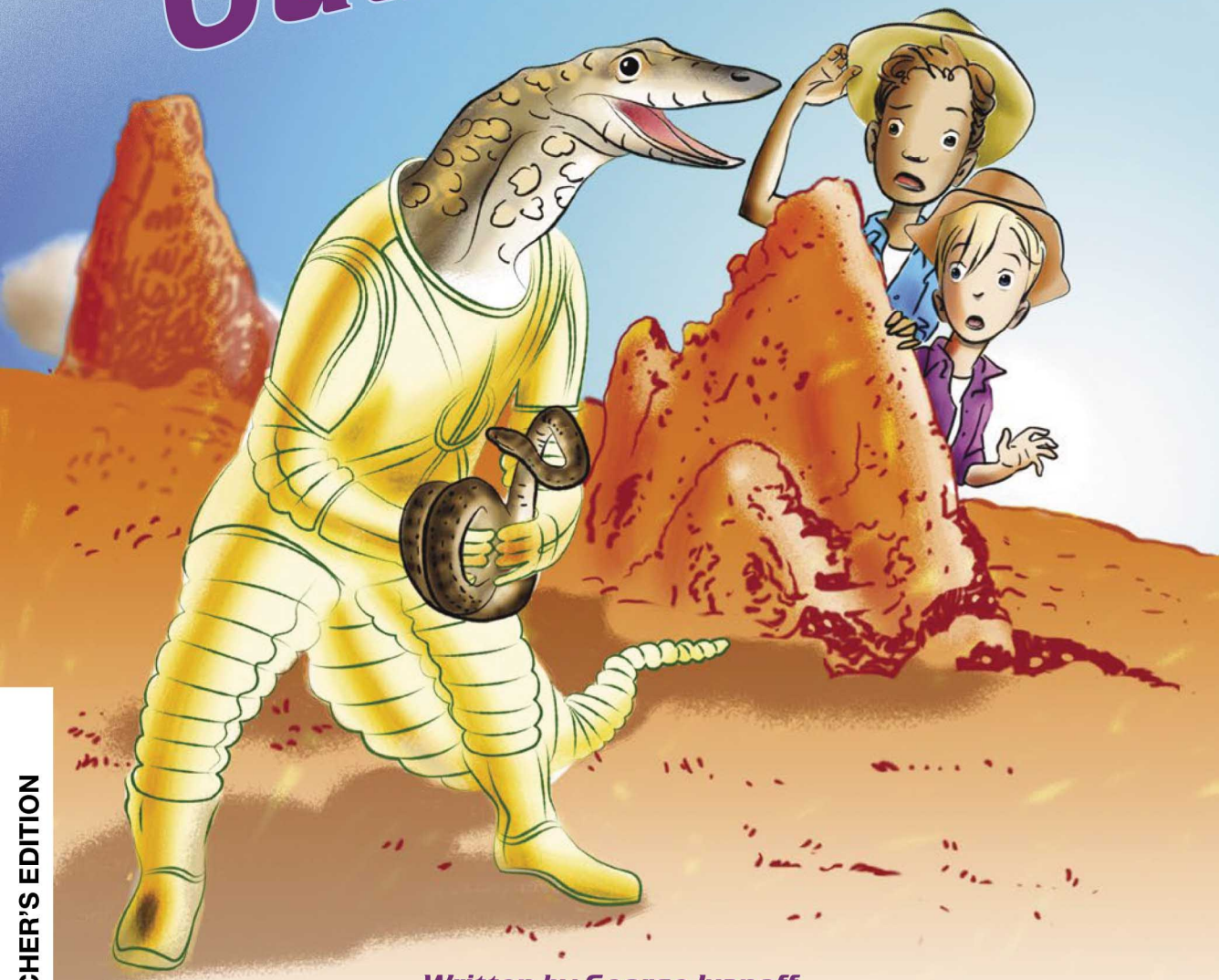
TALK ABOUT TEXTS

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Say

'Let's read the contents page together.'

Read

Read the contents page together with the students.

Check Understanding

- What do the numbers on the right tell you?
- What chapter begins on page 18?

