

Vanishing Cream





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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Look at the title and cover. Talk about the meaning of the word *vanishing*. Ask: *What has happened to Chip's hands?*
- Ask: *What do you think will happen in the story?*
- 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:

**don't I'm by time house
about your made came**

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

**oh Mrs looked
called theatre
laughed**



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.



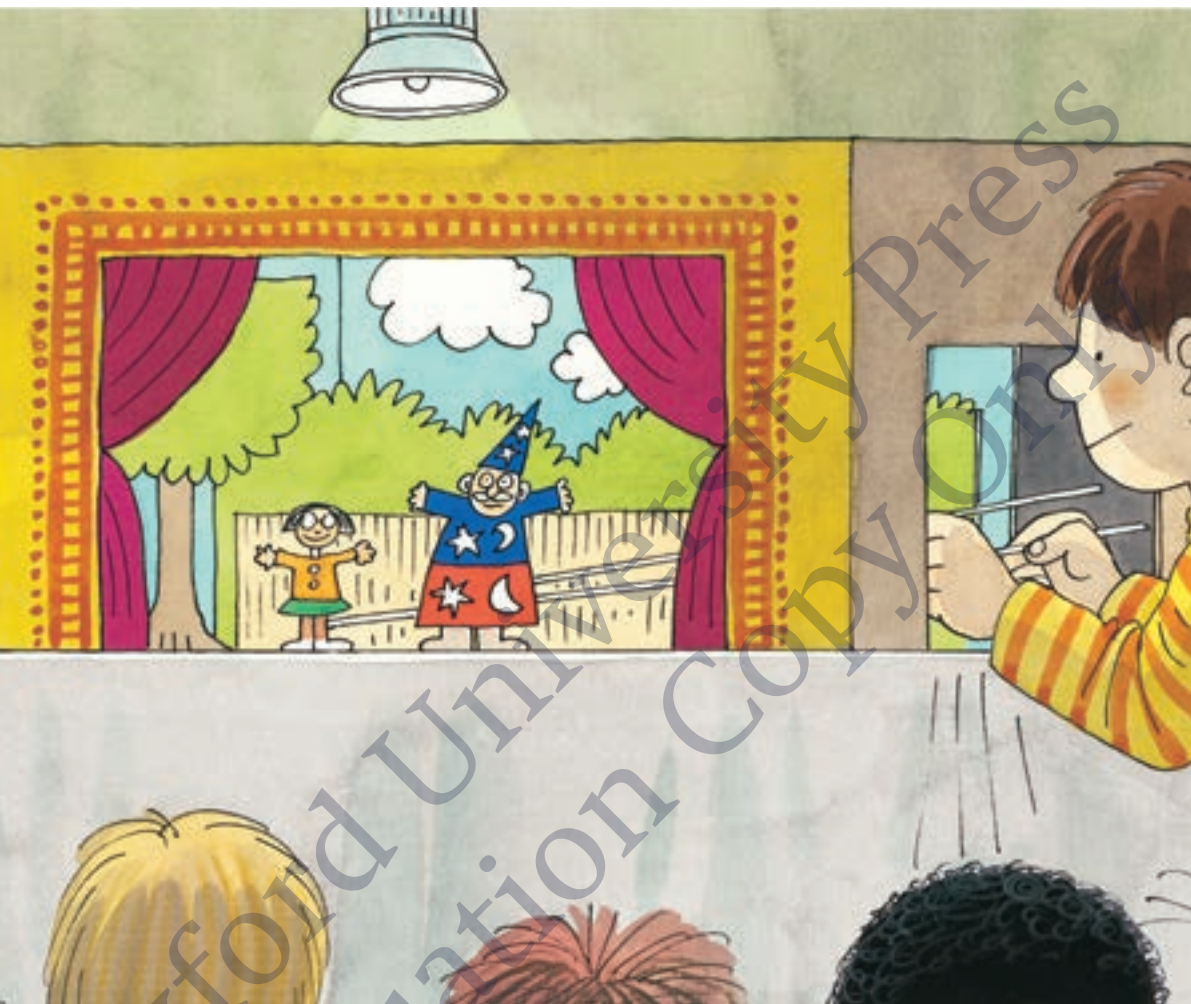
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for more ideas.



The children were at school. They made a little theatre. They made it out of a box.



The children put on a play. The play was about a wizard.



He was called Wizard Blot. Wizard Blot made mistakes.



Wizard Blot made a spell. The spell went wrong.

“Oh dear! Oh dear!” said Wizard Blot.



Everyone laughed. Everyone liked the play. Mrs May liked Wizard Blot.



Biff was in her room. The key began to glow.

“Chip! Chip!” called Biff.



Chip ran into Biff's bedroom. The magic took them inside the little house.



The magic took them to Wizard Blot's house. The Wizard wanted some help.



“Come in!” said the Wizard. “You can wash up, then you can tidy up.”



