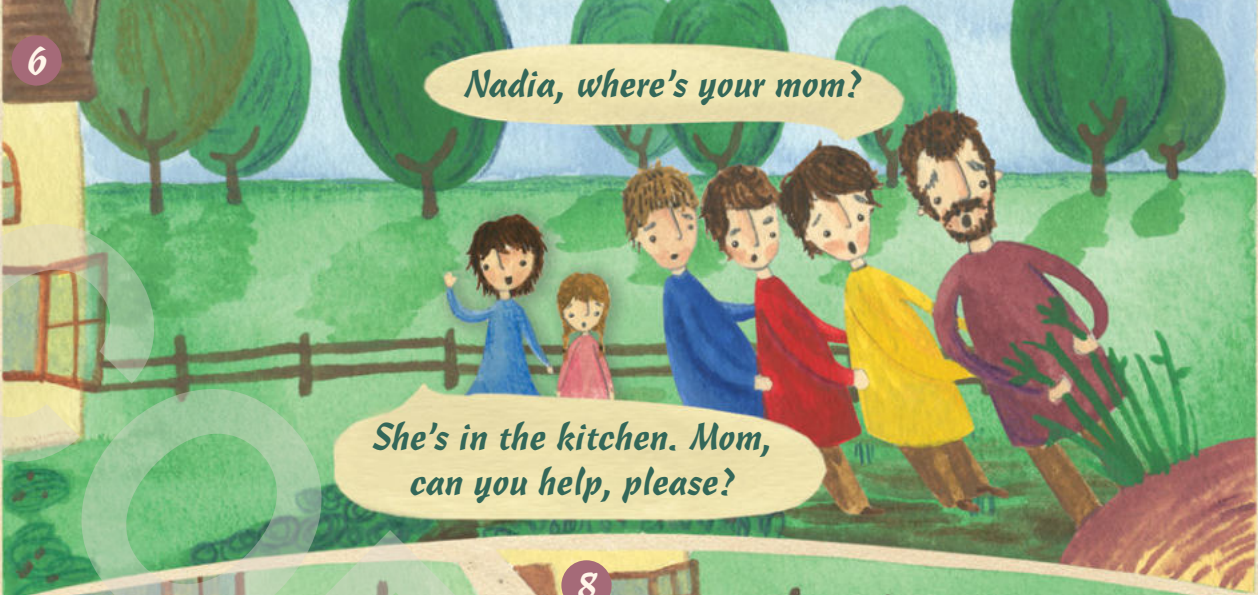
This is my
brother Yuri.
I have three
brothers.

Can I help
you, Dad?

Yes, please. The
turnip is very big.

6

Nadia, where's your mom?



She's in the kitchen. Mom, can you help, please?

7



This is my mom. She's tall and strong.

8



Can I help?

Here's my grandpa.

9



I'm here, too!

And my grandma ... and my dog ... and my cat ... and my cow!

10



Sit down, Grandma. Nadia! Don't play - help!

19

11

Mooooo!



12



Ooof!

13



HOORAY!

Look. A beautiful, big turnip for the family.

Thank you, everybody!

14



Mmm, turnip soup every day! Let's eat.

Hooray!

20

Good Friends



6

Eww! It's small and green. Look. It has long arms and short legs.

Ha, ha, ha! Jake has a funny pet. It's ugly.



7

Come on Doodle. Let's go.

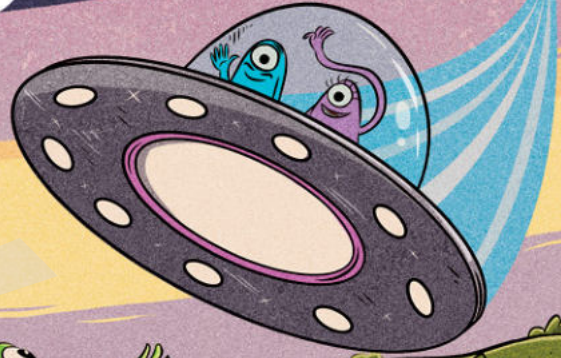
Ouch! My hand hurts.



The next day...

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Mama, Mama!



9

Come back here!



Doodle! Don't go!

