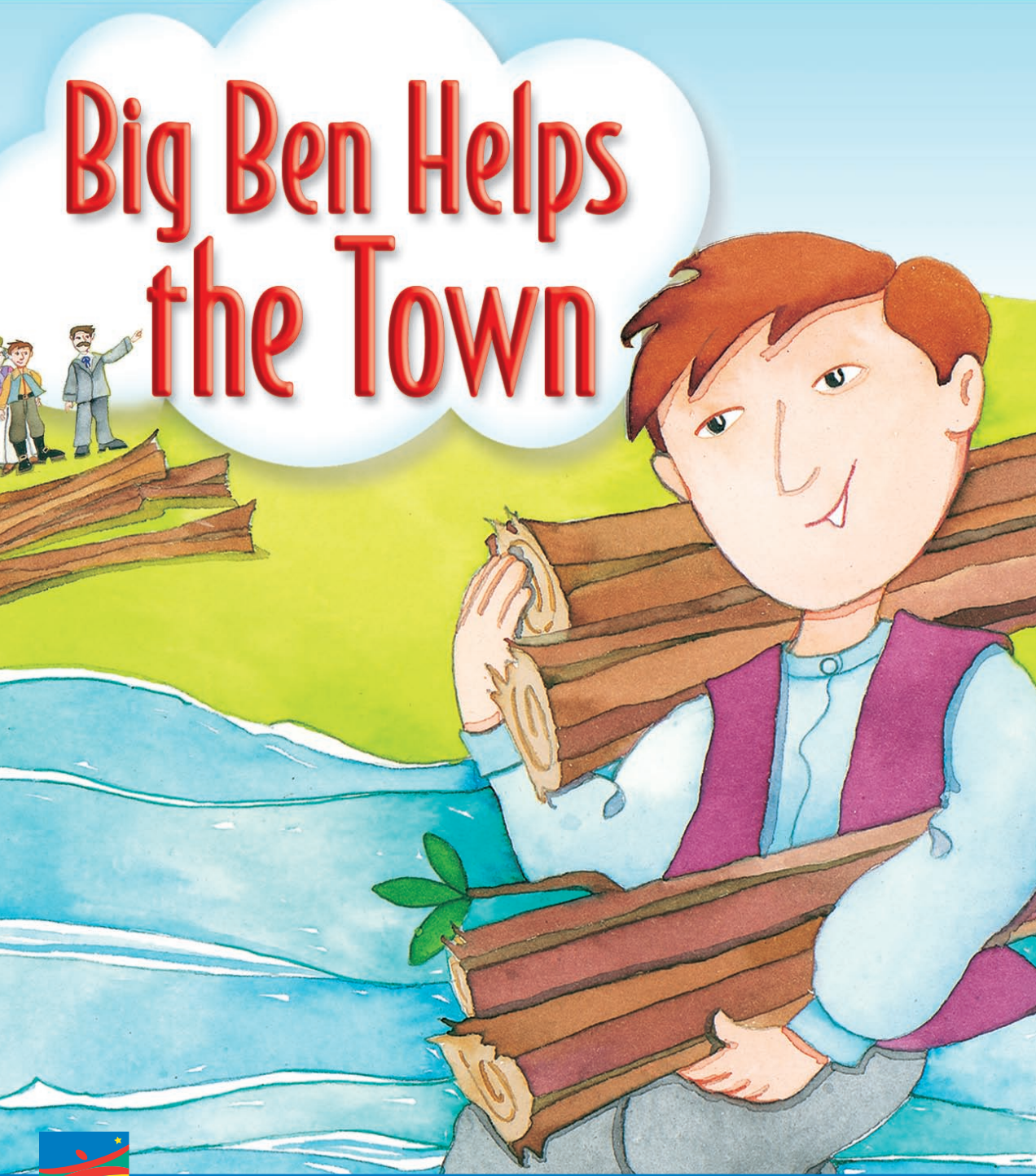
Big Ben Helps the Town



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Summary

Whenitcomestohelpingothers, Big Ben is just the right size!

