

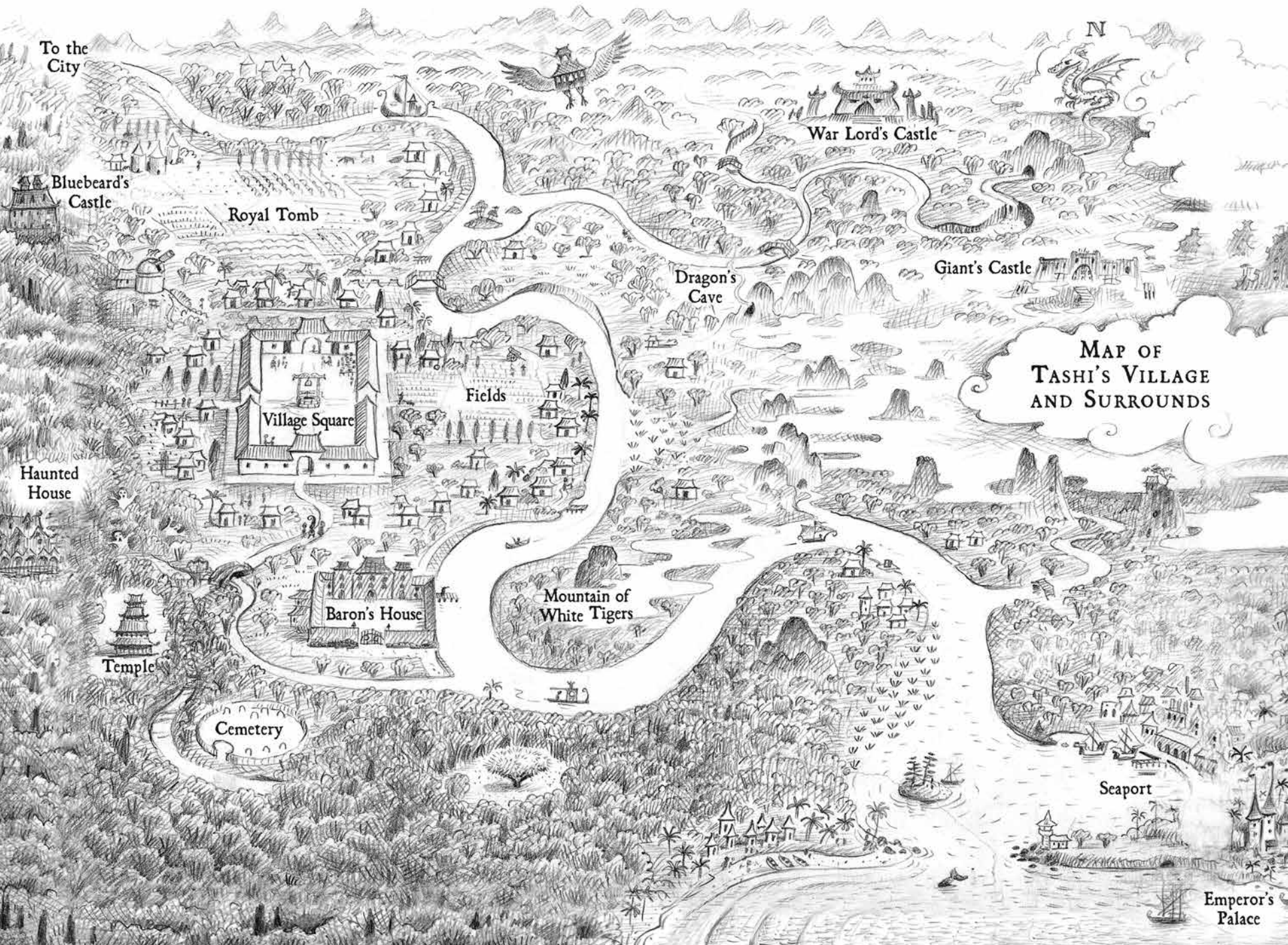
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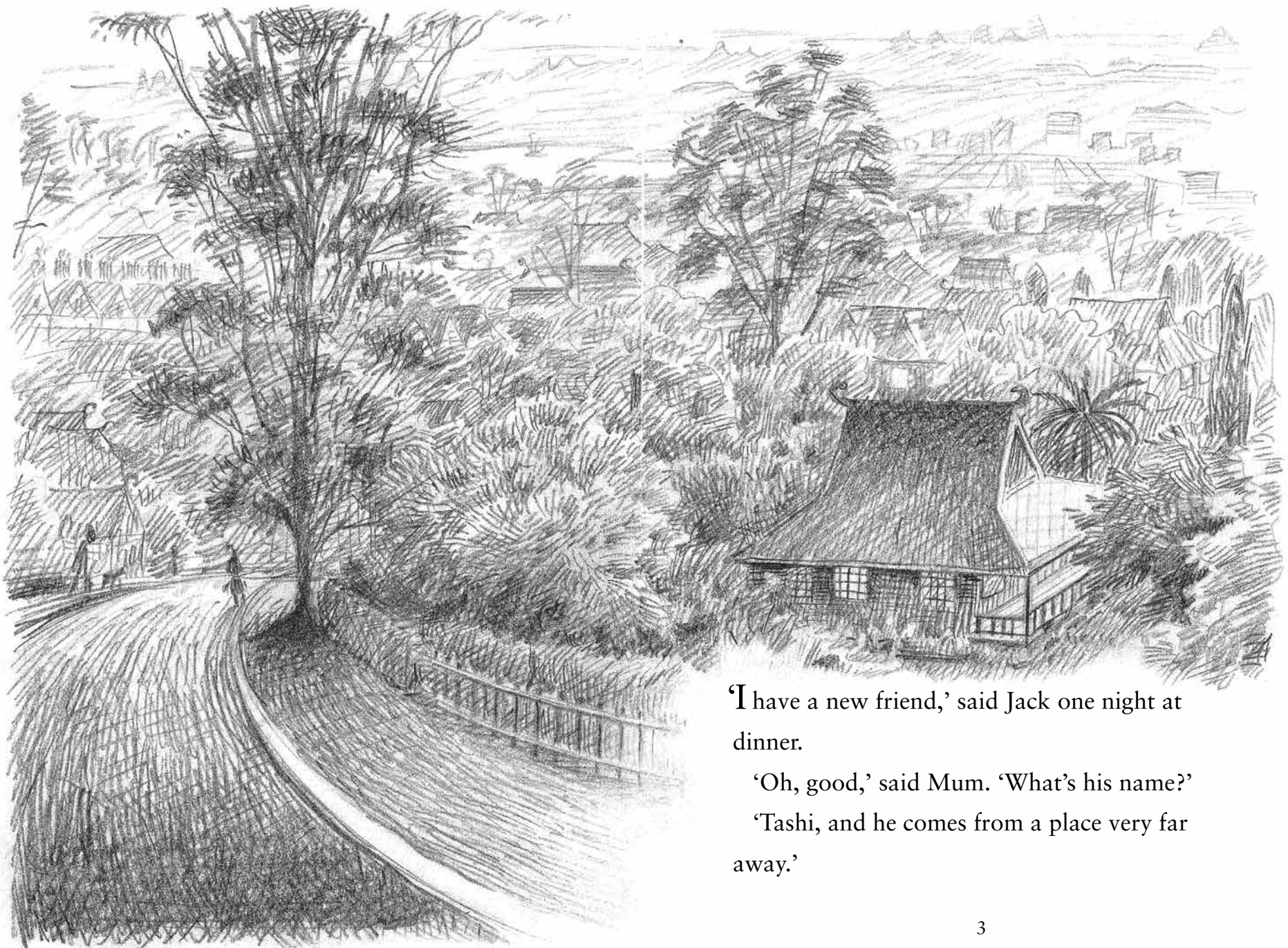
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‘I have a new friend,’ said Jack one night at dinner.

