



Hide and Cheat



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Before reading

It's a good idea to talk with your child about a book before they read it.

- Look at the front and back covers together – these give clues to what the book is about.
- Talk about the game hide and seek. Can your child remember playing it? Talk about the rules.
- Look at page 2 and identify the characters in this story.
- Look at page 3 and talk about where the story is set. Ask some questions such as:
 - What can you see in Tiger's bedroom?
 - Where might someone hide?

Encourage your child to read the story at their own pace.



Tricky words

Here are some tricky words your child will read in this book:

grinned
twenty

hiding
disappeared

eighteen
micro-tracking

nineteen

One ... two ...
three ...



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In this story ...



Cat



Max



Tiger



Ant



Moggy

Story setting: Tiger's house ...



Max, Cat, Ant and Tiger were playing hide and seek.

“It’s not fair,” said Cat. “Tiger always wins.”

Tiger grinned. “I am the best at hiding,” he said.



It was Cat's turn to seek. "I am going to count to twenty," she said. "And this time I *am* going to find Tiger."



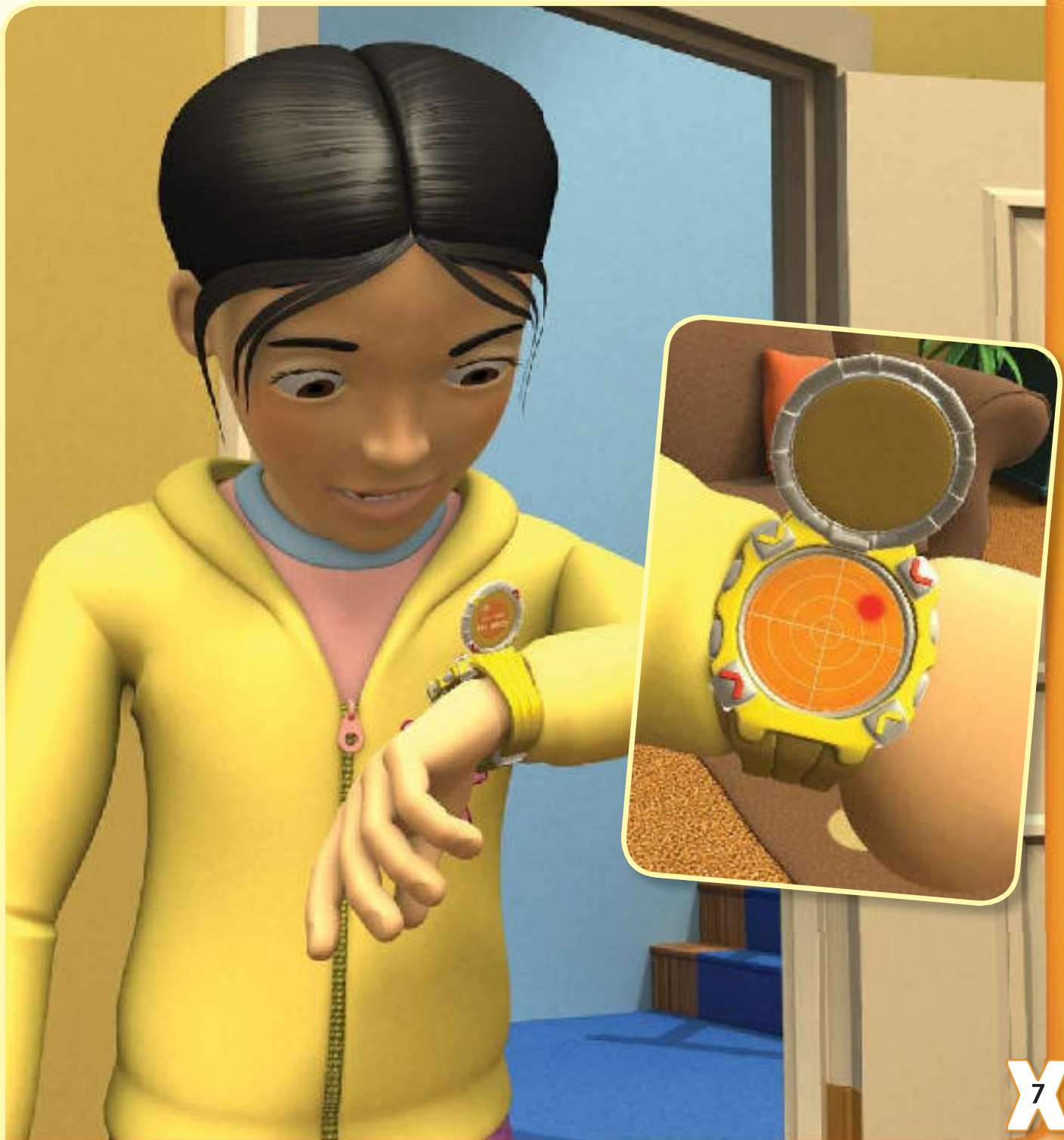
Cat closed her eyes and counted. The boys ran off to look for hiding places.

