



The Old Toy Room

Guided Reading

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Read the book 'The Old Toy Room' and look at the illustrations.

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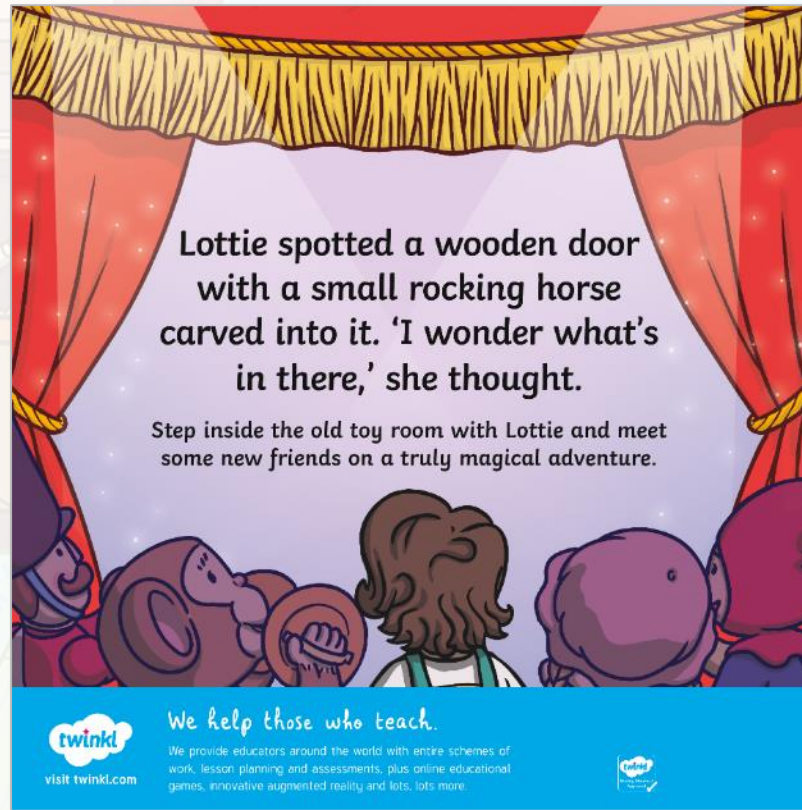
What do you think this book is going to be about?



Do you think it is fiction or non-fiction?



What do you think might be behind the door?

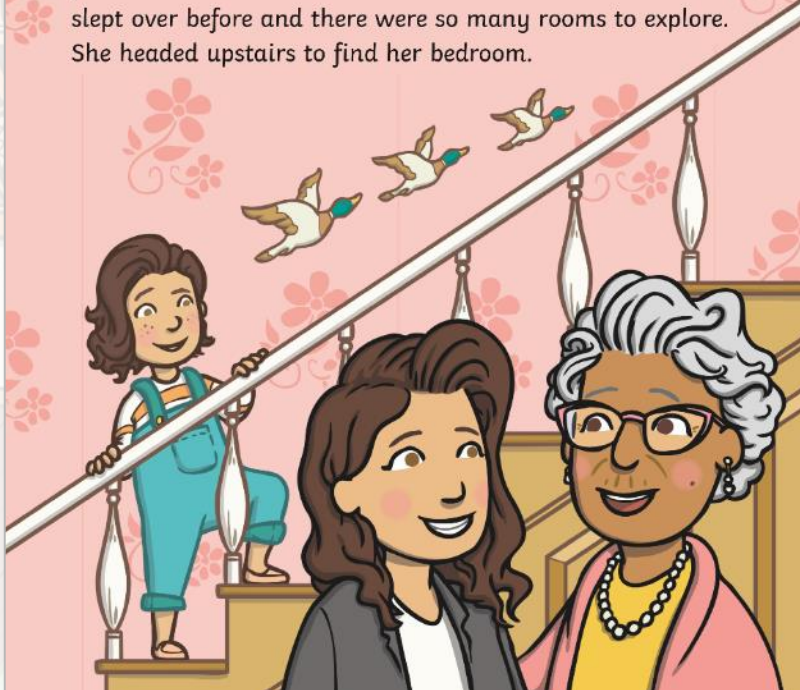


The story is described as a 'magical adventure'. What do you think might be magical in this story?