‘Oh, good,’ said Mum. ‘What’s his name?’

‘Tashi, and he comes from a place very far away.’



‘That’s interesting,’ said Dad.

‘Yes,’ said Jack. ‘He came here on a swan.’

‘A black or white swan?’ asked Dad.

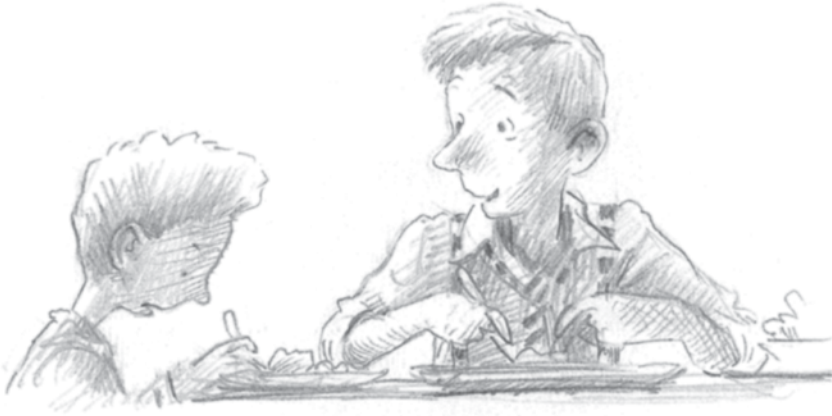
‘It doesn’t *matter*,’ said Jack. ‘You always ask the wrong questions!’

‘How did Tashi get here on a swan then?’ asked Mum.

‘Well,’ said Jack, ‘it was like this. Tashi’s parents were very poor. They wanted to come to this country, but they didn’t have enough money for the airfare. So they had to sell Tashi to a war lord to buy the tickets.’



‘How much did the tickets cost?’ said Dad.



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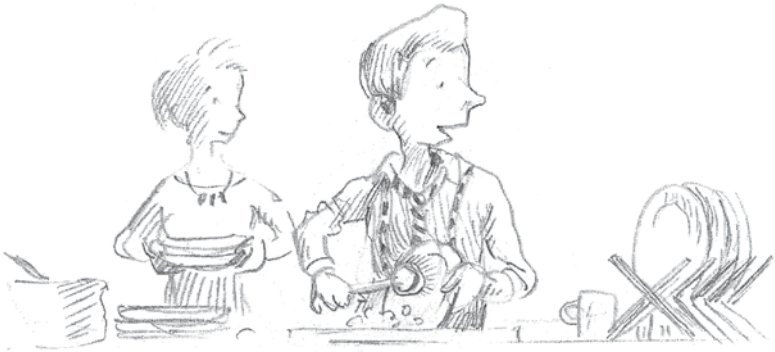


‘So why is Tashi here, and not with the war lord?’ asked Mum.

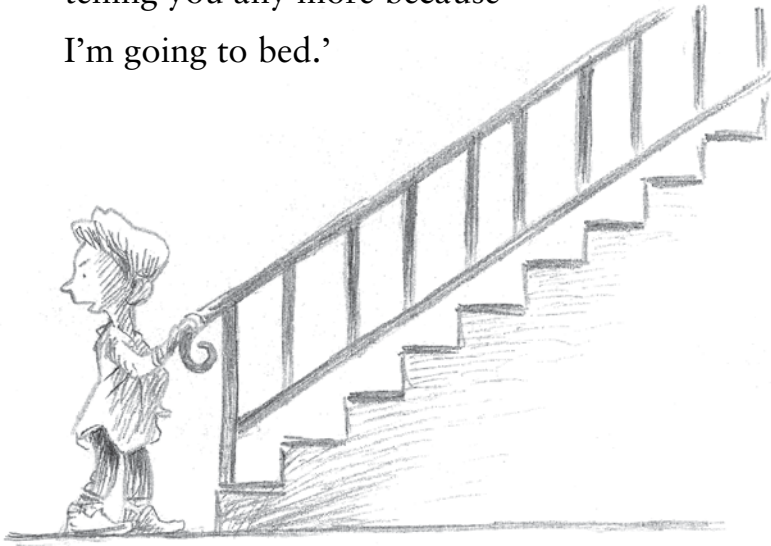
‘Well,’ said Jack, ‘it was like this. Soon after Tashi’s mother and father left, he was crying for them down by the lake. A swan heard his cries and told him to jump on his back. The swan flew many days and nights until he arrived here, right at the front door of Tashi’s parents’ new house.’