“... eighteen, nineteen, TWENTY!” cried Cat.
“I’m coming, ready or not!”



When Cat opened her eyes, she saw a small red dot on her watch. The dot moved. Then it stopped.

“That’s funny,” Cat thought.





Cat soon found Ant
hiding behind the sofa.



She found Max
under Tiger's bed.

But Tiger had disappeared!

Cat looked down at her watch. The red dot was still there.

“Tiger’s watch is red,” said Cat to herself. Then she had a thought.



Cat went back to Tiger's room. The dot began to flash. Cat looked at all the things on Tiger's shelf. There were some rocks, his swimming medals and a football cup. There were some marbles and the micro-buggy.



Cat looked again. The buggy had a driver. It was Tiger!

“You cheat!” Cat squealed.





Tiger jumped out of the car. Then he jumped down on to his bed. He turned the dial on his watch. In a flash, Tiger was normal size.



“How did you find him, Cat?”
asked Max.

Cat told them about the red dot.
“Cool!” said Ant. “Your watch is a
micro-tracking device. That means
you can find us when we’re small.”

“That means you’re the cheat!” said Tiger.
Cat felt her cheeks burn. “I did not cheat!”
she said.

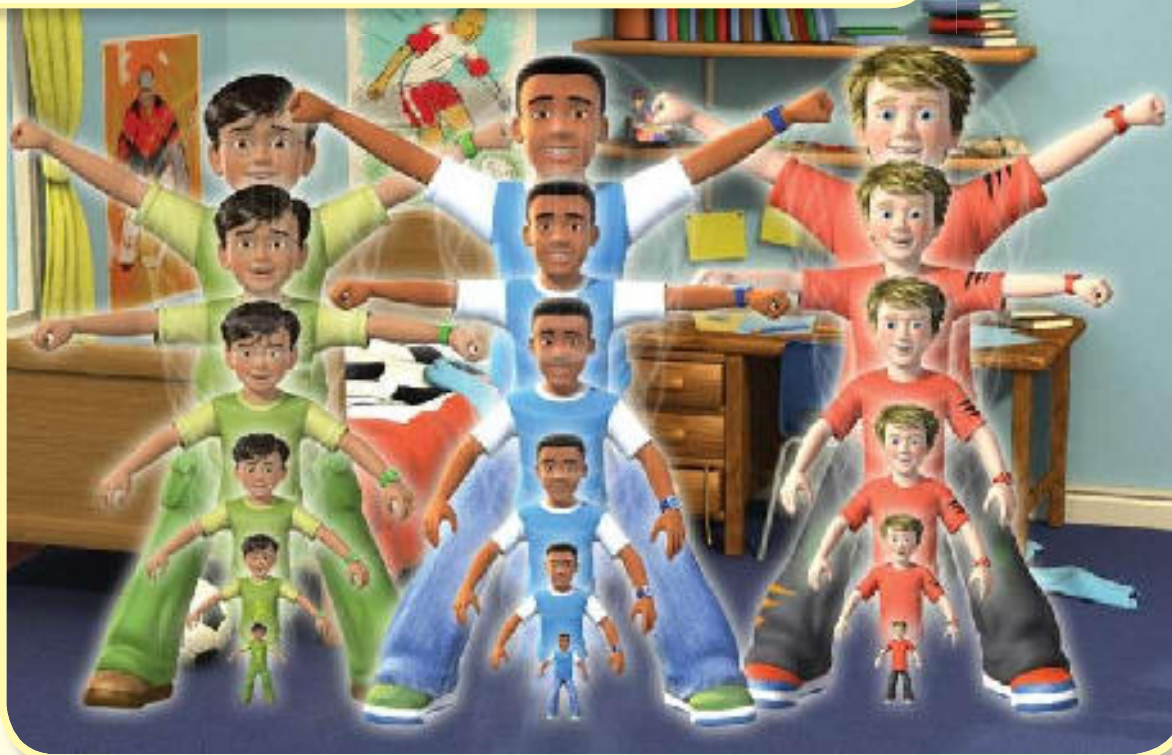
“Did too!” said Tiger.



