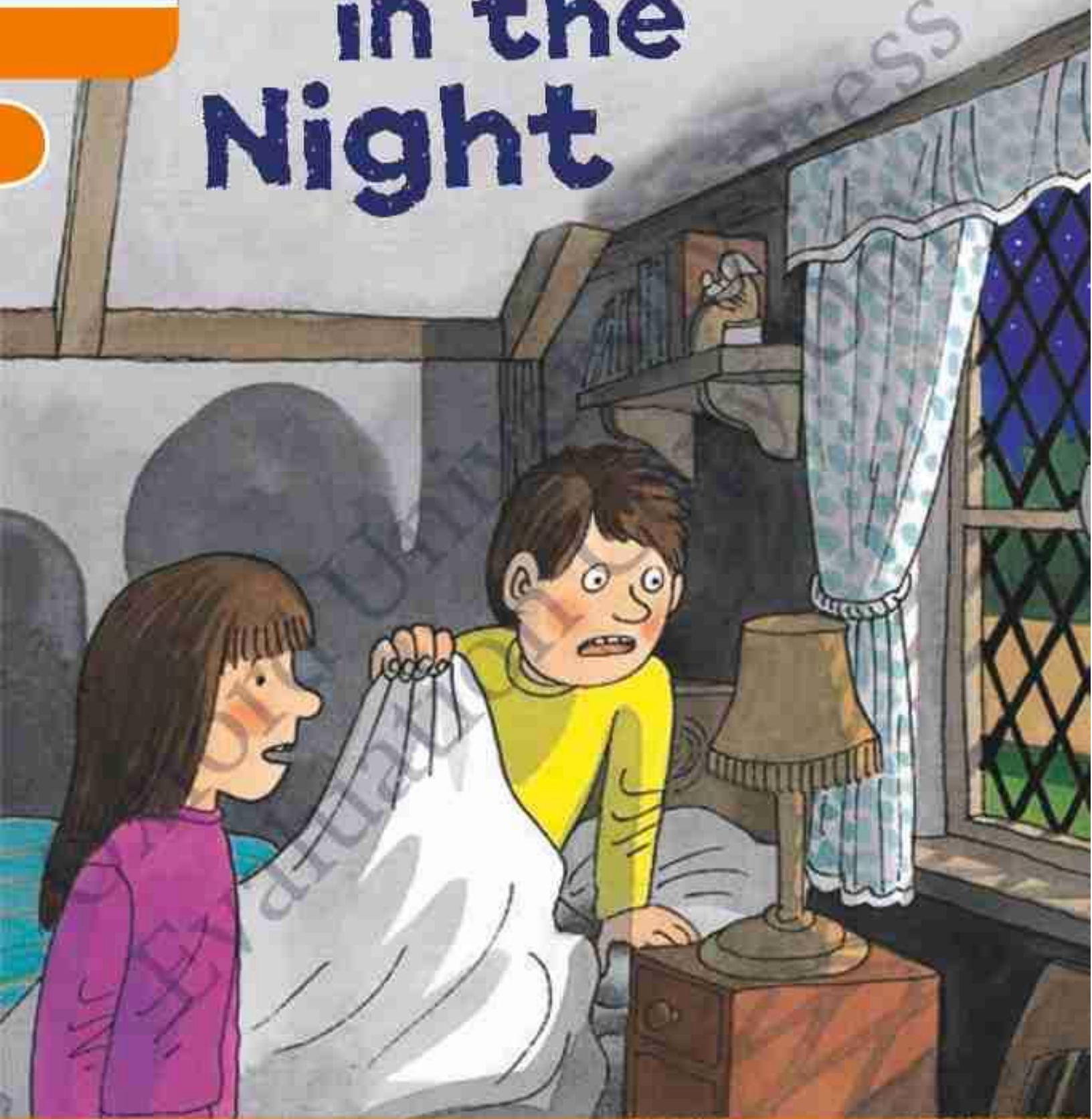


A Fright in the Night





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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Look at the cover and read the title together. Ask: *What do you think this story is about?*
- Talk about a time when you or your child had a fright.
- 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 old I'm by time
house made came make
saw very put window
blackberry noise joke

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

oh looked called asked
couldn't wanted
loved ghosts



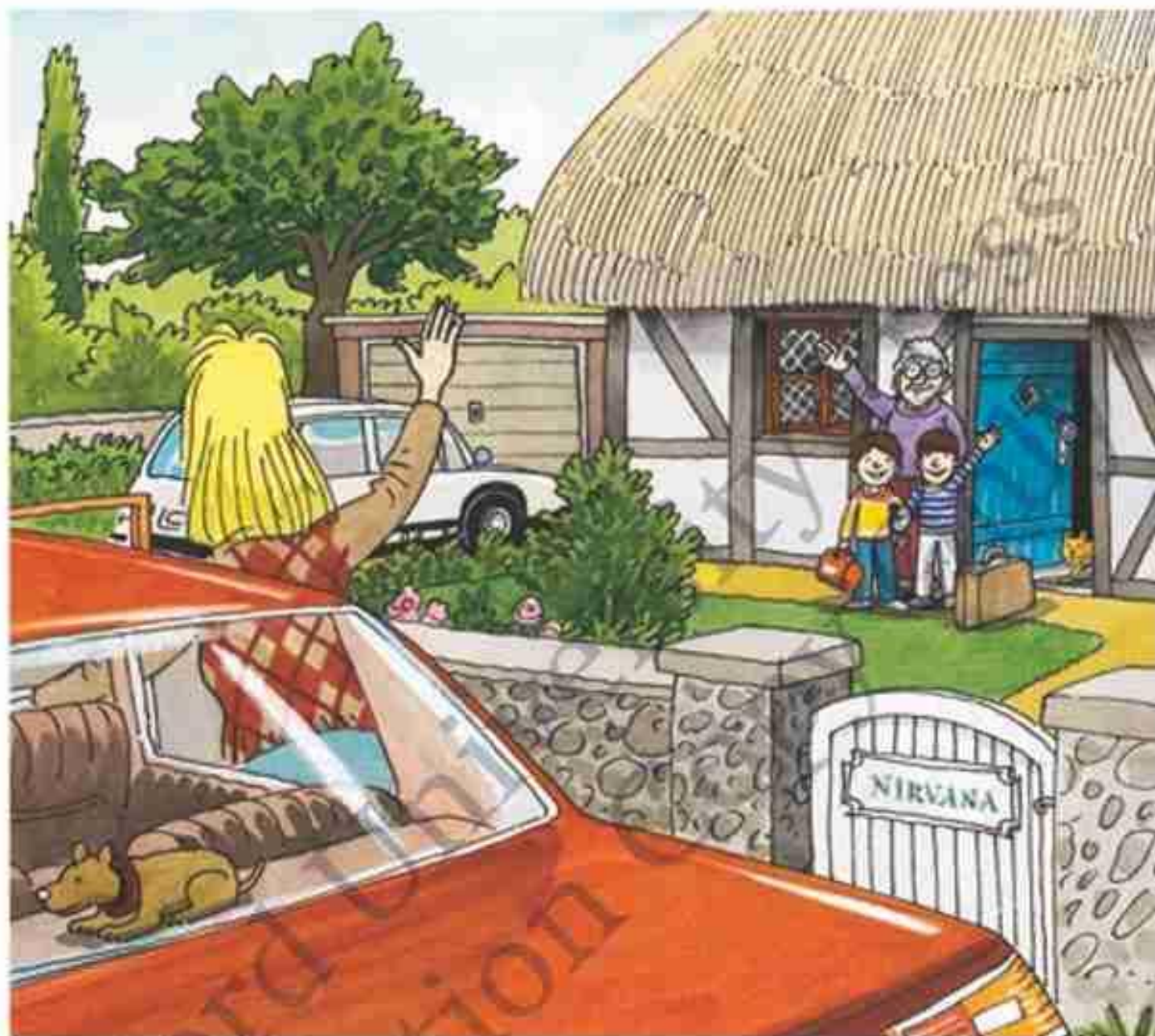
DURING READING

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

- Remind your child to blend unfamiliar words from left to right.
- 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.