Who do you think might be the 'new friends' that Lottie meets?

Lottie and her mum were staying at Granny Mabel's house for the weekend. Lottie was excited because she had never slept over before and there were so many rooms to explore. She headed upstairs to find her bedroom.



As she walked down the hall, Lottie spotted a wooden door with a small rocking horse carved into it. 'I wonder what's in there,' she thought.



She took a step closer and gently turned the doorknob.



What do you think happens next?

The dusty door creaked as Lottie pushed it open. She gazed in shock as she emerged into a noisy, bustling train station.

Everyone was heading towards the carriages and climbing aboard.



The guard blew his whistle to signal that the train was ready to leave.



Where is Lottie now?

As the platform cleared, Lottie watched the train begin to chug away.

"Are you not going?" asked a deep, gentle voice behind her.

Lottie turned around and saw the most beautiful white horse.



"Where are they going?" asked Lottie.

"Today's the day of the grand theatre opening!" said the horse. "The Music Box Ballerinas are putting on a special performance and everyone is invited."

"Oh no! I've missed the train now," said Lottie, sadly.



There are lots of adjectives here. Can you spot them?

"Perhaps I could help," offered the horse, kindly. "I have a very special job to do for the grand opening but there is plenty of time for me to drop you off first."



He bowed his head, inviting Lottie to climb onto his back.

"Thank you!" grinned Lottie, as she clambered into the saddle. "I'm Lottie, by the way."



"My name is Chester," said the horse, "and I would be honoured to take you."



What does the verb 'clambered' mean?

Lottie and Chester chatted and laughed as they galloped through the fields, towards the theatre.

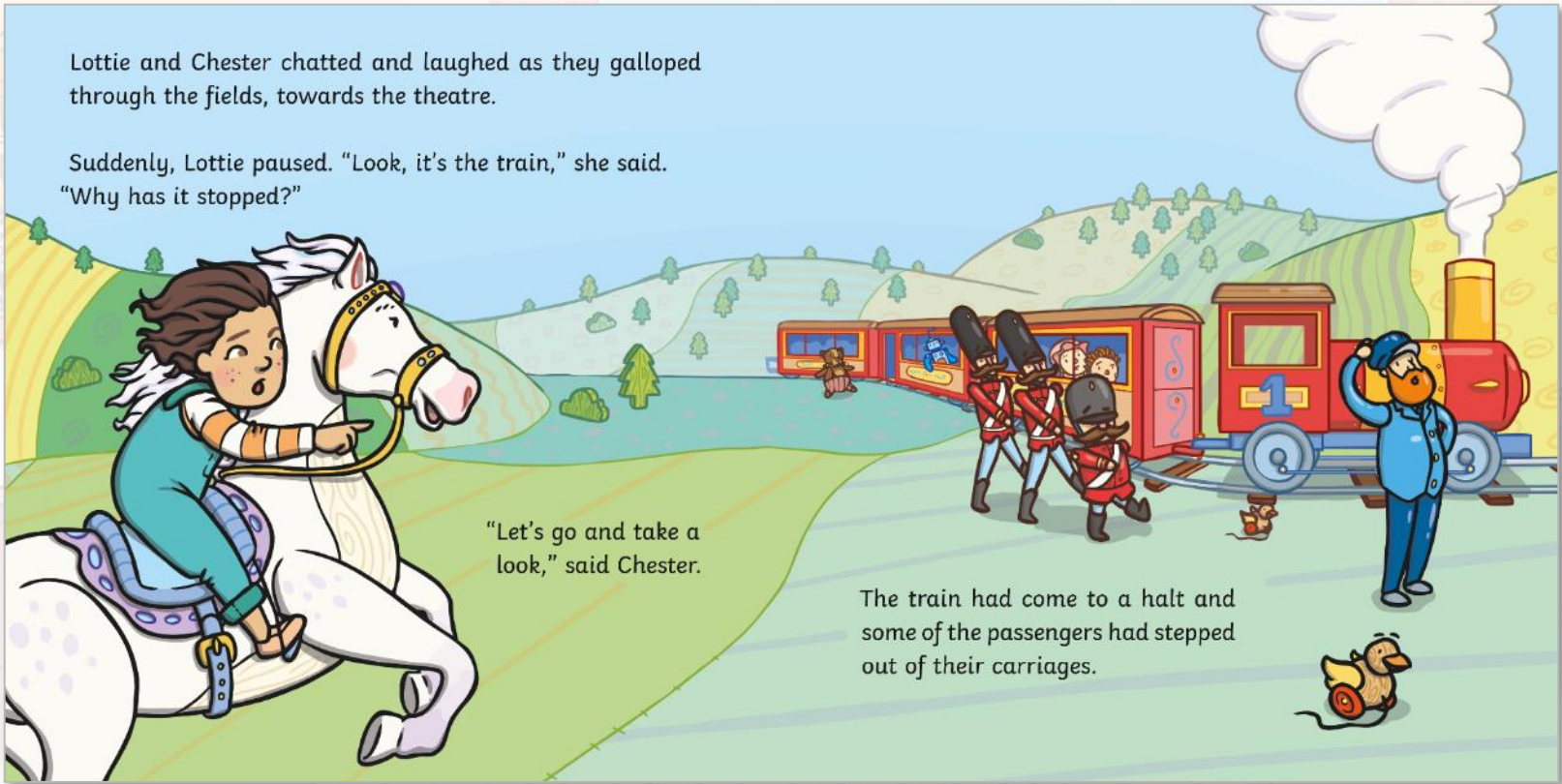
Suddenly, Lottie paused. "Look, it's the train," she said. "Why has it stopped?"

