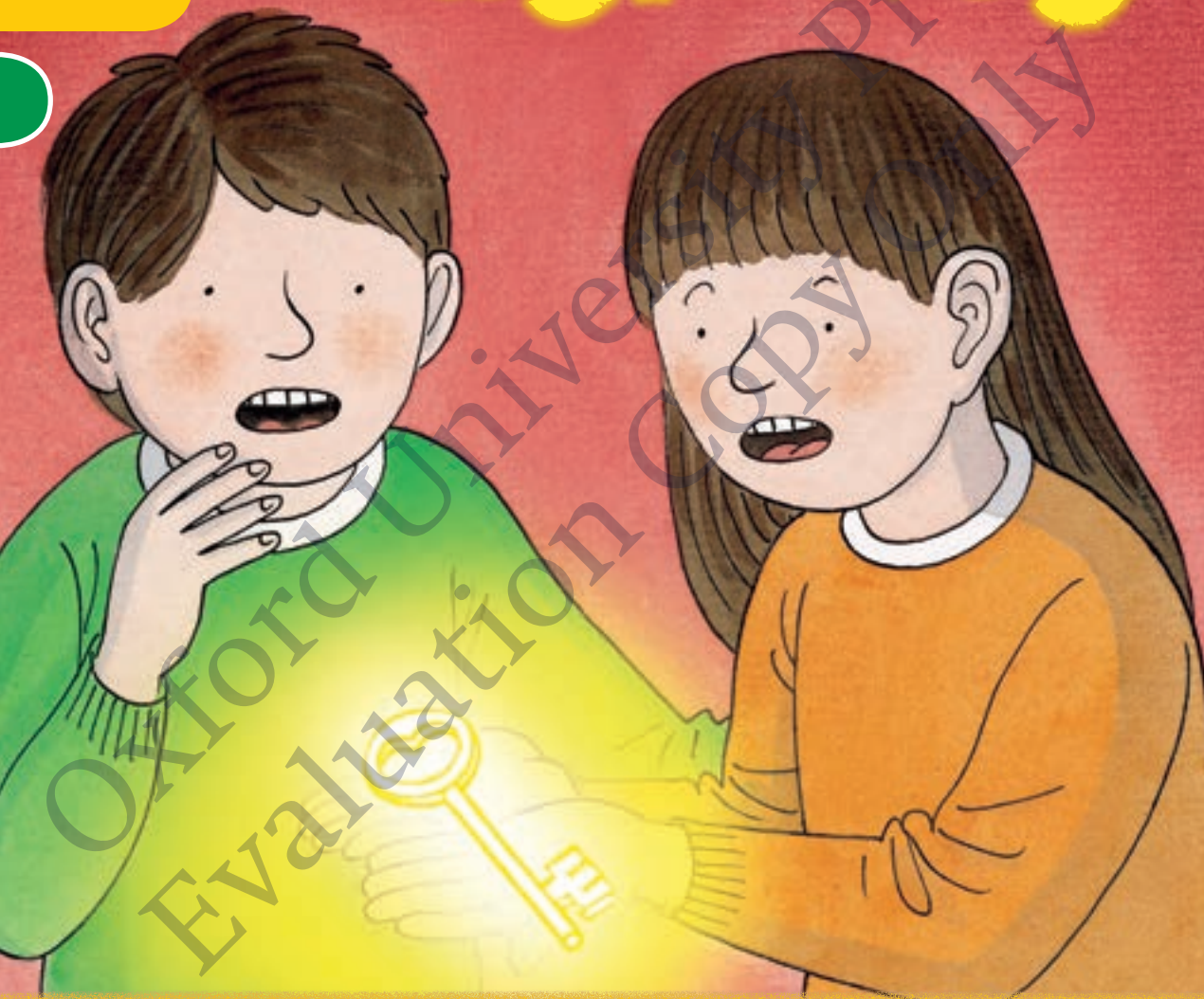


The Magic Key





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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Look at the title and cover. Talk about what Biff is holding. Ask: *Why do you think the key is glowing?*
- Turn to page 4. Point to the word *glowing*. Help your child to sound it out (*g-l-ow-i-ng; glowing*).
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

About the words in this book

- Your child should be able to sound out and blend some words, which may include:

**by house magic inside
glowing smaller bigger
slippers mouse**

- Some words may be more challenging. Encourage or model blending, then read the words below to your child if necessary.