Biff and Chip went to stay with Gran.
They went to stay for a week.

“Be good,” called Mum.

“Don’t worry,” said Gran. “I will.”



Gran's house was small. It had two bedrooms. Biff and Chip had to sleep in the same bedroom.



Biff wanted the bed by the door. Chip
wanted the bed by the window.
“That’s good,” said Gran.



Gran took Biff and Chip for a walk.
They went to the woods. Biff saw some
blackberries. She wanted to pick some.

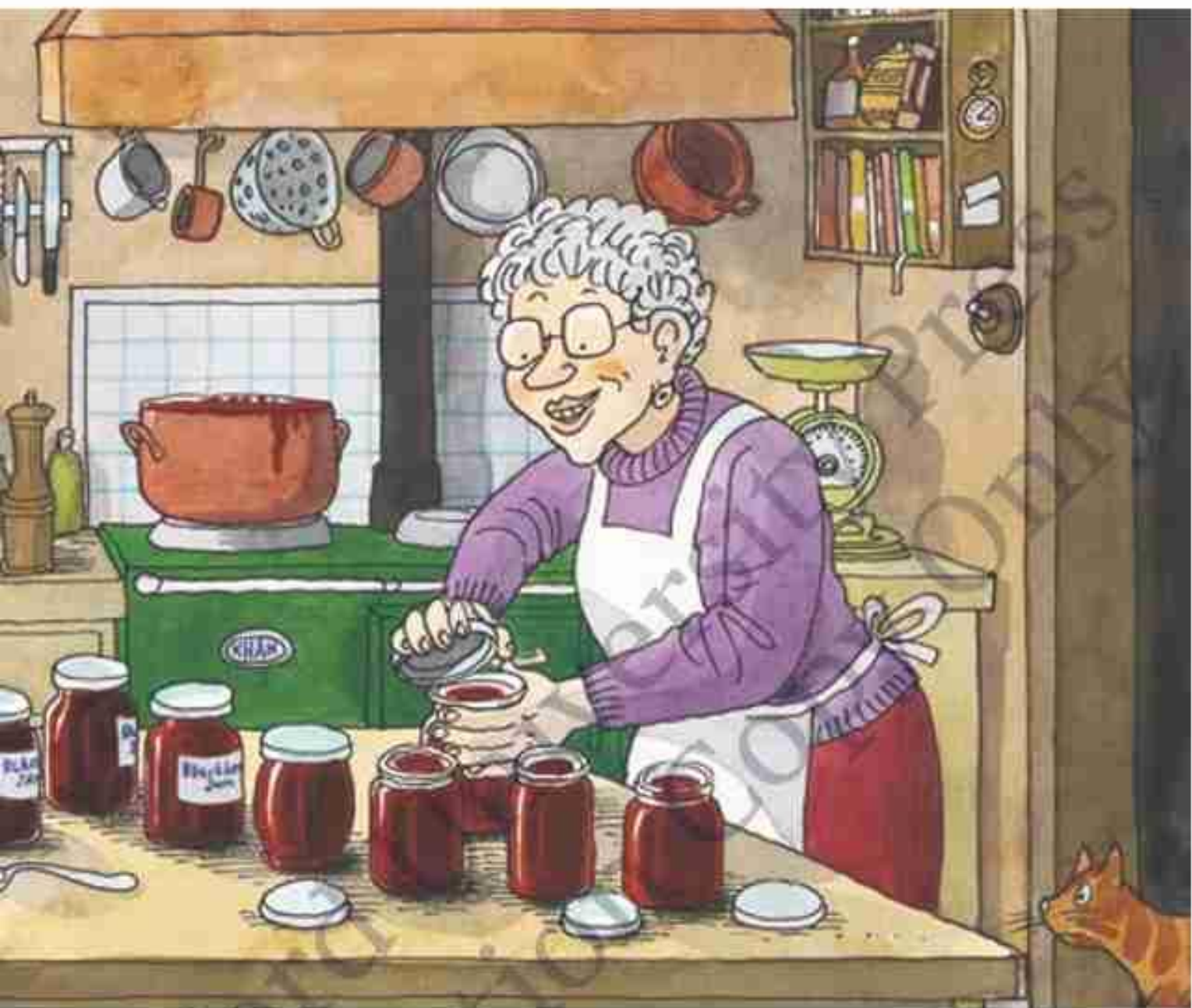


Gran had some plastic bags. She gave one to Biff and Chip.

“We can make some blackberry jam,” she said.



Gran made the blackberry jam. Biff and Chip helped. Chip made some labels and Biff licked the spoon.