Cat stamped down the stairs. “I’m not playing any more!” she called.
She put on the TV.



Max, Ant and Tiger turned the dials on their watches and ...



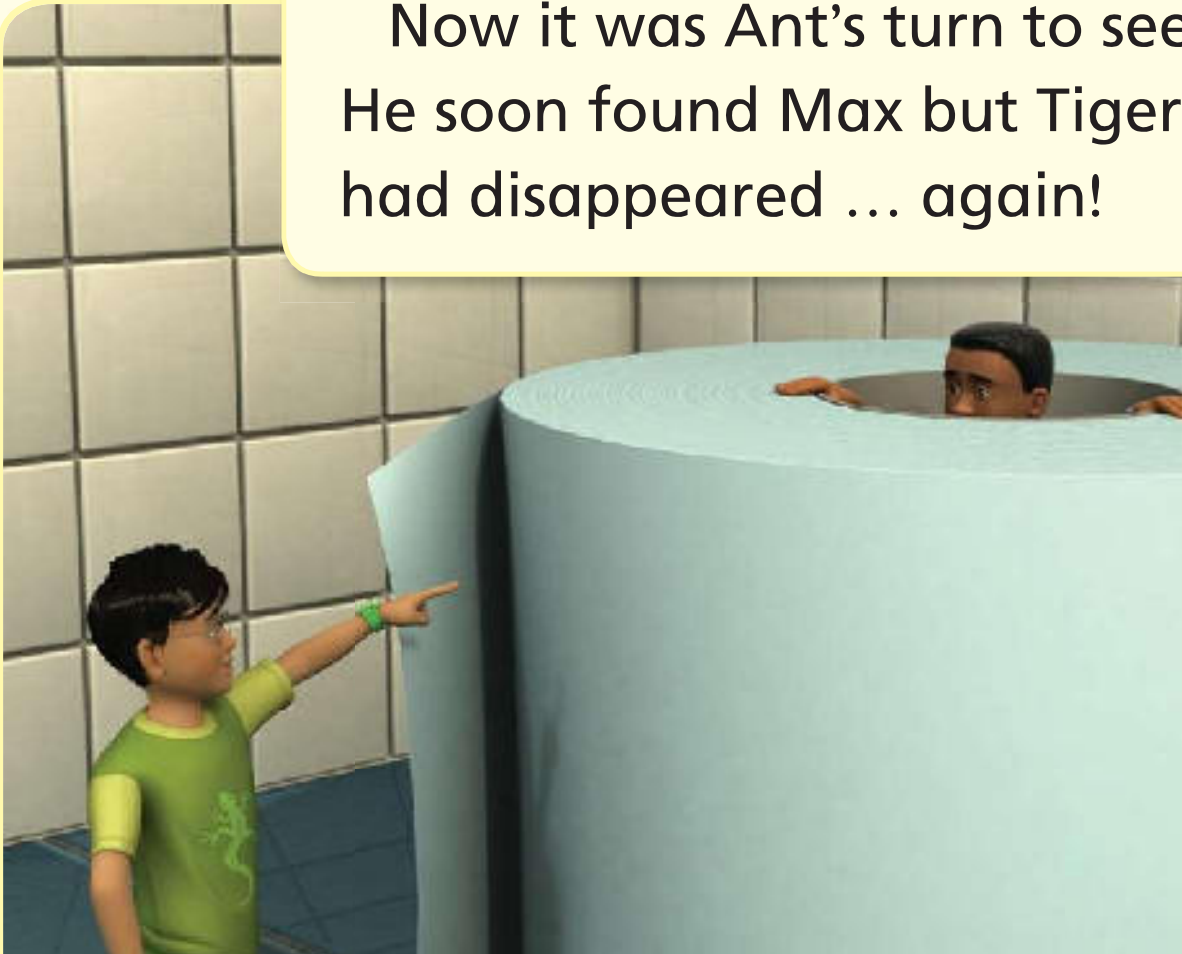
They played micro-hide and seek. Ant hid in Tiger's pencil case. But Tiger found him.



