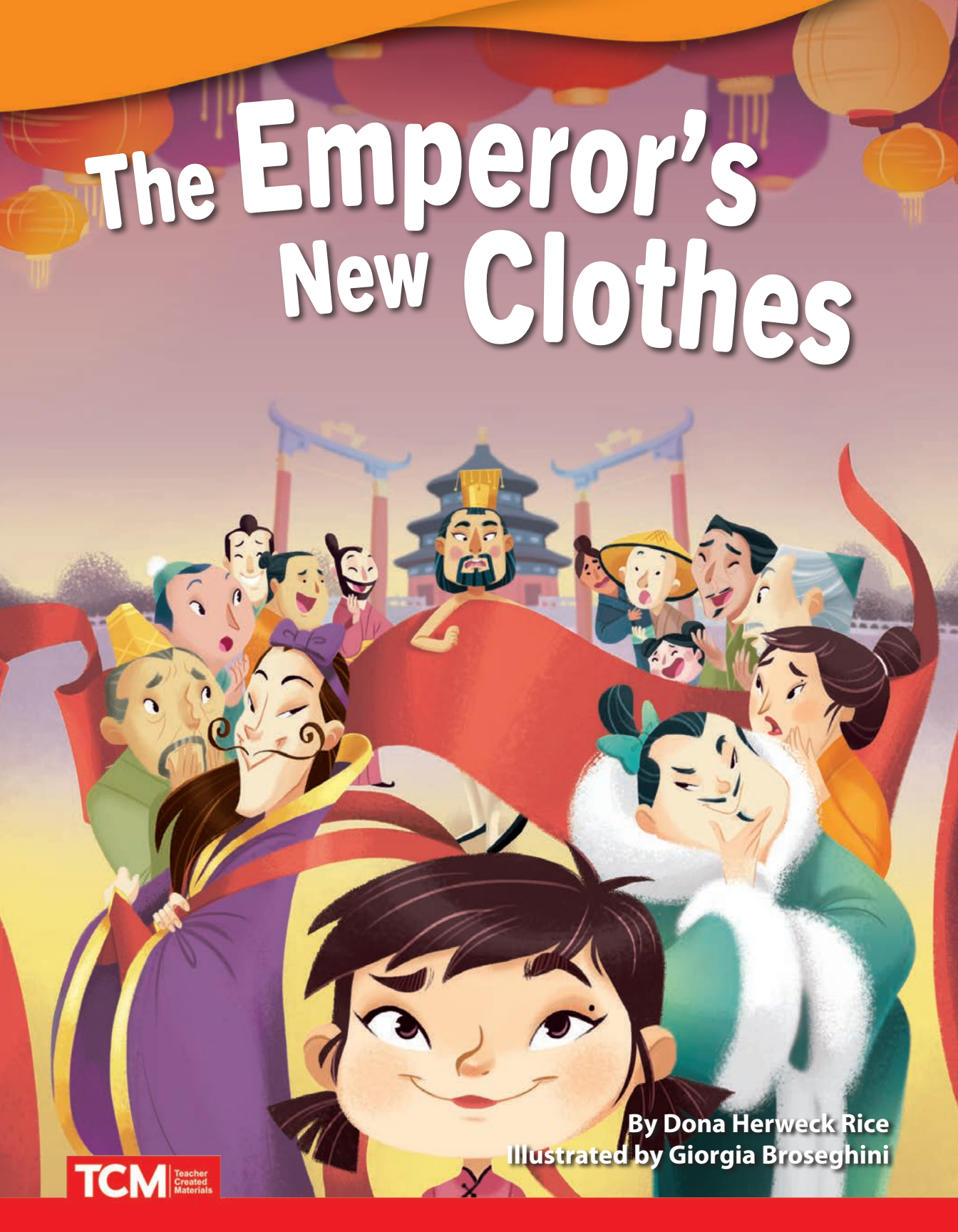
The Emperor's New Clothes



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Chapter One



The Girl in the City

Lin lived in an old and beautiful city in an old and beautiful country. The people there worked hard and took pride in their homes. They also enjoyed the lives they led. Soon, they would celebrate their city with a parade. Everyone was busy at work to make the event the best it could be.

There were a few special things about Lin. She had a freckle over her eye, just like her mother. She was as swift as a fox, just like her grandfather. And, she always told the truth.

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And the truth is, not many people shared this trait. Sometimes, the truth made people happy. Other times, it made them mad. But telling the truth was the right thing to do. That is what mattered to Lin. So, that is what she did, no matter what.



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Chapter Two



The Emperor

Truth may have mattered to Lin, but it did not matter to Emperor Chou. He was set to be the star of the parade. What mattered to him was that everyone cheered for him. He knew there would be splendid floats and costumes. But he wanted to look best of all. So, he called Wei, his majordomo.

"Put out the word," he said. "I want the best tailors to make the best garments! Those chosen will be paid well and should start right away."

"It will be done," Wei said, bowing deeply as he exited the room.

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Emperor Chou is determined to be the talk of the parade. Little does he know, he will be—but not for the reason he hopes! Leave it to Lin to tell the truth and help the emperor change in the only way that matters.

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