‘Did he arrive in the morning or the afternoon?’ asked Dad.



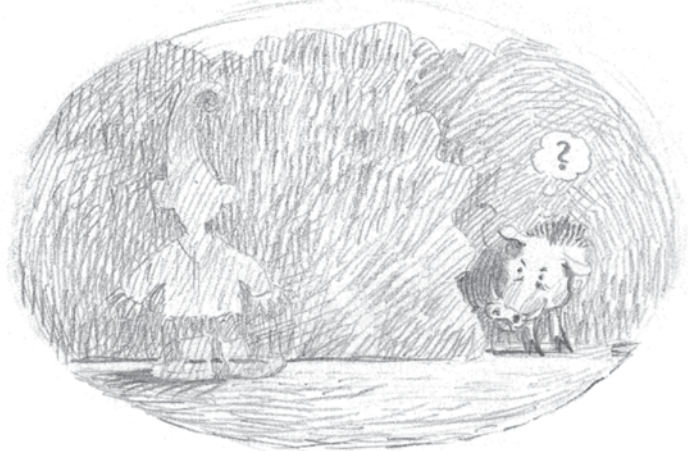
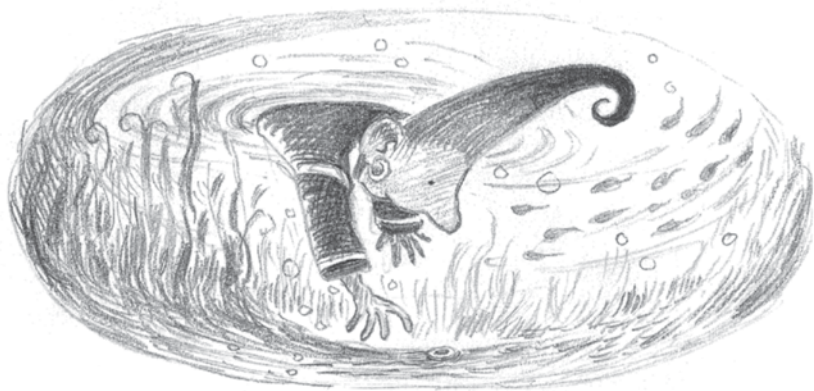
‘It doesn’t *matter*,’ said Jack. ‘And I’m not telling you any more because I’m going to bed.’



A week passed and Jack ate lunch with Tashi every day. And every day he heard a marvellous adventure.



He heard about the time Tashi found a ring at the bottom of a pond, and when he put it on his finger he became invisible.



He heard about the time Tashi met a little woman as small as a cricket, and she told him the future.



And he heard about the time Tashi said
he wanted a friend just like Jack, and *look!*
the fairy had granted his wish.



But at the end of the week he heard the
best adventure of all.



