**STORY 1: The Legend of Saci**

Chapter 1: The Forest Trickster

Once upon a time, deep in the forests of Brazil, there lived a strange little creature named Saci. He had only one leg, wore a red magical cap, and always smoked a small pipe. Saci was fast like the wind and loved to play tricks on people.  
  
He tied knots in horses' manes, stole kitchen salt, and hid children's toys. People in the village were always confused. “Who took my boots?” one man asked. “Where is my hat?” cried another. The answer was always the same: “It must be Saci!”  
  
But no one had ever seen him—only the little red tornado that appeared and disappeared.

Vocabulary Chapter 1

- forest = floresta

- creature = criatura

- pipe = cachimbo

- tricks = travessuras

- hide = seconder

Question Chapter 1

Q: How many legs does the Saci have?

A) Two

B) One

C) Three

D) Four

[resposta: B]

Q. What does Saci wear on his head?

A) A helmet

B) A red cap

C) A crown

D) A hat

[resposta: B]

Q. What does Saci love to do?

A) Help people

B) Sleep all day

C) Play tricks

D) Eat a lot

[resposta: C]

Q. What do people in the village say when something is missing?

A) “It was the wind.”

B) “It must be the Saci!”

C) “A monkey took it.”

D) “It’s not the Saci”

[resposta: B]

Q. What appears when Saci disappears?

A) A cloud of smoke

B) A red tornado

C) A lightning bolt

D) A big fire

[resposta: B]

Chapter 2 – The Boy Named Pedro

One day, a boy named Pedro heard the stories about Saci. He was brave and curious. “I want to catch Saci!” he said.  
  
Pedro went into the forest with a glass jar and a sieve. His grandmother told him, “To catch a Saci, you must take his red cap!”  
  
Pedro walked quietly and waited near a big tree. Then, he saw the red tornado spinning! With quick hands, Pedro threw the sieve in the air—and the Saci fell into the jar!  
  
The Saci looked angry. “Let me go!” he said. Pedro smiled. “Not until I learn your secrets.”

Vocabulary Chapter 2

- brave = corajoso

- curious = curioso

- jar = pote

- sieve = peneira

- secrets = segredos

quiz Chapter 2

Q. What is the name of the boy?

A) João

B) Pedro

C) Lucas

[resposta: B]

Q. What did Pedro take to the forest?

A) A sword

B) A backpack

C) A jar and a sieve

[resposta: C]

Q. Who gave Pedro advice?

A) His mother

B) His grandmother

C) His friend

[resposta: B]

Q. What did Pedro want to learn?

A) Saci’s secrets

B) How to fly

C) Where to find gold

[resposta: A]

Q. How did Saci feel when caught?

A) Happy

B) Angry

C) Sleepy

[resposta: B]

Chapter 3 – A Deal with Saci

Pedro took the jar home. Saci sat inside, arms crossed, looking grumpy. Pedro asked, “Why do you hide things?”  
  
Saci said, “I am the guardian of the forest. I only play with people who forget to respect nature.”  
  
Pedro was surprised. “I didn’t know that,” he said.  
  
Saci smiled. “If you promise to protect the trees and animals, I will let you use my magic cap… sometimes.”  
  
Pedro agreed. He opened the jar. Saci jumped out, did a flip in the air, and disappeared into a red swirl. From that day, Pedro never forgot to care for the forest.

Vocabulary Chapter 3

- deal = acordo

- respect = respeitar

- guardian = guardião

- promise = prometer

- care for = cuidar de

quiz Chapter 3

Q. Why does Saci play tricks on people?

A) He wants attention

B) He protects the forest

C) He is bored

[resposta: B]

Q. What did Pedro learn?

A) How to fly

B) Saci’s favorite food

C) To respect nature

[resposta: C]

Q. What did Saci offer Pedro?

A) A treasure

B) A ride

C) His magic cap (sometimes)

[resposta: C]

Q. What did Pedro do in return?

A) Promised to protect the forest

B) Gave Saci money

C) Asked more questions

[resposta: A]

Q. What happened at the end?

A) Saci stayed with Pedro

B) Saci disappeared

C) Pedro ran away

[resposta: B]