



MINDY'S First MRT Adventure



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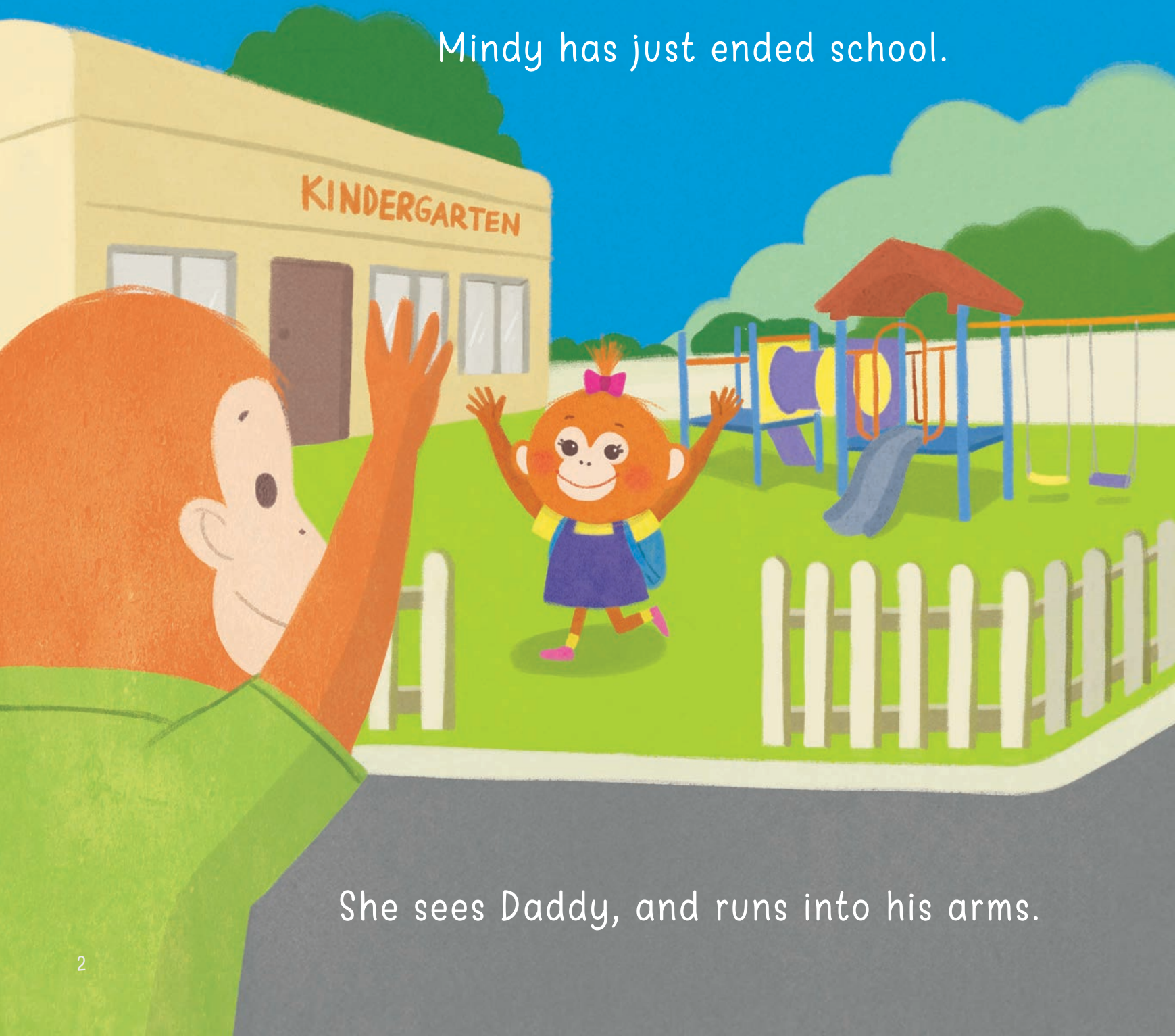


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Mindy has just ended school.



She sees Daddy, and runs into his arms.

Usually, they walk home from school,
but today, they will be taking
the MRT* train to meet Mummy.



