



Pip trips. She adds *lots* of liquid!

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Ben darts from the room.



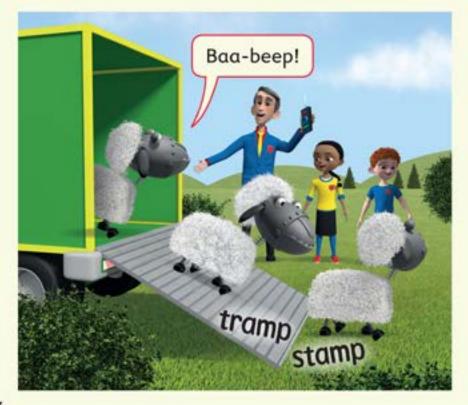


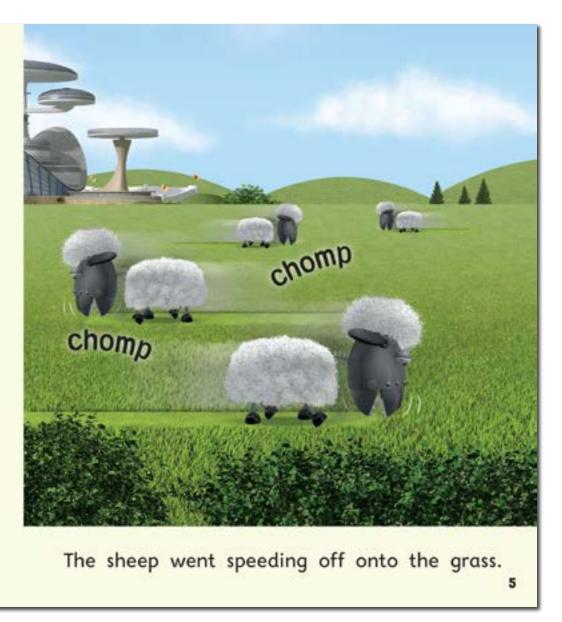


Ben looks for Turnip but he cannot see him.

"My Little Helpers can cut the grass," Magnus said.

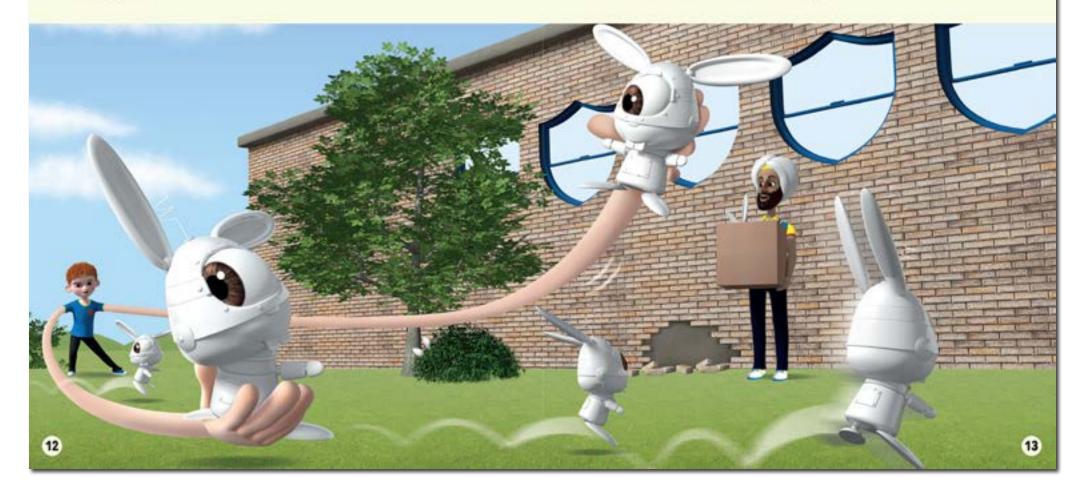
The Little Helpers were plump, metal sheep. They trotted down the ramp.





The bunnies tried to hop off. "You are not getting away!" Evan called. "I will stop you!" Evan flexed his arms. Then he began to round up the bunnies.

Mr Trainer came out to help.

