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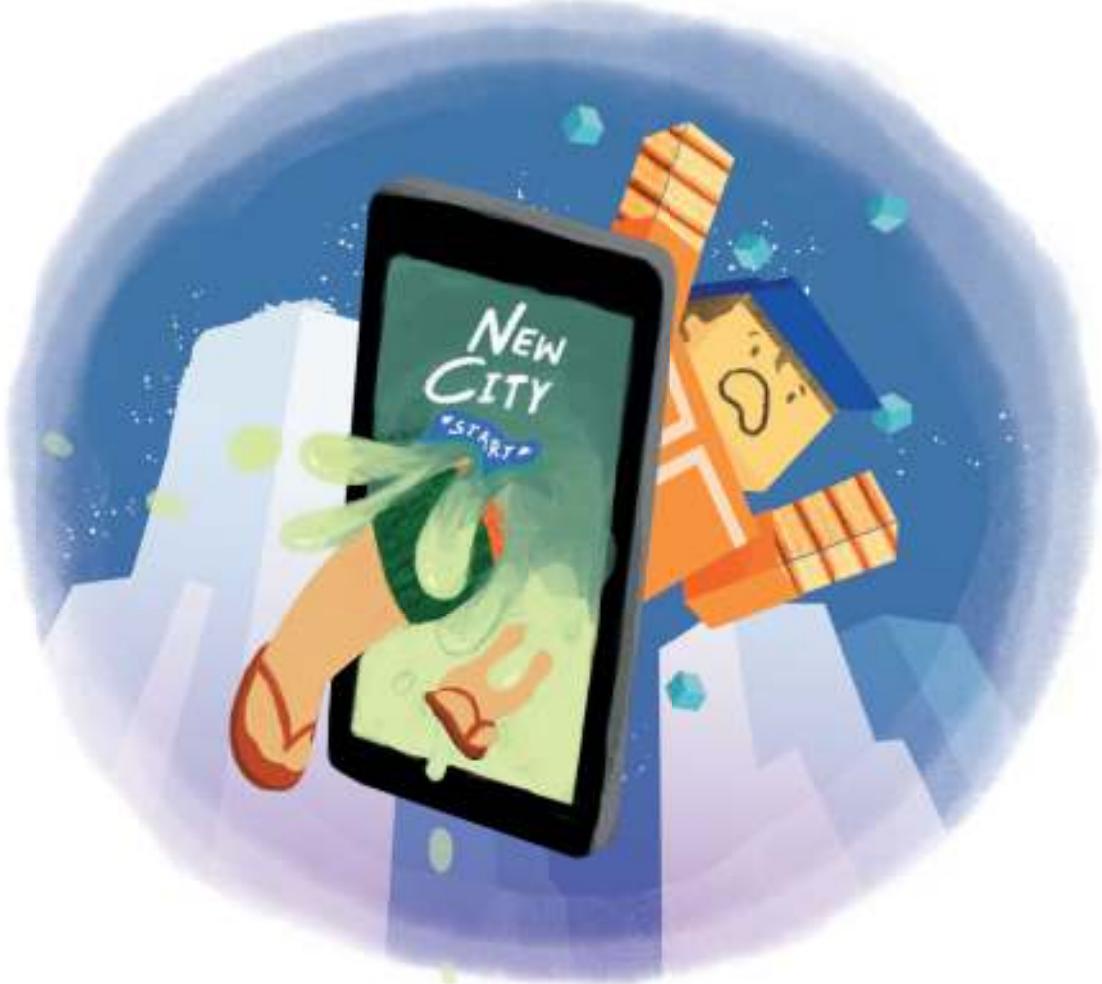
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CHAPTER I NEW CITY

It's the weekend. It is the time Mom lets me play video games for three hours. On weekdays, I'm only allowed to play for an hour.

The video game I currently like is called New City. I can play this game with my friends. We can compete for the top rank.

Today my rank went down to 10th place out of 15 players. I was surprised to see Lian's name above mine.



I quickly went out to see Lian. He usually plays in his front yard. I had a feeling Lian was cheating in the game.

“Lian, you’re cheating, aren’t you? You passed my rank pretty fast,” I said.

Lian didn’t like being called a cheater. He explained that he used a game voucher to increase his strength in New City. “I bought a game voucher using the pocket money I saved up, Dito,” Lian replied.