*MRT stands for 'Mass Rapid Transit',
the rail system in Singapore

Excited about her first MRT ride, Mindy runs to the fare gate and tries to crawl under it.

Grabbing her hand, Daddy yells, "Wait, Mindy!"



Daddy hands Mindy a travel card.



“This is your travel card.
We use it to pay our fares before
taking the train,” says Daddy.



“Let me try using my travel card!” says Mindy.

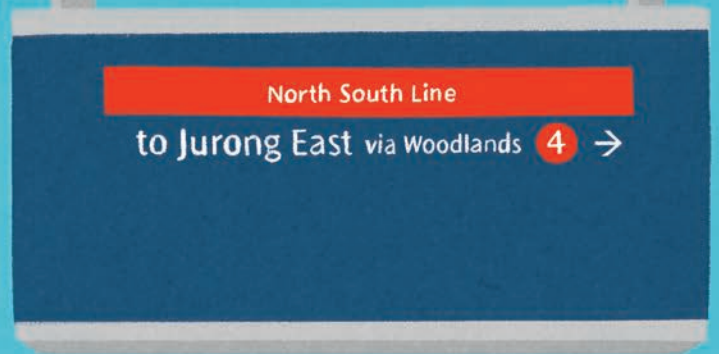
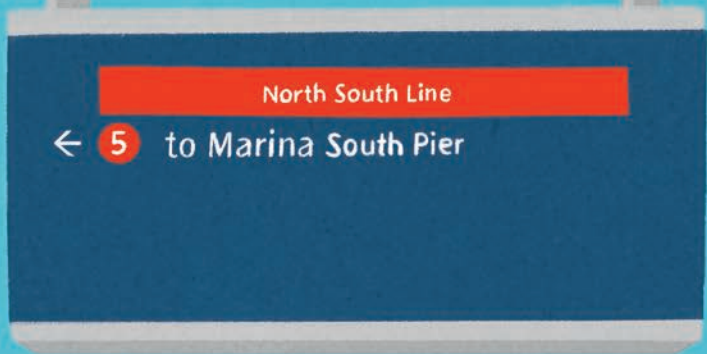
“Just tap your card on the reader, and enter when the fare gate opens,” Daddy explains.





Mindy and Daddy take the escalator up and arrive at the platform.

Mindy wonders, “Daddy, which side do we take the train from?”



Daddy answers,
“Since we will be
going to Toa Payoh,
we shall take the
train from this side.”



As the train approaches, Daddy holds Mindy's hand and they enter the train together.





“Doors closing! Beep, beep, beep, beep, beep!”



“Come Mindy, let’s sit here,”
says Daddy as he directs
Mindy to two seats.



