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Changing Places

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BEFORE READING

1 Match the sentences with the pictures and tick the boxes.

a It's exciting work.		
b It's different every day.		
c It's dirty work.		
d You can make a lot of money.		
e You can walk down the street and people don't look at you.		
f You don't make much money.		
g People always stop you in the street and want to talk to you.		
h It isn't very exciting.		

2 Would you like to change places with someone famous for a day? (They live your life and you live their life for 24 hours.) Who would you like to be? Why?



Leonardo DiCaprio



Jennifer Lopez



Robbie Williams

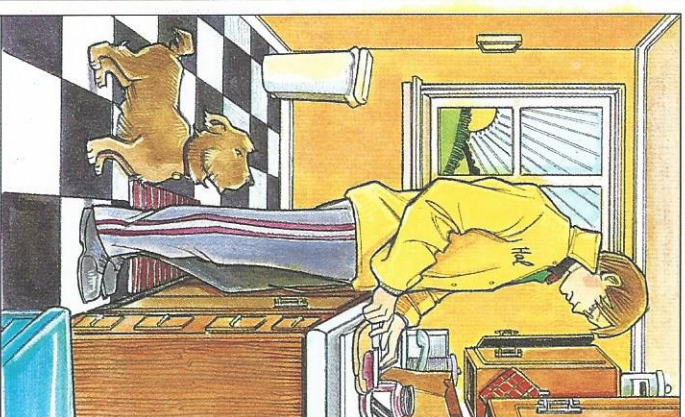


Serena Williams

Chapter one



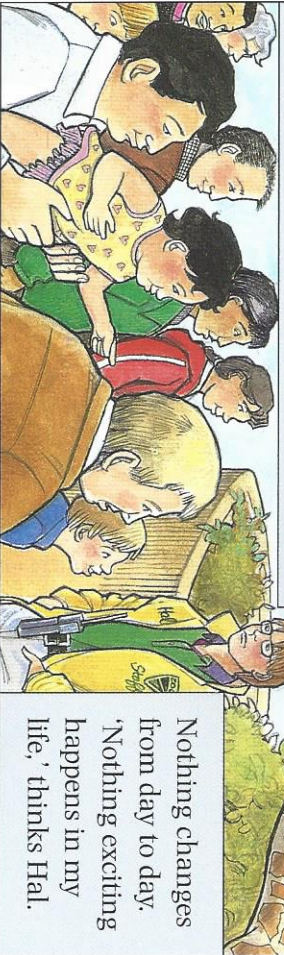
This is Hal Tanner.



Every morning, Hal gets up at seven o'clock. He eats his breakfast. Then he gets on his bicycle and goes to work.

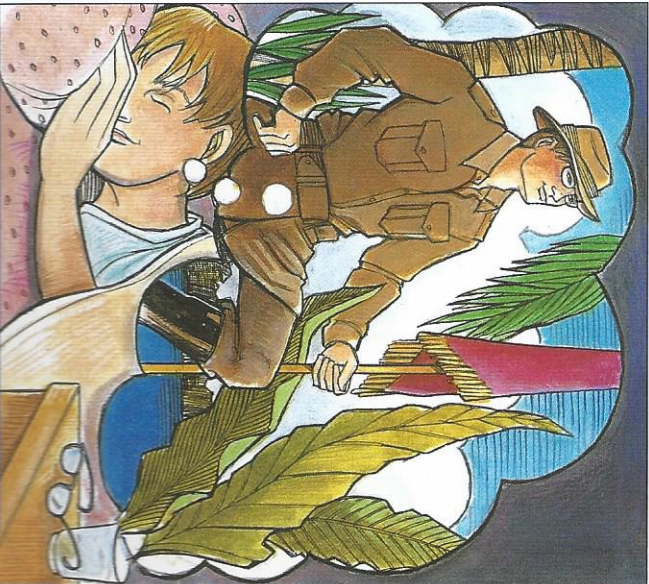
feed to give things to eat to someone or something

Hal works at the **zoo**. He watches the visitors carefully. They can look at the **animals** – but they can't go near them or feed them.



Nothing changes from day to day. 'Nothing exciting happens in my life,' thinks Hal.