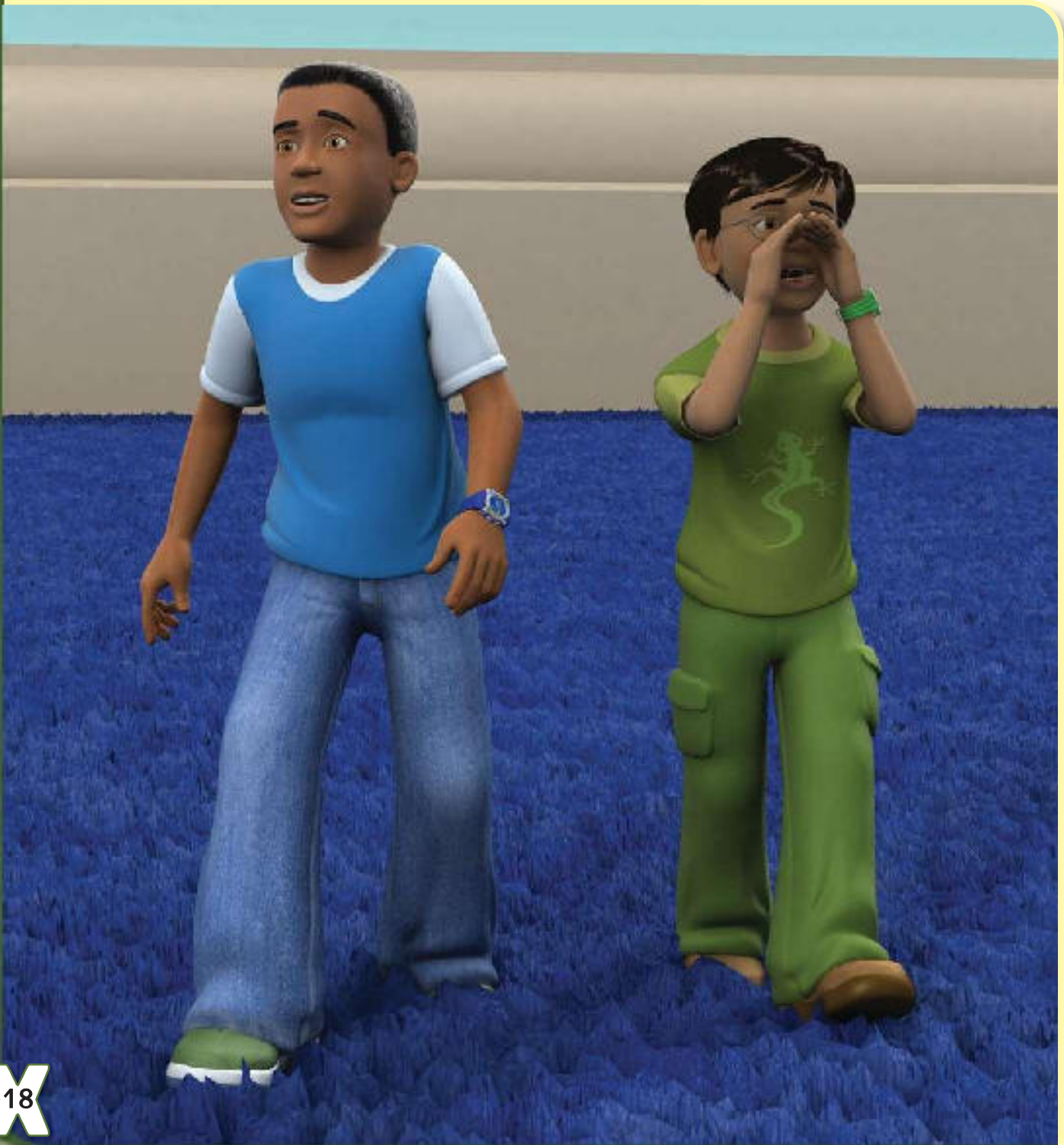
Max hid in Tiger's toy space ship.
But Tiger found him.