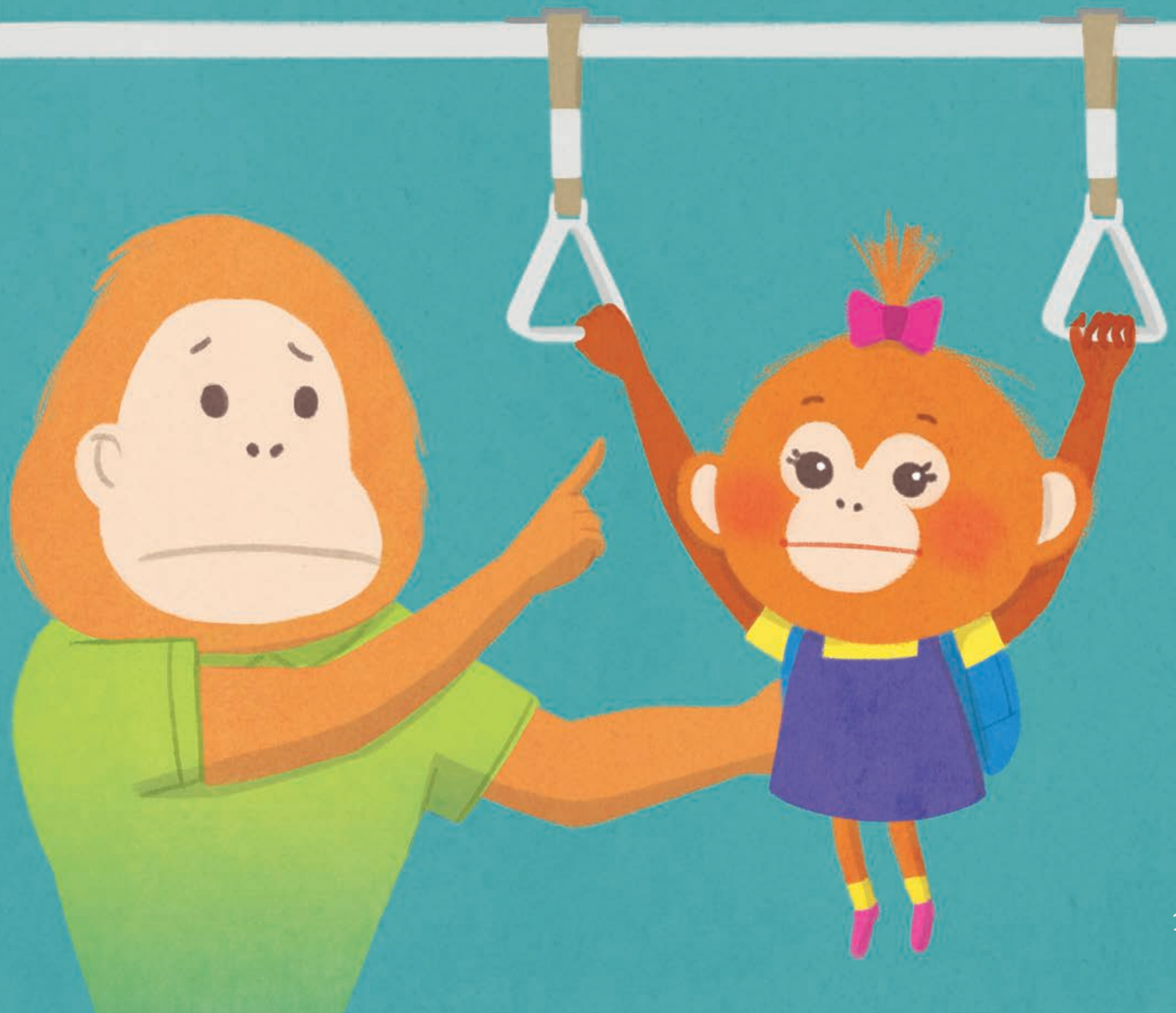
However, Mindy has other ideas...

Mindy spots the train handles. She begins to swing from handle to handle, to Daddy's dismay.



Mindy squeals, “Oooh! The MRT is so much fun!”

Daddy replies sternly, “Mindy, that’s not the way to behave on the train. You might fall down and hurt yourself. Come and sit next to Daddy.”



While seated, Mindy reaches into her bag for a cookie.

Daddy shakes his head and says, “We cannot eat on the train, Mindy. We should help keep it clean and pleasant for everyone.”





Mindy looks around the train and notices a red button. She asks, “Daddy, why is there a red button?”

Daddy explains, “That’s the emergency communication button. It’s used to contact the station staff in an emergency.”

Mindy continues, “Ooooh, is that the fire extinguisher we use in case of a fire?”

Daddy beams with pride, “That is correct, clever girl!”



Mindy notices the blinking lights above the door and wonders, “What is that, Daddy?”

Daddy replies, “That’s the route map. It shows us the stations along the MRT routes.”



Daddy sees a pregnant passenger board the train, and offers his seat to her. Confused, Mindy asks, “Daddy, why are you standing up?”



“Mindy, we should give up our seats to those who need them more,” explains Daddy with a smile.

“Thank you for giving up your seat. That’s very kind of you!”
replies the pregnant lady.





Soon, Mindy and Daddy arrive at Toa Payoh MRT station. The doors open and they alight from the train.



Mindy spots the lift and runs towards it. She exclaims, “Daddy, the lift is coming!”



Apart from Mindy and Daddy, there are other commuters waiting for the lift.



Daddy remarks, “Mindy, there are others who need the lift more. Shall we take the escalator instead?”