**oh looked called
couldn't opened**



DURING READING

Enjoy the story together.
If your child needs support to read the story:

- Remind your child to sound out and blend unfamiliar words from left to right.
- Look for compound words, where two words create a bigger word, e.g. *moonlight*.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Re-read sentences to focus on their meaning where necessary.



See the inside back cover
for more ideas.



The box was by Chip's bed. Something was glowing inside it.



Chip looked at the box.
“It’s magic,” he said.



Chip ran into Biff's room.

"Biff," he called. "Look at the box."



Biff and Chip looked at the box.
Something was glowing inside it.



They opened the box. They looked inside.

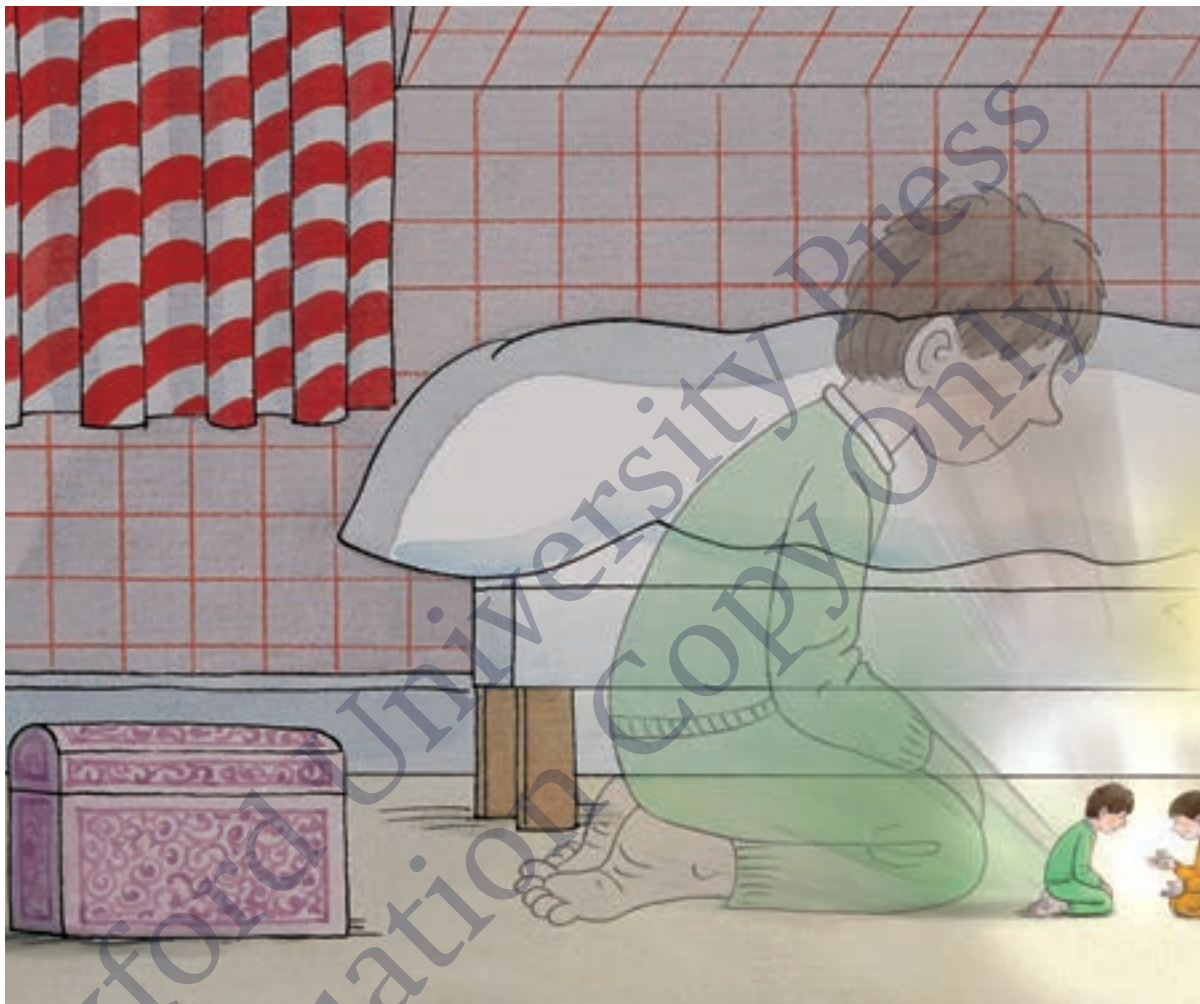
“It’s magic,” they said.



