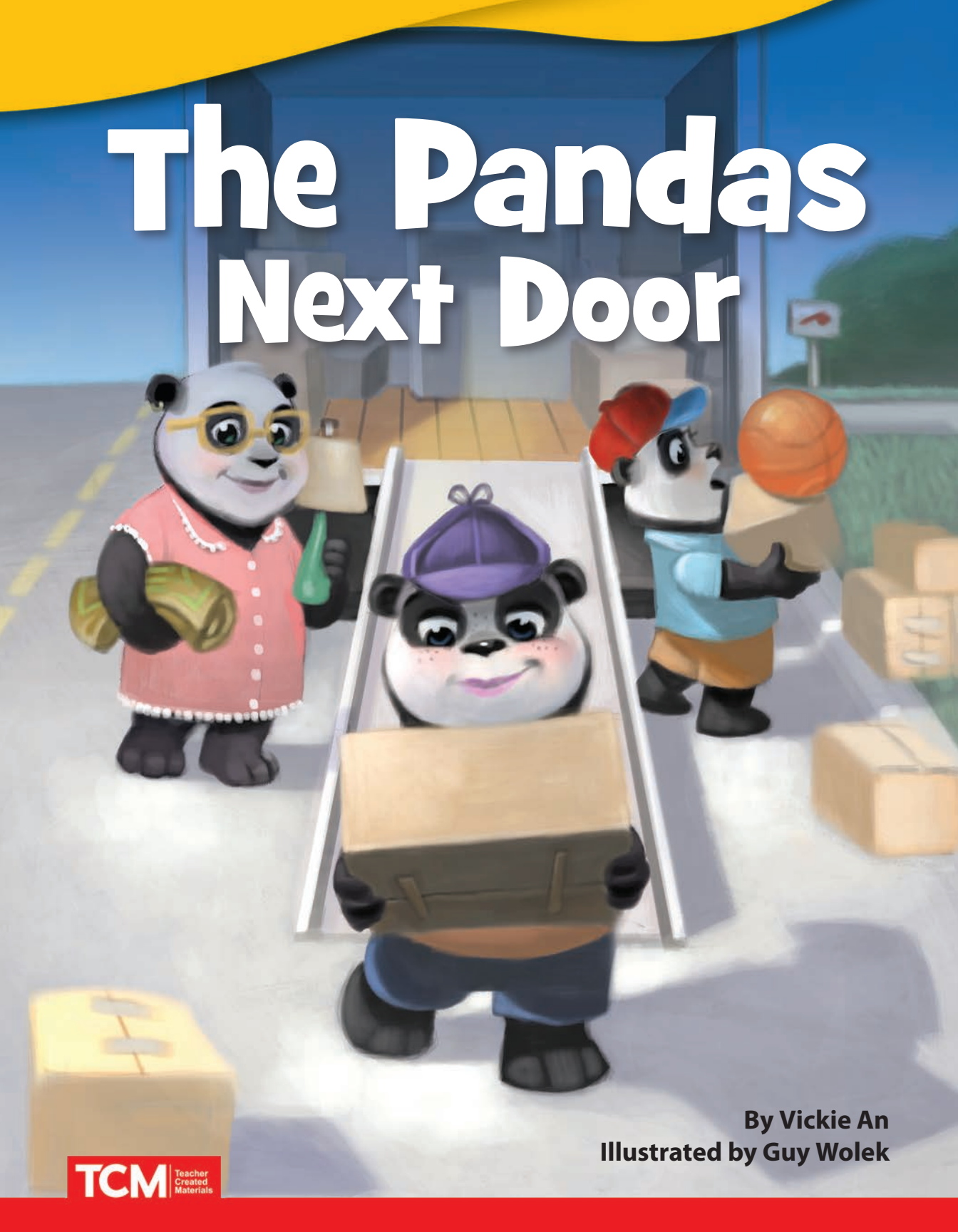
The Pandas Next Door



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Chapter One

Pride Place

"Look, guys!" cried Riley. "We're here!" The second grader peered out the truck window and grinned. It was moving day. The Panda family had just pulled up to their new house.

Riley's mom got a new teaching job in Pride Place. The new town was far from Bamboo Bluff, where Riley was born. She felt sad at first. Leaving the city and her friends was hard. It was the only home she had ever known. But her mom told her that Pride Place would feel like home soon.