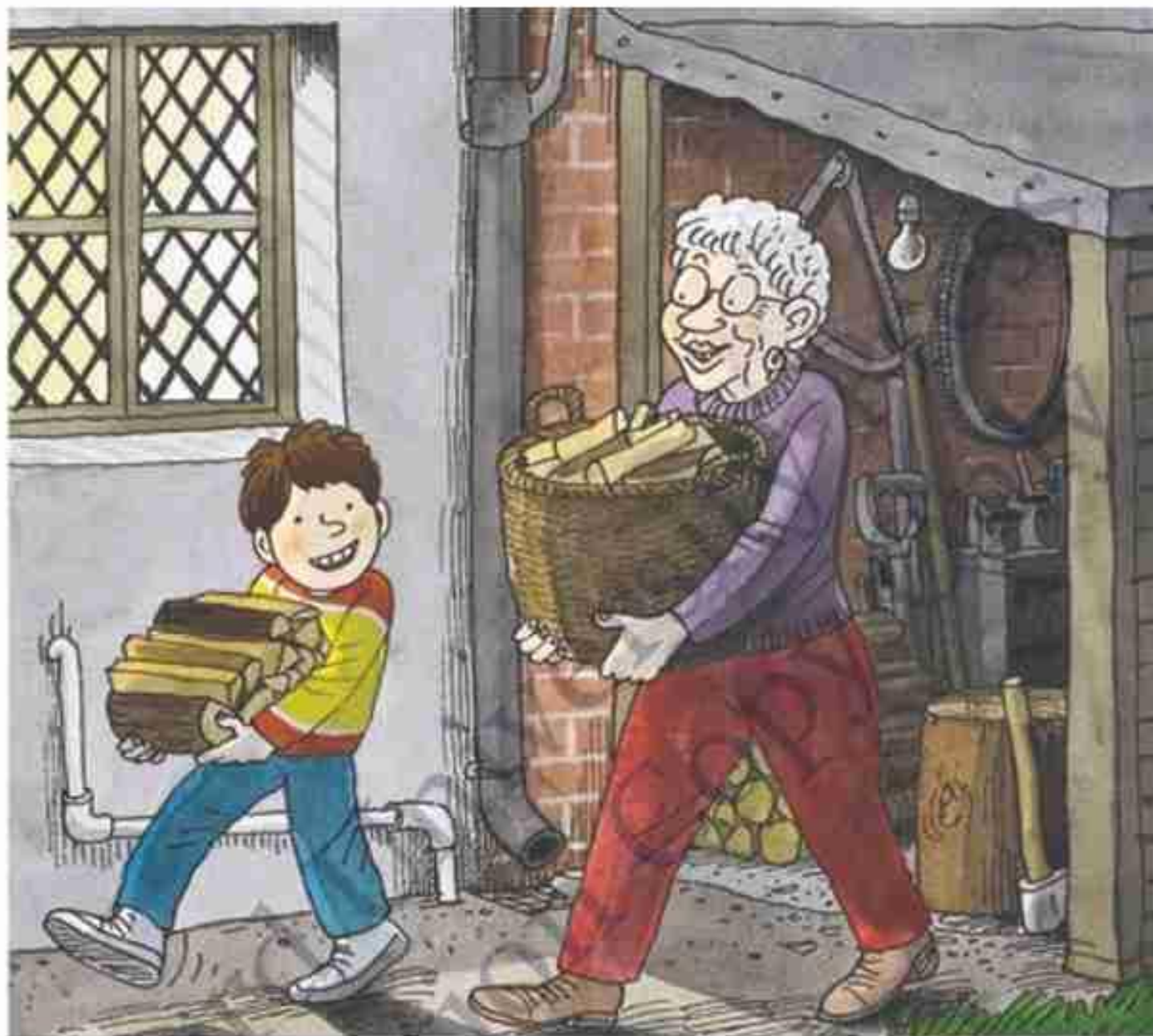


They made nine jars of jam.

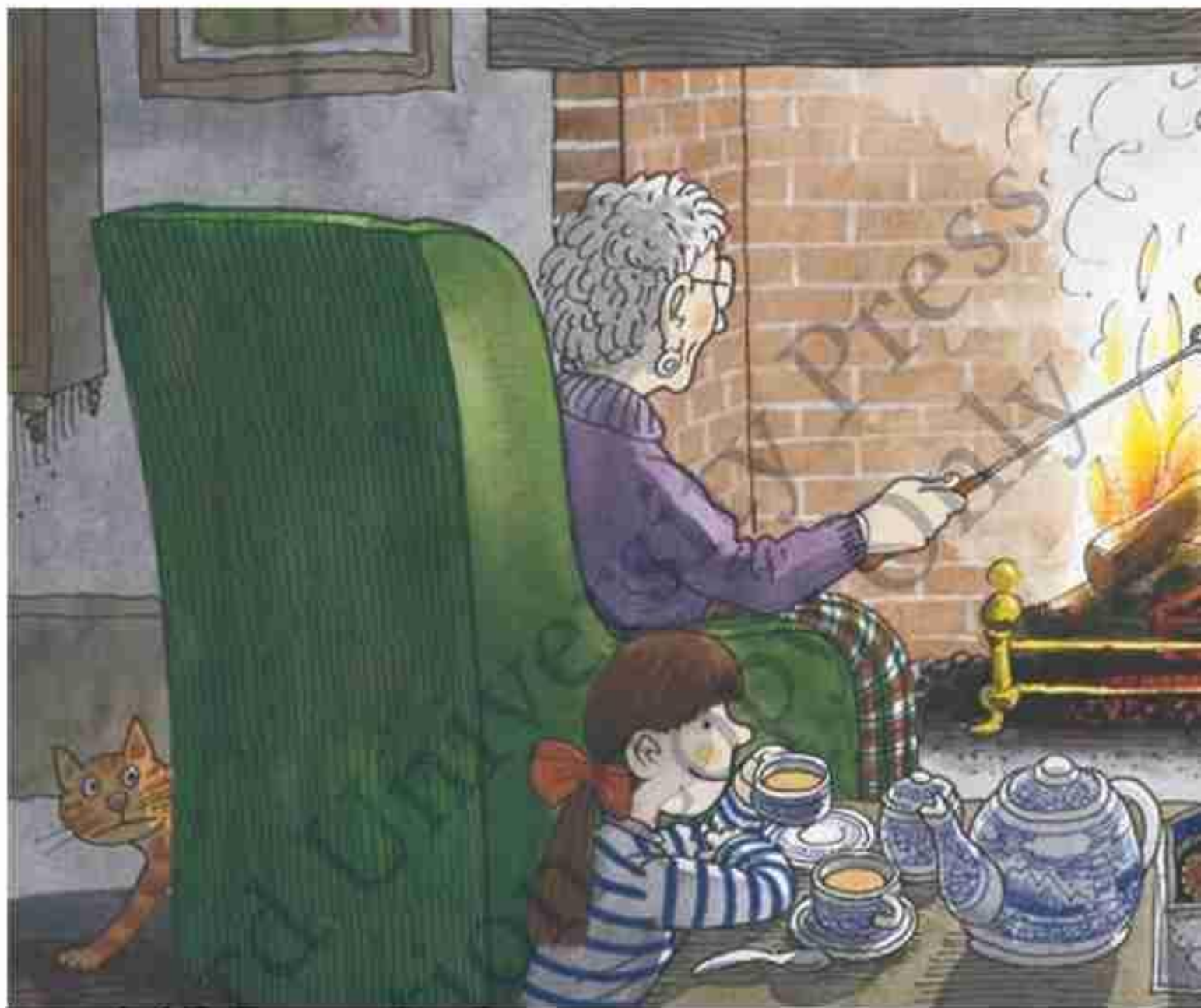
“You can take a jar home for Kipper,”
said Gran. “And a jar for Wilf and Wilma.”



