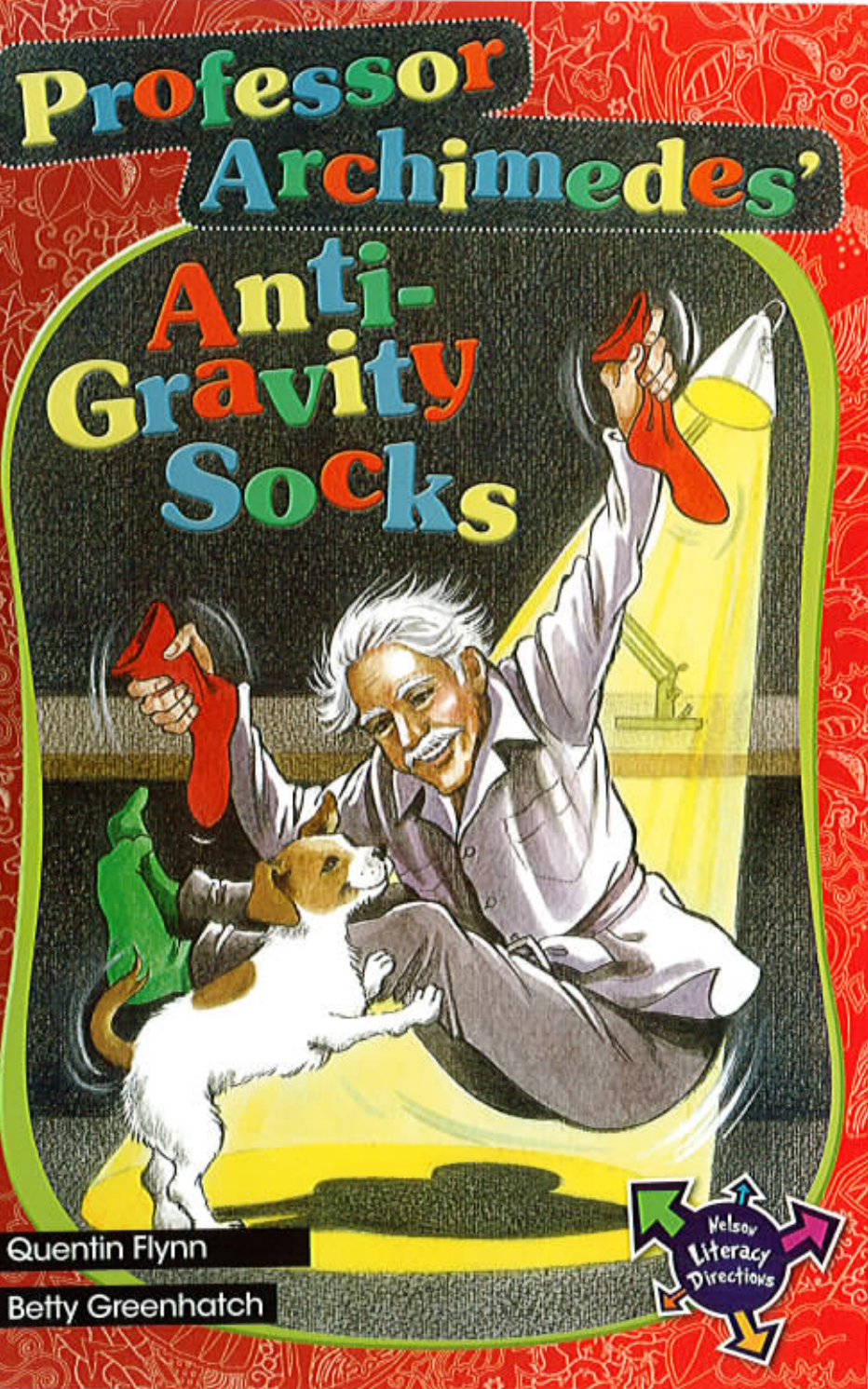
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Meet the Characters



Professor Archimedes

A clever inventor.



Eugenie

Professor Archimedes' wife.



Quantum

Professor Archimedes' dog.



Dear Reader

One day, I had so many socks to wash that I could hardly carry them to the laundry. And then – because it was a really exciting day – I watched the socks go round and round in the machine.

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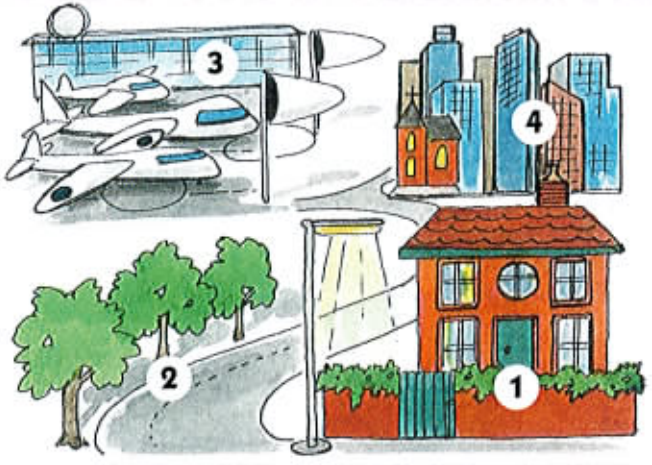
There were so many socks that I thought the machine might spin instead of the socks, and my story idea was born!

