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Chapter 4

Yellow money

‘In here!’ the man says again. He’s near now.

I put my hand on the phone to call the police, but two men come in. One is tall and one is short.

The tall man has a gun.



‘Put the phone down,’ he tells me.

I do it.

‘Where’s the money?’ asks the short man.

‘The money’s in a box next to the computer,’ I tell the men.

‘Get it,’ says the tall man.



I look at the gun. I want Mum to come.

‘It’s OK,’ says the voice in my head. ‘I’m here.’ I’m very happy to hear the voice again.

I get the box with the money.

‘Now open it!’ the tall man shouts at me.

I open the box. I don’t like the man shouting at me. I feel angry. And very hot.

‘Look!’ says the short man. ‘Her hands are yellow!’

I put my hands on the money. ‘I am the money!’ I think. ‘I *am* the money!’ And then I am.

‘Where is she?’ asks the tall man. He looks for me.

‘I don’t know,’ says his friend. ‘But I don’t like it here!’

‘No,’ says the tall man. ‘Something’s very strange.’ He takes the box with the money and they leave. I am the money. I go with them.

They run out and get in their car. The tall man drives. The short man has the box.

He opens it and looks at the money. He’s looking at me, but he doesn’t know it.



‘Look at all this, Joe!’ he says.

Joe laughs. ‘Yeah!’ he says. ‘We’re rich, Frank!’

Joe is driving fast. The money comes out of the box into the car. *I* come out of the box into the car.

‘You can *be* the car!’ the voice in my head tells me.

Yes! ‘I am the car!’ I think. ‘I *am* the car!’

‘The money’s yellow!’ Frank says.



‘What?’ says Joe.

‘I *am* the car!’ I think again.

And then I am. And I know what to do.

LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answers to *Looking forward* on page 19.

ACTIVITIES

- 2 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

- 1 Auntie Carol looks at the bed and *sees* / *doesn't see* Helen.
- 2 Helen tells Auntie Carol that she *is* / *isn't* OK.
- 3 Helen becomes a book and a *boy* / *her dad* reads her.
- 4 Helen becomes a chair and her *mum* / *dad* sits on her.
- 5 Helen is waiting for her *mum* / *dad* in the taxi office.
- 6 Helen *calls* / *doesn't call* the police.
- 7 Helen *becomes* / *doesn't become* the money.
- 8 The short man looks at the money. He *knows* / *doesn't know* that Helen is the money.
- 9 Helen *becomes* / *doesn't become* the car.

- 3 Answer the questions.

In Chapters 3 and 4, who ...

- 1 goes into Helen's room? Auntie Carol
- 2 looks at the baby blanket for a long time?
- 3 takes a bag to work?
- 4 isn't well?
- 5 waits in the taxi office?
- 6 is angry?
- 7 drives a car?
- 8 opens the money box and looks at all the money?

4 Put the sentences in order.

- 1 Helen is a chair. ☐
- 2 Helen doesn't call the police. ☐
- 3 Helen is angry. ☐
- 4 Helen is alone in the taxi office. ☐
- 5 Auntie Carol doesn't see Helen in her room. ☐
- 6 Helen and the men get in the car. ☐
- 7 Helen is a book. ☐
- 8 Helen's mum doesn't know Helen is the bag. ☐

5 Answer the questions.

- 1 Where does Helen's mum take her?
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- 2 What does Helen want to do at the start of Chapter 4?
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- 3 What things does Helen become in Chapters 3 and 4?
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LOOKING FORWARD

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6 Tick (✓) what you think happens in the final chapters.

- 1 Helen drives to the police station. ☐
- 2 Helen doesn't hear the voice in her head again. ☐
- 3 Helen helps people. ☐