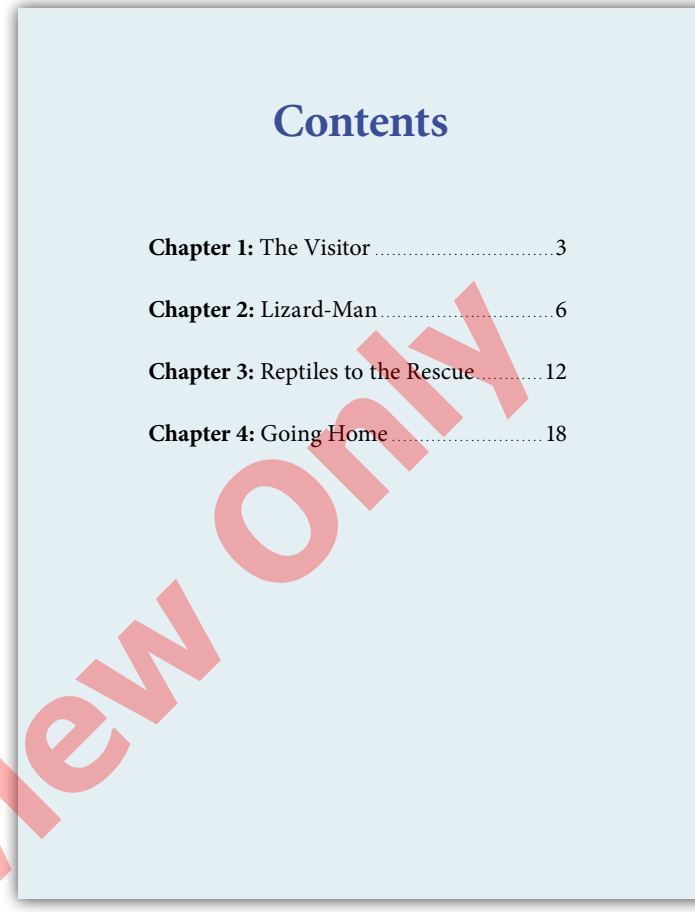
Talk

What do you predict this story is about?

I **predict** that _____.

What makes you think this?

The **reason** I think this is _____.



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Chapter 1

The Visitor



Charlie and Cooper crouched down and looked at the gecko.

"Cool," said Charlie.

"It looks just like the photos in my reptiles book," said Cooper.

"This is the best school trip ever," said Charlie. He reached out to touch the gecko, but it raced across the hot desert sand of the outback.

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Say

'Read page 3 with your partner.'

Read

Ask pairs of students to read page 3 together.

Check Understanding

- What are Charlie and Cooper looking at?
- What does the gecko look like?
- What does the gecko do when Charlie reaches out?
- What does the word 'crouched' mean?

Talk

What do you predict Charlie and Cooper will do next?

I **predict** that _____.

Why do you think this?

The **reason** I think this is _____.

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Say

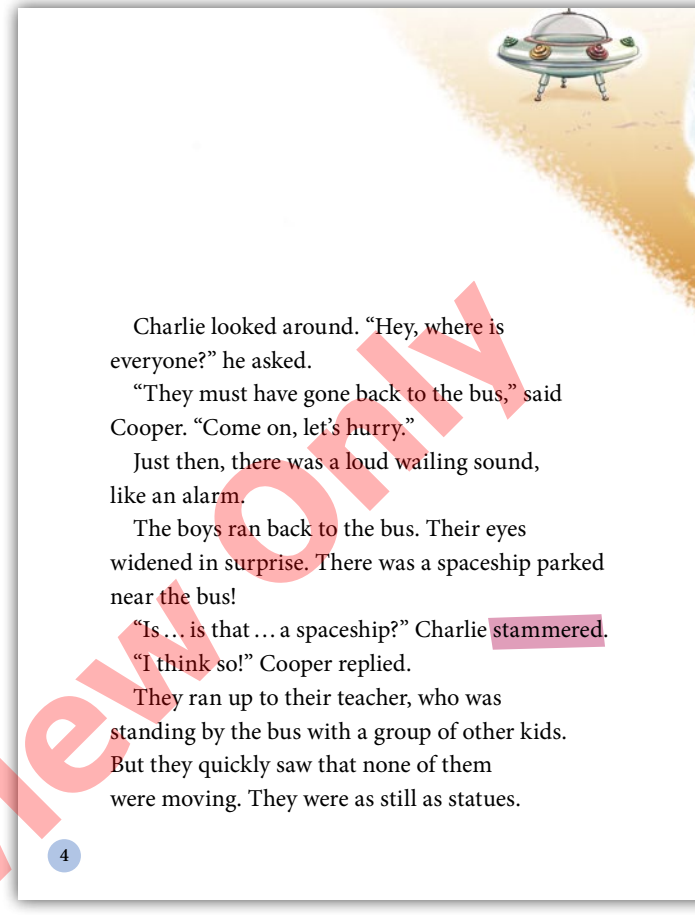
'Let's read pages 4 and 5 together. Then read them again to yourself.'

Read

Read pages 4–5 together with the students and then allow time for them to read these pages again to themselves.

Check Understanding

- What surprises the boys?
- What do they notice about the teacher and the other kids?
- What is inside the spacesuit?
- What does the word 'stammered' mean?
- What is another word the author could have used instead of 'peered'?



Charlie looked around. "Hey, where is everyone?" he asked.

"They must have gone back to the bus," said Cooper. "Come on, let's hurry."

Just then, there was a loud wailing sound, like an alarm.

The boys ran back to the bus. Their eyes widened in surprise. There was a spaceship parked near the bus!

"Is … is that … a spaceship?" Charlie stammered.

"I think so!" Cooper replied.

They ran up to their teacher, who was standing by the bus with a group of other kids. But they quickly saw that none of them were moving. They were as still as statues.

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Then a loud coughing sound came from behind the bus. Charlie and Cooper crept up to the end of the bus and peered around it. They saw a large body in a spacesuit, panting and stumbling about. They watched as it struggled to lift off its helmet. They gasped in surprise. It wasn't a human underneath. It was a lizard-man!

Talk

What new information do you know after reading these pages?

I **now know** that _____.

Has this new information changed your prediction about what will happen next? Why or why not?

It has/hasn't changed my **prediction** because _____.

What do you predict the boys will do next?

I **predict** that the boys will _____.

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