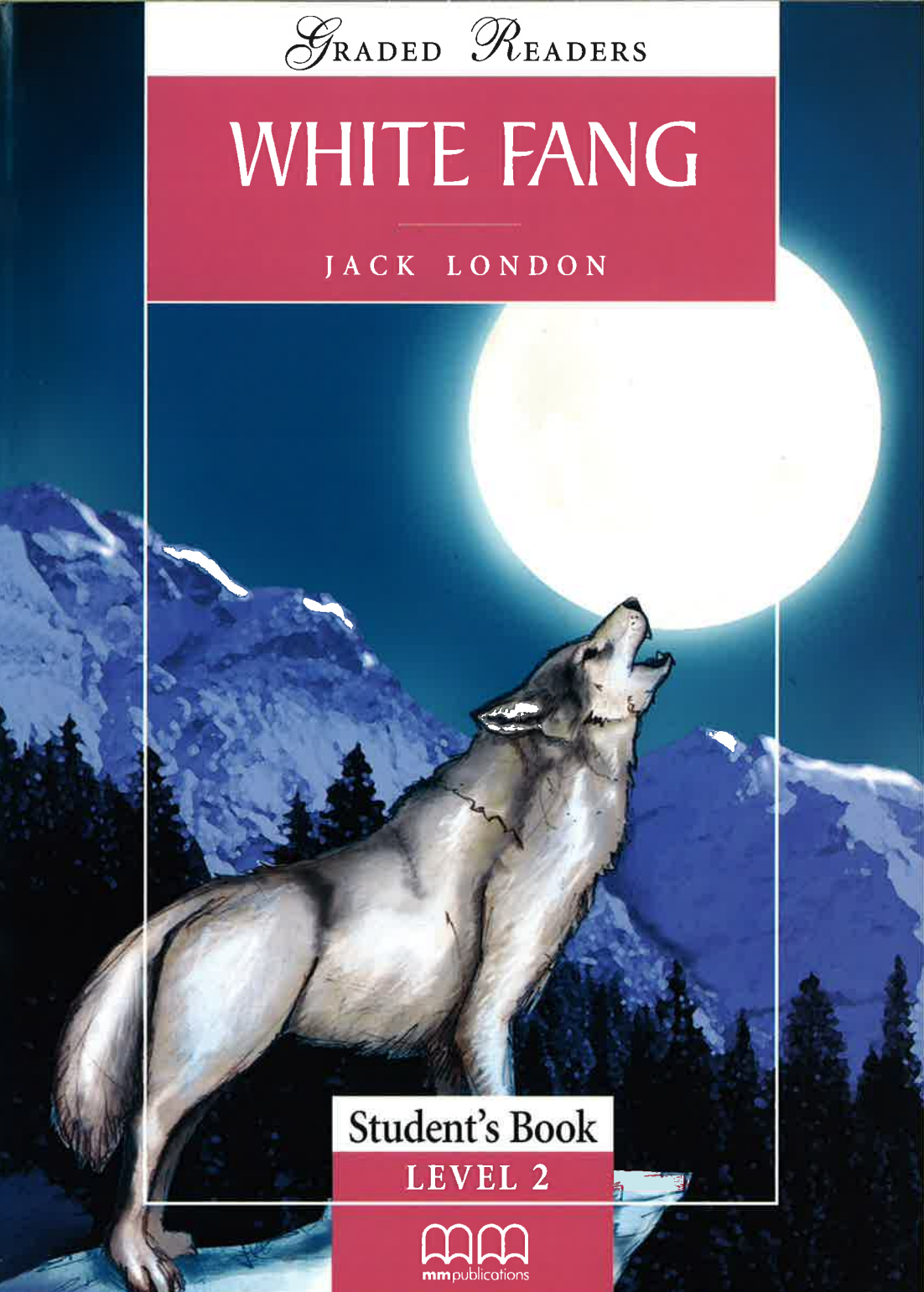
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CHAPTER 1

IT WAS A COLD AND ICY DAY IN THE WILD FAR NORTH. ALTHOUGH very few people lived there, many wild animals wandered around the frozen land. They hunted for food and were always very hungry. There were many wolves living in the wilderness, they looked like dogs but were dangerous and much bigger. A pack of them were looking for food when they saw a team of six dogs pulling a sled. A man named Henry was running in front of the sled. Behind the sled was his friend, Bill. They were both wearing wide snowshoes. On the sled was a big wooden box with the body of Lord Albert in it. Bill and Henry were taking the box to the fort which was far away. Bill looked around and saw an animal in the distance. He stopped the sled and whispered to Henry.

