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SURVIVAL MODE!



Dear Parents:

Congratulations! Your child is taking the first steps on an exciting journey. The destination? Independent reading!



STEP INTO READING® will help your child get there. The program offers five steps to reading success. Each step includes fun stories and colorful art or photographs. In addition to original fiction and books with favorite characters, there are Step into Reading Non-Fiction Readers, Phonics Readers and Boxed Sets, Sticker Readers, and Comic Readers—a complete literacy program with something to interest every child.

Learning to Read, Step by Step!



Ready to Read **Preschool–Kindergarten**

- big type and easy words
- rhyme and rhythm
- picture clues

For children who know the alphabet and are eager to begin reading.



Reading with Help **Preschool–Grade 1**

- basic vocabulary
- short sentences
- simple stories

For children who recognize familiar words and sound out new words with help.



Reading on Your Own **Grades 1–3**

- engaging characters
- easy-to-follow plots
- popular topics

For children who are ready to read on their own.



Reading Paragraphs **Grades 2–3**

- challenging vocabulary
- short paragraphs
- exciting stories

For newly independent readers who read simple sentences with confidence.



Ready for Chapters **Grades 2–4**

- chapters
- longer paragraphs
- full-color art

For children who want to take the plunge into chapter books but still like colorful pictures.

STEP INTO READING® is designed to give every child a successful reading experience. The grade levels are only guides; children will progress through the steps at their own speed, developing confidence in their reading.

Remember, a lifetime love of reading starts with a single step!

For Graham
—N.E.

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**SURVIVAL
MODE!**

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Emmy blinked and looked around.
It was a bright new morning
in the Minecraft Overworld.
Bees were buzzing.
Cows were grazing.
Chickens were pecking.





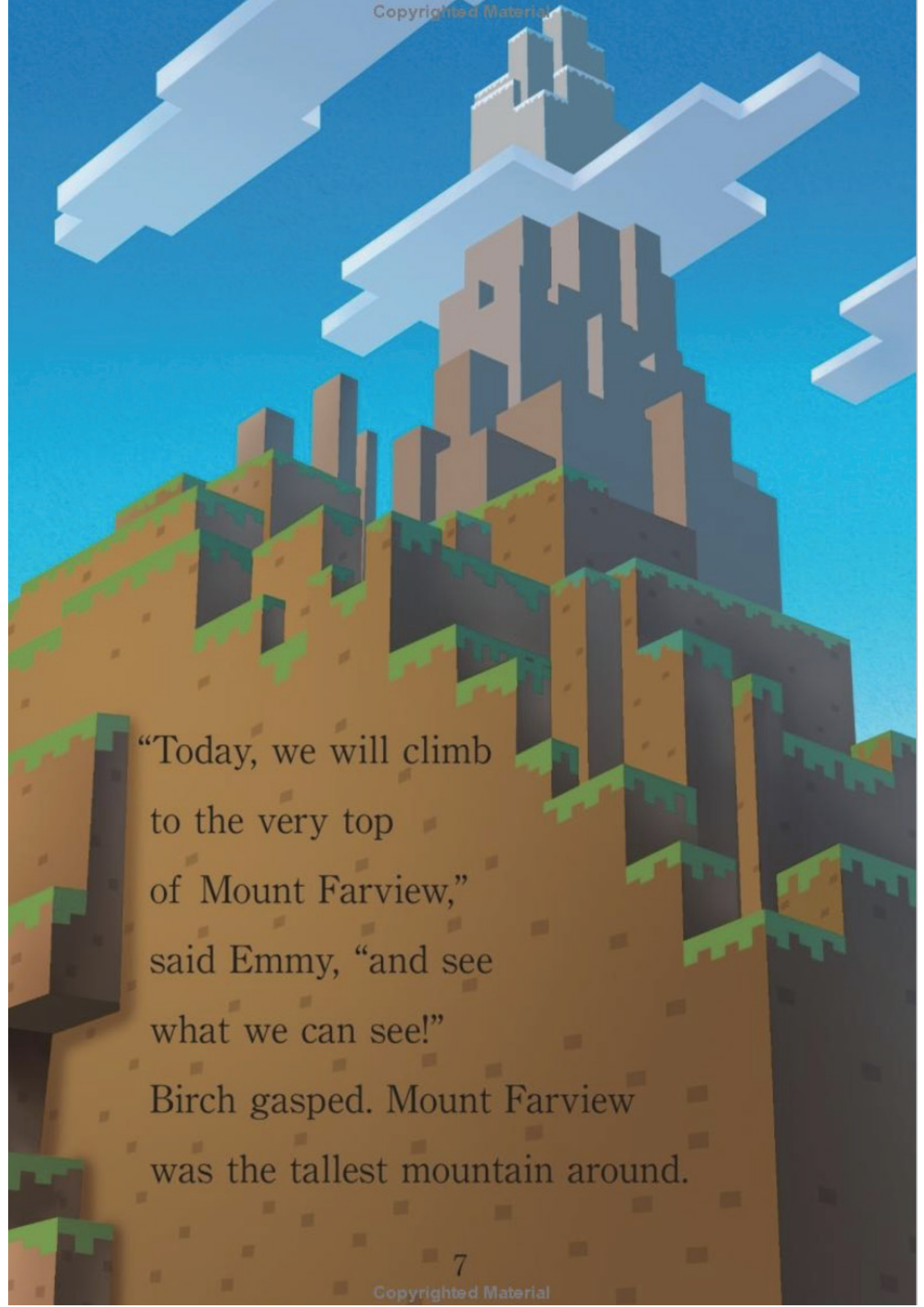
Her best friend, Birch,
was already there,
playing in the sunflowers
with his pet wolf, Byte.



But Emmy knew that
when the sun went down,
monsters would return.

“Let’s get serious,”
she said. “We don’t have
any time to waste.”

“What’s your plan?” asked Birch.
Emmy *always* had a plan.



“Today, we will climb
to the very top
of Mount Farview,”
said Emmy, “and see
what we can see!”

Birch gasped. Mount Farview
was the tallest mountain around.

Emmy and Birch both knew
they would need supplies
to travel so far.

Byte barked loudly.

He pointed his nose
at an oak tree.





“Good idea, Byte,” said Emmy.

“We should get wood right away.”

“I’ll do it!” said Birch.

He punched the tree.

The tree broke apart
into blocks of wood.