"Let's go and take a look," said Chester.

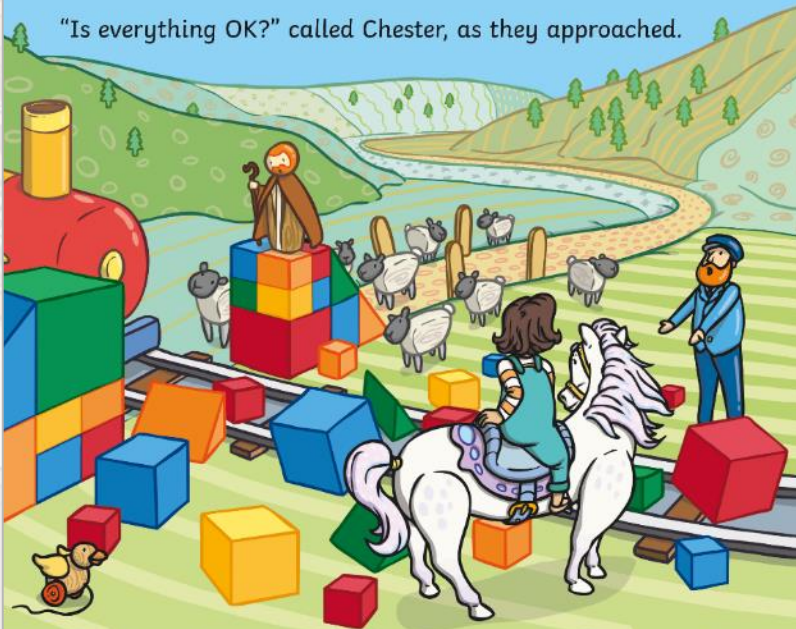
The train had come to a halt and some of the passengers had stepped out of their carriages.



What do you think the problem is?