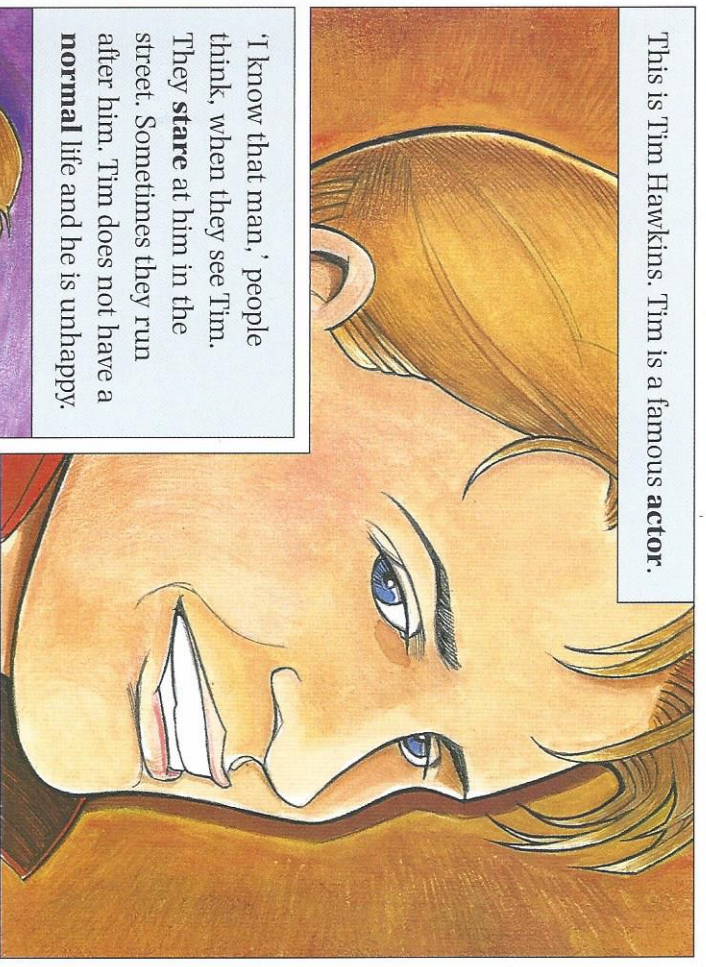
Sometimes at night, Hal has a wonderful **dream**. He is **famous** and he has an exciting life. Then he gets up in the morning and he is Hal again.



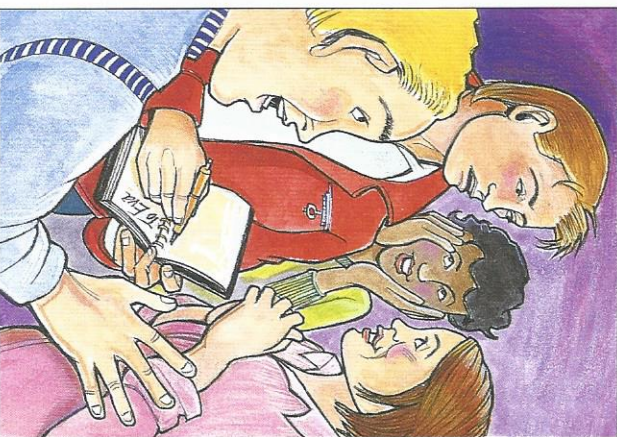
On the weekends, Hal meets Sophie. Hal wants to **marry** her soon.



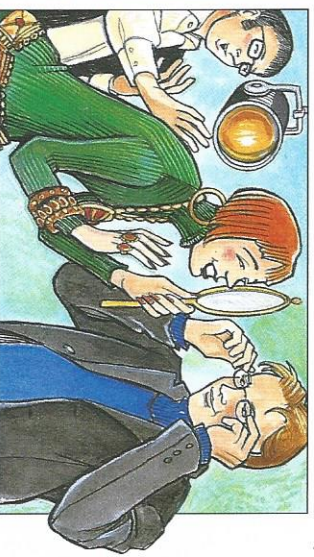
This is 'Tim Hawkins. Tim is a famous **actor**.



