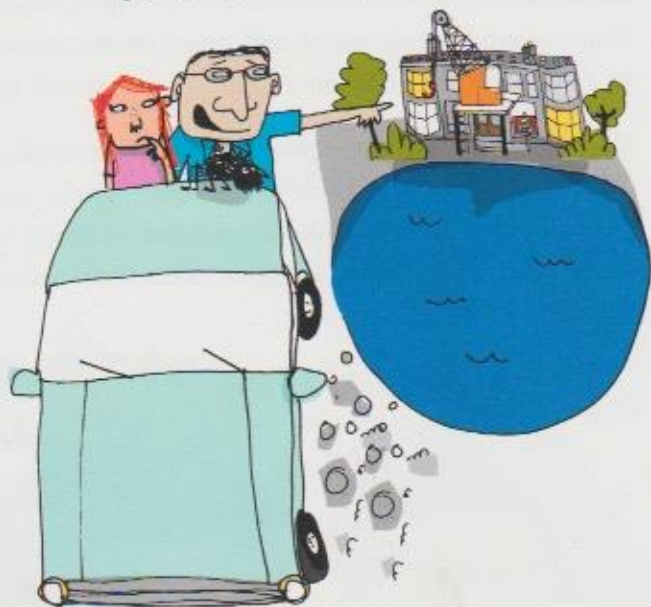


Flash Harriet is a young detective, and with her pet tarantula, Gus, she is ready for anything.

Let's see what is happening when she reaches her uncle in Scotland.



2 A clever plan



"Something odd is happening in Swag Hall," said Uncle Proudlock, as he drove Flash Harriet back to his castle on the edge of Loch Ness. He stopped the car and pointed across the lake to a huge stone house. "When the new people moved in, strange things began to happen."

"What kind of strange things?" asked Flash Harriet. Uncle Proudlock shook his head. "The lights began to go on and off all night and green smoke started to pour out of the chimney."

Uncle Proudlock looked serious. "Then, last week, all the dogs began to bark at the same time. Then all the fish leapt out of the water at the same time. Then all the birds suddenly flew up from the trees."

"At the same time?" Flash Harriet asked, her eyes wide with amazement.



"Yes," replied Uncle Proudlock. "I know it sounds peculiar, but it was as if someone was giving them orders. The dogs and the fish and the birds couldn't stop themselves."

Flash Harriet looked across the lake and saw a huge orange crane fixed to a platform in front of the house. A large hook was hanging over the water. "What's that crane doing there?"

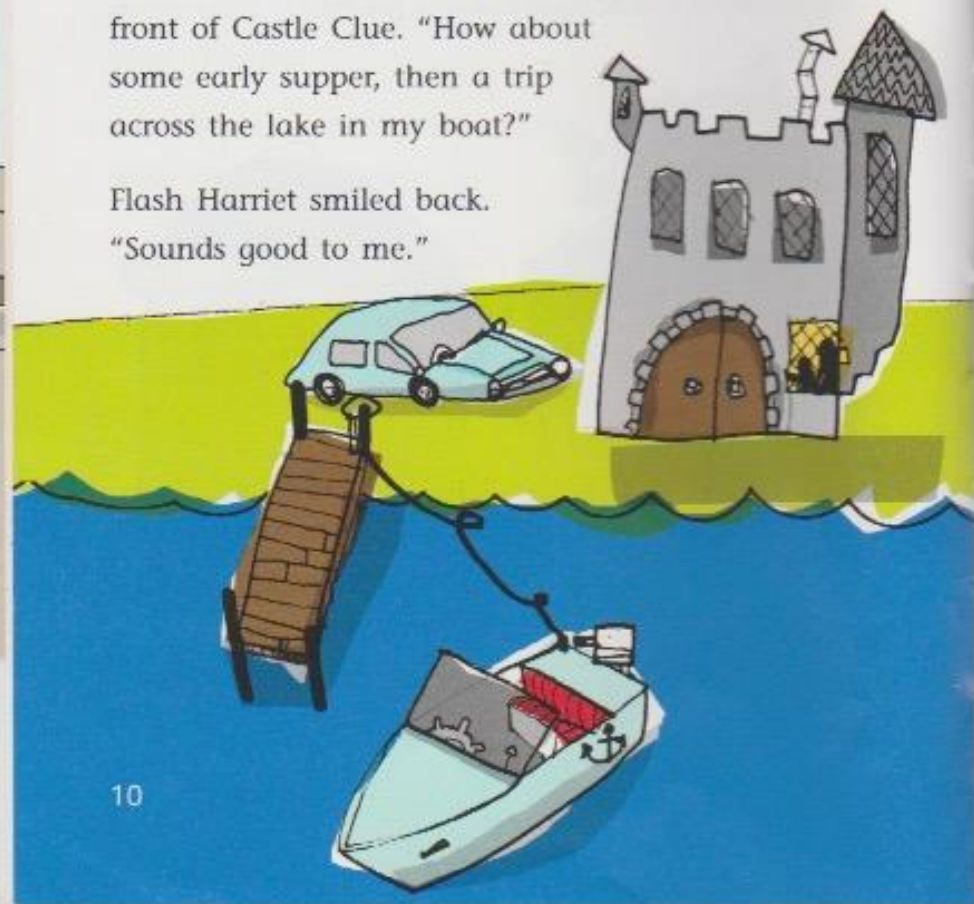


"It arrived last night," said Uncle Proudlock in a serious voice. "That's when I decided I needed your help."

Flash Harriet felt her neck prickle with excitement. "What's the plan?" she asked in her best detective voice.

Uncle Proudlock smiled as he stopped in front of Castle Clue. "How about some early supper, then a trip across the lake in my boat?"

Flash Harriet smiled back. "Sounds good to me."



Chapter Two

Reading Vipers

Vocabulary

Infer

Predict

Explain

Retrieve

Summarise



V What does the word 'peculiar' mean?

I How was Flash Harriet feeling when her uncle told her about the strange events at Swag Hall? How do you know?

P What do you think will happen next?

E Find a phrase that shows Harriet is excited.

R What strange things had Uncle Proudlock seen?

S Tell me the 3 main things that have happened in this chapter.

I hope you are enjoying the story so far.

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Thank you Year 3,
Mrs Yeandle