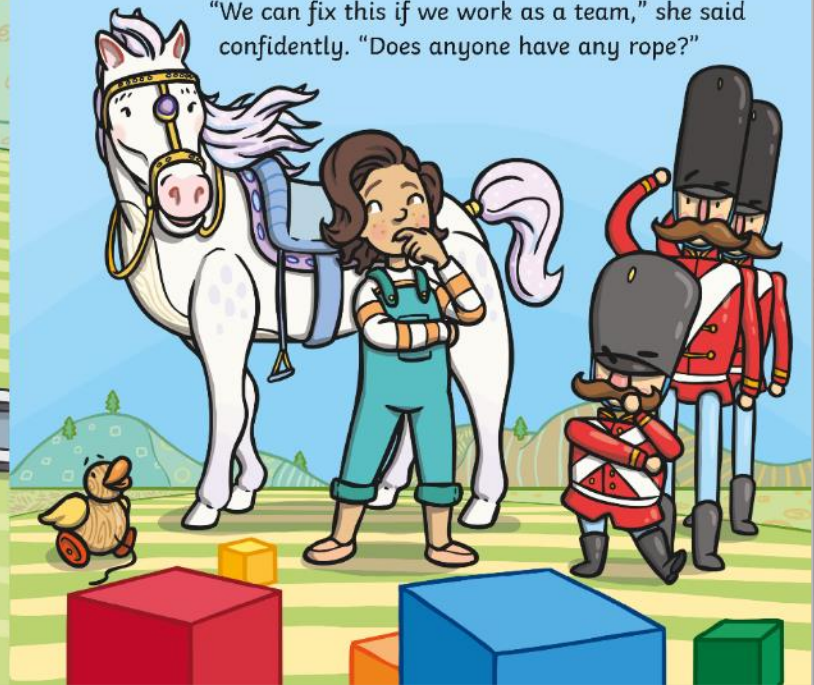
"Is everything OK?" called Chester, as they approached.



"The bridge has collapsed onto the track," replied the train driver. "If we don't get these blocks moved soon, we'll all miss the grand opening!"

Chester stopped and Lottie climbed down.

"We can fix this if we work as a team," she said confidently. "Does anyone have any rope?"



Why does Lottie think that they can fix it if they 'work as a team'?

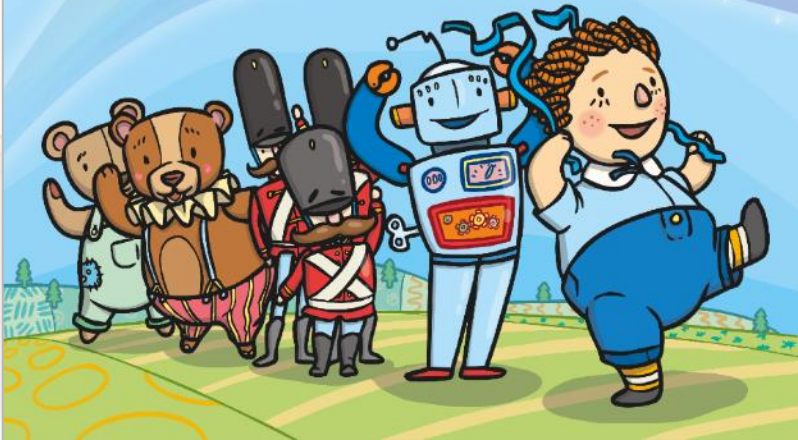
"We could use these ribbons," said a doll.

"I can lift the blocks," said the tin robot.