'I know that man,' people think, when they see Tim. They **stare** at him in the street. Sometimes they run after him. Tim does not have a **normal** life and he is unhappy.



For his next **movie**, Tim wears **glasses**. His face is very different in glasses. It's not Tim Hawkins' face and many people do not **recognize** him. Now Tim wants to wear glasses all the time.



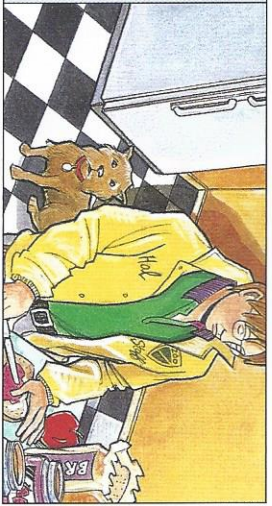
zoo a place where you can see animals from different countries
dream pictures that you see in your head when you are sleeping
animal a living being that moves, a dog or a cat is an animal
famous when many people know about someone

marry to make someone your husband or wife

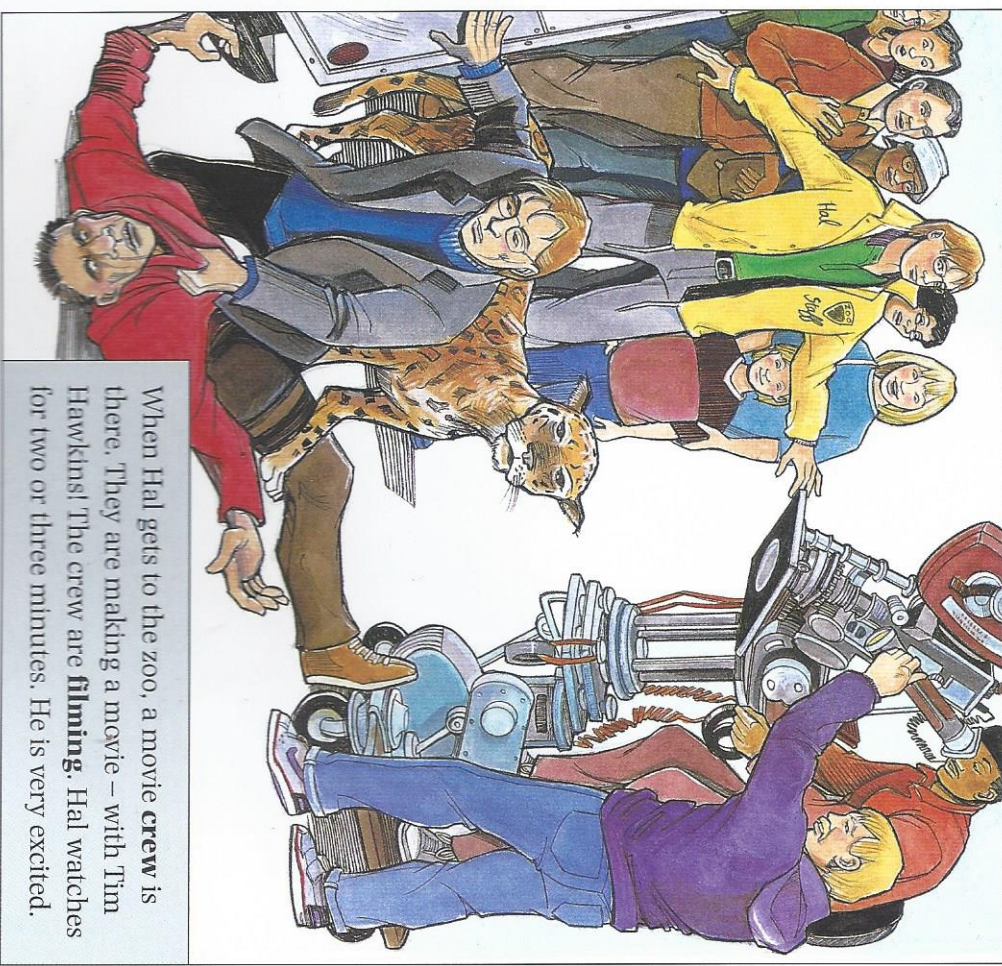
actor someone who is in a film
stare to look at someone or something for a long time

normal usual, not different
movie a story that is on film

glasses you wear these in front of your eyes to help you see better
recognize to see someone and to know who it is

