The Missing Bag

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Level 16
Running Words 369 **Text Type** Recount (Imaginative)
Curriculum Areas Literacy; Humanities

Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the events in his or her own words.
Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

Where do Sofu and Sobo live?
What did the woman at the restaurant cook the family's dinner on?
Who made Sofu laugh?
Why did Sobo clap her hands?

Inferential

Why did Sofu put his arm around Sobo?
Why did Sofu like the restaurant?
Why was someone from the airport able to ring Sobo on her phone?

Links with other PM Guided Reading Books and Cards

Level 16	Card	Description	*Sobo's Japanese Dinner*
Level 15	Book	Description	*Pop's Old Car*
Level 15	Card	Procedural Recount	*Birthday Pizzas!*

From the author:

The words Sofu *and* Sobo *are Japanese words that mean "Grandfather" and "Grandmother".*

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Chapter 1

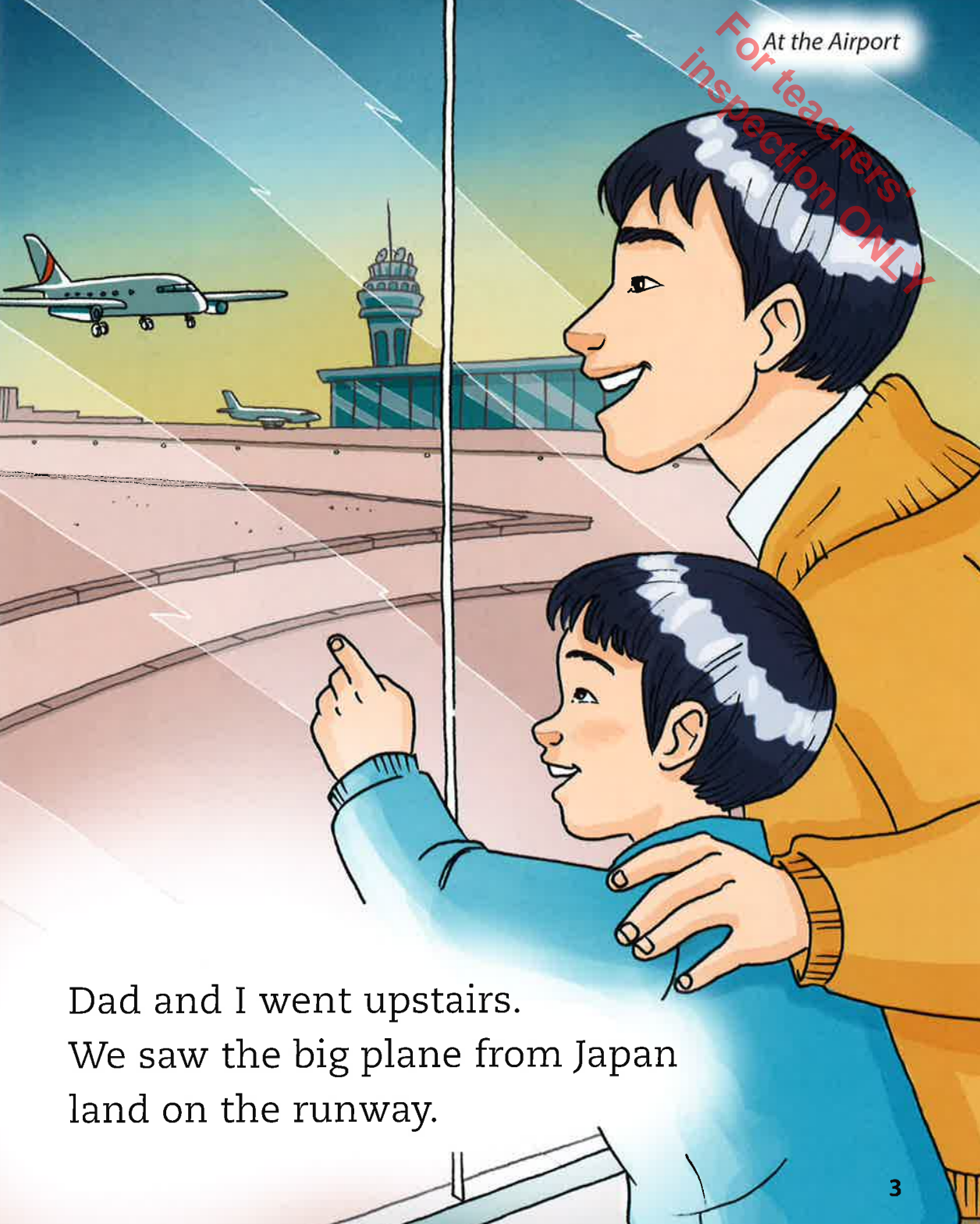
At the Airport

On Friday, I went to the airport with Mum and Dad.
Sofu and Sobo were coming to stay with us for a holiday.