When playing other games, I was usually at the top rank. Beating my friends’ rank in games made me happy. We played other games without vouchers.

But it’s different for New City. Players can buy game vouchers. There are secret codes on the voucher to get golden coins.

This game is so cool. I can build a city on empty land. To get the building materials I have to go through a series of hard obstacles.



HOW TO PLAY NEW CITY



1. INSTALL THE NEW CITY GAME ON YOUR PHONE.

2. SIGN UP

NAME
DIT O

EMAIL
DITO@GMAIL.COM

PASSWORD



3. GET AN EMPTY PLOT TO START BUILDING

4. GO THROUGH OBSTACLES



5. FIGHT MONSTERS



9. THE MORE BUILDINGS YOU HAVE, THE HIGHER SCORE YOU GET



6. SHOES



7. RECEIVE BUILDING MATERIAL GIFTS

8. BUY BUILDING MATERIALS WITH VOUCHERS



10. PLAY WITH FRIENDS

CHAPTER 2

GOLDEN SHOES



Should I open it? I don't want to be ranked under Lian. I want to be ranked first.

Yes, I have to open up my money box, I just have to!

While tidying up the money in the money box, Uncle Frans walked into the room.

Uncle Frans wanted to know why I opened up my money box.

I told him I wanted to buy new shoes. Luckily, he didn't ask any more questions. Oh, by the way, Uncle Frans is Mom's younger brother who lives with us.

Then I went out to the game voucher shop. I bought a few game vouchers with some of my pocket money.

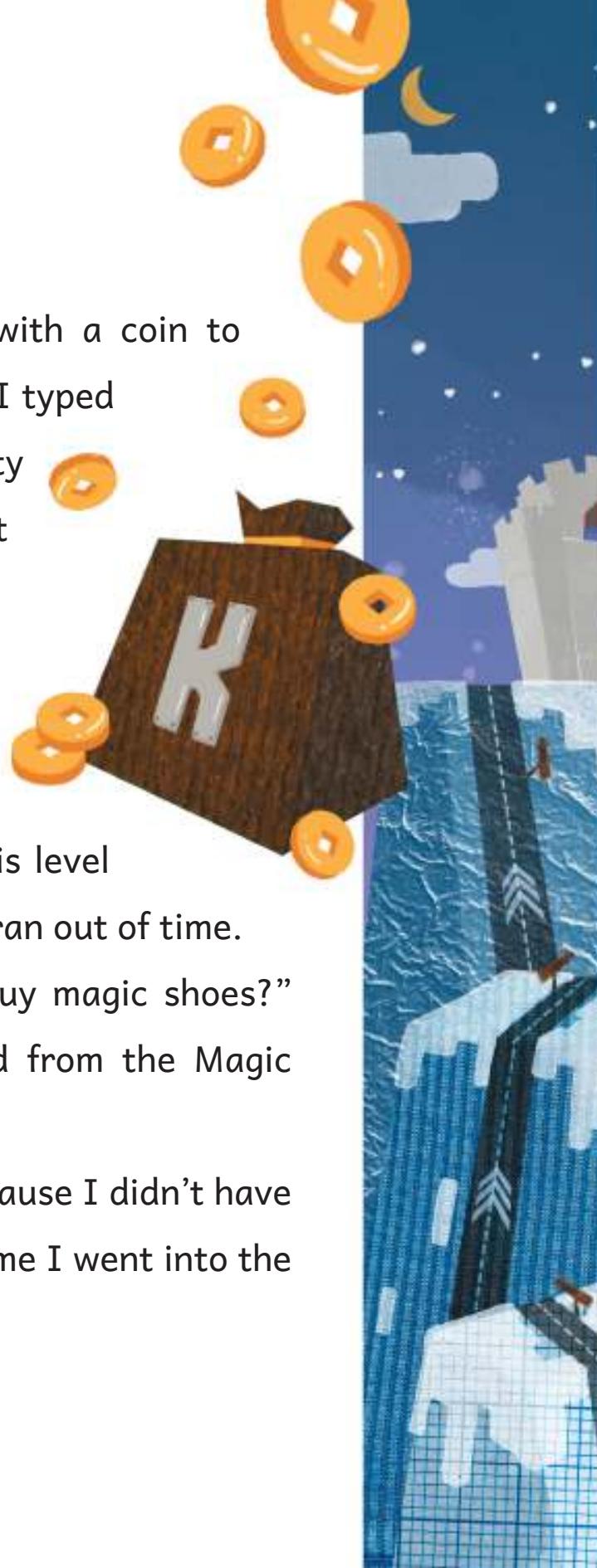


I scratched the voucher with a coin to reveal the secret code. Then I typed in the code into the New City game. Yes, I finally have a lot of gold coins.