A key was in the box. The key was glowing.



“It’s a magic key,” said Biff.
She picked up the key and the
magic began.



Biff and Chip got smaller and smaller and smaller.



“Oh help!” said Biff.

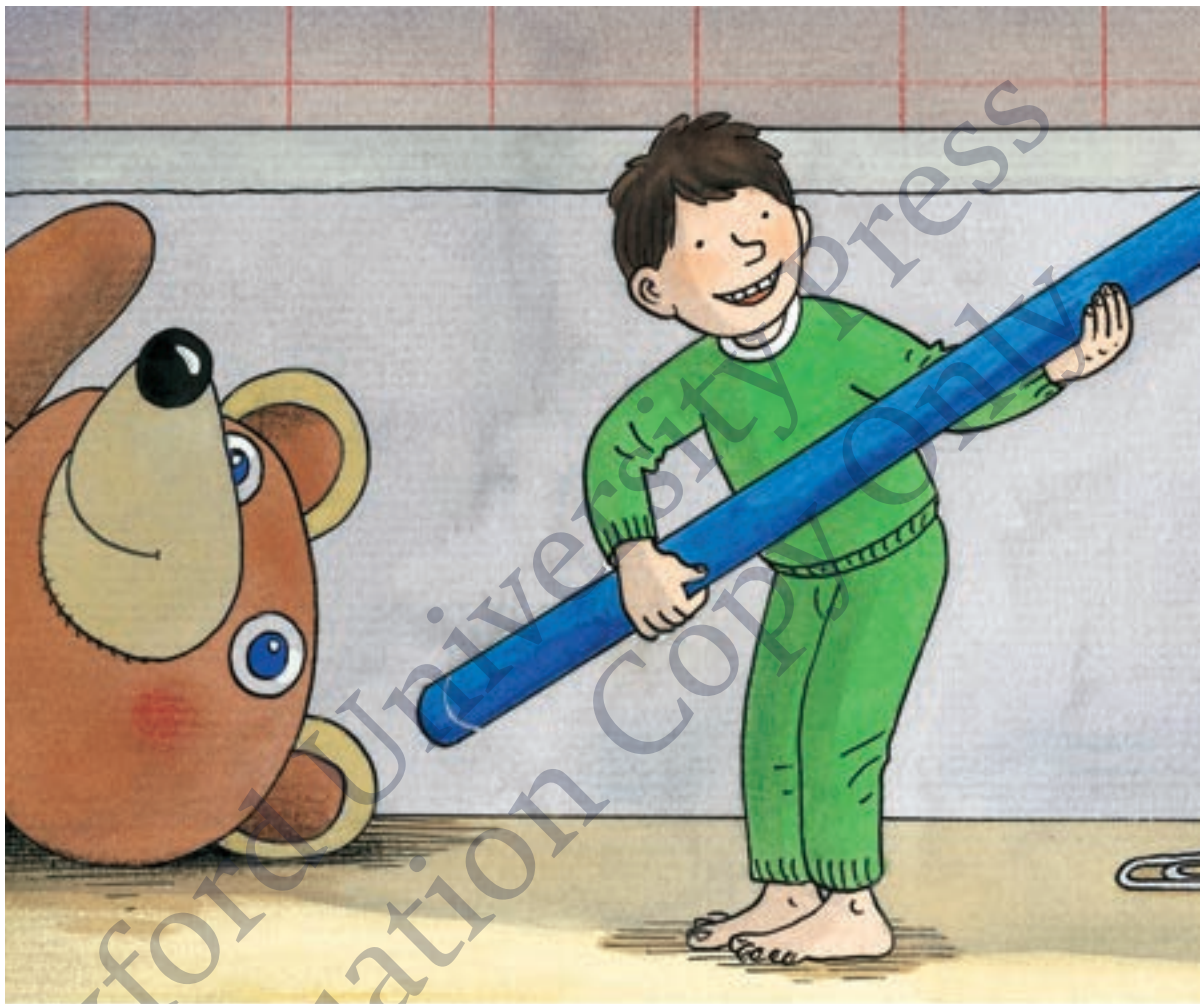
“It’s magic,” said Chip.