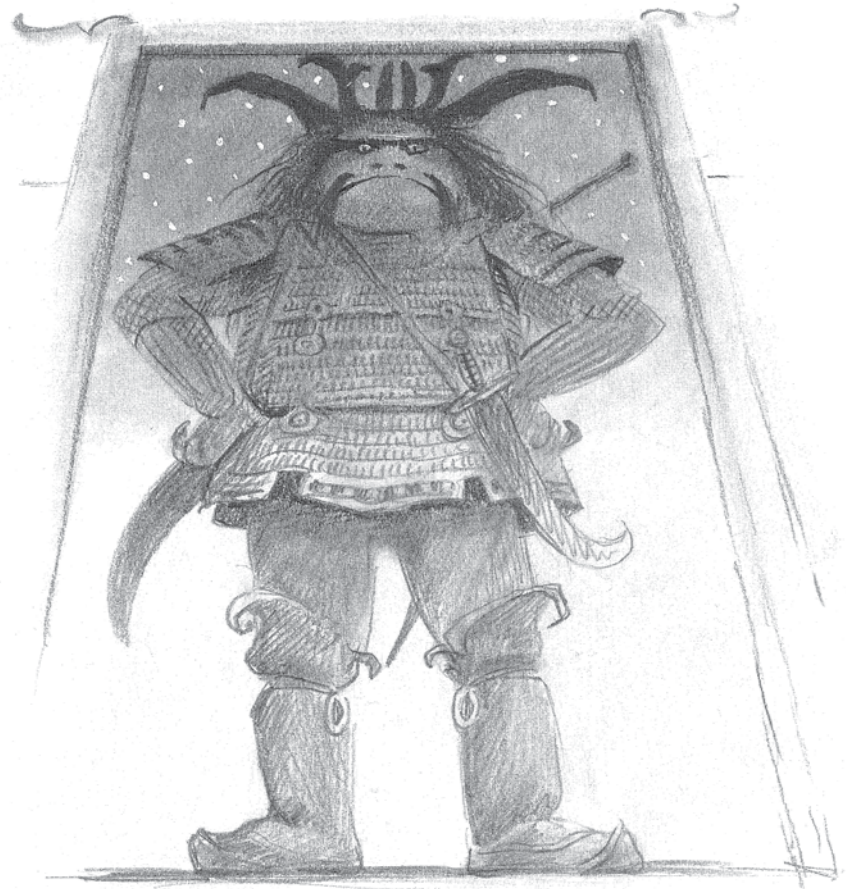
‘Listen to what happened to Tashi yesterday,’ Jack said to Mum and Dad at dinner.

‘Last night there was a knock at Tashi’s door and when he opened it, guess who was standing there!’



‘Who?’ said Mum.

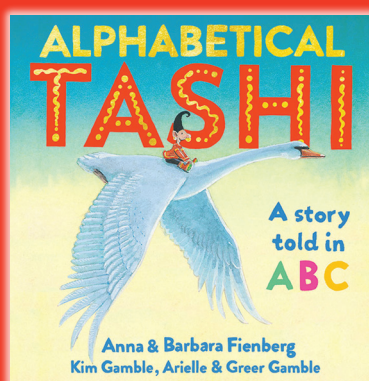
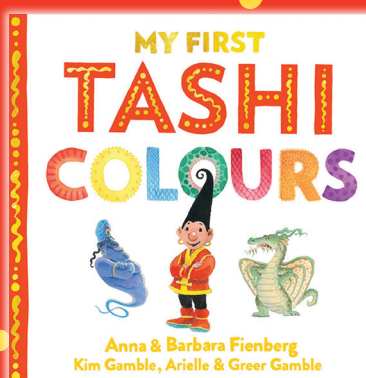
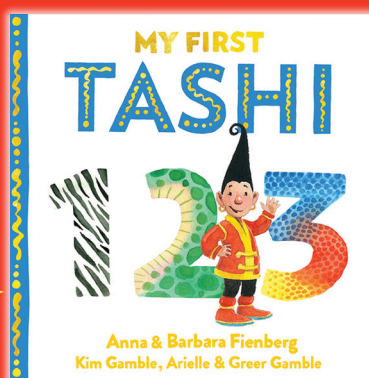
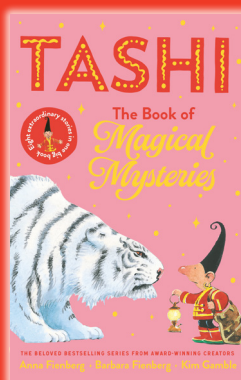
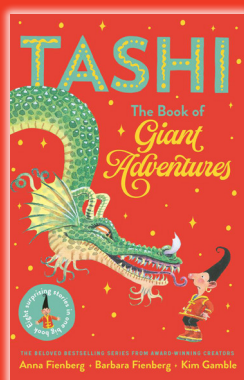
‘The war lord, come to take Tashi back! Tashi turned and ran through the house and out the back door into the garden. He hid under the wings of the swan.’



‘Go on,’ said Mum.

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