Right now, I'm up to the 13th level of the obstacle and I have to get through a snowstorm. I have tried this level before but I failed because I ran out of time.

“Dito, would you like to buy magic shoes?” The voice of a man is heard from the Magic Shoes shop.

I usually didn't answer because I didn't have enough gold coins. But this time I went into the Magic Shoes shop.



There are three shoe options. I bought the golden shoes to increase my strength and speed even though it was pricey.

The shoes do wonders! I could easily run through the snowstorm to get the golden key. I even got some gifts of building materials and construction equipment.

Sadly, to make a new building I was still short on materials. I needed to buy some more building materials with gold coins.

Hooray! I finished a new multi-storied building.

As I finished the building, the gate to level 14 opened. I needed to get through a new obstacle.



CHAPTER 3

HOSPITAL



Without realizing, I had spent all of my gold coins in one week. My rank went up to the 5th position. Yes, I finally beat Lian.

“Dito, you went quickly up the ranks. Did you buy some vouchers as well?” Lian came over and asked me.

“Sure did. You’re not the only one who can afford to buy them,” I replied.

Lian told me he couldn’t buy anymore this weekend. He was going to use his pocket money to buy a present for his cousin’s birthday.

Suddenly I remembered how much money I had left. I started having doubts about buying more vouchers this weekend. Should I use more of my pocket money?



While I was thinking, Uncle Frans asked me to come with him to a book fair. But I refused because I was playing games with Lian.

Uncle Frans then asked me about my plan to buy some new shoes. He offered me some money just in case the money I saved up wasn't enough. I refused again because the shoes I wanted were not real shoes.

After Uncle Frans left, I took out the pocket money I had left. I decided to buy vouchers again. I wanted to take over the first rank as soon as possible!



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Cha-Ching! My gold coins multiplied.

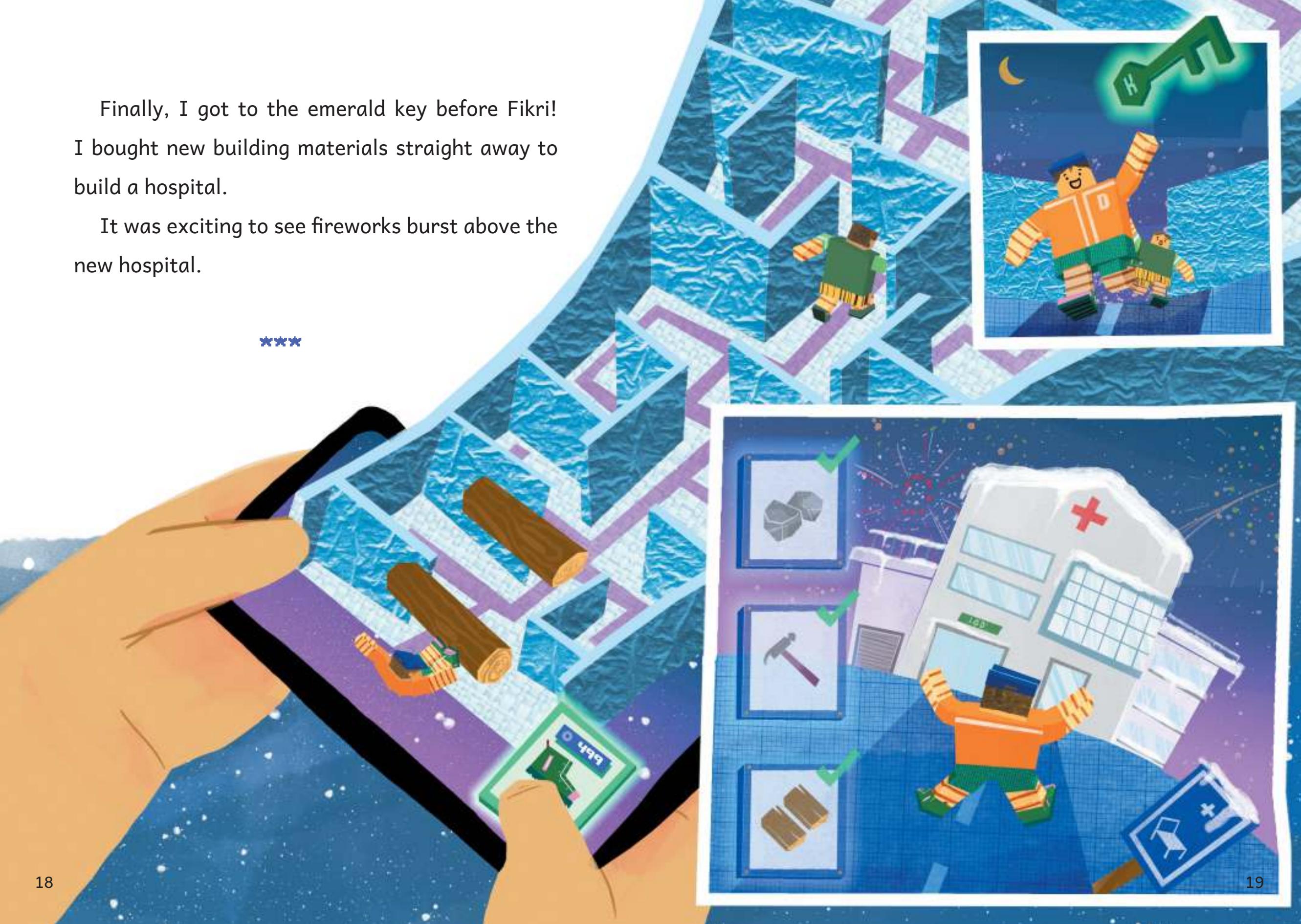
I was now up to the 30th level of obstacles. I had to go through a labyrinth to find an emerald key. To make myself stronger, I bought another pair of magic shoes.