Biff and Chip looked at the room.
Everything looked big.

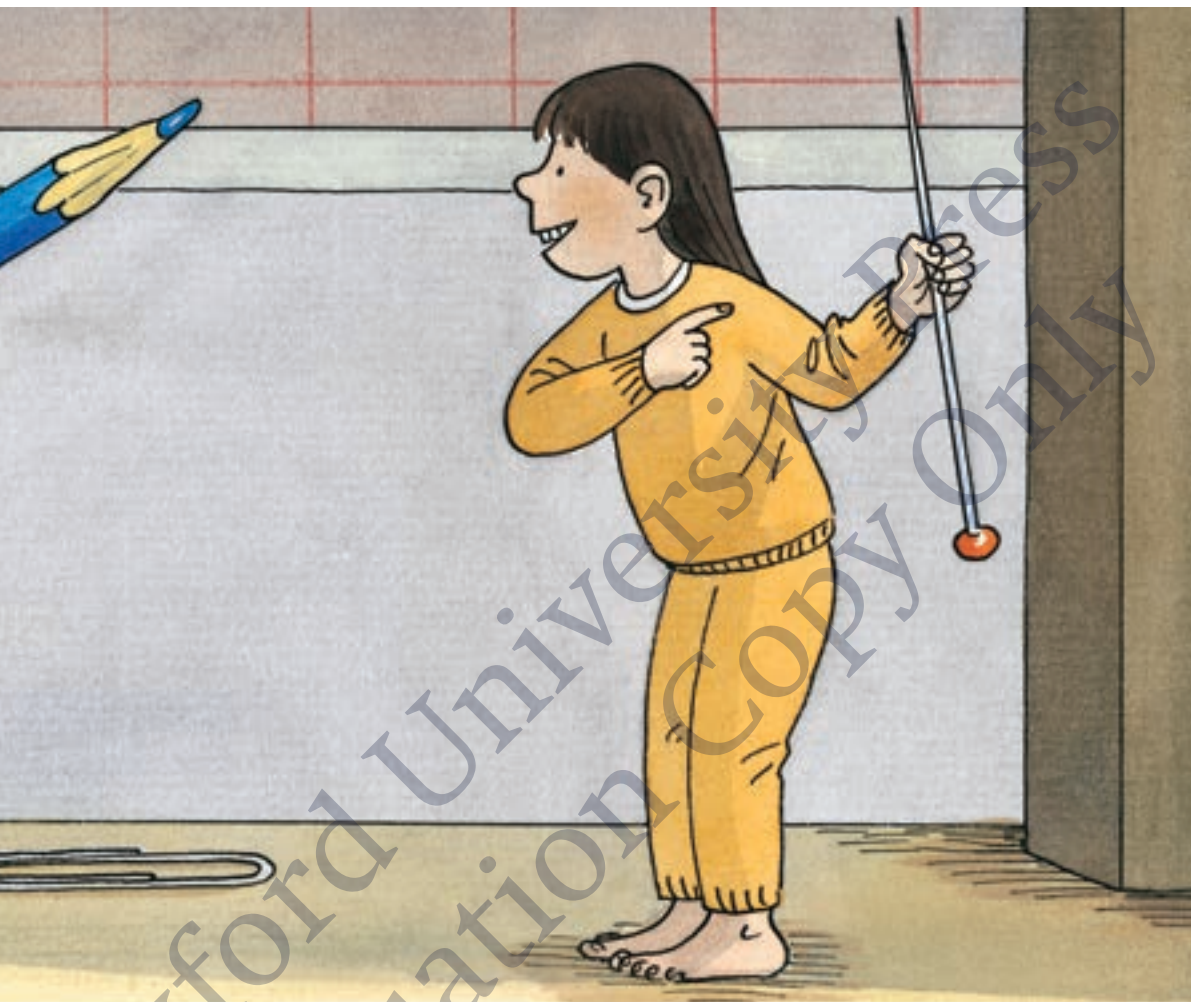


“Look at my big slippers,” said Biff.
“Everything looks big.”



Chip picked up a pencil.

“Look at this big pencil,” he said.



Biff picked up a pin.

“Look at this big pin,” she said.



