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THE HUNT FOR THE FOG PHANTOM

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On the very first day of vacation it happens: Finjan and Nele run into old Mrs. Silverneedle. Shortly afterwards, a thick fog moves through town making it impossible to see anything. It's Foggy, the fog phantom that Mrs. Silverneedle wanted to catch. Now she is in the hospital, and Foggy is creating chaos in the small town. Nele and Finjan have no other choice than to pursue him. But how do you capture a ghost made of fog?

A fast-paced, small town adventure with a big dose of humor.

CONTENT

In the small town where Mrs. Silverneedle lives, Nele is just picking up her friend Finjan at the train station. She is strolling down the street with him when Mrs. Silverneedle comes careening around the corner on her bicycle. There is a collision, and Mrs. Silverneedle is taken to the hospital. Nele and Finjan promise to take care of the elderly woman's flowers. While there, they meet Mrs. Silverneedle's ghostly housemates, Juna, formerly a gargoyle, and Capt'n Jolle, an ancient seaman. Both of them are in a tizzy because the fog phantom has already reached the town and is starting to scare people and make trouble. Because Mrs. Silverneedle is still confused from the accident, Nele and Finjan get a crash course in ghost hunting from Juna and Capt'n Jolle, and try to contain the fog phantom. The residents of the town are puzzled by the recurring thick fogs that seem to appear out of nowhere, which make people lose their way and create a lot of confusion. Ships are stuck in the locks, and nothing is able to move.

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In the meantime, Nele and Finjan have learned the the fog phantom can only be captured with a special teapot of Mrs. Silverneedle's. Something goes wrong, however, and instead Capt'n Jolle ends up in the teapot and can't get out. The town is enveloped in chaos. Nele and Finjan have to think up some way to trick Foggy the fog phantom, and at the same time release Capt'n Jolle from the teapot. In the end, they find a way. But the calm doesn't last for long; the windchimes begin to turn again, which means a new ghost is approaching!

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