Now it was Ant's turn to seek.
He soon found Max but Tiger
had disappeared ... again!



“Come on, Tiger,” Max called. “We give up.”
“You’re the best at hiding, Tiger,” shouted Ant.
“You can come out now.”
Tiger didn’t come out.



Max and Ant grew back to normal size.
They went to find Cat.

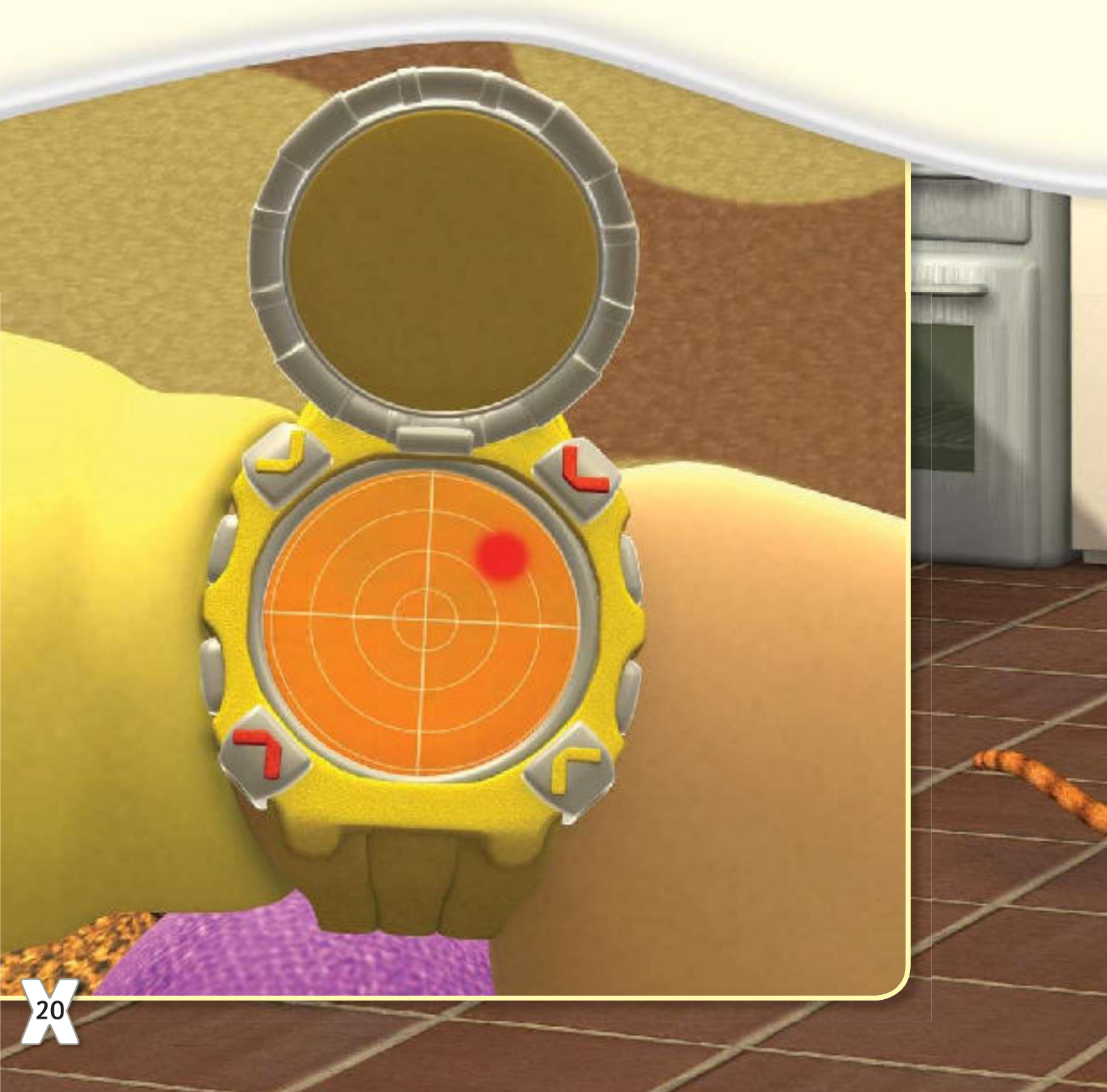
“Help us, Cat. We can’t find Tiger!”
said Ant.



