

LOTUS READER

LEVEL 1 - BOOK 3

TASHI WANTS TO GO
HOME

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Tashi is at school. He is not happy. He does not know how to read. He does not know how to write. He does not like the food.

The children do not like him. Tashi wants to go home.





The children are all asleep.
Warden is asleep. The cooks
are asleep. The teachers are
asleep. Tashi is not asleep. He
walks out of the school. The
dogs do not bark. They know
Tashi .

Tashi walks down the hill.
He walks in the tea gardens.
The sun comes up and the birds
sing. Tashi also sings:

No more school, no more
books. No more Warden, no
more cooks.





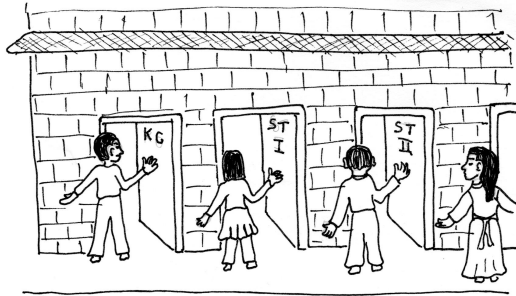
Warden wakes up. The cooks wake up. All the children wake up. They wash and dress and go to the hall to eat. The teachers are still asleep.

Where is Tashi? Tashi is not in the hall to eat.

They look for Tashi in the bedrooms. They look for him in the bathrooms. They look for him in the classrooms.

Tashi is not there.

Oh dear!



Warden calls the police. Please help us find a lost boy.





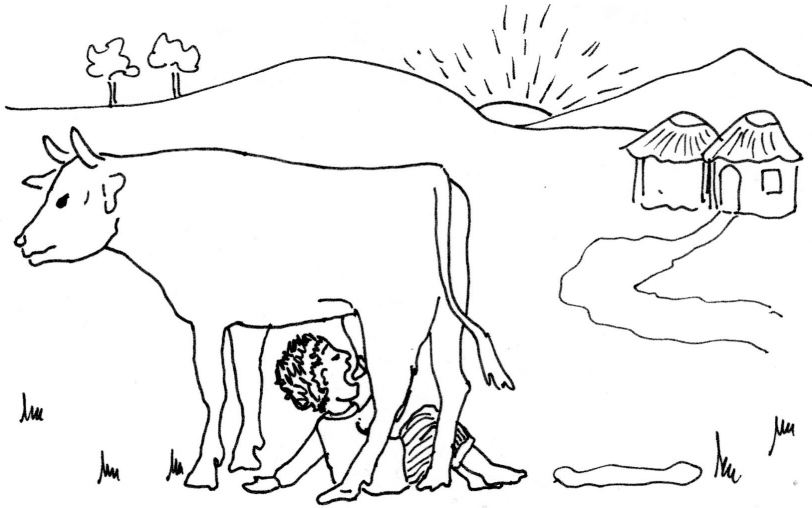
Tashi walks for a long time. His shoes are broken. His feet are sore. The sun is very hot. Tashi has no food and no drink.

He looks for food but he does not find any. Tashi wants to go home but his home is far away. Then he sees a cow.

The cow is eating grass.
She has a lot of milk. Tashi
knows all about cows. His
father has four fat cows. He
knows how to milk cows.

Tashi does not see the
farmer. He goes up to the cow.





Tashi milks the cow into his open mouth. The milk is warm and sweet. Tashi is happy.

The farmer comes for his cow. He wants to milk her. He sees Tashi under his cow. He shouts loudly.

Tashi runs away. He slips in the cow dung. He falls on his face. There is cow dung on his face. There is cow dung all over him. Tashi is afraid of the farmer. He starts to cry.

The farmer picks Tashi up.





The farmer only knows Nepali. Tashi only knows Tibetan. An old lady knows Tibetan and Nepali. She helps them. She says,

This boy is not happy at school. He wants to go home. He walked all day and he is very hungry.

The farmer takes Tashi back to the school in his car. Tashi is happy to be back. He has a good wash. He gets into his bed. He will soon learn to read and write. Good night, Tashi.