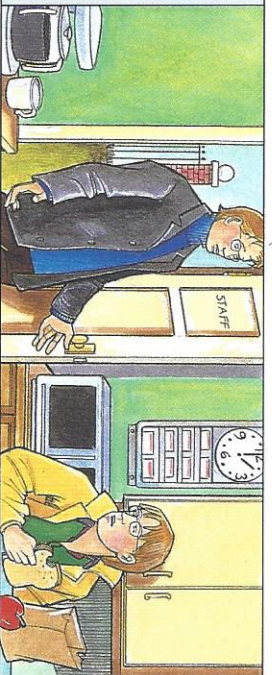


One morning, Hal gets up. 'Today isn't different from yesterday or the day before that!' Hal thinks. Then he remembers something. In two days, he must marry Sophie. He feels **nervous**.



When Hal gets to the zoo, a movie **crew** is there. They are making a movie – with Tim Hawkins! The crew are **filming**. Hal watches for two or three minutes. He is very excited.

Later, Hal is eating a sandwich when Tim Hawkins walks in. Tim stares at Hal, and Hal stares at Tim.



'What!' Tim says. 'Who are you?' 'I'm Hal Tanner,' Hal says. Tim looks at Hal and thinks for a minute. 'I have an **idea**, Hal Tanner. Let's have some **fun**. Let's change **places** for the afternoon.'

Hal thinks about this. Then he smiles. 'All right,' he says. He gives his **clothes** to Tim, and he takes Tim's clothes.

