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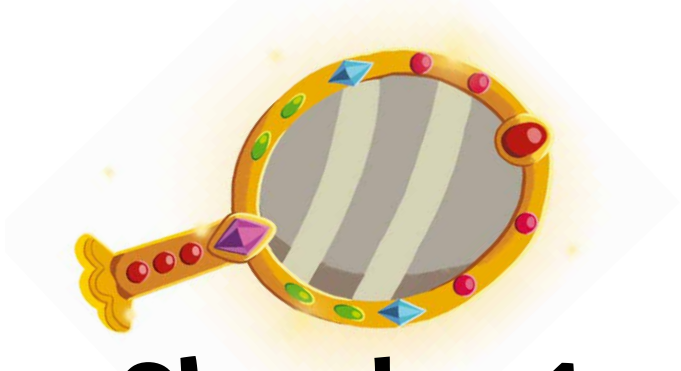
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Chapter 1

“Tom, look!” Leo gasped. He shoved Tom.

“Hey!” said Tom, spilling his lemonade.

“Just look!” whispered Leo, pointing out of the coach window. And then Tom gasped too, as a dark grey building with spooky turrets appeared through the mist.

“That looks so scary!” he said.

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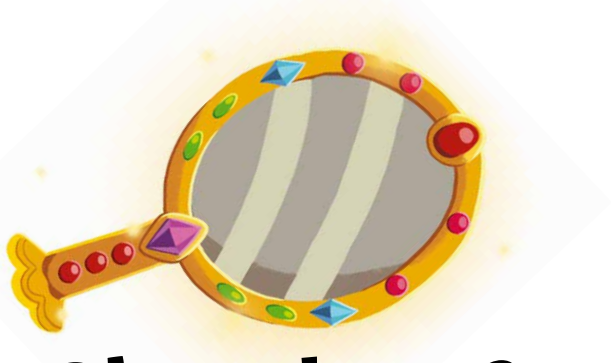
“Right, kids!” called Mr Binks, as the coach parked outside. “I want you all to be on your best behaviour. There is a lot of history here at the Fortress of Forfar. Some say it is even haunted by the ghost of the fifth earl, searching for the priceless family heirloom that he lost.” Shrieks echoed around the coach. “Don't worry, there are no ghosts in the daytime,” their teacher laughed.

“I knew it was haunted!” said Tom, following Leo off the coach. A shiver went down his spine as he looked up at the grim walls and dark windows. A jackdaw fluttered out of the mist, making Tom jump. “That’s not the Fortress of Forfar,” he said. “That’s the Fortress of Fear!”

“Come on!” laughed Leo, as everybody trooped inside. “Let’s go in and get warm.”



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Chapter 2

But it was no warmer inside the fortress. Tom shivered as they walked down a long stone corridor. The suits of armour all along the walls seemed to be watching them. Then Tom realised something else was wrong. He tapped Leo's arm.

"I need to go to the loo!" he hissed urgently.

"Tom! We've only just got here!" Leo cried.



"I know! But I drank too much lemonade on the bus," he said, wriggling. "There's one near the entrance. Come with me, please, Leo!" He turned to their friend, Ella. "Can you tell Mr Binks that we've just nipped to the toilets? We'll catch up with you."

"Okay," she said.

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