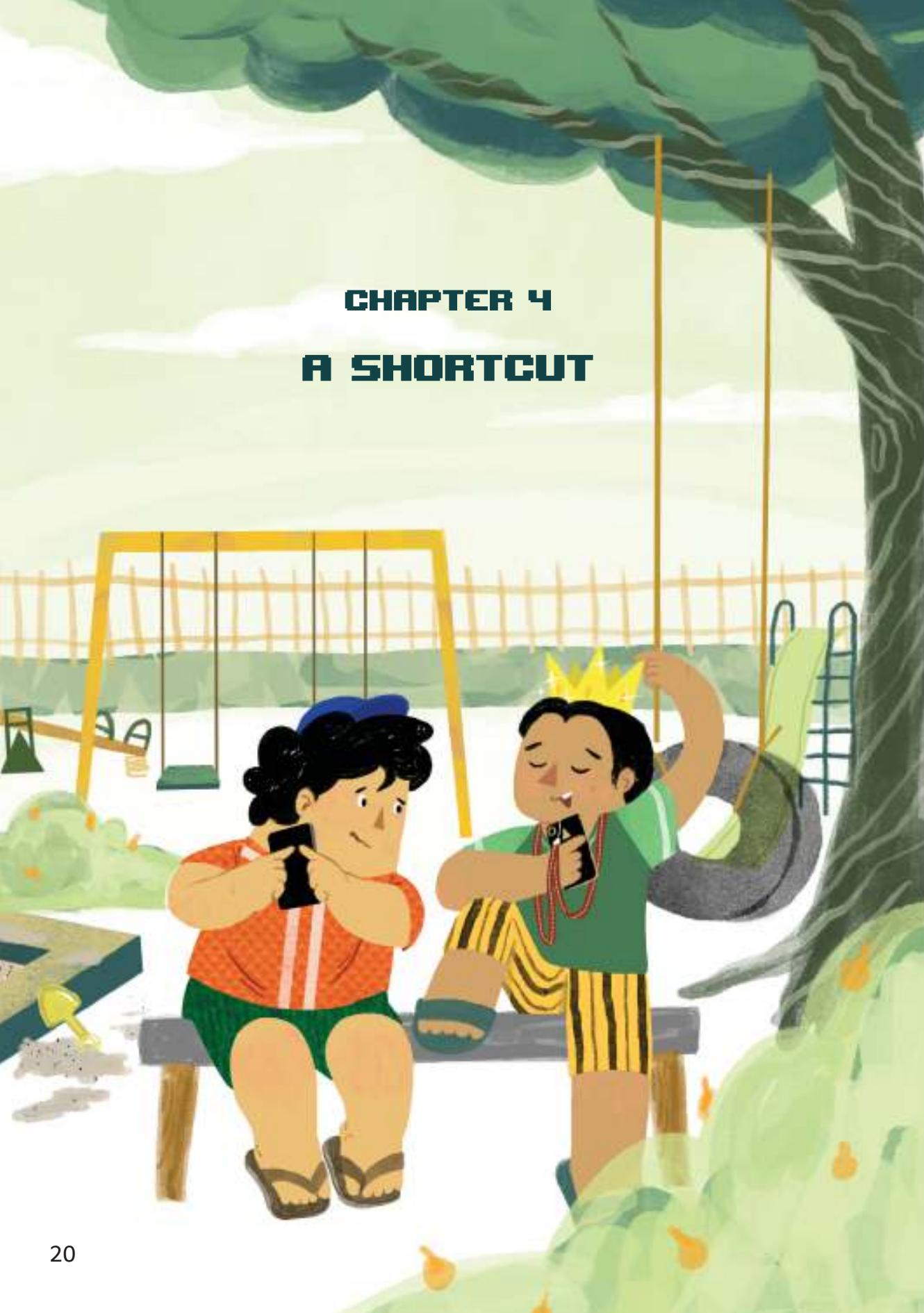
While trying to finish the obstacle, I saw Fikri struggling to get through the labyrinth. Right now Fikri is ranked 4th. If I could successfully finish this level, I could take over Fikri's rank.