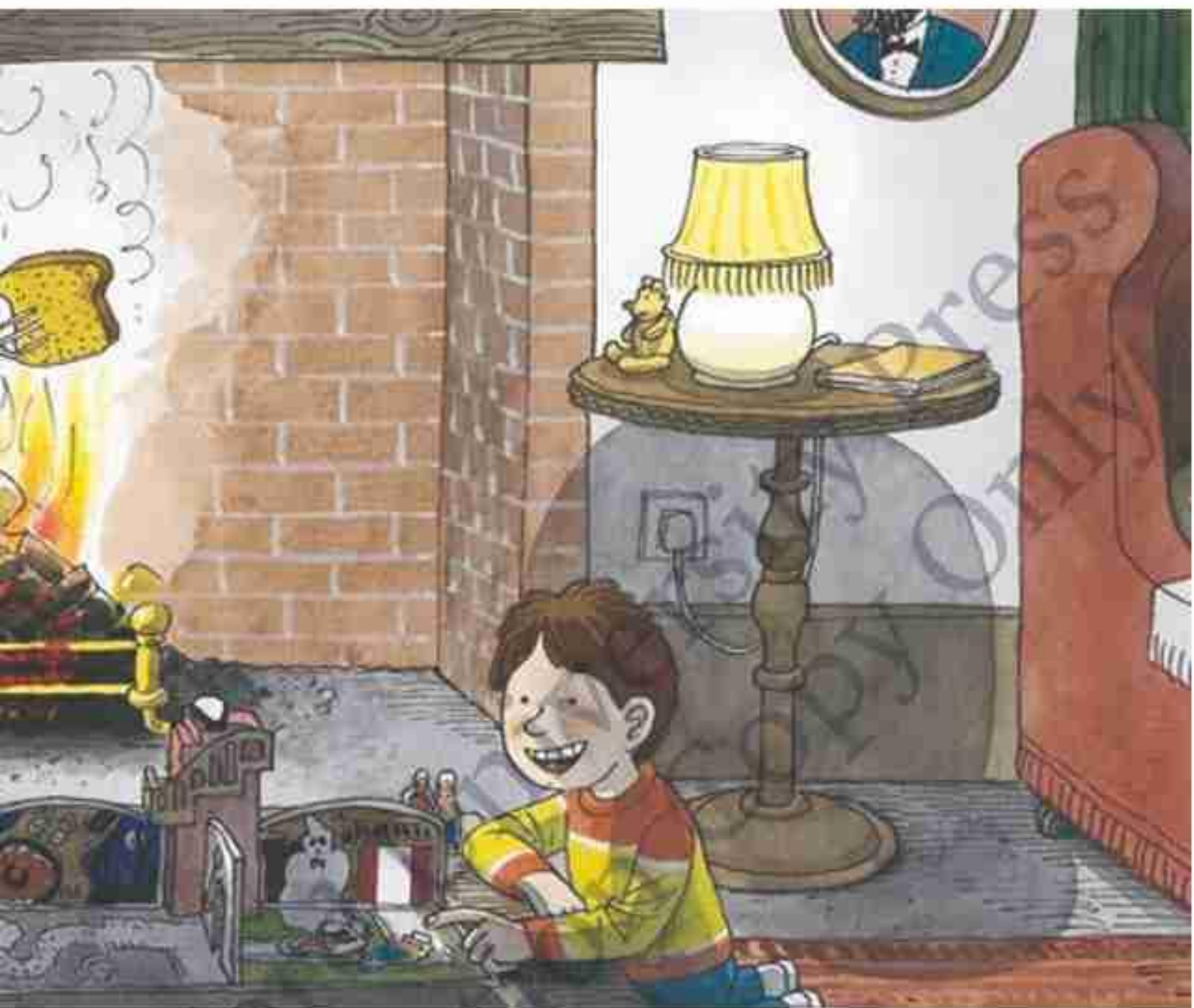
The children loved Gran's house. It was very old. It had a big fireplace. Biff helped Gran light the fire.



Chip helped Gran get some logs.
“Do you have ghosts?” he asked.
Gran laughed.
“There are no such things,” she said.



They sat by the fire. Gran made some toast. Biff wanted to try the new jam.
“It’s still too hot,” said Gran.



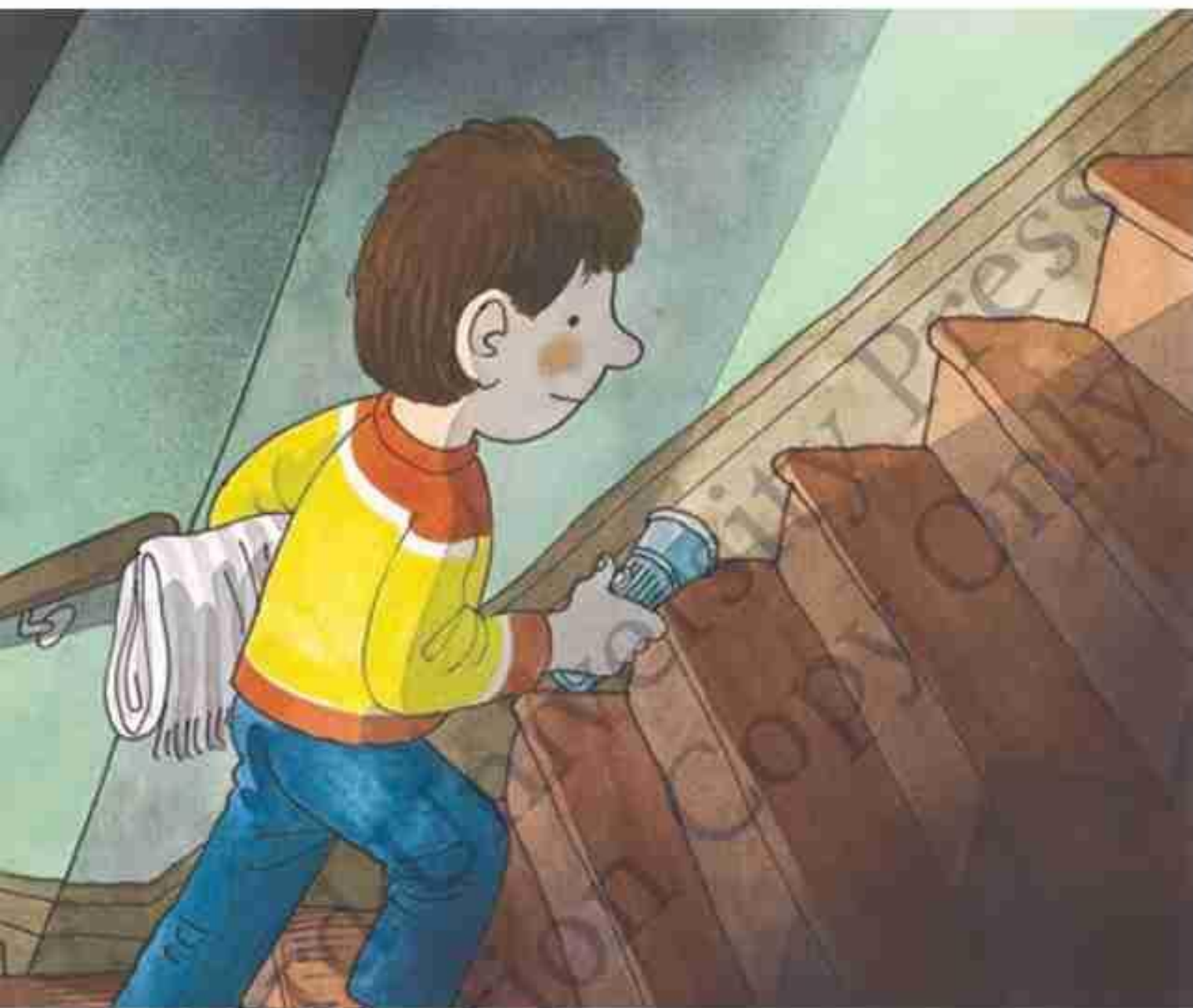
Chip had a new game. It was called Haunted House.

“Can we play Haunted House, before we go to bed?” he asked.



It was time for bed. Gran got Chip a hot water bottle.