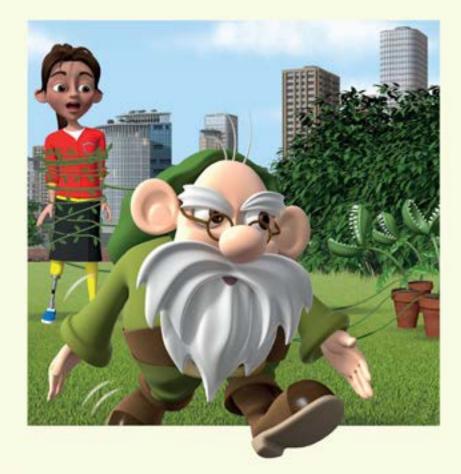




Jin looked up to see a pair of rabbit ears. Miss Linen frowned. "That's a bunny-wunny," she said. Jin gasped. The bunny-wunnies belonged to Ray Ranter, arch-enemy of Hero Academy.



"Don't worry," said Jin. "I'll get the crystals back." He took off, but the bunny-wunny slammed the window and nailed it shut. "I'll have to go the long way round," Jin said. "I'll come with you," said Ben. "With the right amount of sunshine and water, these beauties will do anything I want them to," Brownleaf chuckled. "Now, I have more seeds to plant," he said, striding away.



Nisha couldn't believe she was in this mess. Why had she told Axel they should split up? Just then, she heard a twig snapping. Axel suddenly appeared dressed as Invisiboy. He had been there all the time!

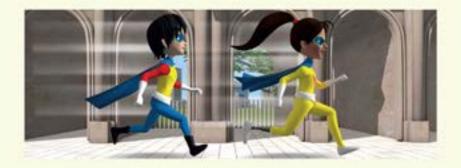


Swoop picked up the remote control from the floor. "Why did Ranter want to steal a mammoth?" he wondered.

Just then, an alarm rang out. Nimbus gasped. "Maybe Ranter didn't want to steal the mammoth," she said. "Maybe he wanted to create a distraction so he could steal something else."



"The Sophos Meteorite!" cried Swoop. "Come on!" Nimbus shouted, charging into the meteorite room.



The glass case had been smashed. A bunny-wunny was handing the meteorite to Ray Ranter.

"It's mine" Ranter laughed. "I shall finally have superpowers!" He raced away.



Nimbus made a huge whirlwind. It whooshed Bean Fiend high up into the air and sent him spinning in somersaults.

"Put me down," Bean Fiend spluttered, as he tumbled through the air. "I feel sick!" Bean Fiend looked almost as green as his pea-souper.





"Do you give up?" Nimbus asked him. "Yes," Bean Fiend cried. "I surrender!" Nimbus let the whirlwind die down. Bean Fiend fell into the last remaining dustbin on his ruined machine.

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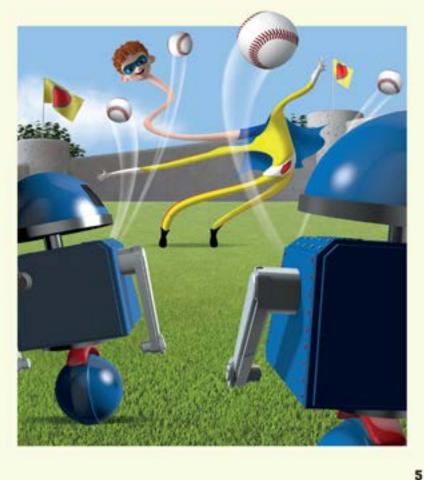
Events include:

- speed test race
- dodgeball

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- hover-kart racing
- super-strength trials

"I could keep this up all day," Flex said, playing dodgeball with a couple of practice robots. His arms and legs were stretched so thin that they looked like strands of spaghetti. "The team from Superpower School will never beat us."





Chapter 1: The parade

The excitement had been building all week. Axel could feel it: a buzz in the air that made the back of his neck tingle. Now, the day had finally arrived ... it was the Lexis City Parade!

Axel walked through the crowded city with his friends and Miss Linen. The theme for the parade was colour, and the streets had never looked more colourful.







Chapter 1: Red alert!

"Red alert! Red alert!"

The words boomed out of the speakers all around Hero Academy. The alarm was blaring. Everyone in Mr Trainer's class stopped working.

Ben turned to Jin. "What's happening?" he asked. "I don't know," replied Jin, "but it sounds serious." Just then, the alarm fell silent.