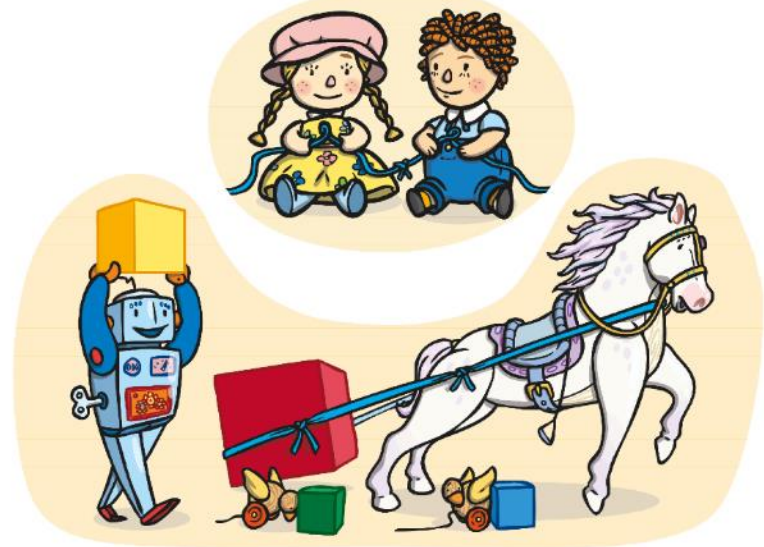
"We can help!" called a group of toy soldiers.

"Us too," agreed the bears.

"Perfect!" said Lottie. "I think I have a plan."



Everyone got to work joining the ribbons together and tying them around the blocks.



Chester and the tin robot pulled the heaviest blocks out of the way while the ducks nudged the smaller ones.



What is Lottie's plan?

The toys formed a long line, passing blocks to one another as they sang a happy song.



"Work together, get it done.
Teamwork can be really fun!"

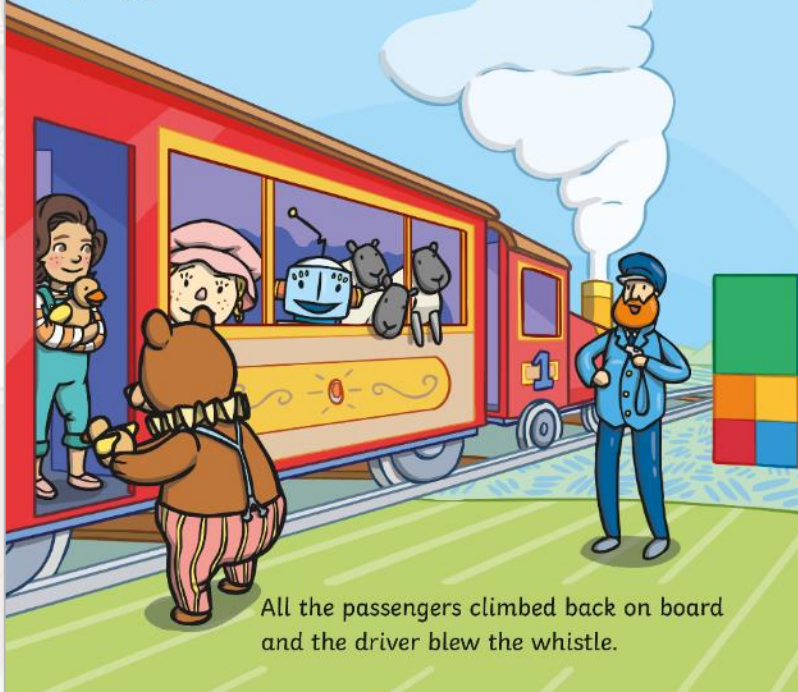
Before long, the track was clear and the blocks were neatly piled up next to it.

"I'll send a message to my team," said the train driver.
"After the grand opening, they will get the bridge rebuilt in no time!"



The train driver says that the bridge will get rebuilt 'in no time'. What does he mean?

"The grand opening!" shrieked a teddy bear. "We must get going if we want to make it in time!"



All the passengers climbed back on board and the driver blew the whistle.

"Why don't I take the train from here?" suggested Lottie to Chester. "Then you'll still have time to do your special job."

"Good idea, Lottie," smiled Chester.

