



## CHAPTER 1

"Oh my gosh!" Dink cried. "There's a ghost in Green Lawn!"

Donald David Duncan, Dink to his friends, was reading the Sunday newspaper on his living room floor.

Josh was sprawled on the sofa. He was using raisins to teach Dink's guinea pig, Loretta, to do math.

Loretta gobbled up one of the raisins.

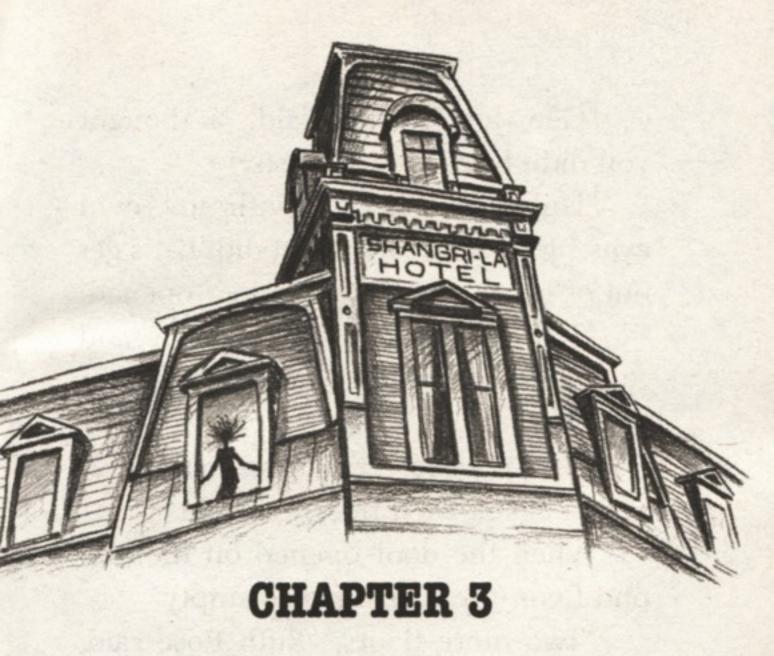


"Mint?" he asked.

Each of the kids took a mint from the bag and popped it into their mouths.

Mr. Linkletter looked inside the bag, then popped a mint into his mouth, too.

He sank back into his chair. "This is terrible," he said.



The three kids stood frozen as the elevator door slid shut again.

For a minute, no one moved. Then Ruth Rose reached over and punched the UP button for the elevator.

"What're you doing!" Josh squeaked.

"Following the ghost," she said.

"Are you crazy?" Josh said. "What if ghosts don't like kids?"

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A ghost has checked into the Shangri-la Hotel! It's almost Halloween, and reports of strange sounds and even stranger sights are coming from Green Lawn's only hotel. Every day, more and more guests are being scared away. Everyone else is getting scared, too! Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose must figure out what's going on and catch the ghostbefore Green Lawn turns into a ghost town!

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