They looked at the house. It looked like a big house.



The windows were glowing.
“It’s magic,” said Chip.



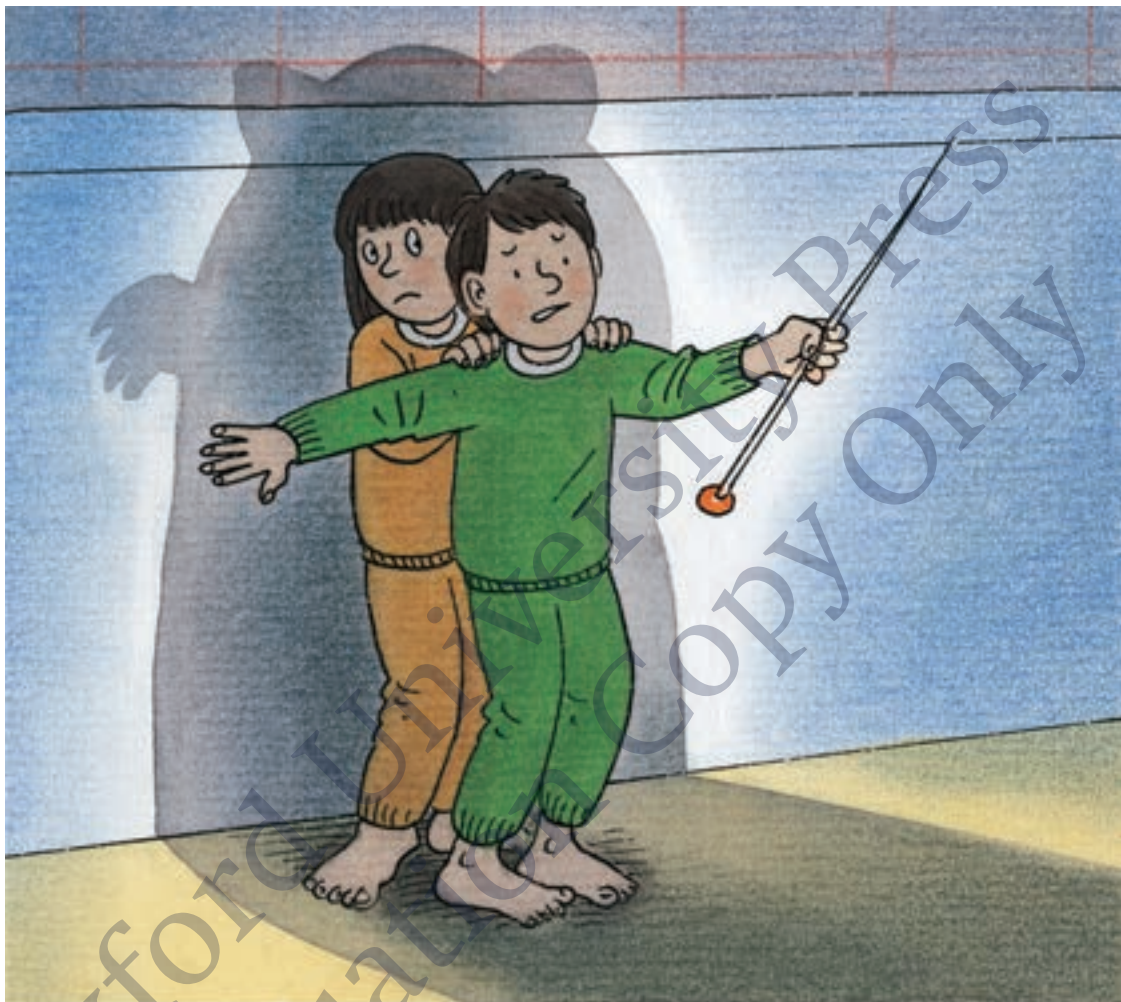
Biff and Chip ran to the house. They looked in the window.



Biff went to the door. She pushed and pushed, but she couldn't get in.



They went to the window. Chip pulled and pulled, but he couldn't get in.



Something was coming. Chip picked up the pin.