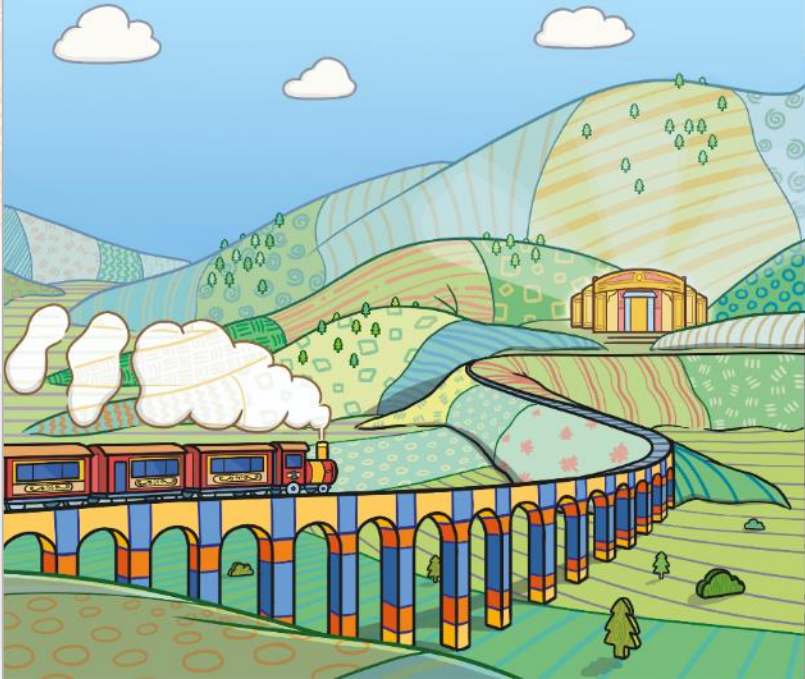


He galloped off, taking a shortcut across the field.



How does the teddy bear feel? How do you know?

The train began to chug along the track once more and all the passengers cheered as they headed for the theatre.

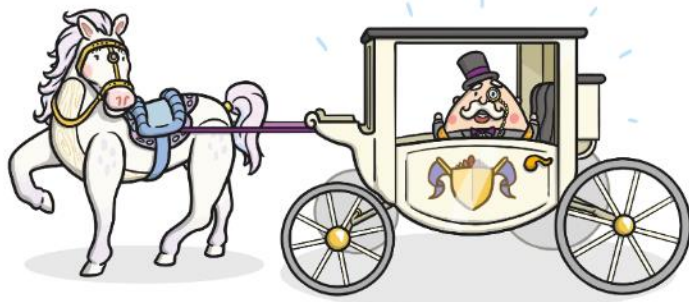


Lottie and the toys arrived to a huge crowd gathered outside the theatre. There was a red ribbon across the door and everyone was buzzing with excitement. A trumpet played and everyone fell silent.