Biff and Chip looked at the mess.
“Don’t be lazy,” said the Wizard, “or
I’ll turn you into frogs.”



Biff and Chip did the washing up.
“I don’t like this,” said Chip, “but I
don’t want to be a frog.”



“I don’t like ironing,” said Biff, “but we don’t want to be frogs.”



Oh no! Biff dropped a bottle. It was vanishing cream.



“Help!” said Biff. “This is vanishing cream.”



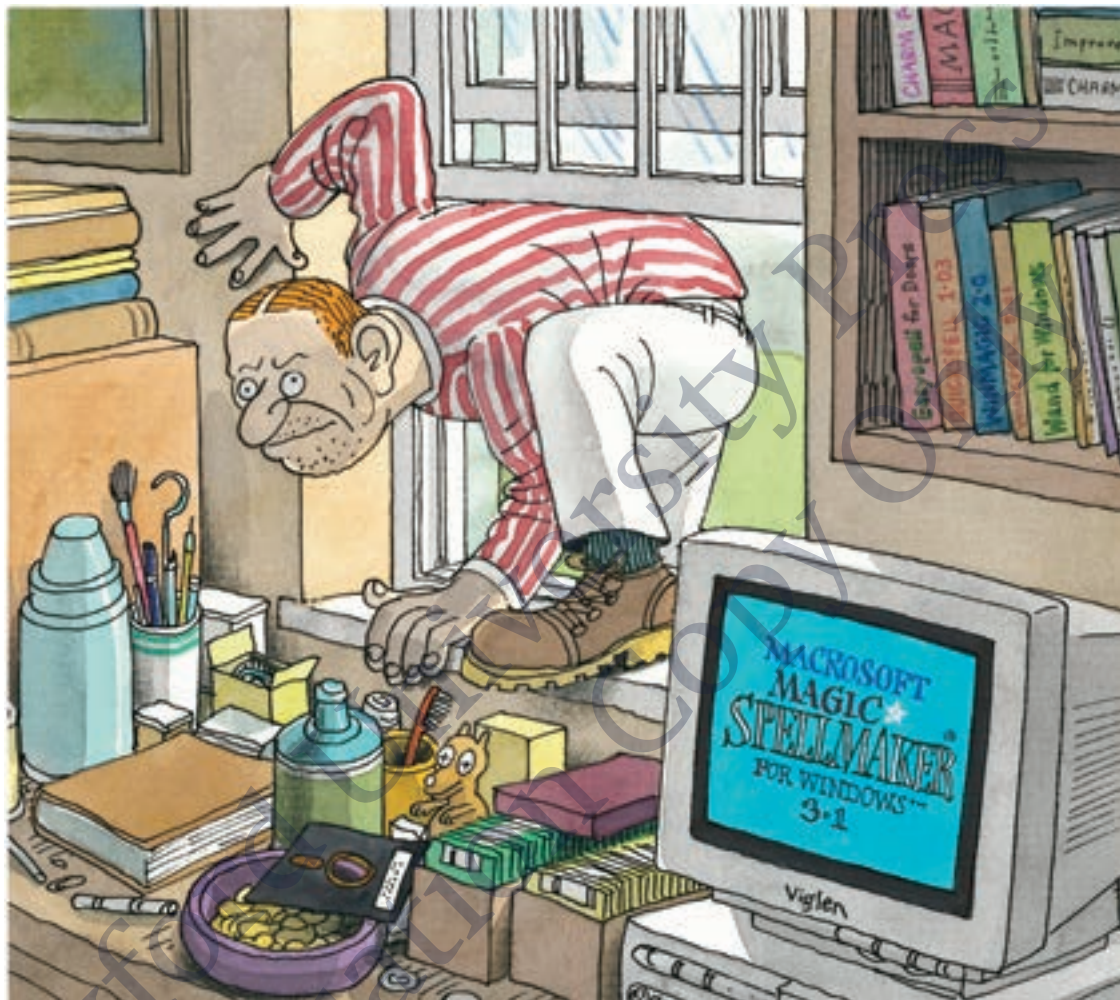
Chip looked at his hands.

“Oh no,” he said. “Bits of us are vanishing.”



He rubbed his face.

“Oh no!” said Biff. “Your face is vanishing.”



A man came to the house. He
climbed through the window.



The man didn't see Biff and Chip. He took all the Wizard's computer disks.



“Help! Help!” said the man. “I’m being attacked by the washing.”



Wizard Blot came back. Biff told him about the vanishing cream.



Chip gave Wizard Blot the computer disks. The Wizard was pleased.



It was time to go home.

“Thank you,” said Wizard Blot. “Do come again.”



Biff had a little bottle.

“Don’t drop it,” said Chip. “It’s vanishing cream.”

AFTER READING

- Turn to page 20. Ask: *Why did the man think he was being attacked by the washing?*
- Re-read page 23. Ask: *Why did Wizard Blot thank the children?*
- Ask: *What would you do if you had some vanishing cream?*

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