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Meet the Characters



President Sly
A vain and silly ruler.



Crook 1
A tricky maker of terrible ties.



Crook 2
A pesky perfume poser.



The Vice-President
A nincompoop.



Some Kids
The clever ones!

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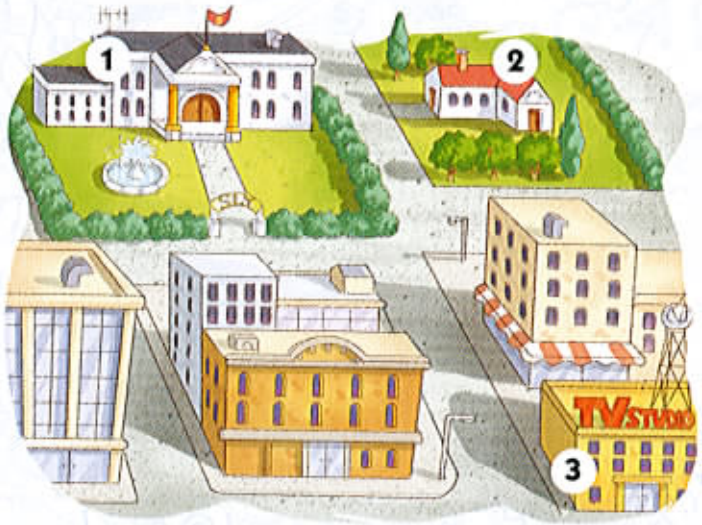
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Dear Reader

In 1837, Hans Christian Andersen wrote a story called "The Emperor's New Clothes". This new version of the story has been updated – but it seems as if some people are still just as silly as they were over 170 years ago! I hope you're not one of them!

Frank Pedersen
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The Town

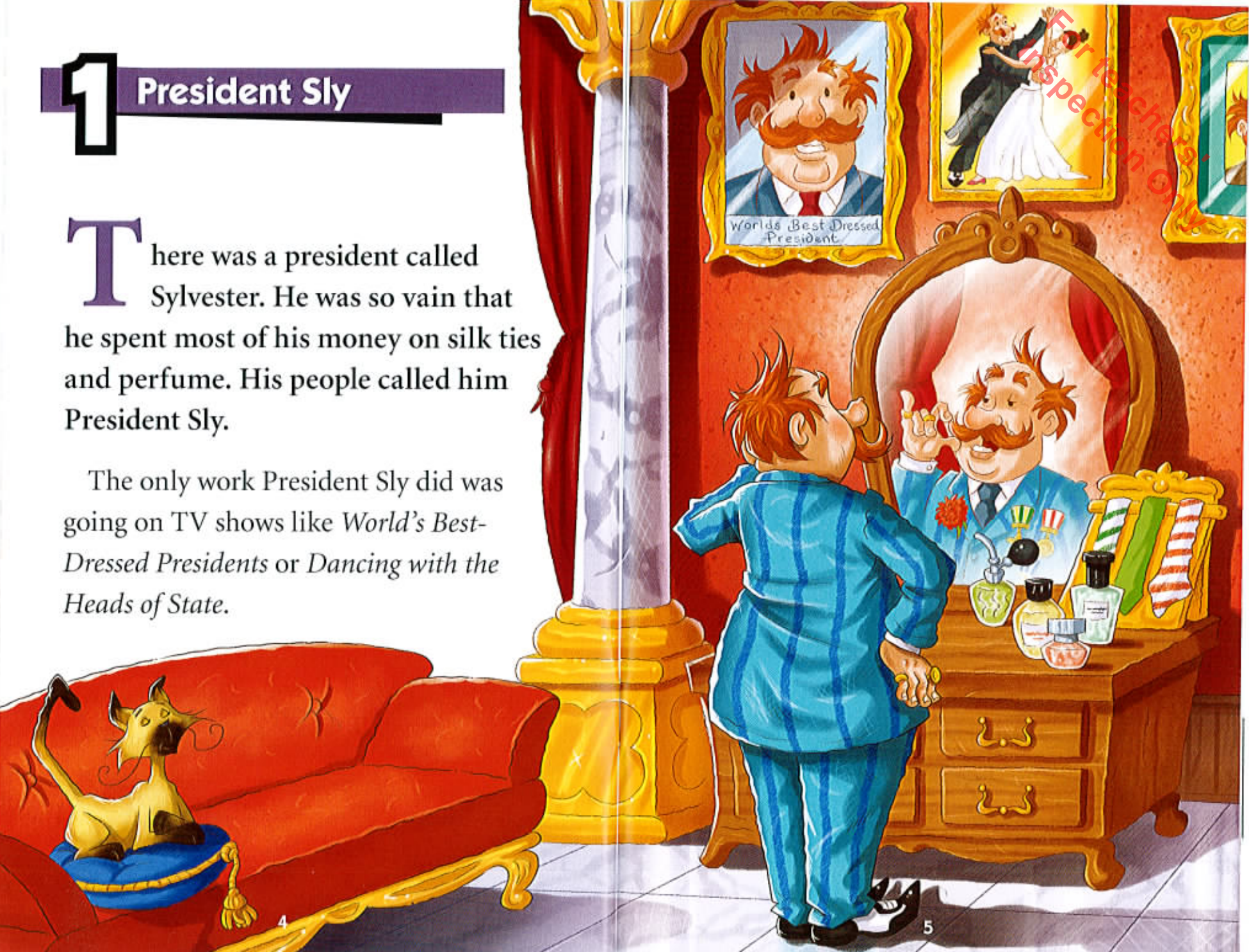


1. President Sly's palace
2. The workroom
3. The TV studio

1 President Sly

There was a president called Sylvester. He was so vain that he spent most of his money on silk ties and perfume. His people called him President Sly.

The only work President Sly did was going on TV shows like *World's Best-Dressed Presidents* or *Dancing with the Heads of State.*



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One day, two crooks came to see him. The first crook told Sly that he could make ties with the best colours – but the best part of his ties was that, while they looked beautiful to smart people, they looked a spotty green and purple to everyone who was a ninny!



"Cool!" thought Sly. "With a tie like that, I could find out who all the ninnies are."

The second crook told the president he could make a perfume that only smart people could smell.

"Dummies, alas, can smell only dummy smells. They are not smart enough to like this perfume," the second crook said.



"Cool!" thought Sly. "Then I would know who was a dummy! What a good idea."