Finally, I got to the emerald key before Fikri!
I bought new building materials straight away to
build a hospital.

It was exciting to see fireworks burst above the
new hospital.





CHAPTER 4

A SHORTCUT

It had not even been a week, but I only had a few gold coins left. I was able to get up to the 2nd rank. But Chika was still 1st.

I heard some shocking news from Fikri. Apparently, Chika cheated to get gold coins. She used an unofficial website to get the gold coins.

Other than Chika, Tora was also cheating. Now it made sense that Tora could get to the 6th position from 12th in a blink of an eye.

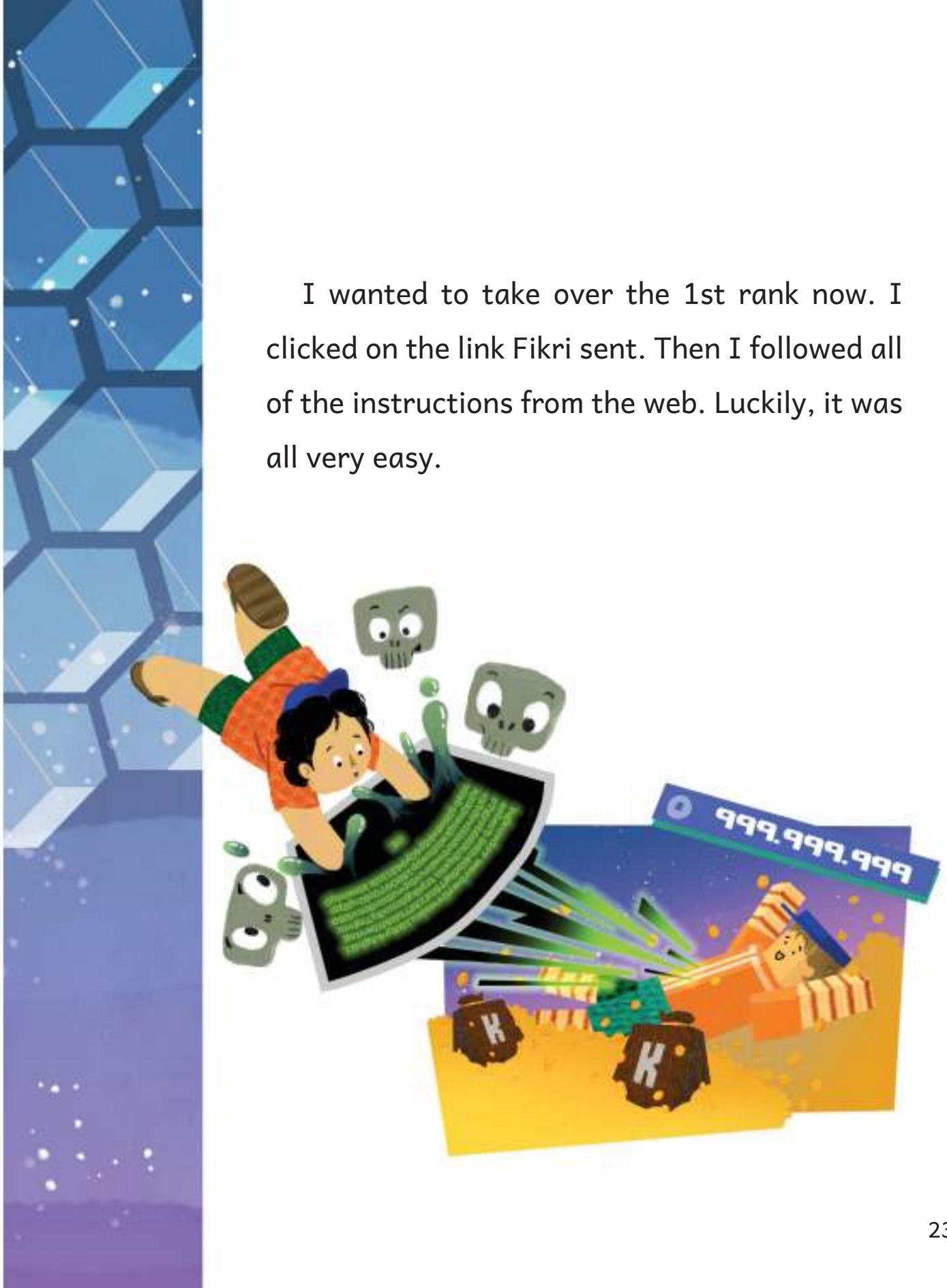


I begged Fikri to tell me the web address of the unofficial site. The fact that Fikri sat next to Tora in class would make this easy.