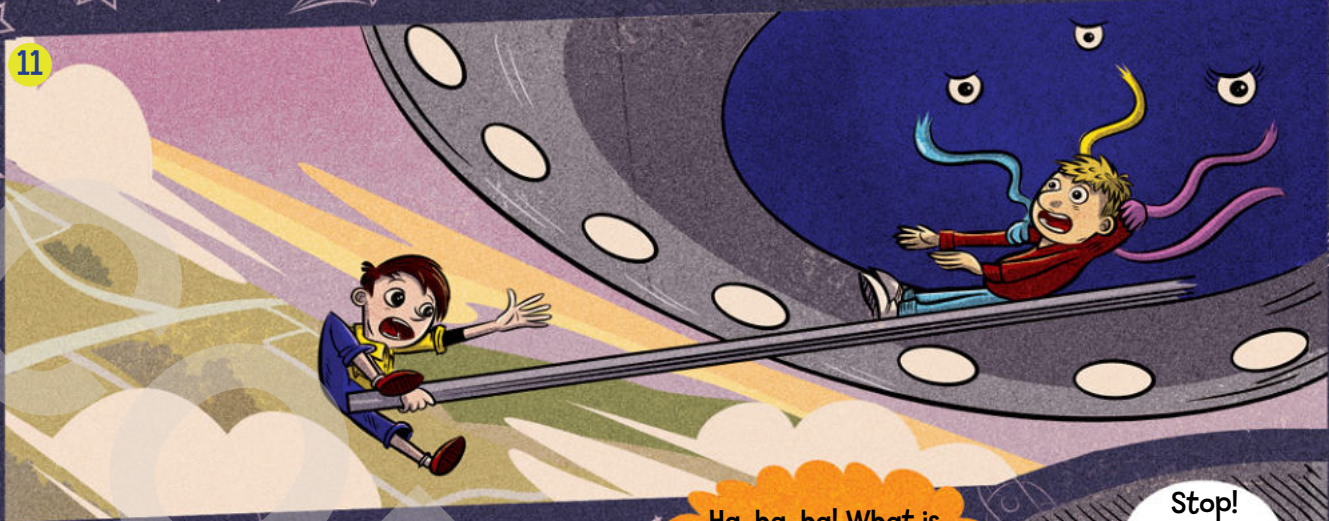
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Mama! Mama!

Help!



11



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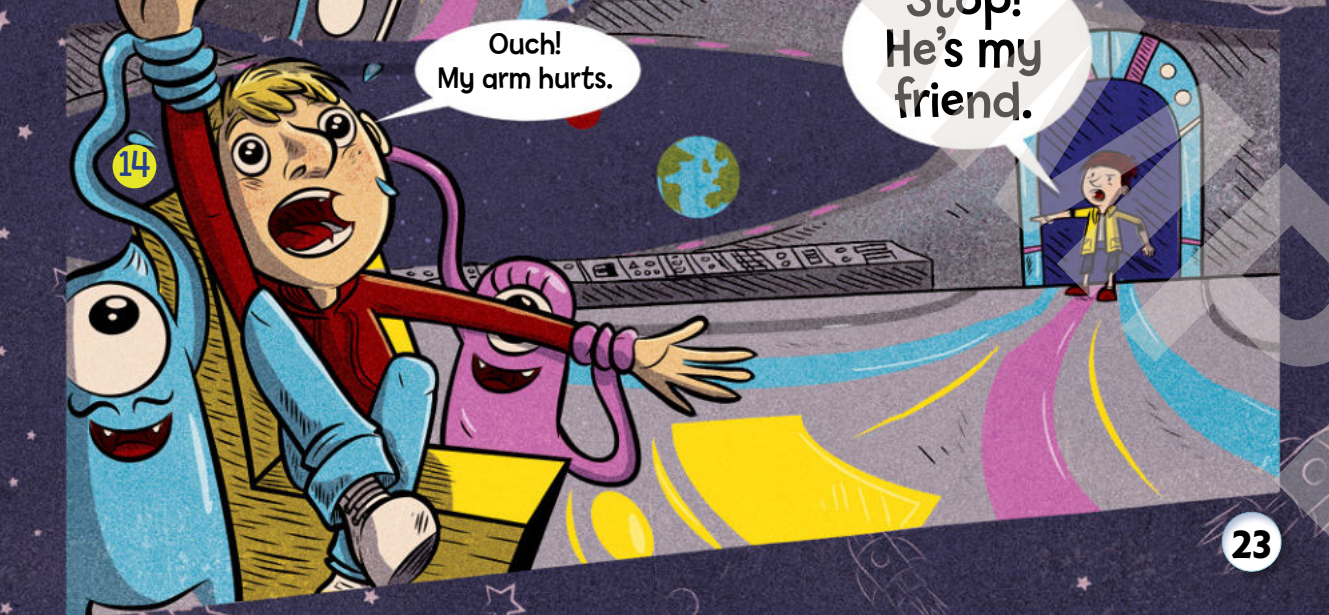