They live far away in Japan.



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Dad and I went upstairs.
We saw the big plane from Japan
land on the runway.

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Dad and I went back downstairs,
and we sat beside Mum.
We waited for Sofu and Sobo
to come out with their bags.



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Lots of people from Japan
came out with their bags.

But we did not see Sofu and Sobo.

We waited for a long time!

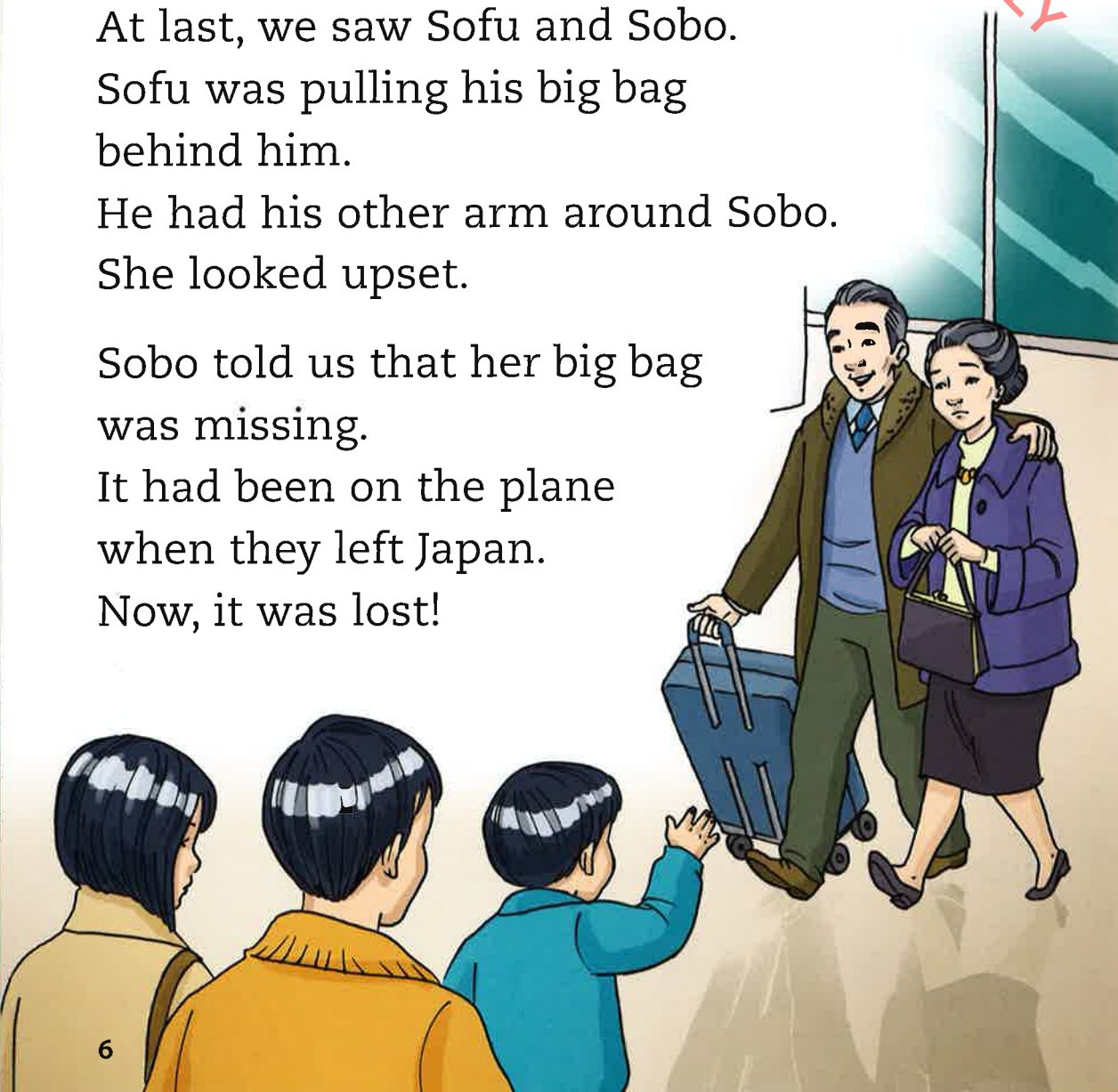
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Chapter 2

Sobo's Bag

At last, we saw Sofu and Sobo.
Sofu was pulling his big bag
behind him.
He had his other arm around Sobo.
She looked upset.

Sobo told us that her big bag
was missing.
It had been on the plane
when they left Japan.
Now, it was lost!



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The people who worked at the airport said they would find Sobo's bag. They would bring it to our house.