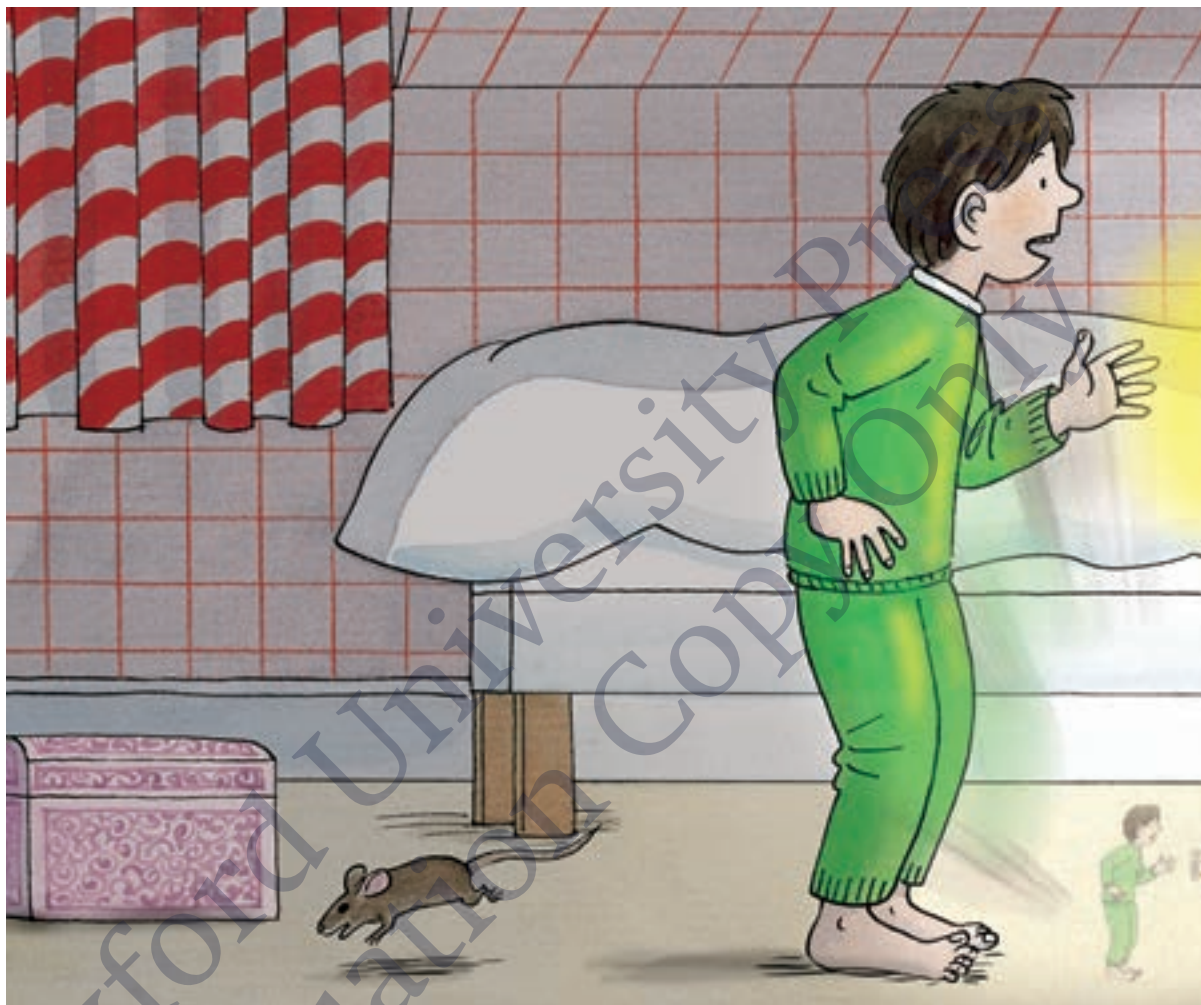
“Oh help!” he said.



It was a little mouse. Biff and Chip
looked at the mouse. The mouse
ran away.



Something was glowing. It was the magic key. Biff picked it up.



Biff and Chip got bigger and bigger and bigger.



“Oh no!” said Biff.

“Oh help!” said Chip.

“It’s the magic,” they said.



The magic was over.

“What an adventure!” said Biff and Chip.

AFTER READING

- Re-read pages 6–7. Ask: *What made the magic begin?*
- Turn to page 14. Ask: *Which house is this? Why does it look so big?*
- Talk about what it would be like to be as small as a mouse. Ask: *What might look frightening in a house if we were very small?*

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