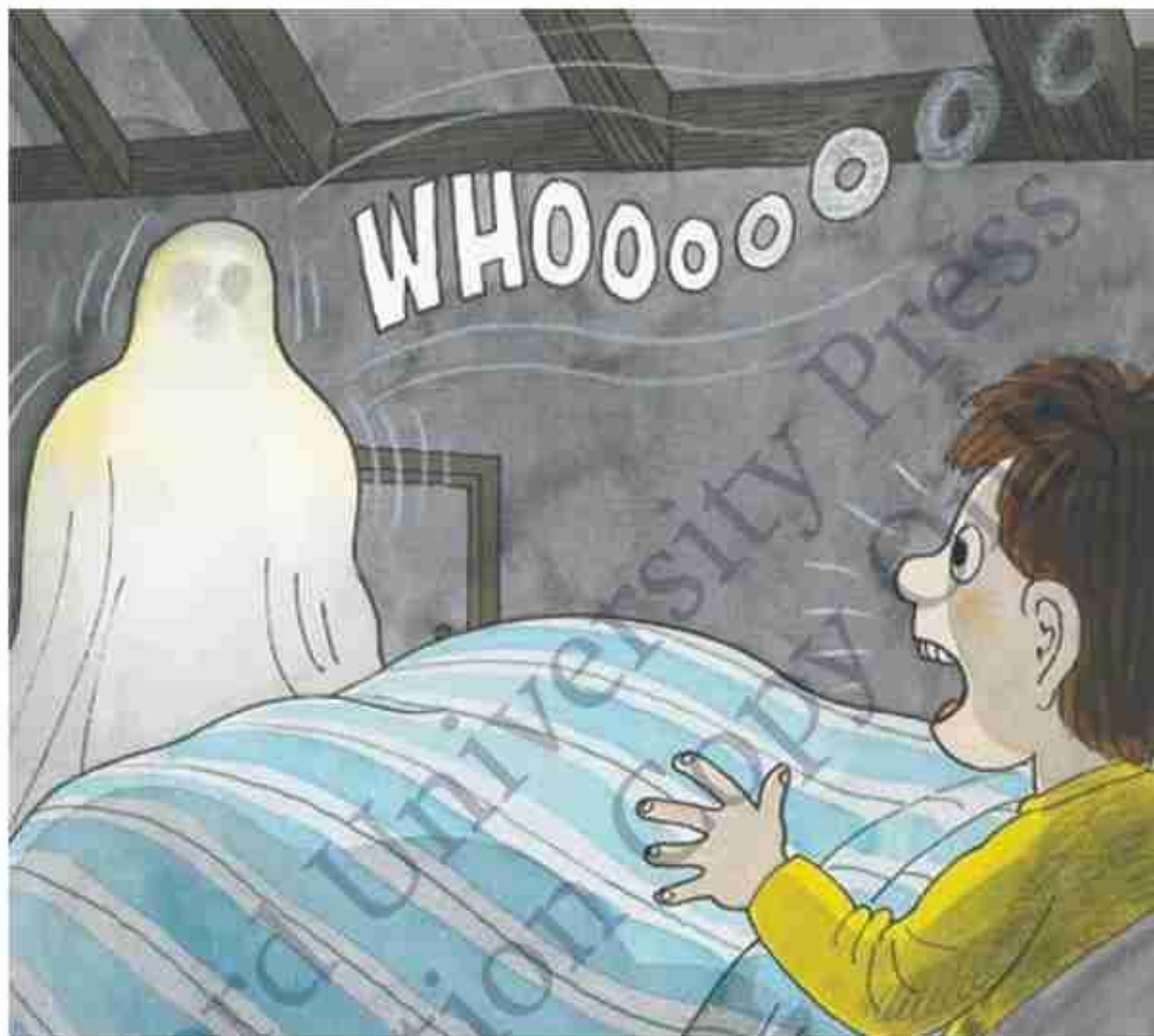
“Is the house haunted?” asked Biff.



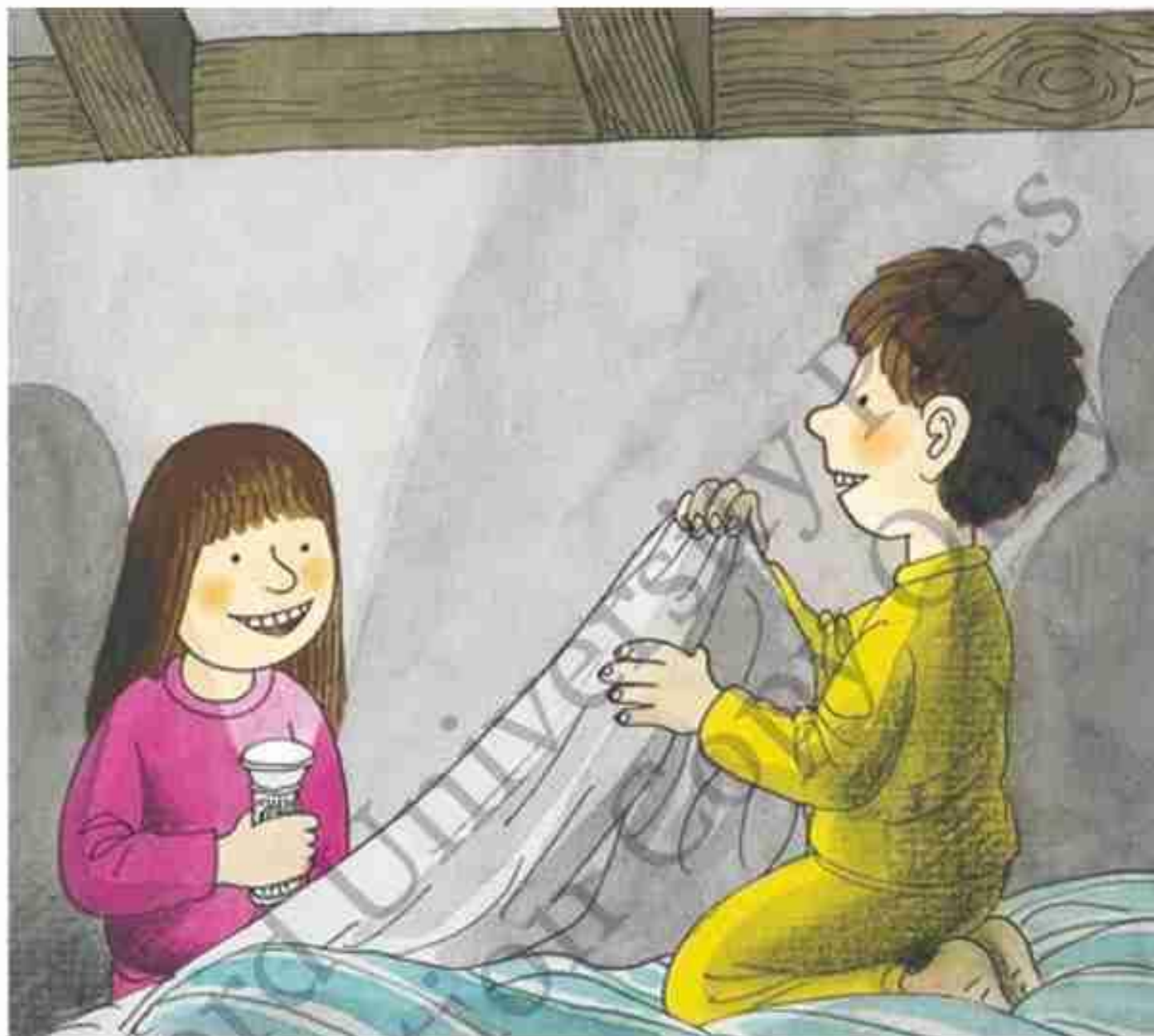
“Don’t worry,” laughed Gran. “I don’t have ghosts in my house. There are no such things.”



