The King's Mapmaker



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Summary

King Lost-a-lot needs a mapmaker. Who will get the job?

Skills at a Glance

Monitor-Reading
- Make connections

Comprehension
- Identify sequence of events

Phonics
- Comparatives (bigger, fancier, faster)

Word Study
- Compound words (mapmaker, something, sundown)

Fluency
- Read with appropriate pitch

Fiction Genre
- Fairy tale

* Numerals, vocabulary words on pages 2 and 3, and words in photo captions, labels, diagrams, and charts are not included in the word count for this book.

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The Cook

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Queen Findhim



Milo



Fast Mapmaker

King Lost-a-lot

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King Lost-a-lot was always getting lost in his kingdom. For example, King Lost-a-lot tried to find the royal gardens. He ended up in the royal barn. Queen Findhim needed to show him the way.



King Lost-a-lot got lost inside, too. The king tried to find the dining room. He ended up in the kitchen. The cook needed to show King Lost-a-lot the way.

"You are late for dinner again!" the queen cried.



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The Big News

King Lost-a-lot had big news for Queen Findhim. "I am adding Swan Lake to my kingdom," said the king.

Queen Findhim was not happy. Swan Lake would make the kingdom bigger! Now the king would get lost in more places.



The queen had to do something. "Swan Lake is very big. You need a map to find your way around it," she said.

"You are right," said the king. "I will find the best mapmaker."



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The First Mapmaker

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The king called the people to his castle. "Who is the best mapmaker?" asked the king.

"I am," Milo thought. Milo was the king's clerk. But Milo was too shy to speak.

"I am the best mapmaker!" shouted a man in a fancy coat. "No one makes fancier maps than I do."



The king loved fancy things. He said, "You will be my mapmaker. Make a map. Show me how to get to Swan Lake."

The man in the fancy coat made a very fancy map.



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