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Chapter 1

A Big Dog

On Saturday, Marcus came over to Leo's house.
Leo and Marcus were best friends.

"Let's play football," said Leo.
Football was Leo's favourite game.

Leo kicked the ball across the garden.
It went up in the air and hit the fence.

"Good kick!" said Marcus.

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Marcus ran to get the ball.
As he picked it up,
he saw a gap in the fence.

"There's a big dog next door," he said,
looking at the gap.



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The dog barked
and Leo began to feel scared.
He didn't like dogs.

When Leo was little,
a big dog had jumped on him.

"Let's keep playing," Leo said.



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Chapter 2

Marcus Kicks the Ball

It was Marcus's turn to kick the ball.
He kicked it so hard,
it went into the garden next door.
"Oh, no!" he said.

"I'll get the ball another time," said Leo.
"Let's go inside."

He could hear the dog sniffing at the fence,
and he didn't like it.

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