Biff and Chip couldn't sleep. Biff had an idea. She wanted to play a joke on Chip. She had a torch in the bed.

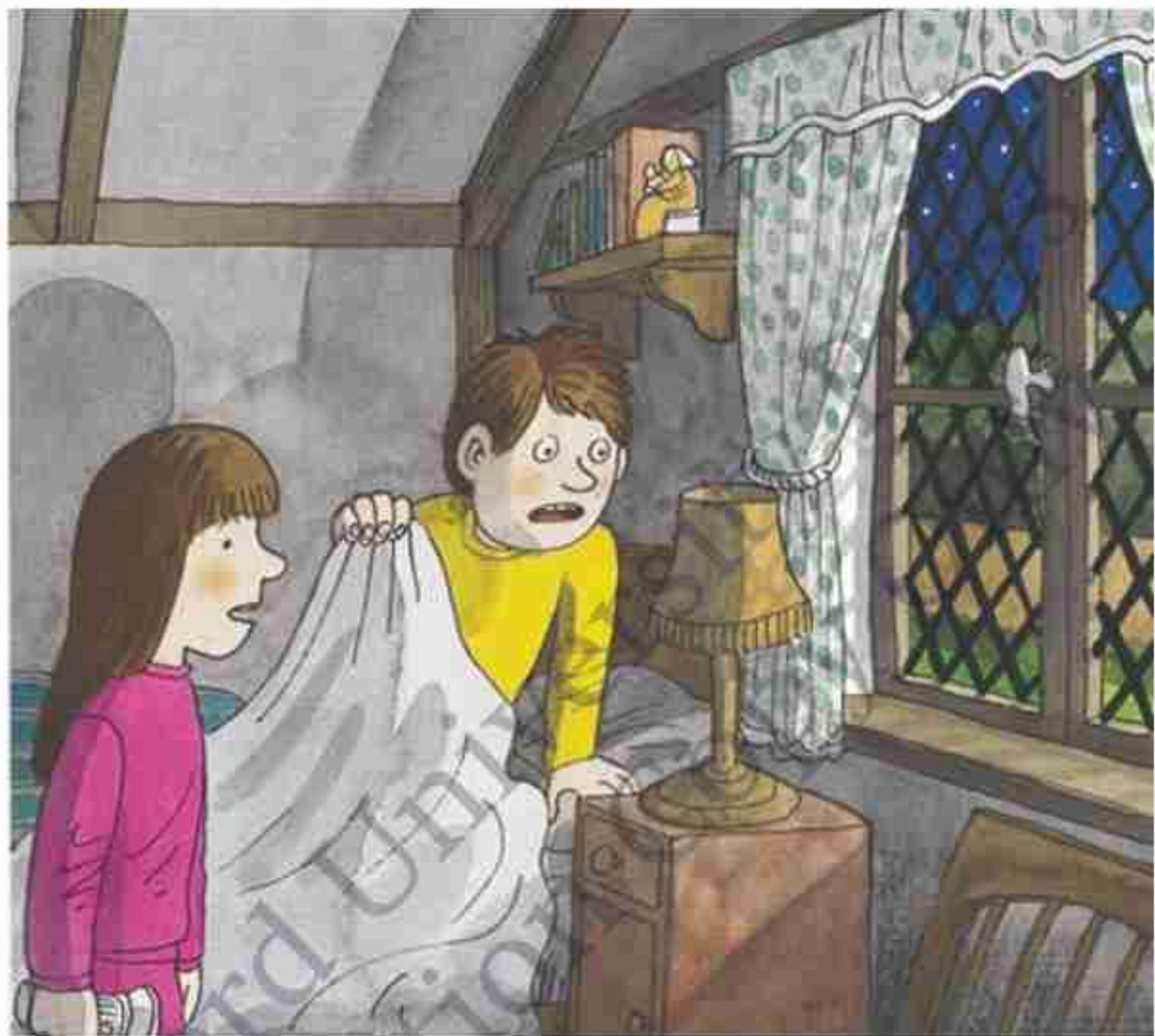


Biff put the sheet over her head. She switched on the torch. The sheet glowed.
“Whooooooooo! I am a ghost,” said Biff.



Chip laughed. He wasn't frightened. He pulled the sheet off Biff.

"That was a good joke," he said.



Biff and Chip heard a noise. It came from outside.

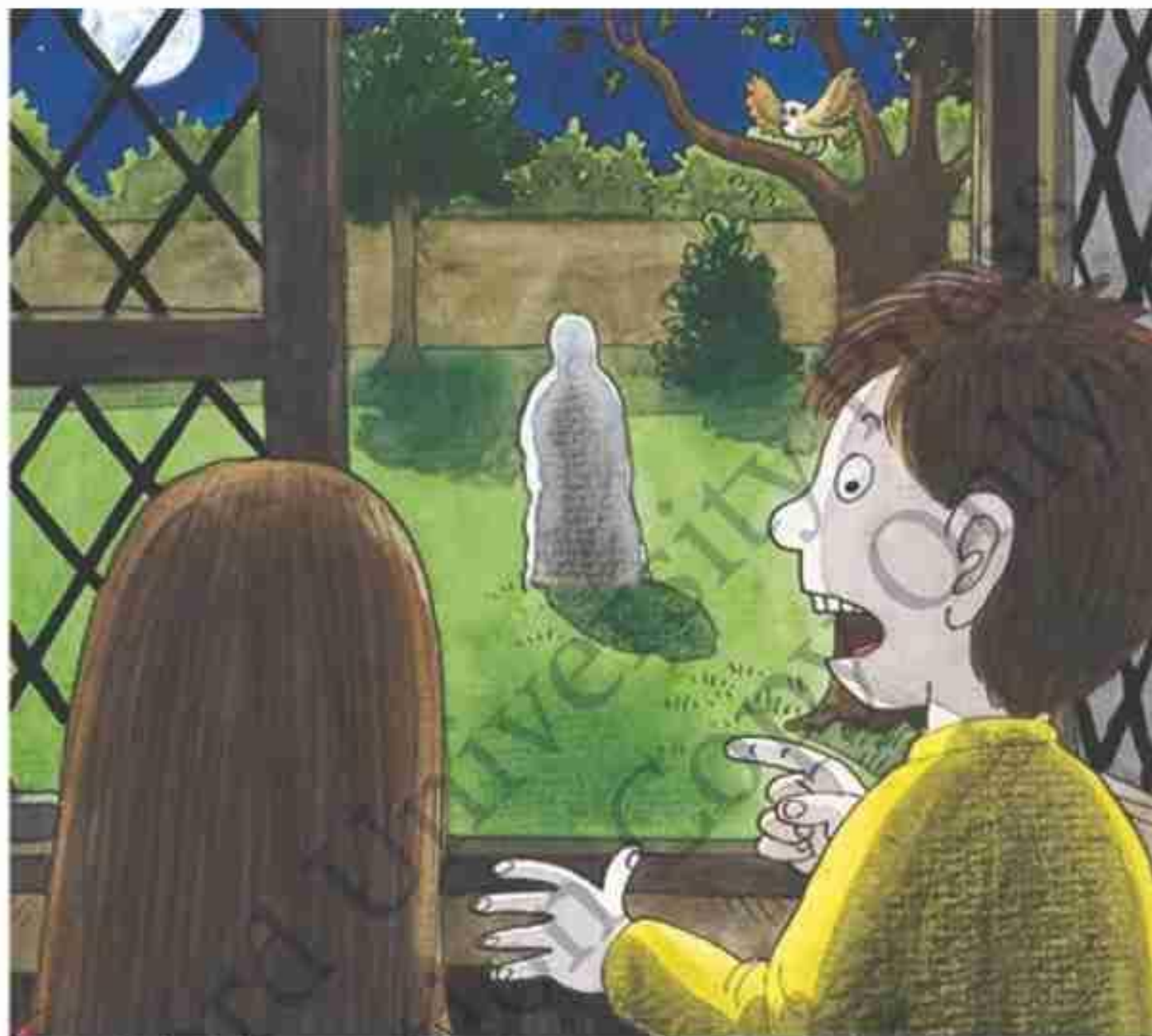
“Whoooo! Whoooo!” went the noise.