Mindy nods, “That’s a good idea!”

“Daddy, there are so many shops at the train station!” exclaims Mindy.

She points at one of the stores and begs cheekily, “Can I buy some candy, please?”



A pink, scalloped-edged sign hanging from a red and white striped awning. It features a small white icon of a lollipop and the text "Sweet Shoppe" in a cursive font.

• Sweet Shoppe •

While they are walking to the candy shop, Mindy spots someone familiar.



Mindy squeals, "Look! It's Mummy!"

Mummy gives Mindy a big hug and asks,
“How was your day? Did you enjoy your train ride?”

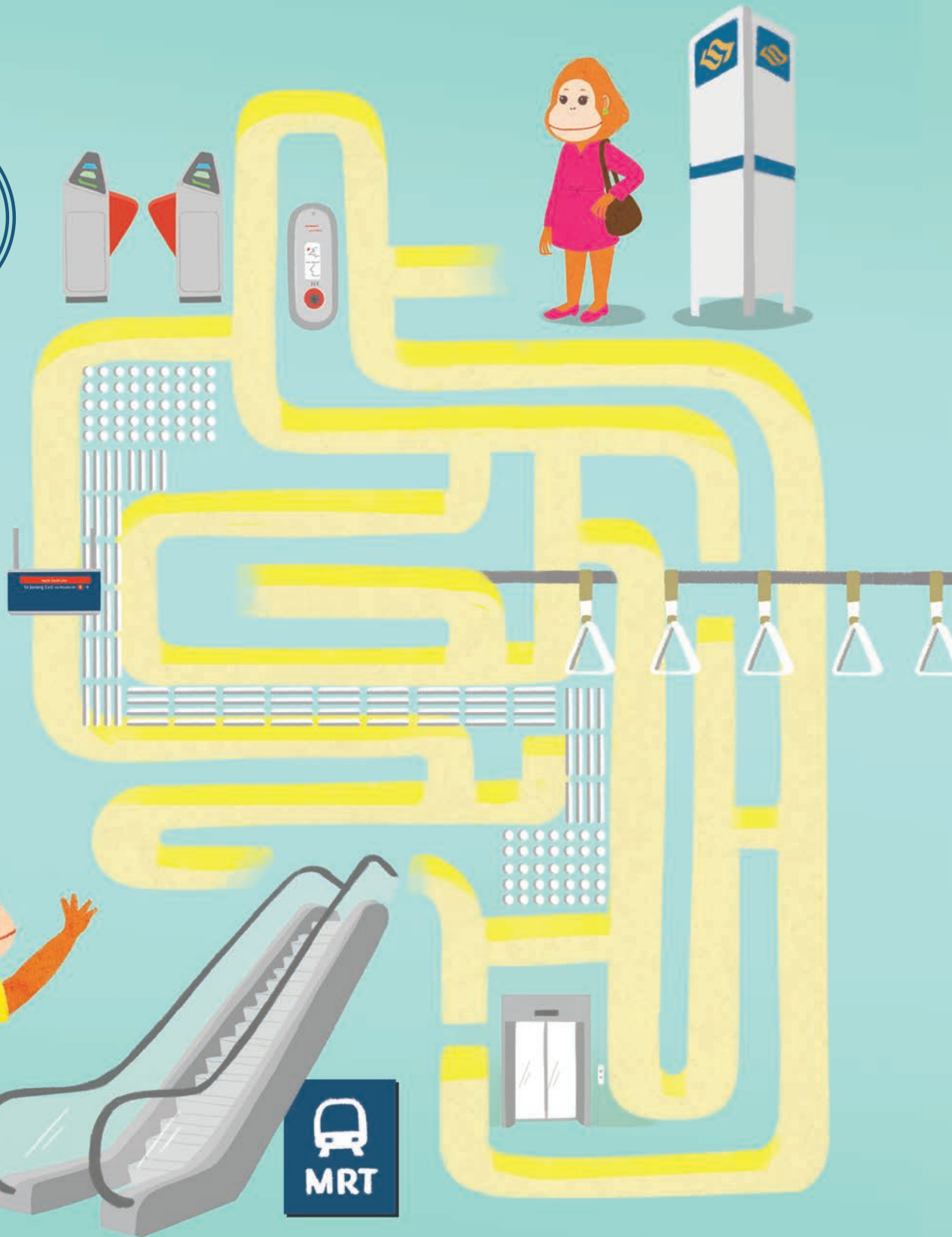


As they leave the train station together,
Mindy says with a grin, “It was so much fun!
Can we ride the MRT again tomorrow?”