After I finished my evening shower, Fikri sent me a short message. It said, “Please don’t pass it around.” Fikri attached a web address link to the message.

I stopped and thought for a second. Should I really cheat? What would be the punishment if I get caught?

I wanted to take over the 1st rank now. I clicked on the link Fikri sent. Then I followed all of the instructions from the web. Luckily, it was all very easy.





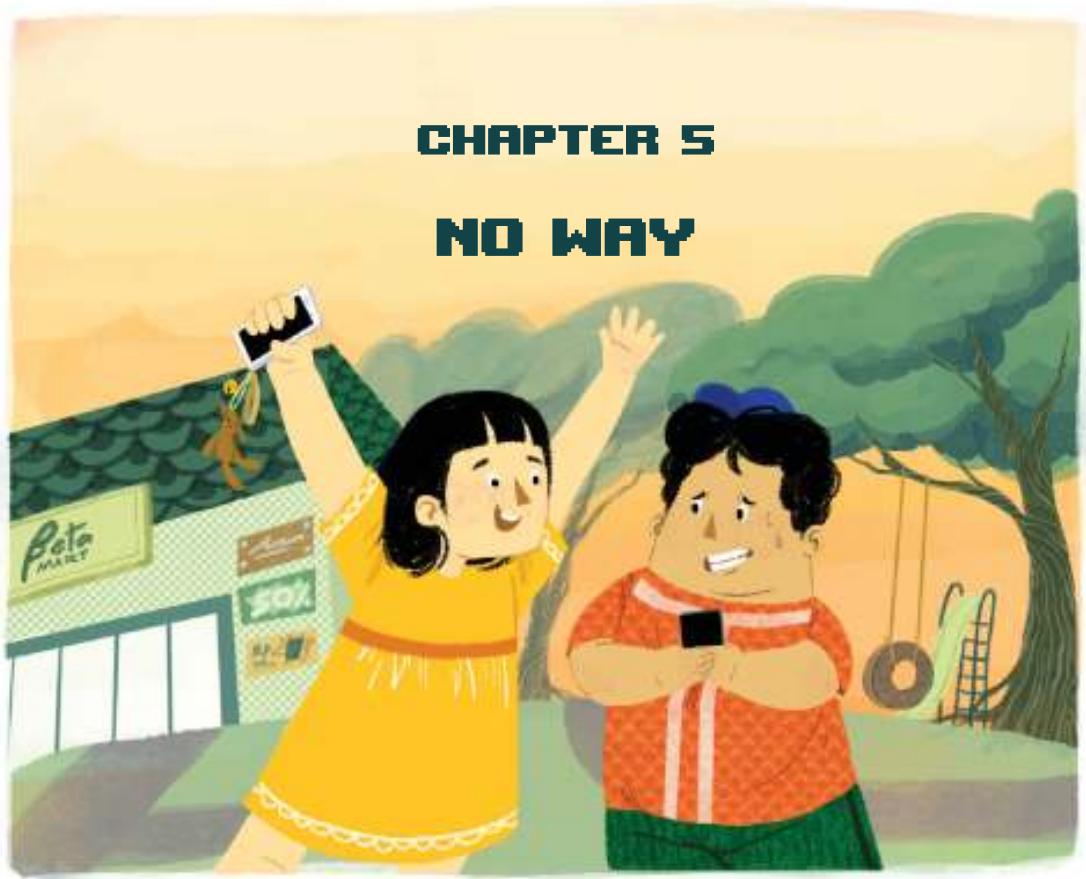
When I switched apps to New City, I was shocked to see the amount of gold coins I had. I received a huge amount of free gold coins! I could buy as many building materials and magic shoes as I wanted.