“Oh no!” said Biff. “It’s a ghost.”



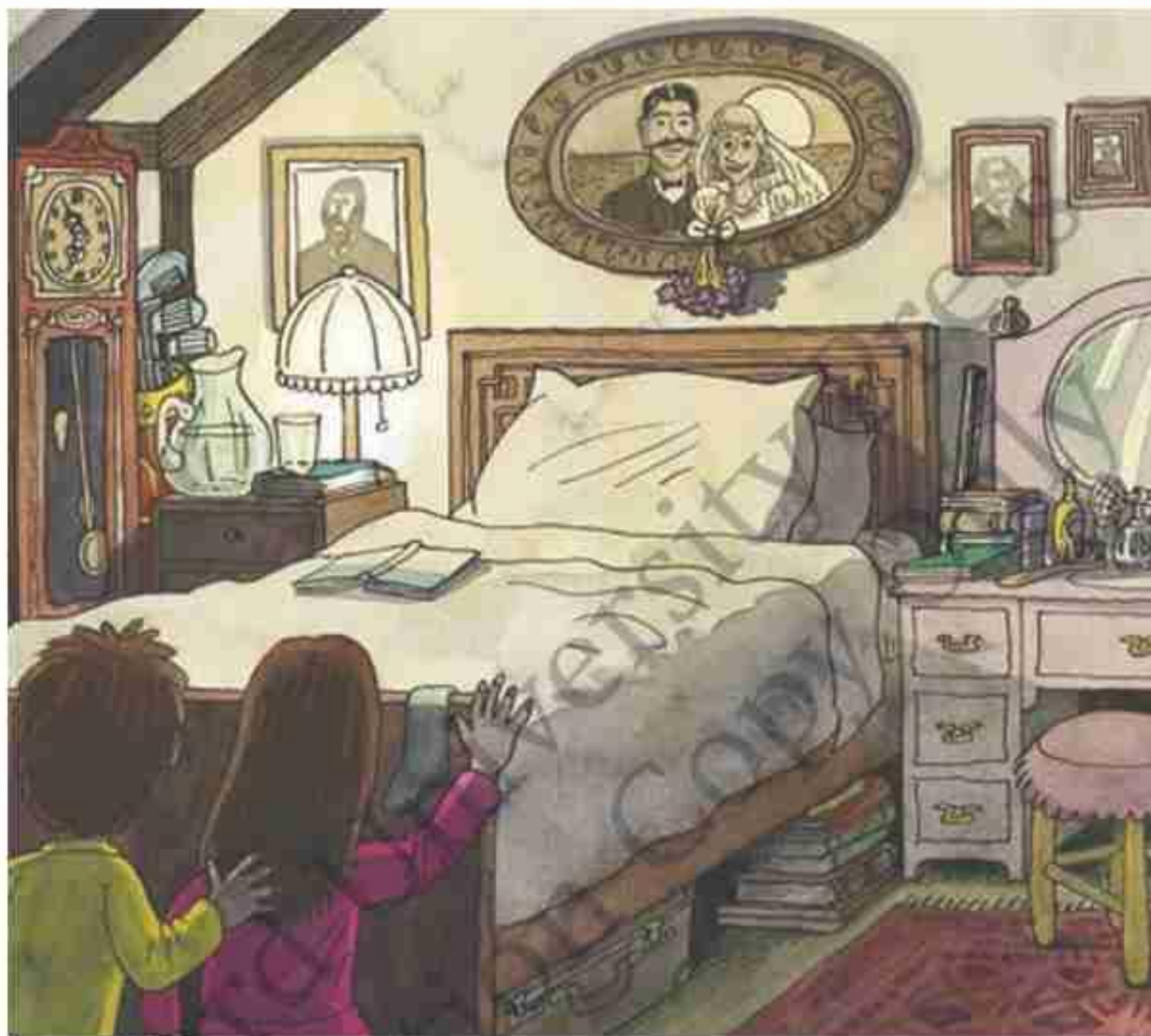
Chip looked out of the window.

“It’s not a ghost!” he laughed. “It’s an owl. Come and look.”



Biff and Chip looked outside.