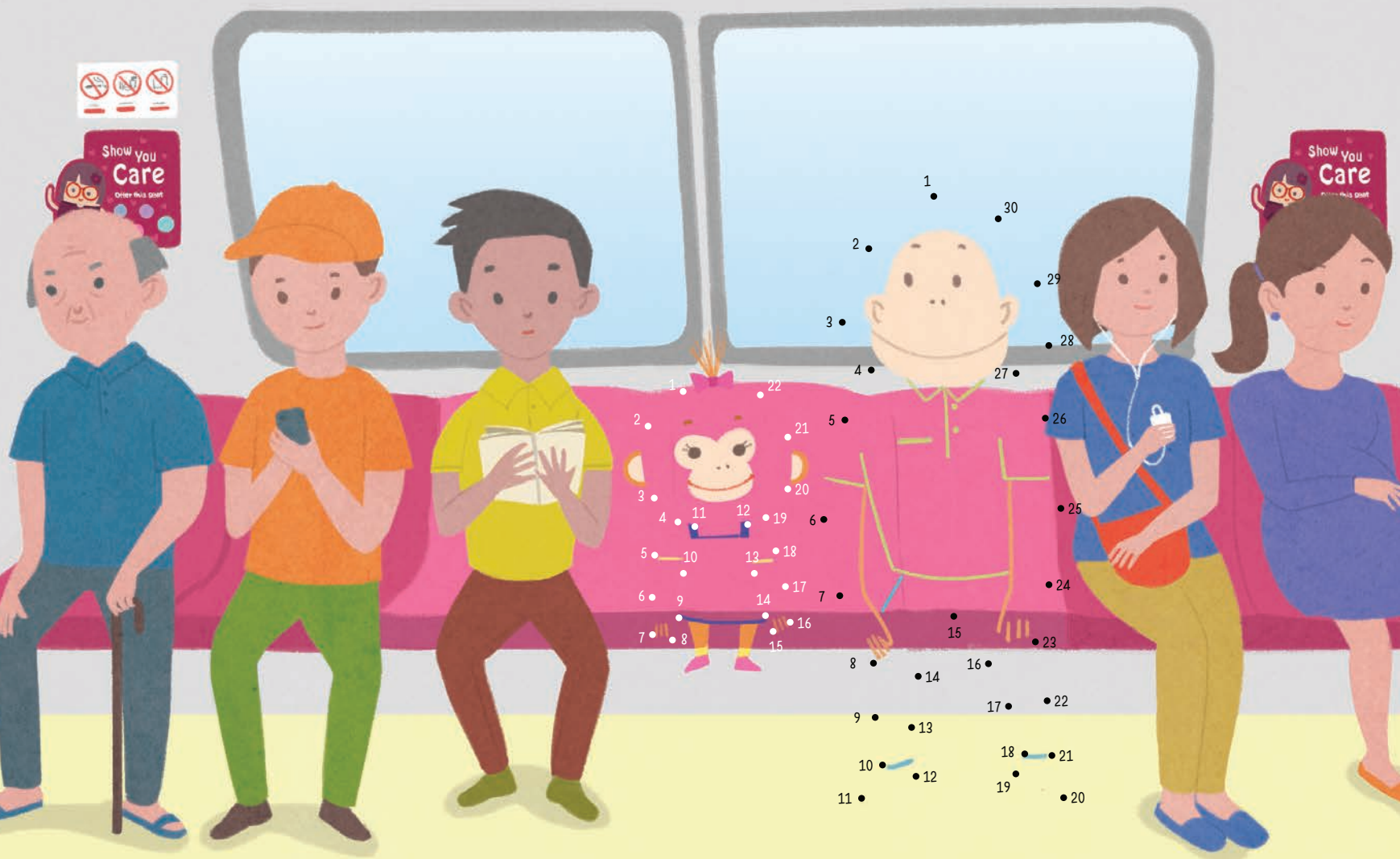


Help Mindy find Mummy!