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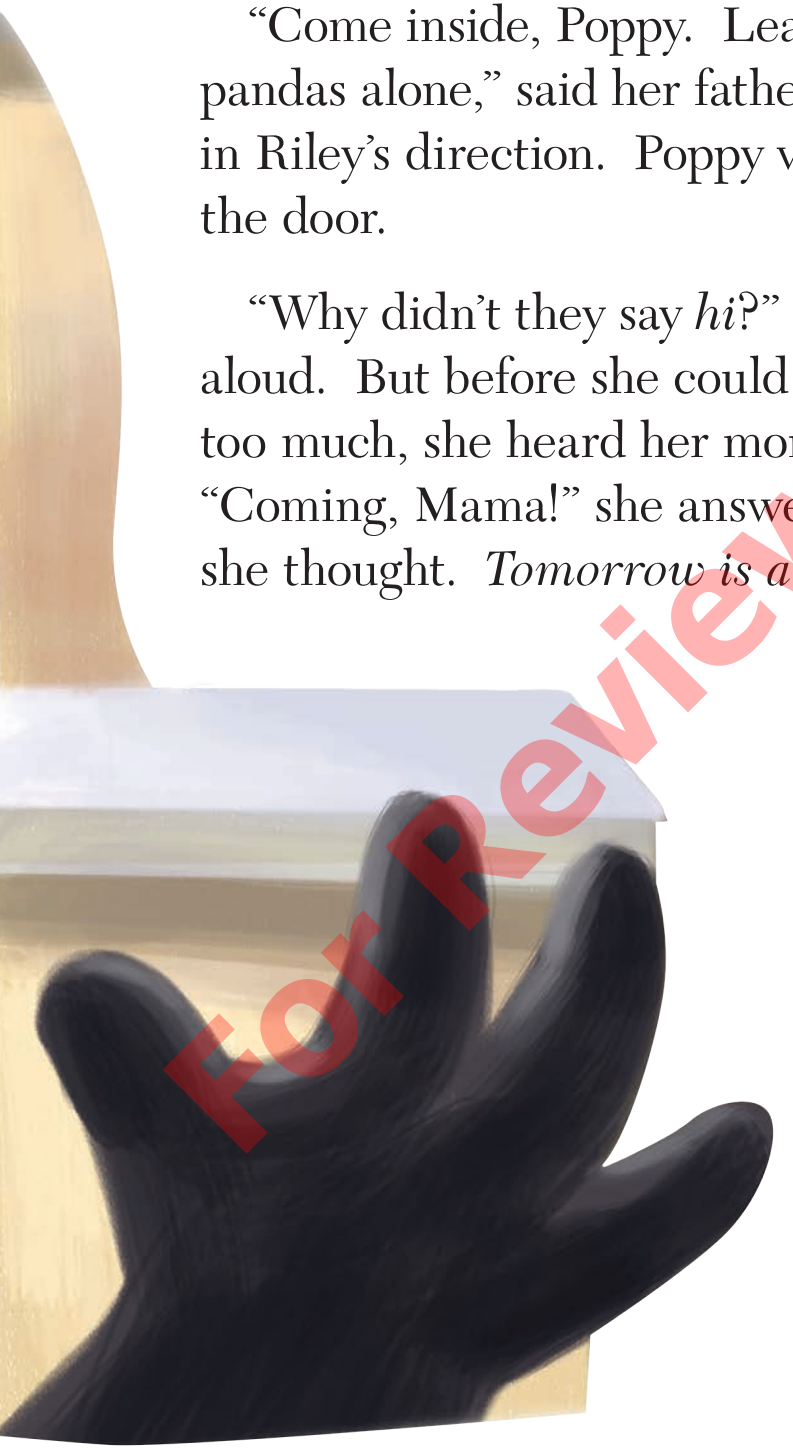
Everyone jumped out of the truck. Riley's big brother, Mason, stretched his arms high above his head and yawned. He grabbed his basketball out of the back. Riley and her mom started unloading the boxes. Riley put on her favorite purple detective cap. She loved mysteries and wanted to be a detective when she grew up. She eyed her new street. It seemed quiet for a Sunday afternoon. Too quiet.

Suddenly, Riley spotted someone at the house next door. A girl poked her head outside. She looked like she might be Riley's age. A new friend, maybe? Riley's mom said their new neighbors are peacocks. Riley had never met a peacock before. She raised her hand to wave. Then, the girl's parents came to the door.

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"Come inside, Poppy. Leave these city pandas alone," said her father. He frowned in Riley's direction. Poppy vanished behind the door.

"Why didn't they say *hi*?" Riley wondered aloud. But before she could think about it too much, she heard her mom calling her. "Coming, Mama!" she answered. *It's OK*, she thought. *Tomorrow is a new day.*

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The Panda family's new neighbors are not very welcoming. But if anyone can change their minds, it's Riley!

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