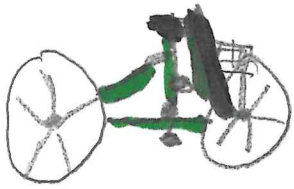


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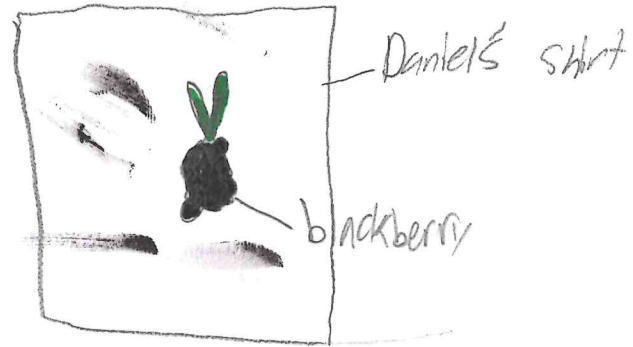


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Chapter 1 The Mansion



And... "School's out," declared Daniel's teacher. "Enjoy the summer break," said some of Daniel's best friends as they hurried out the doors to their waiting cars. Daniel fiddled with his flashlight as he

waited impatiently for his twin brother. Connor burst out of the school doors with papers spilling from his arms, slid down the railing, and promptly fell down the steps. The twins scooped up the papers and put them in Connor's backpack. They jumped on their bikes as Connor yelled, "Race you back to the house!" He took off at a breakneck speed and disappeared around the corner. Daniel, who was falling behind, increased speed. As he rounded the corner, he took the turn too tight and crashed into a blackberry bush. He attempted to rise, but the thorns gripped his shirt and weariness overcame him.



Connor got to the house and waited for his brother as he got a snack out of the pantry.



He absentmindedly munched on a chocolate chip cookie and looked out the window. He took another bite and frowned in disgust as he bit down on a hard section of the cookie. When Daniel had not returned in 5 minutes, Connor hopped on his bike and began to search for his missing twin.

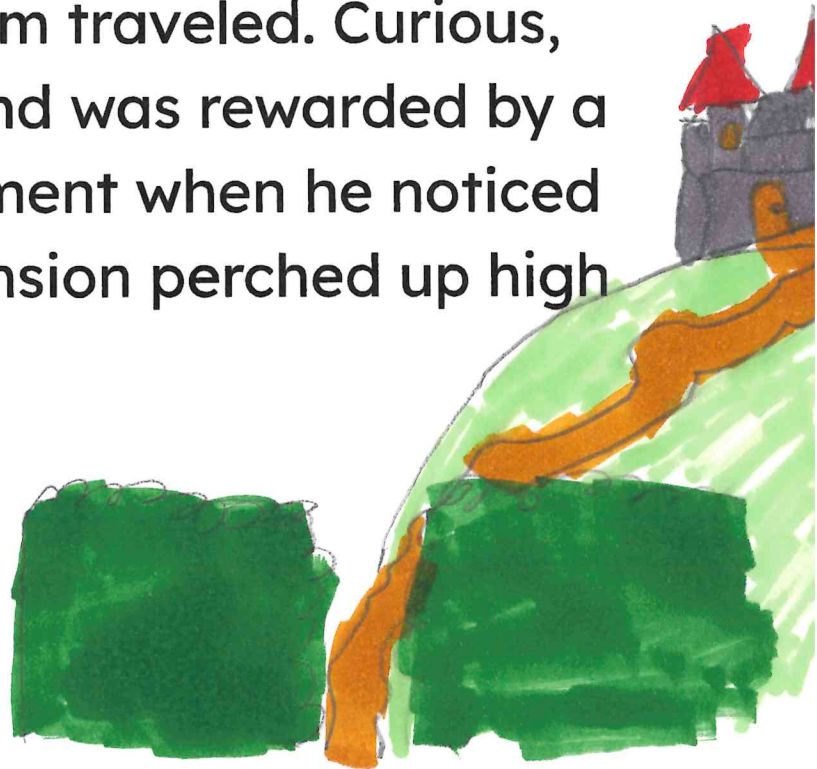


Daniel woke slowly. He felt as if his entire torso was asleep. Unfortunately, the pins-and-needles sensation was from thorns poking his abdomen. He managed to grab his emergency kit, which had spilled from his bike basket at the time of the crash. He pulled his swiss army knife from the satchel and cut himself free of the brambles. He tore a strip from his shirt and wrapped a few blackberries in the piece of cloth. Just as he was pulling his bike from

the bush, he noticed an old dirt trail that appeared to be seldom traveled. Curious, he biked up the hill and was rewarded by a thrilling jolt of excitement when he noticed a dilapidated old mansion perched up high on the hill.

Chapter 2

The Discovery



Connor found a spot in the blackberry bush that had a slight depression from where he presumed Daniel crashed and decided to pursue him up the hill. He found Daniel at the top of the hill staring at the mansion. “Let’s explore it,” Connor said eagerly. They entered the mansion with newfound energy and began to explore. Daniel entered a room that appeared to be the treasury, he drew this conclusion from the gold coins



glinting on the floor in the eerie torchlight cast from the sconces in the wall. A slight noise from behind made Daniel whip around and search for the cause of the disturbance. Daniel noticed a hooded figure in the corner of the room. He was shrouded in the shadow of a suit of armor leaning morbidly against the wall.



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