“So what?” said Cat.

“He might be in trouble,” said Max.

Cat looked at her watch. The dot showed that Tiger was in the kitchen.



In the kitchen they saw Tiger's pet cat, Moggy. She was crouched by some shoes. Moggy swished her tail. Then she stuck her paw into one of the shoes. A small squeak came out of the shoe.



“Oh, no!” said Ant.
Quick!” said Max.
Cat picked up Moggy and held her
tight. Micro-Tiger jumped out of
the shoe. He grew back to normal size.

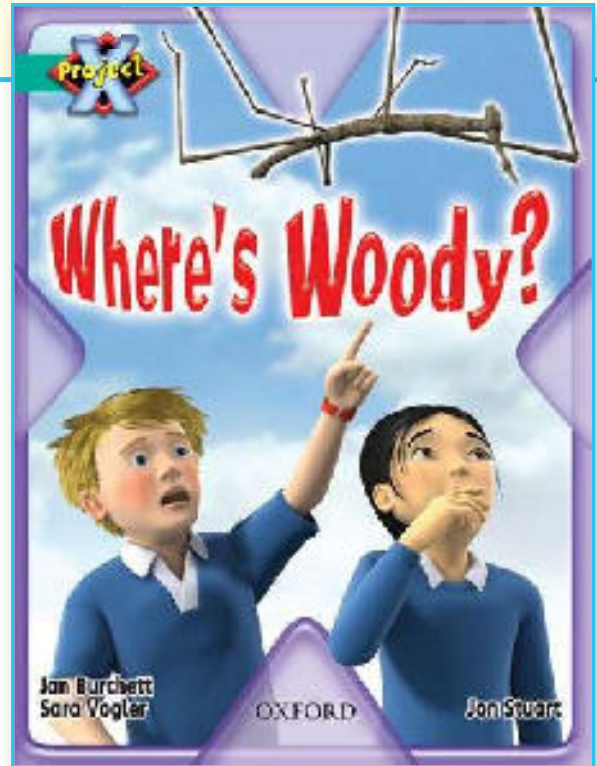


“Phew! That was close!” gasped Tiger.
“That will teach you to mess with us cats!”
laughed Cat.



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and seek fun read
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Help Ant find the
hidden animals in
Animal Magic.



After reading

Talk with your child about the book after reading. Here are some questions you could ask:

- Who's turn was it to count first?
- Who do you think was cheating, Cat or Tiger?
- Where did micro-Max and micro-Ant hide?
- What happened to Tiger at the end of the story?

Encourage your child to read the story again. This will build their reading confidence and reading fluency.



Other things to do

Keep talking about this book. Encourage your child to use their imagination! Where would they want to hide if they were micro-sized?

Why not play a game of hide and seek!

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