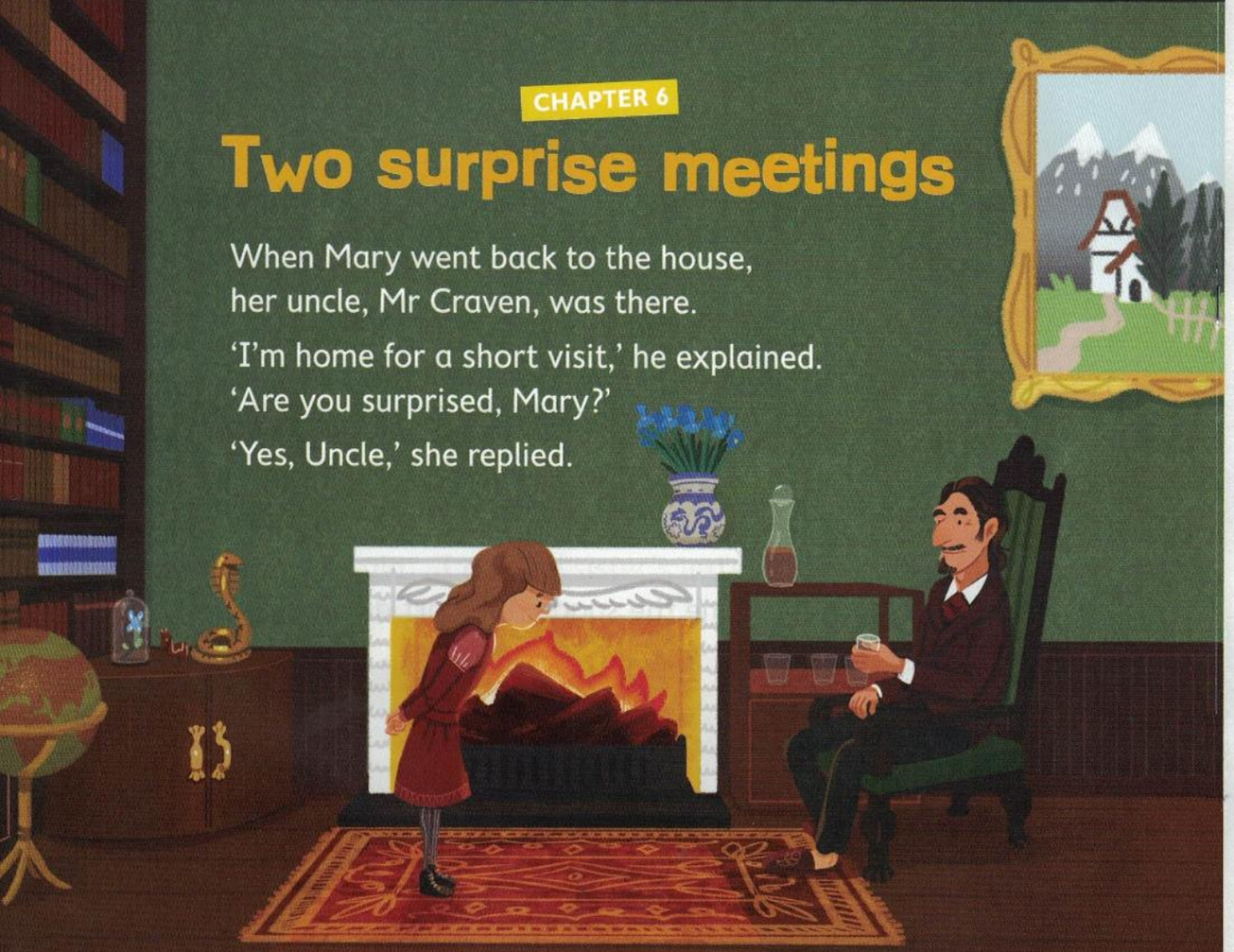
CHAPTER 6

Two surprise meetings

When Mary went back to the house, her uncle, Mr Craven, was there.

'I'm home for a short visit,' he explained. 'Are you surprised, Mary?'

'Yes, Uncle,' she replied.



'Are you well?' he asked. 'Do you need anything?'

Mary's uncle seemed kind.

'I'm fine,' she replied. Then she remembered her conversation with Martha. She decided to ask for some ground.

'Could I have a bit of ground to make a garden?' Mary asked.

'A garden?' he said. 'Yes! Find a place that you like and make a garden!'

'Wonderful,' Mary thought. 'The secret garden can be mine!'

That night Mary fell asleep quickly, but she did not sleep for long. The sound of crying woke her. Who could it be? It was not the wind this time.

'I'm going to find out,' she said to herself.

Mary got out of bed and went quietly through the house. She came to a room where the crying was loudest. So she opened the door and went in.

The noise immediately stopped. A quiet, scared little voice came from the corner.

'Who are you?' it asked.

'I'm Mary Lennox,' she replied.

'What are you doing here?' the voice asked.