"There's the she-wolf following us again. I wonder where the rest of the wolves are?" "She sure is a big one," said Henry. Bill grabbed a stick and threw it at the wolf.

"Get away from here," he shouted. The she-wolf didn't move. "She's not afraid of you," laughed Henry.

They could hear the sound of the wolves as they were coming closer. Bill picked up his gun and fired a shot. It was soon quiet.

"That scared them alright," said Bill.

The next morning, both men woke up early and fed the dogs.

"Look," shouted Bill. "There are only three dogs here. The wolves!" he said. "They ate our dogs!" said Henry. "We must get out of here."

They tied the dogs to the sled and set off. They were going very fast when the sled turned over. Bill and Henry untied the dogs and fixed the sled. The wolf pack was following them, but they didn't know.

"Look over there," shouted Henry suddenly. "It's the she-wolf."

One of their dogs started running towards her. All of a sudden, the rest of the wolf pack appeared and trapped the dog. Bill was angry.

"I'm not going to let them get my dog," he shouted.

He grabbed his gun and ran towards the wolves. Henry heard three shots and then loud yelps and cries. There was silence and he heard nothing more. Henry knew that he was now all alone with only two sled



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dogs. For the next few days, Henry tried to get to the fort. At night he tried not to sleep because he was afraid of the wolves. He was now very tired. One night Henry fell asleep. He woke up to the sound of wolves barking. They were coming very close. He knew he was going to die as he didn't have any more bullets. He made a circle of fire, he sat inside and waited. Suddenly, Henry heard shots and saw soldiers from the fort coming towards him. Henry was relieved. They were coming to rescue him.

CHAPTER 2

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THE MEN ON THEIR HORSES AND THE GUNSHOTS SCARED THE wolves and they ran away. The leader of the pack was a large, angry wolf who ran beside the she-wolf and an old grey wolf named One-Eye. Although the she-wolf was part dog, she felt very much like any other wolf and was just as wild. The wolf pack ran many miles searching for food day and night, but it was very hard to find. They ran for many days until they came across a big and strong bull moose. The wolves were very excited and careful not to make any noise. They surrounded and killed the bull moose and now the wolves had a lot of food to eat. For the first day after a long time they finally rested and slept with full stomachs. But it was not long before they were all hungry again. The pack broke up and went searching for food but it started snowing again and finding animals was hard.

One-Eye and the she-wolf liked each other and they ran side by side hunting together.



They did not stay in one place but travelled across the wilderness until they came to a river. There was an Indian camp nearby and they heard the sound of men and women speaking. One-Eye and the she-wolf ran back to the forest and the safety of the trees. Weeks passed until one day, One-Eye noticed that the she-wolf was getting tired and could no longer run fast. She was now very heavy and keeping up with One-Eye was very hard. Together, they searched for a place to rest. Ice covered most of the earth as it was still winter. At last, they found a cave near the river and the two wolves settled down for the night. The next day, they were hungry again, but the she-wolf was too tired to go out hunting. One-Eye left the cave to search for food and when he returned, he heard strange sounds inside. He entered the cave, and saw that the she-wolf had little baby cubs.

One-Eye was a father now and he knew that finding food was even more important. The five wolf cubs began to grow, but it was the grey cub that looked most like his father. Of all the cubs, he was the wildest and his father liked him the most. One-Eye went hunting every day but there was no food. All of the cubs died except for the grey one who was the strongest. One day, One-Eye went out looking for food but he never returned. He lost a fight with another animal, and now the she-wolf and the cub were all alone.



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