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Kim and Martin were at the library reading fairy tales. Their favorites were *Cinderella*, *The Little Red Hen*, and *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

The two friends loved fairy tales. They felt as if they were part of each story. They smiled when Cinderella wore her glass slippers to the ball. They felt hungry when the Little Red Hen baked bread. And they held their breath when the giant chased Jack down the beanstalk.

Sometimes Kim and Martin stopped reading to talk about a story. Then Kim used her special bookmark to hold their place.

“Time to finish up,” said Martin’s dad.  
“I’ll wait outside.”

Kim and Martin put away their books.  
Then Kim gasped. “Where’s my bookmark?”  
she asked.

“Let’s check inside all the books we read,”  
Martin said.





The children found *Cinderella* and opened it to a picture.

“Please help us find my bookmark,”  
Kim whispered to Cinderella.

Cinderella winked. “Your shoes hold clues,”  
she said.

“Wow!” said Kim. “Cinderella spoke to  
me!” She looked at her sneakers. They were  
red with brown dots.

“I know!” said Martin. “Your shoes are red,  
like the Little Red Hen, and they’re brown like  
the bread she bakes.”

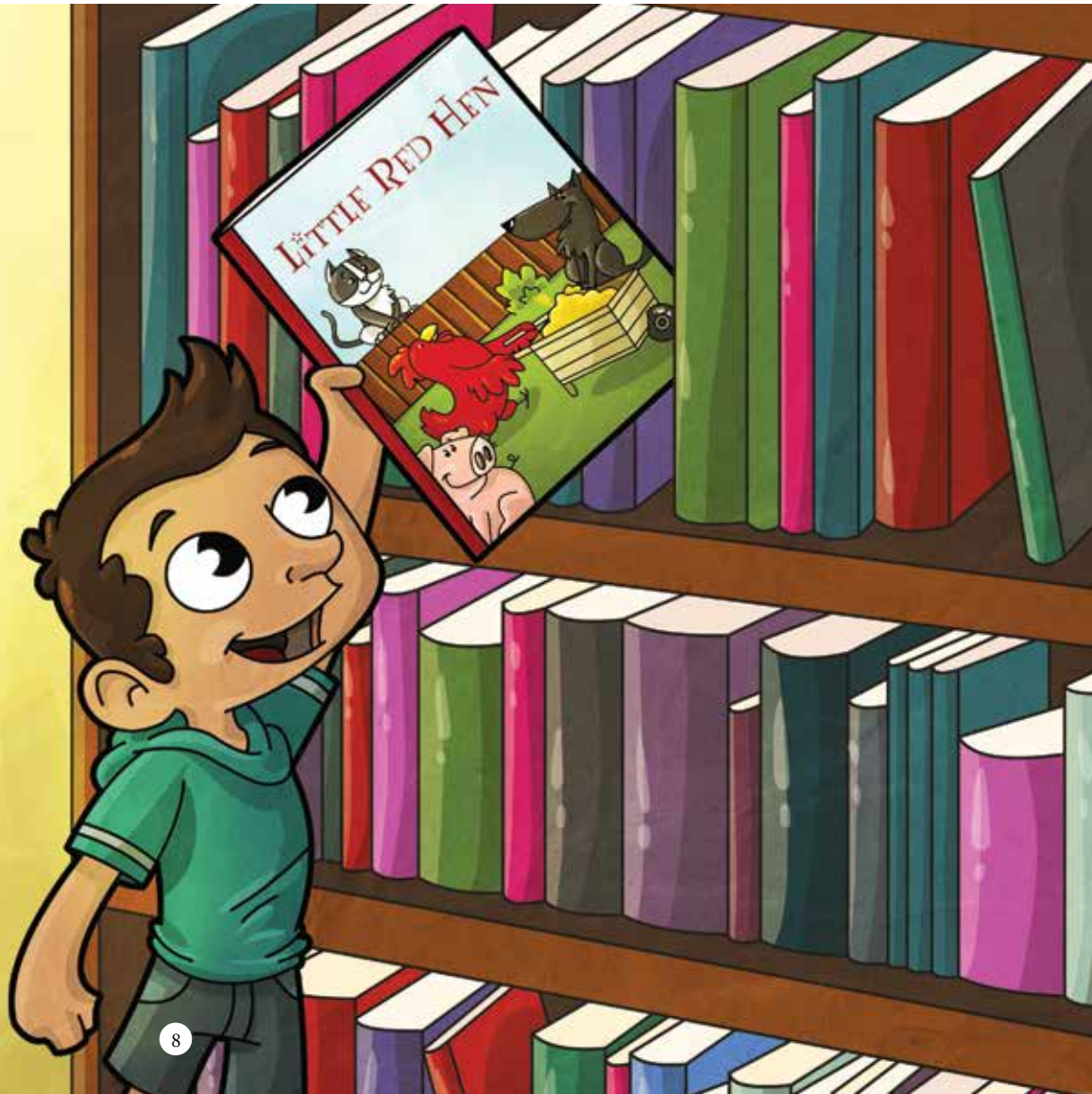
“Let’s look in that book for a new clue!”  
Kim said.





They found the book and opened it to a picture of the hen.

“Please help us find my bookmark,”  
Kim asked.



The hen winked at Kim. She said, “While  
I eat my snack, ask a boy named Jack.”



*“Jack and the Beanstalk!”* the kids yelled.  
“Hurry!” Martin said. “Dad’s waiting.”





They found the book and opened it to a picture of Jack.

“Please help us find my bookmark,”  
Kim asked.

Jack winked at Kim. “Where is it,  
I wonder? Get down, then look under.”

“Under what?” said Martin.





Kim pointed to the table where they'd been sitting. "Let's look under there!"

They raced to the table and got under it.



“It’s here!” Kim picked up her bookmark.  
As they went out, Kim turned and winked.  
“Thanks, fairy tale friends!” she said.





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