Doodle. Where are you? And where's Billy?

Ha, ha, ha! What is it? It's pink. It's ugly. It has short arms.

Stop! Take me home!

13



Ouch! My arm hurts.

Stop! He's my friend.

14

Jake, Jake, Jake!

Friend,
friend,
friend!

Hello, my
little friend.

15

16

Later ...

Goodbye
friends!

Goodbye,
Doodle!

Thank you,
Jake. You're a
good friend.

24

I LIKE CAKE!

Chapter

8

It's Monday.
It's lunchtime.
"Do you have
any cake?"
asks Chip.



1



"No, I don't," says Chef.
"Lunch today is pizza and salad."

2

"Hmm. Pizza, please," says Chip.
"I like pizza, but I don't like salad.
I don't like anything green."



3

It's Tuesday. It's lunchtime.
"Do you have any cake?"
asks Chip.



4

"Hmm. Chicken, please," says
Chip. "I like chicken, but I don't
like green beans. I don't like
anything green."



"No, I don't," says Chef.
"Lunch today is chicken
and green beans."

5



6

25

It's Wednesday.
It's lunchtime.
"Is there any cake?"
asks Chip.



7



"No, there isn't," says Chef. "Lunch today is burgers and peas."

8

"Hmm. Burger, please," says Chip.
"I like burgers, but I don't like peas.
I don't like anything green."



9

It's Thursday. It's lunchtime.
"Is there any cake?" asks
Chip.



10

11

"Hmm. Pasta, please,"
says Chip. "I like pasta,
but I don't like broccoli. I
don't like anything green."



"No, there isn't," says Chef.
"Lunch today is pasta and
broccoli."

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12

It's Friday. It's lunchtime. Friday is a special day. Chef has a big cake. "Is there any cake?" asks Chip.



13

"Yes, there is," says Chef. "Do you like cake?" "Oh, yes, I do!" says Chip.



14

15



"BUT YOU DON'T LIKE ANYTHING GREEN!" says Chef. "Ha, ha, ha!"

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The Magic Violin

1 In our town,
There's a man named Tim.
He can't drive a cart,
But he can play the violin.

2 He can sing and dance,
This man named Tim,
And strange things happen,
When he plays his violin.

3 Look at those fish.
Those fish can fly!

4 Fish can't fly.
Don't be silly, Tim.

Oh, yes, they can,
When I play my violin.

5



6 Look at those birds.
Those birds can dance.

7

Birds can't dance.
Don't be silly, Tim.



8 Oh, yes, they can,
When I play my violin.

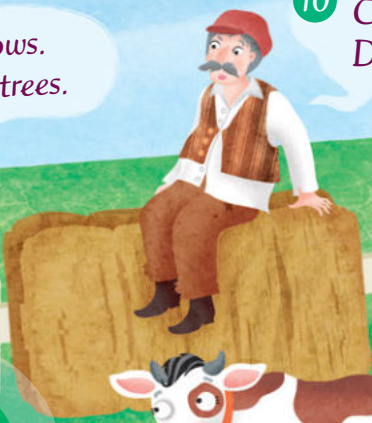


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Look at those cows.
They can climb trees.

10

Cows can't climb trees.
Don't be silly, Tim.



11

Oh, yes, they can,
When I play my violin.



12

Listen to those sheep.
Those sheep can sing!

13

Sheep can't sing.
Don't be silly, Tim.



14

Oh, yes, they can,
When I play my violin.

15

Look at those dogs.
They can skate!

16

Dogs can skate!
You're right, Tim.

17

They can skate,
When you play your violin.

18

In our town,
There's a man named Tim.
Strange things happen,
When he plays his violin.

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