nervous a little afraid

crew a number of people who are all working together

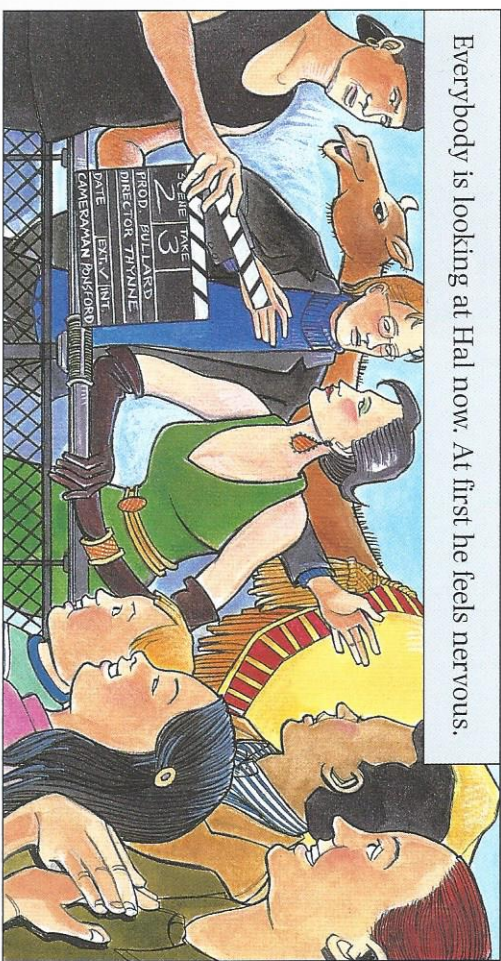
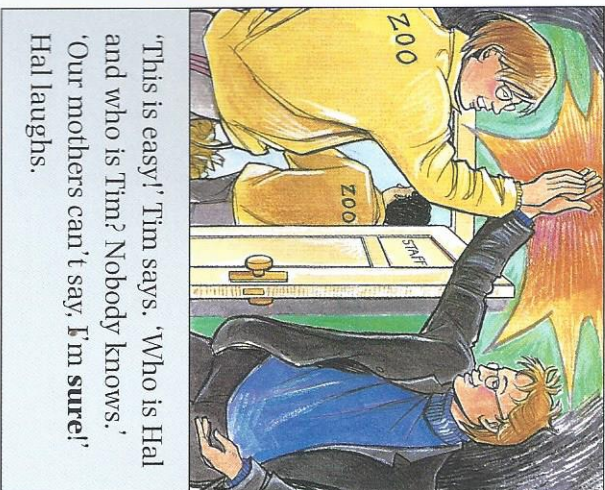
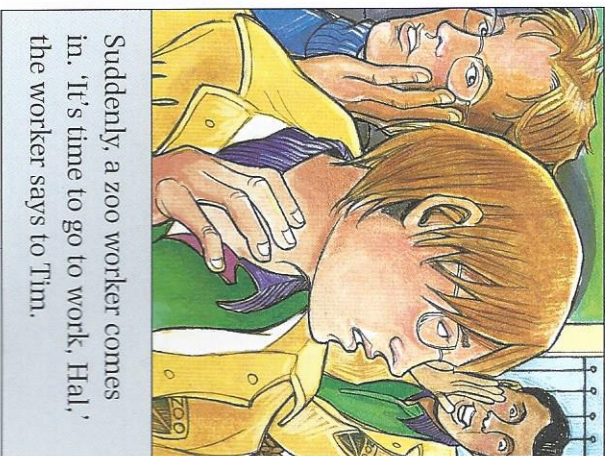
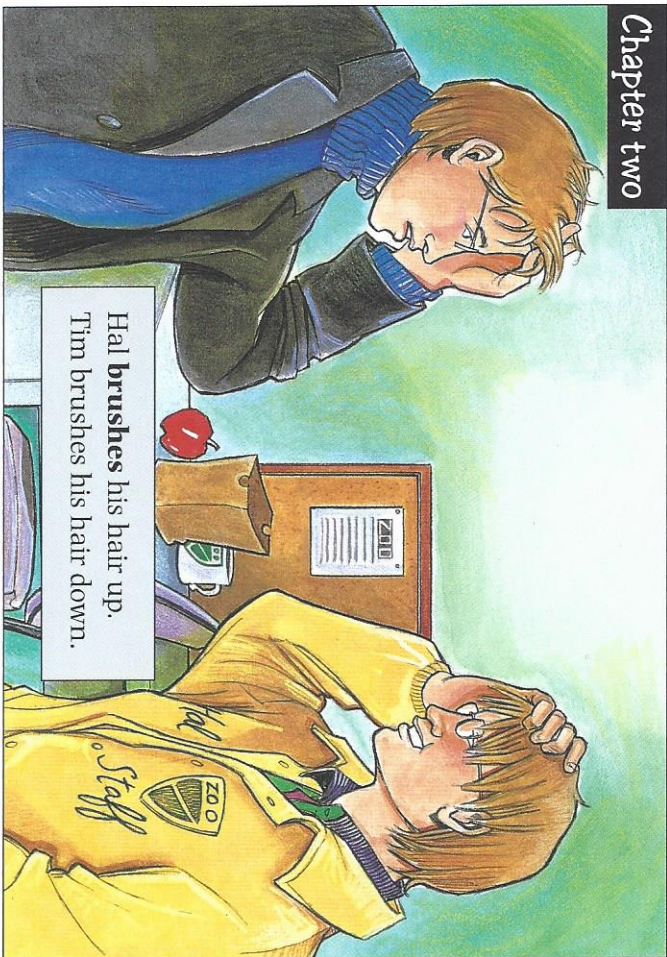
film to use cameras to make a movie

idea something that you think

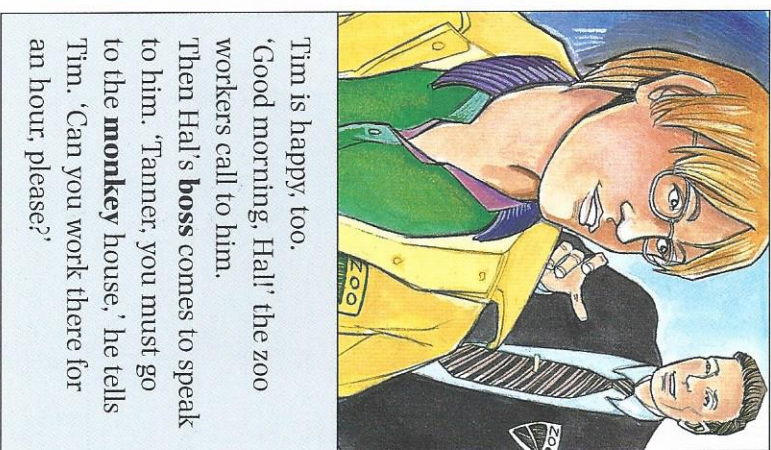
fun something that you like doing and that makes people laugh

place where something is

clothes people wear these



Everybody is looking at Hal now. At first he feels nervous.



