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She is an award-winning author of more than fifty books for children.

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She is owned by a big, black dog named Mouse.

**Here is what we don't know about Dori Hillestad Butler:**

What award did she win?

Where was she born?

How does she know so much about dogs?

**Here is a good plan:**

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Hello!

My name is King. I'm a dog.

This is Kayla. She is my human.

We are detectives.



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**Kayla and Mason both got mysterious letters, written in code.**

**What does Kayla know?**

1. The same person left both letters.
2. It's someone she and Mason both know.
3. The two letters are the same, except for the second word.

**What does King know?**

Jillian left the letters.

**What do the letters say?**

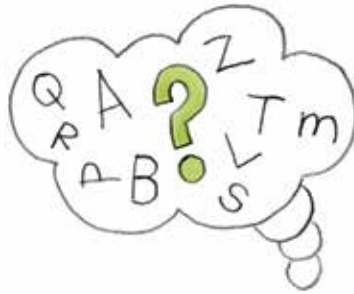


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For my mom, and in memory of my dad, who  
inspired my interest in codes

—D. H. B.

For Danny, Emma, Grace, and Sullivan,  
who inspire me every day

—N. M.



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Chapter One

Ding-dong!

Hello!

My name is King. I'm a dog.

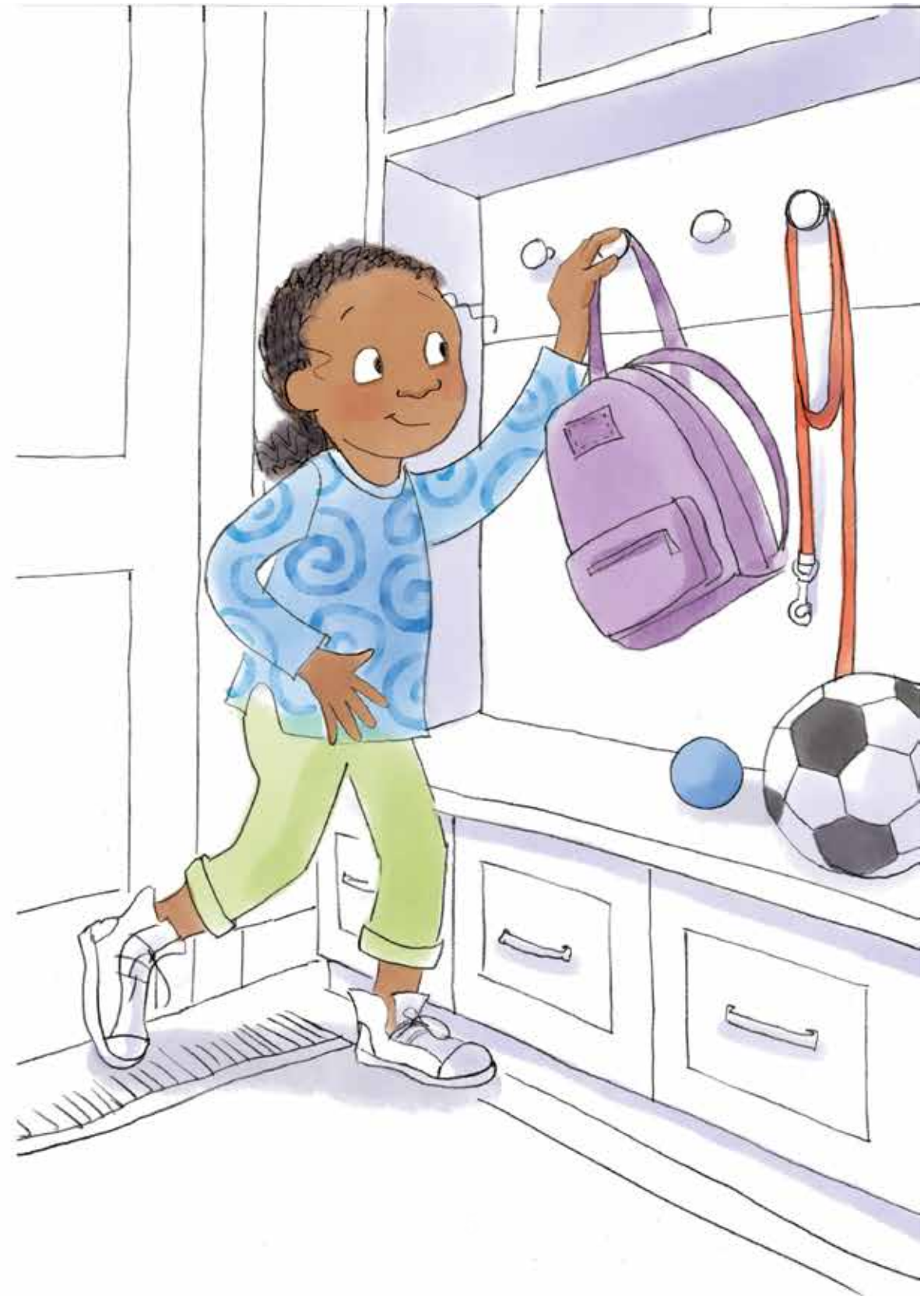
This is Kayla. She is my human.

I'm trying to teach Kayla a new trick.

