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Summer is hosting a sleepover round her new house. But when scary noises keep them awake at night, can they solve the mystery or will things get too spooky?

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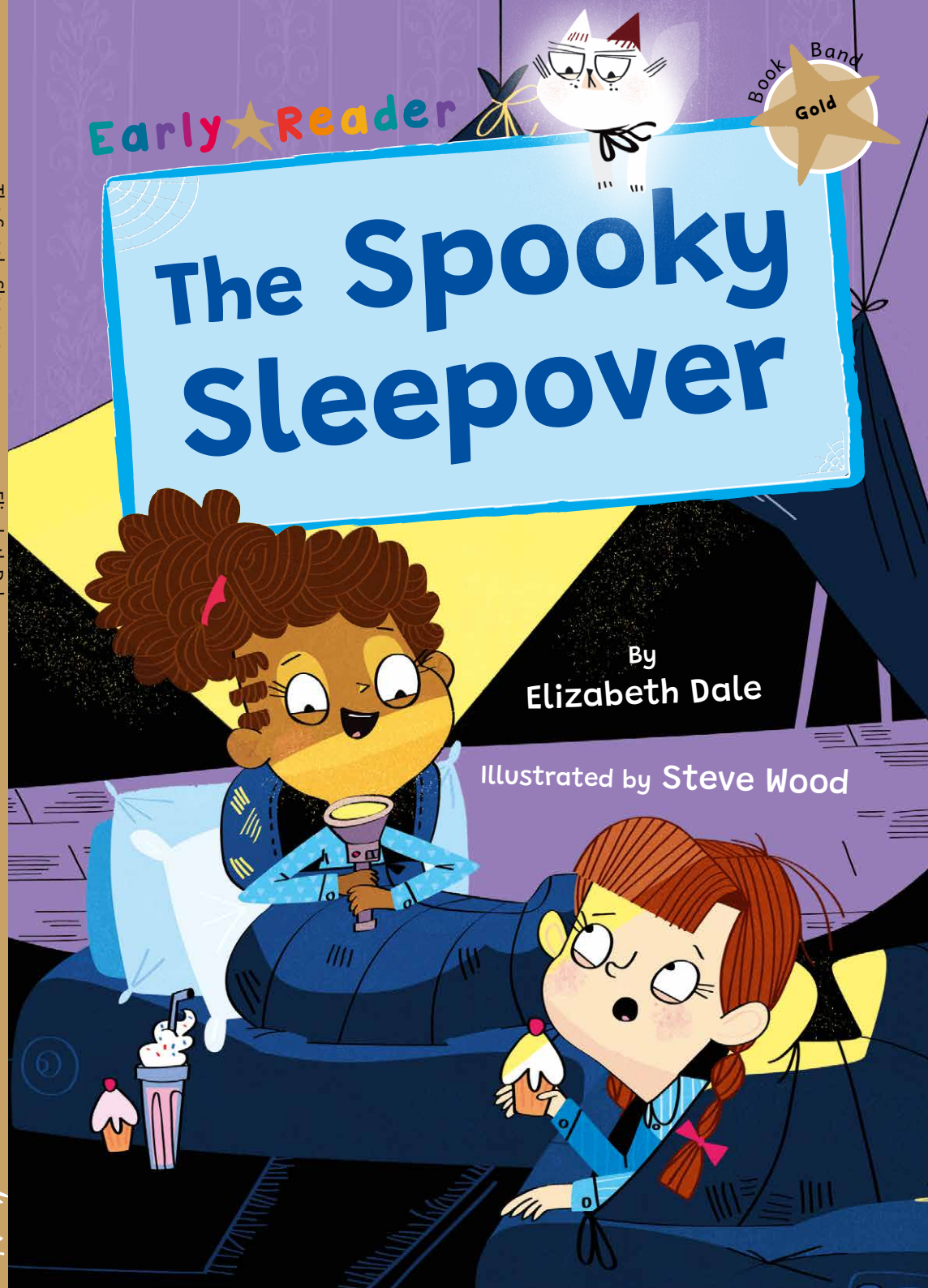
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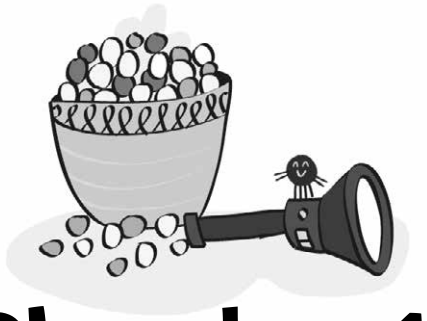
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Chapter 1

Summer wandered round her new home. How she loved it! It was out in the country, surrounded by fields. It was also big and old and great fun to explore. There was a creaky spiral staircase, narrow corridors and lots of rooms.



She was so excited. She couldn't wait to show her new home to her friends. And they were coming for a sleepover tonight!

"They're here!" her mum cried, as the doorbell rang. Summer rushed to answer it.

"Wow! What a great house!" Gemma cried.

"I'm so excited about our sleepover!" said Marie.

"I'm not sure I've brought enough teddies!" said Ella, peering over a huge pile of them.

Summer laughed. "Come up to my room, and

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we'll dump everything there," she said.

Everyone thought Summer's bedroom was brilliant. She had pretty curtains, a big bed and blow-up mattresses on the floor so there was room for them all. Then she showed them round the whole house.

"I like these windows with diamond panes!" said Gemma.

"And look at the sheep outside!" said Marie.

"Yes, and at night you can hear owls!" Summer said, grinning.

"Are there mice?" asked Ella. "And spiders! And ghosts?!"

Everyone laughed. And then, as if on cue, there was a loud wailing sound.

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“The ghost!” Ella cried. And everyone squealed.

“What’s the matter?” asked Summer’s mum, coming in.

“Ella thought she heard a ghost!” Summer said.

“Ah, well,” said her mum, smiling. “The last owners did say there’s a rumour that the house is haunted…”

Everyone stared at her open-mouthed.

“No way!” Summer gasped.

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