brush to move your hair

sure when you feel that something is true

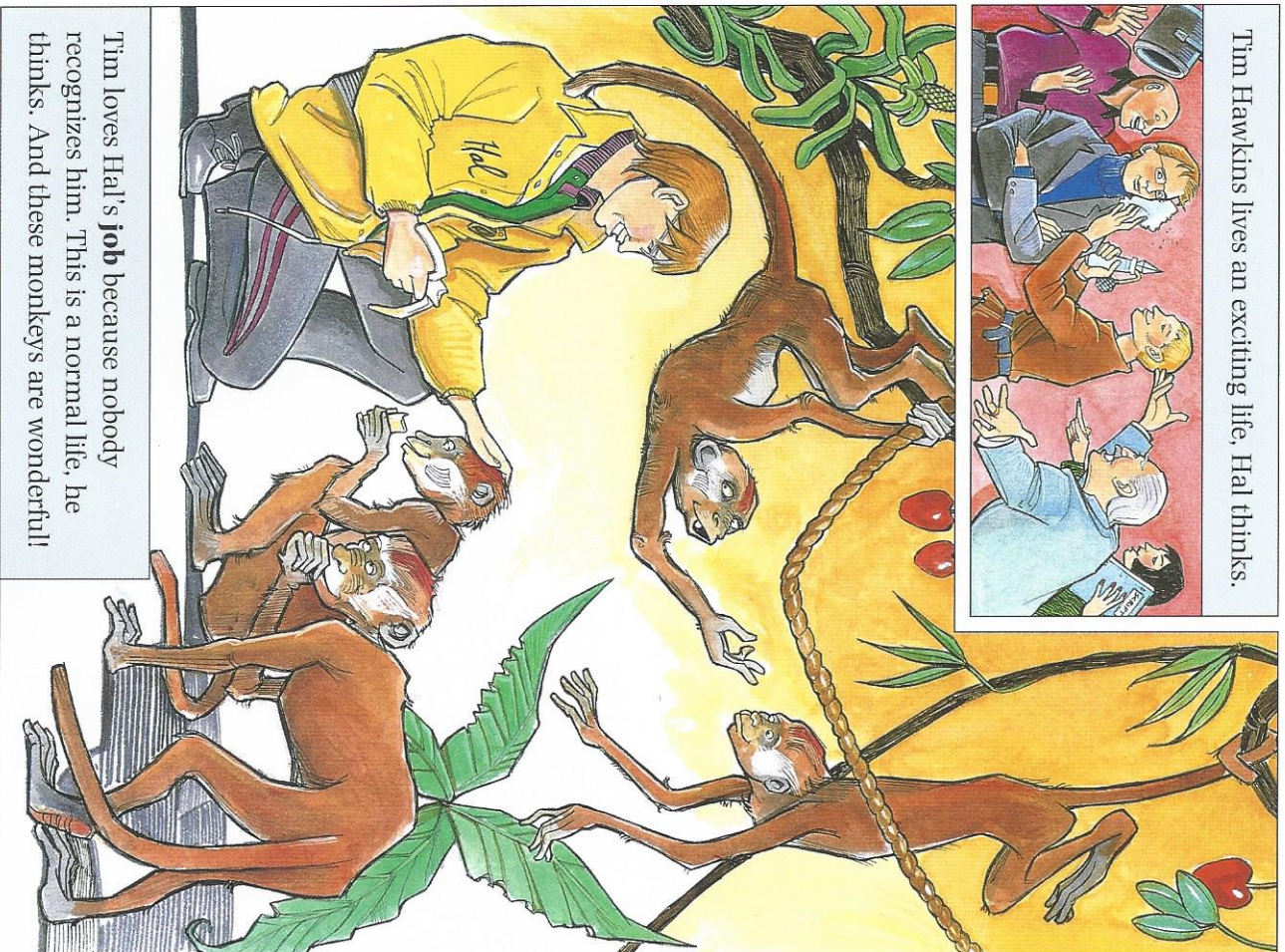
scene a part of a movie that happens at one time

boss a person who tells workers what to do

monkey an animal, usually with a long tail



Tim Hawkins lives an exciting life. Hal thinks.