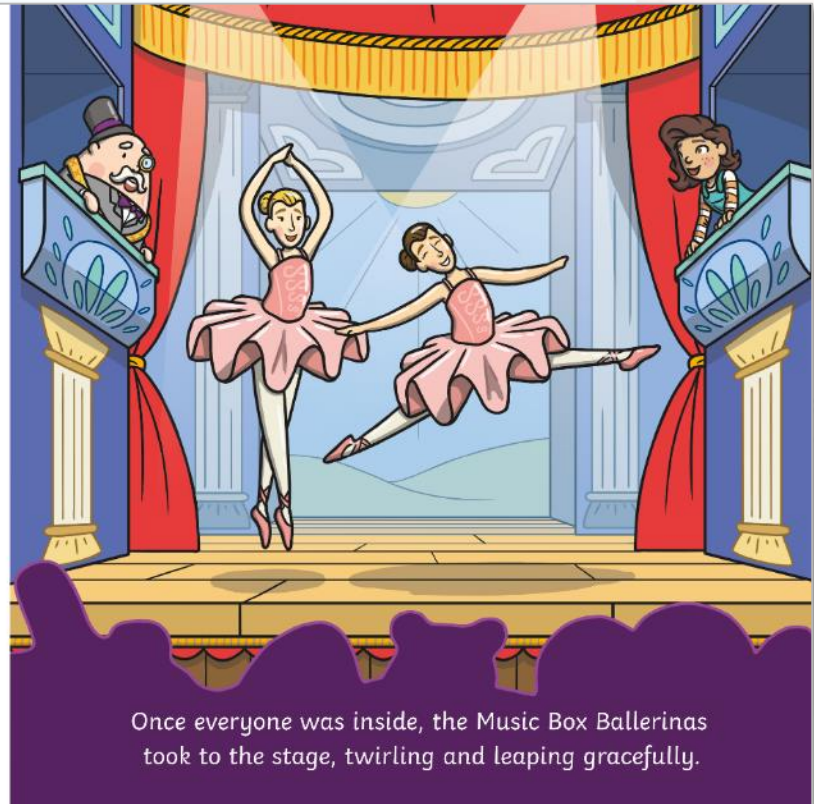


Why do the passengers cheer?

Lottie was surprised to see Chester walking to the front, pulling an elegant carriage with the mayor inside. 'Wow, that **is** a special job!' thought Lottie.



Mayor Wibble-Wobble cut the ribbon with a huge pair of scissors and the crowd cheered.



Once everyone was inside, the Music Box Ballerinas took to the stage, twirling and leaping gracefully.



What is Chester's 'special job'?

Suddenly, Lottie heard a familiar voice.

"It's lunchtime now," said Mum, as she stood in the doorway. "I've unpacked your tablet if you want to play on it afterwards."

"Can I just come back in here instead, please, Mum?" asked Lottie.

"Of course! I used to love going on adventures with Chester, too," smiled Mum with a wink.



What might Mum mean? Why do you think she winks?



Who are the main characters in this story?



Lottie and Chester



Mum and Granny
Mabel



the tin soldiers



What is the problem in the story?

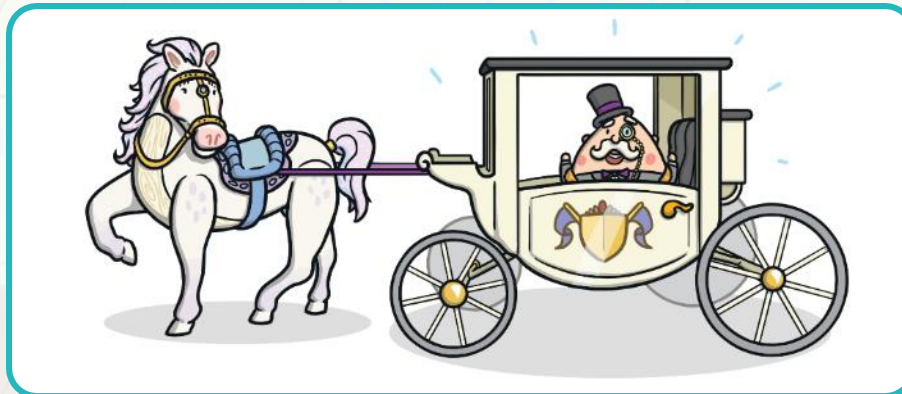
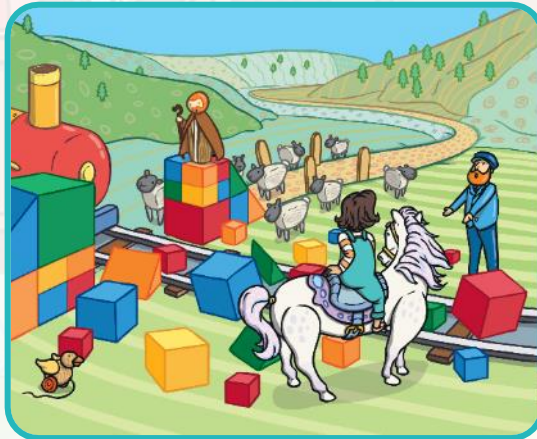


How is the problem fixed?





Which event happens first?





What do you think really happened to Lottie? How did she go on her magical adventure?



Have you ever played with any of these toys?





If you could go through the magic door, what would you do? What magical adventure would you like to have?



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