Mindy has arrived at the MRT station. Can you lead her through the maze to Mummy?



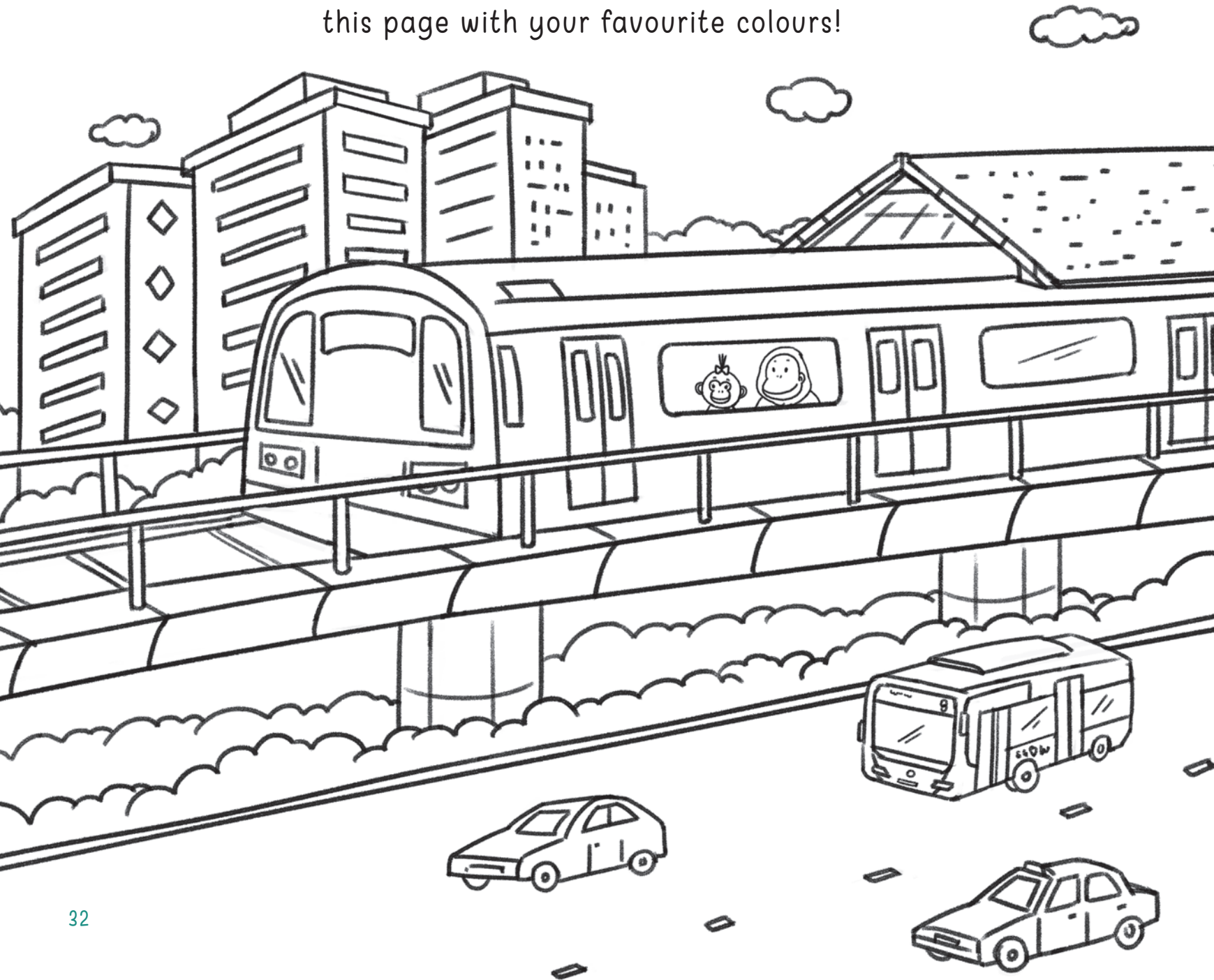
Where are Mindy and Daddy?