With magic shoes, it was easy to slay the monsters behind the screen. Hooray, I got the diamond key!



CHAPTER 5

NO WAY



I went out into the front yard to play with Lian.

“Congrats Dito! You’re now in the first place,” Lian said.

I was confused because as far as I knew I was still in 2nd place. Lian told me that Chika dropped to the lowest rank.

Lian suspected that Chika cheated so she got punished in the game.

“You didn’t cheat like her, did you Dito?” Lian asked.

I hesitated to answer Lian. Ah, if I got caught cheating it would be so embarrassing.

“Dito, look! Your rank just dropped! You must have cheated too, right?” Lian exclaimed.



I was surprised when I opened New City. A notification popped up:

“We have detected cheating from your account in this game. We regret to inform you that your game progress has been reset to the beginning. Please continue to play with honesty.”

Ah, if only I had played fairly none of this would have happened. I wouldn’t have lost the buildings I had created. My rank would not have dropped drastically. I was no longer interested in opening the New City app.





I dragged my feet to my room.

“Dito, have you bought the new shoes you wanted?” asked Uncle Frans who was standing in the doorway of my room.

I finally told him everything. Starting from the magic shoes, New City, and how I cheated because I desperately wanted to be first.



GLOSSARY

game : an online recreational activity

install : place, load software

level : series of stages in a game

material : raw materials to build something

cellphone : cellular phone, electronic device

reset : start over

situs : a webpage on the Internet filled with information

tautan : web address that connects to a webpage

voucher : coupon or card



GREETINGS

Hello!

We're pretty sure that each of you has a favorite game. We also have our favorites, like cooking and restaurant games. While playing those games we want to be at the highest rank by playing the game all the time. Wait! Don't get us wrong, playing games in our downtime is really fun, but don't forget to finish all of your homework and chores before playing, okay?

Cheers,

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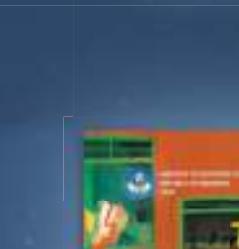
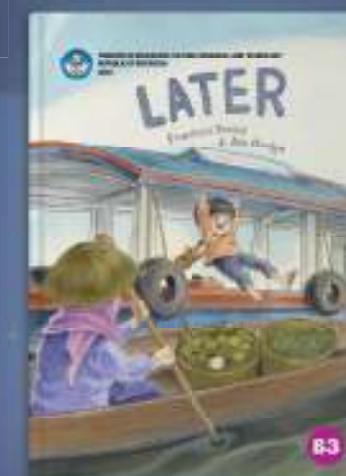
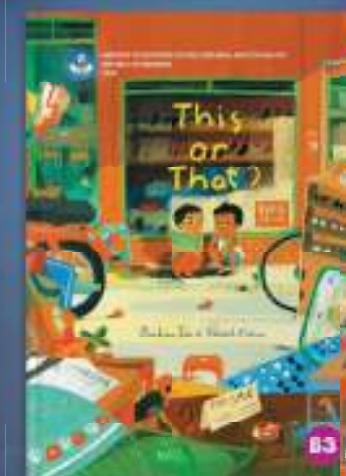


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Dito wanted to rank the best in the New City game with his friends. He even used his savings to buy game vouchers. When his rank moved up, he also heard that some of his friends were cheating. Would Dito follow in his friends' footsteps?

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