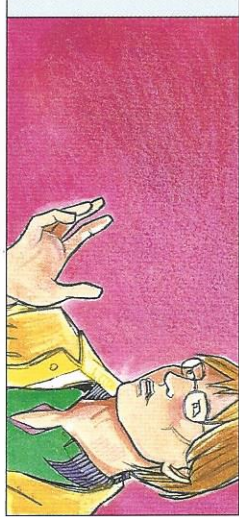
Tim loves Hal's **job** because nobody recognizes him. This is a normal life, he thinks. And these monkeys are wonderful!

job work

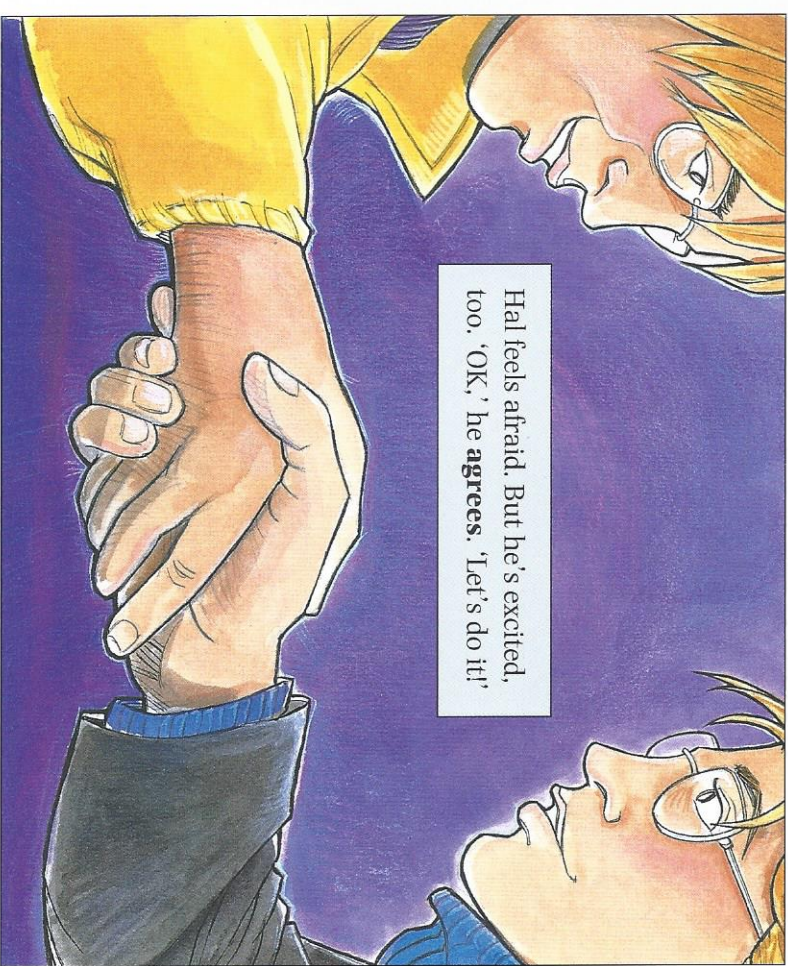


Later, Hal and Tim meet. They must change their clothes again. Tim has many things to do that night. 'You are on a TV **talk show** at five o'clock,' Hal tells him. 'Then you have a **party** later.'

'I don't want to do those things!' Tim says. 'You do them. You be Tim Hawkins. You can do it!' 'I can be Hal Tanner,' Tim says. 'Let's do it for one more day.'



Hal feels afraid. But he's excited, too. 'OK,' he **agrees**. 'Let's do it!'



talk show when famous people answer questions on TV

agree to say 'yes'

party when people meet to have fun