It's called the Get King Some Cheese

Trick. I LOVE cheese. It's my

favorite food!





Here's how the trick works:

I go to the refrigerator.

I sit.

I say, "Please get me some cheese."

Kayla is having a hard time learning this trick.

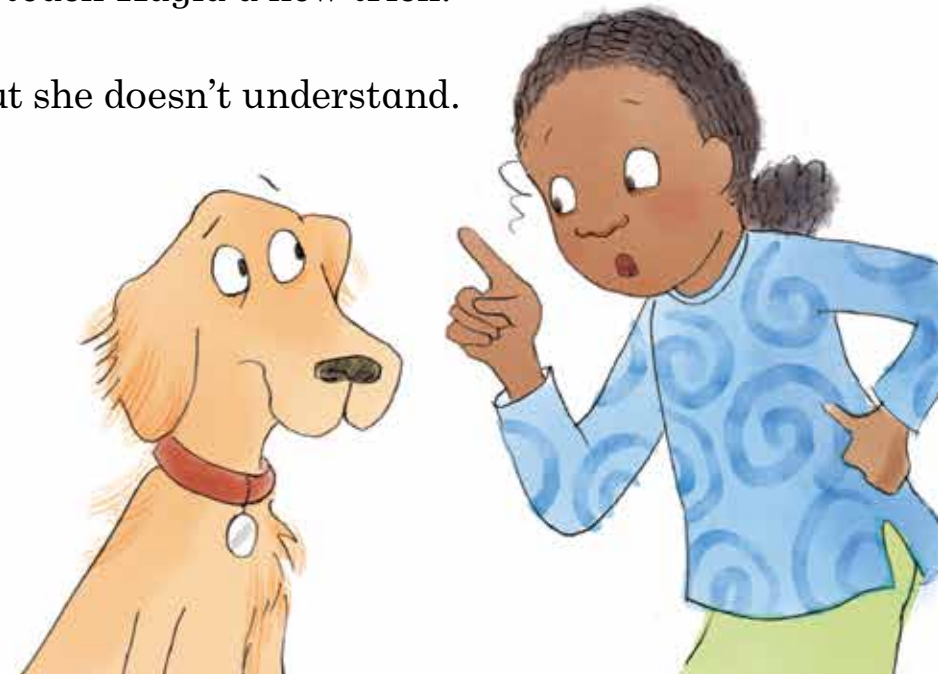


I say it louder: "PLEASE  
GET ME SOME CHEESE!"

"Don't bark, King," Kayla says.

I'm not barking. I'm just trying  
to teach Kayla a new trick.

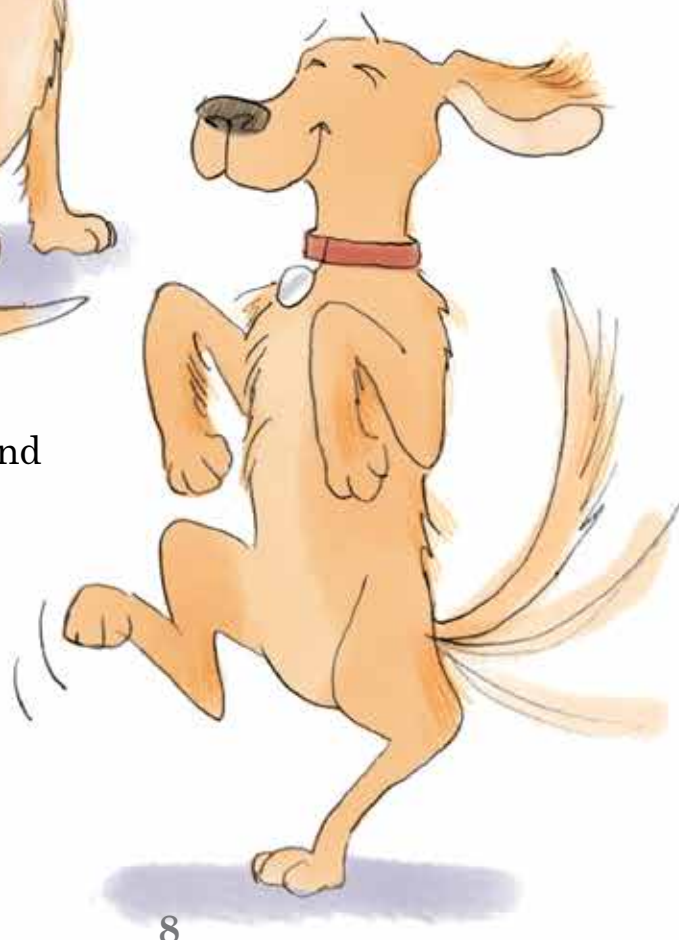
But she doesn't understand.



I try singing. "Let's  
go to the refrigerator!  
Let's get King some  
cheese!"



I dance around  
the kitchen.



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"Ohhhh, I get it," Kayla says. "You want  
to go outside."

"No! I don't want to go outside," I say.  
Why do humans always think dogs  
want to go outside?



*Ding-dong!*

“Someone’s here! Someone’s here!” I say.  
Kayla and I race to the door.

“Who’s there?” Kayla asks. She peeks  
out the window. Then she opens the  
door.

I crowd in beside her to see who it is.

My tail droops.

No one is there.