Skills at a Glance

Monitor-Reading
- Visualize

Comprehension
- Distinguish real from make-belie

Phonics
- CVCe long i (five, life, side, sides)

Word Study
- Plurals (bags, logs, plants, sides, trees)

Fluency
- Read exclamation points

Fiction Genre
- Tall tale

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Mom



Dad



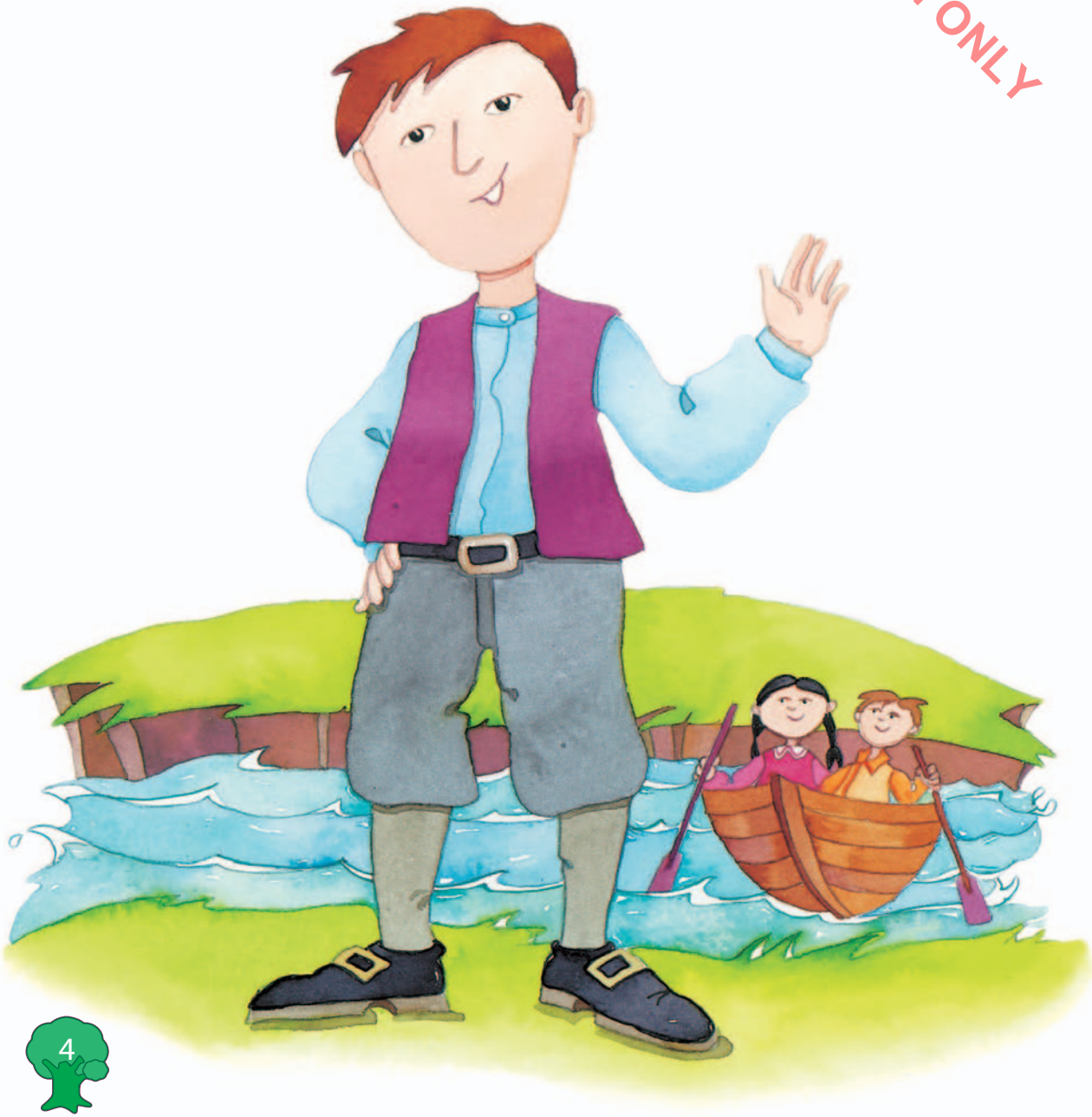
the man



the people
in the town

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Big Ben has been big all his life.



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Ben was a big baby. Ben's crib was too small! Dad fixed the crib. The crib had four sides. Dad took away one side. Then, the crib had three sides.



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Ben grew into a big boy. Dad put six bags in the wagon. But then, Ben did not fit in the wagon.



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Dad took away three bags. Then, Ben fit in the wagon. Well, most of Ben fit!



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Ben liked to help Mom in her garden. Mom said, "Look, Ben. Five deer are eating the plants."



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Ben took away five deer. Then, no deer were eating the plants!