Mindy and Daddy are on the train.
Join the dots to find out where they are!

Colour Mindy's Ride!

Brighten up Mindy's MRT journey by filling this page with your favourite colours!



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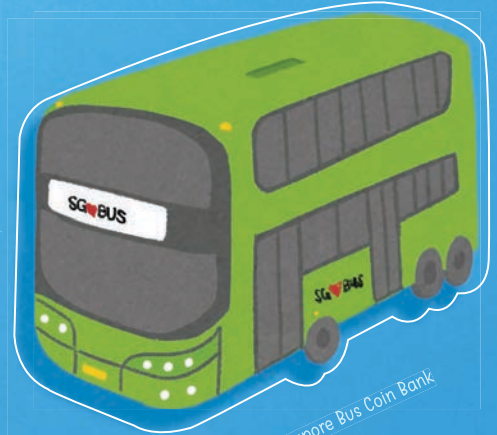
Downtown Line Train Tissue Box



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'Bus Stopping'
Bell Keychain



The Singapore Bus Coin Bank

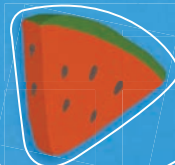


Fun with Knackstop stickers!

Knackstop is a collection of creative gifts that have designs just like our buses and trains.
Use these stickers to decorate the pages.



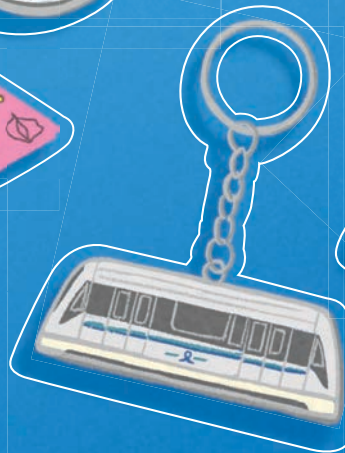
Fun Fact
Adhesive
Tapes



Clock +
MRT Sign
Charms Set



HELLO



Downtown Line
Train Keychain



No Durian
Sign +
Handrail
Charms Set



What did Mindy do before boarding the train?

What did Mindy see on her MRT journey?



Quiz Time!

How much do you remember about Mindy's MRT adventure?

Why did Daddy give up his seat to the pregnant lady?
Why is it the right thing to do?

What are some of the things Mindy should not have done on the train?

My MRT Adventure

The rail network is the backbone of Singapore's public transport system. It connects people to the places they work, live and play at. Today, it spans the entire city with over 130 stations, providing more than 3.1 million rides daily.

Having read about Mindy's MRT adventure, we can also take our children on an MRT adventure over the weekend. Here are some questions that can help them share more about the sights and sounds they have observed during their ride.

1

How was your train ride?



It was fun

It was awesome



It was alright



It was good

2

What did you enjoy most about your train ride?

3

What can you do to make the journey more pleasant for everyone?



4

You are at the train station
and do not know how to
get to your destination.
What should you do?



5

Can you name all the rail lines
in our MRT system?



6

Which is your favourite MRT station?
Why?

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Started as a project by a group of students majoring in Early Childhood Education from Wheelock College at the Singapore Institute of Technology, *Mindy's First MRT Adventure* is a fun and relatable story that introduces children to our train system.

“We came up with this story as we realised there were very few children picture books about Singapore’s MRT and public transport system, which are integral parts of our daily lives. Thus, we approached LTA with our book as we hoped to further develop it into a handy teaching tool to help young children learn about the MRT system.

To reflect our local heritage, we chose the friendly orangutan as our main characters, as it reminded us of Ah Meng, one of Singapore’s favourite icons. We hope everyone will enjoy the book as much as we have loved creating it! 😊”

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Mindy has always wanted
to ride the train.

One day after school, Daddy decides to
take her on her very first MRT adventure.

Join Mindy as she explores the sights and
sounds on the MRT, and discovers her new
favourite way to travel!



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