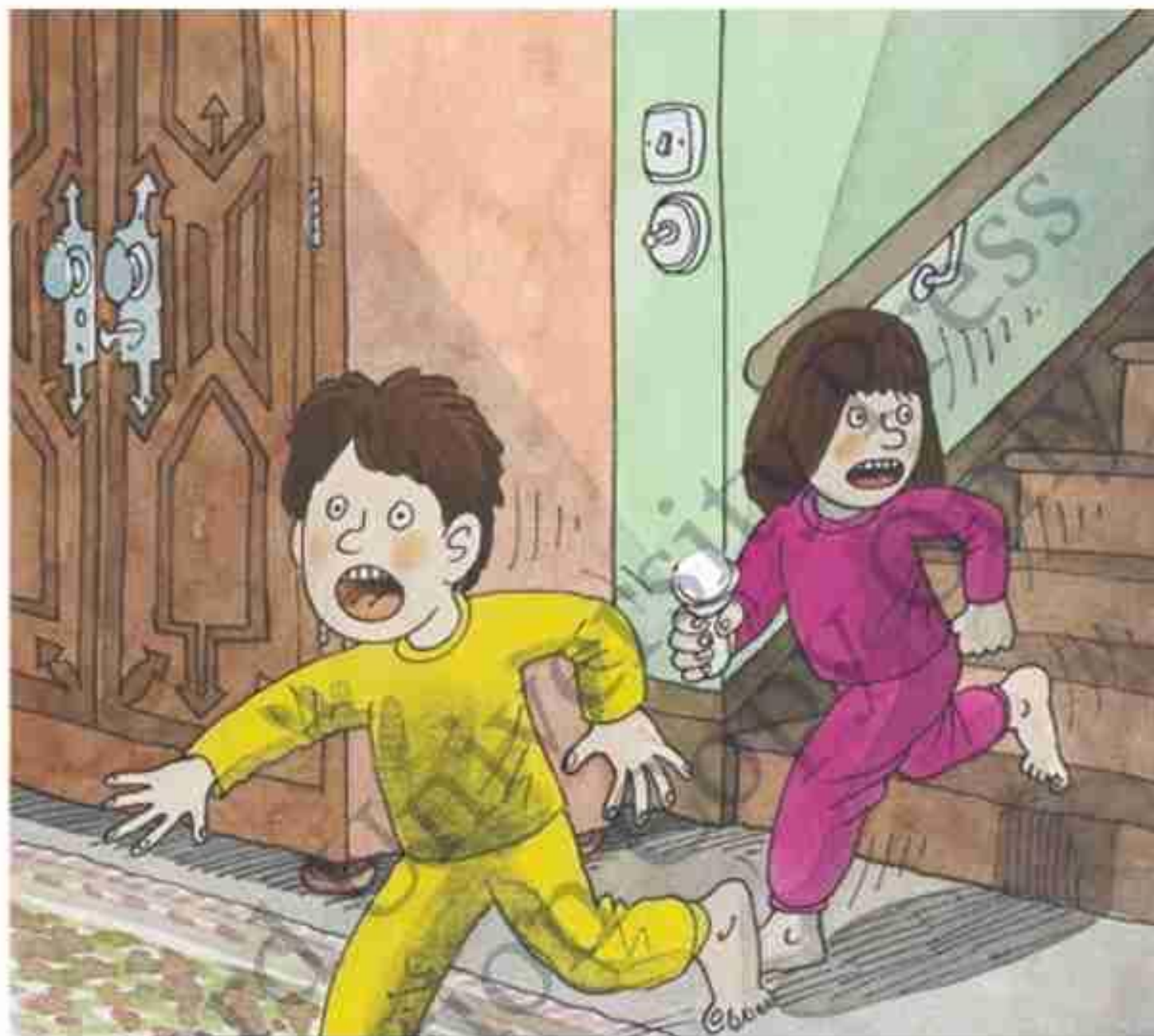
“Oh no!” said Chip. “I can see a ghost.
It is a ghost this time.”



Biff and Chip ran to Gran's room.

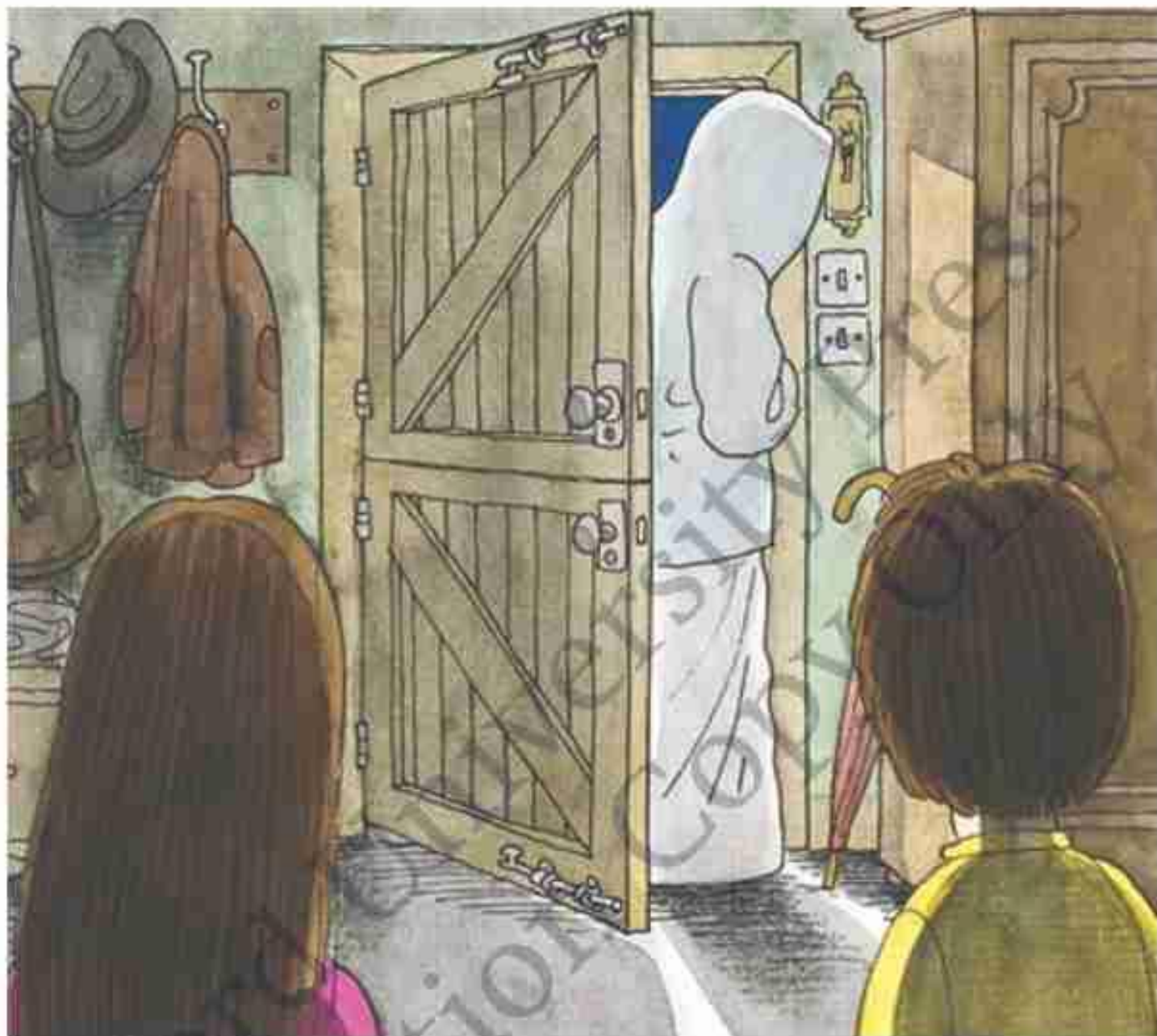
"Gran! Gran!" called Biff. "There's a ghost outside."

But Gran wasn't in bed.



Biff and Chip ran downstairs.

“Gran!” called Biff. “Where are you?
We’ve seen a ghost.”
But Gran wasn’t downstairs.



The door opened. Biff and Chip were frightened.

“Oh no!” they said.
Gran came in.



“We were frightened,” said Chip. “You looked like a ghost.”

Gran laughed.

“I’m not a ghost,” she said.



“I don’t have ghosts,” said Gran. “But I do have two little monsters!”
Gran laughed and so did Biff and Chip.

AFTER READING

- Turn to page 1. Ask: *Do you think Biff and Chip are looking forward to staying with Gran?*
- Turn to page 21. Ask: *How do you think Biff and Chip are feeling? Why?*
- Re-read page 24 and ask: *Why did Gran say she had monsters?*

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