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The Professor's Neighbourhood



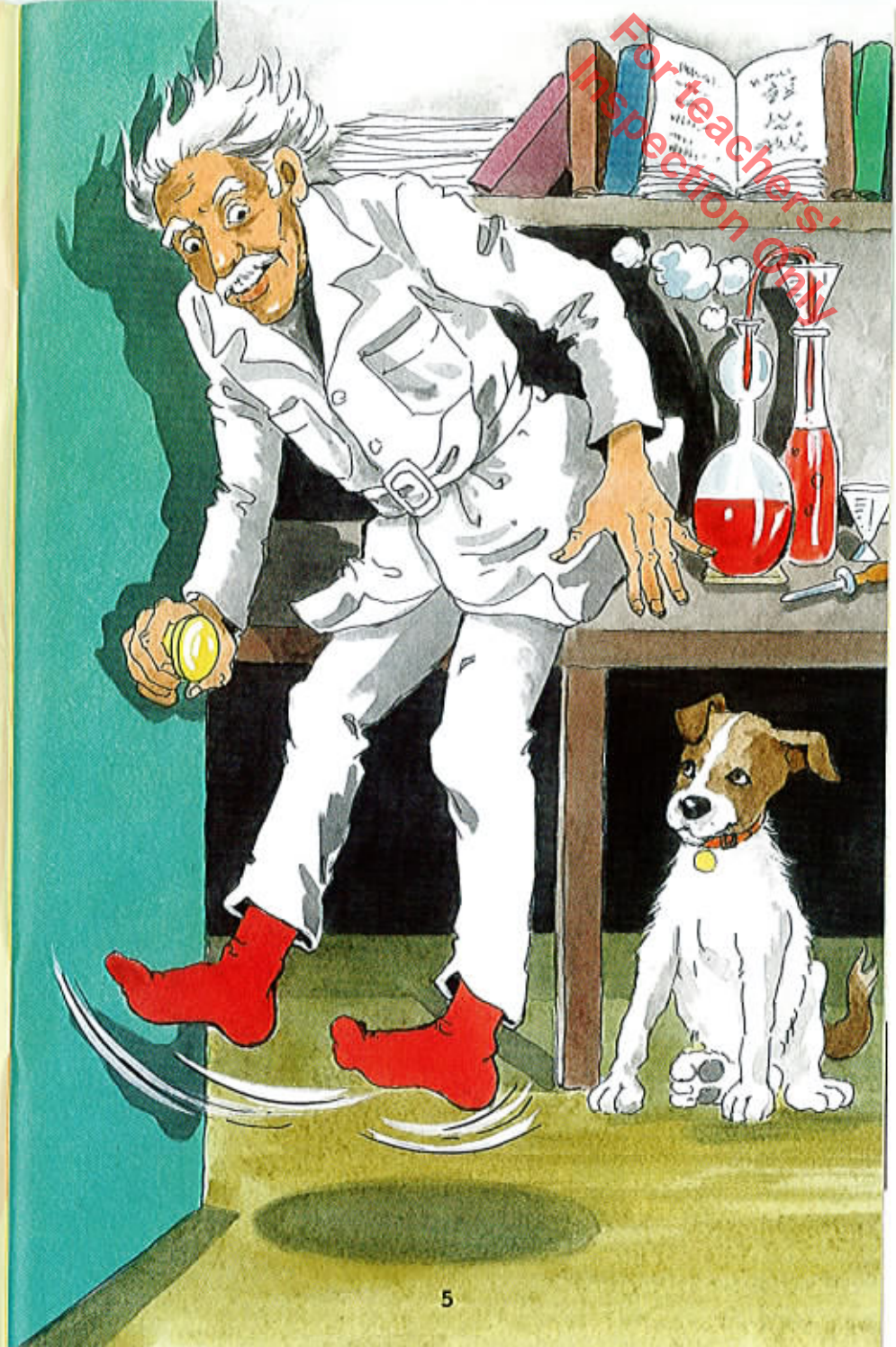
1. Professor Archimedes, Eugenie, and Quantum live here
2. Quantum and Professor Archimedes go for walks here
3. Professor Archimedes' socks cause concern here
4. The rest of the town, happily unaware of the inventions

1 Just a Few Bugs

Professor Archimedes pulled on the red anti-gravity socks he had just invented. He felt like he was ice-skating. His feet slipped left, then right. Then he almost did the splits, as his feet slid apart.

"Whooah!" he cried, holding on to the door. Professor Archimedes was finding that floating in red anti-gravity socks was not as easy as he had thought.

"Arf, arf!" barked his dog, Quantum, who was watching from under the lab bench.



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The professor let go of the door and tried to balance. Slowly … slowly …

"That's better," he said. "I knew I'd get the hang of it."

But, just then, his knees wobbled. His feet shot out from under him. Professor Archimedes fell over with a thump! With his bright red feet up in the air, he looked like a beetle that had been tipped on its back.

"Note to self," groaned Professor Archimedes, as Quantum licked his face. "Invent anti-gravity underpants."

He twisted and turned, until he could slip the anti-gravity socks off.

"Are you alright, dear?" asked his wife Eugenie, who had come to check what was causing the thumping noises in the lab. She stared at Professor Archimedes. Quantum wagged his tail.

"Just a few bugs to sort out," said the professor. "But the good thing is that the anti-gravity technology works!"

"I'm very pleased to hear that, dear," said Eugenie, who was heading back upstairs. "Now, your dinner will be on the table in five minutes, so you need to stop playing on the floor and come and eat. Don't forget to wash your hands!"

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