

# Cindy's Cellar



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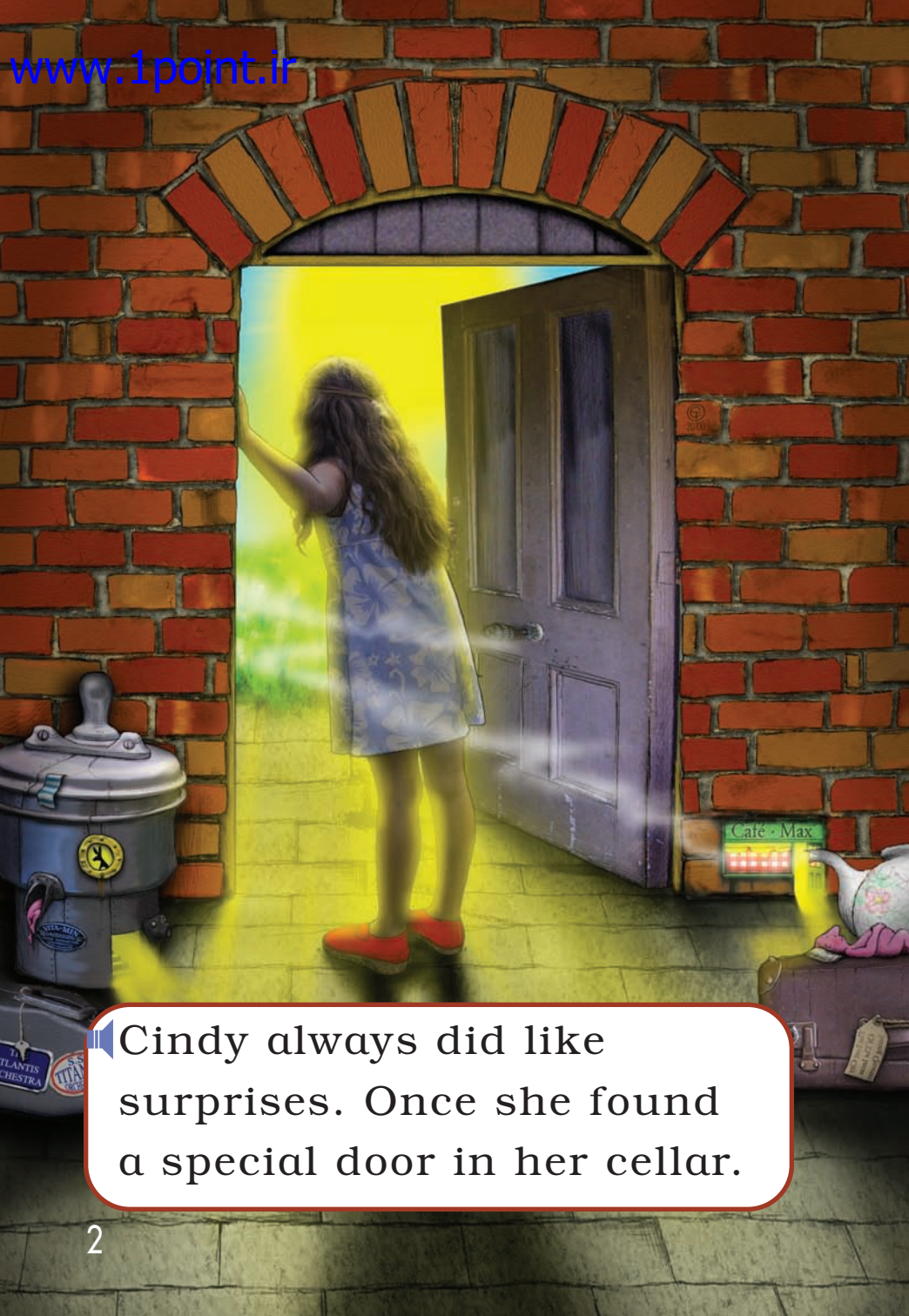
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Cindy always did like surprises. Once she found a special door in her cellar.



|| Cindy saw a place that was almost too pretty to look at. She raced up the hill.



She heard the sound of a dance. A prince glanced at her.



▶ The prince even asked her to dance. Cindy does like to dance.



▶ They danced and pranced.  
They whirled around with  
happy faces.





▶ Cindy stopped and said, “My feet are worn out.” The prince got her a seat.



Then he said he would get parts so she could replace her feet.



He said, "Have some nuts."  
Cindy looked twice. What  
kind of place is this?



The prince gave Cindy a necklace. He said, "You can be a robot princess."















▶ Cindy didn't know what to say.





▶ Cindy raced back to her cellar. She almost always likes surprises!

## **Think and Respond**

-   Where is the entrance to the robot palace?
-   How does the prince talk?
-   What does the prince give Cindy after he offers her nuts?
-   How does Cindy feel when she realizes that the prince thinks she is a robot and wants her to stay?
-   Does this story seem realistic to you? Explain.

  **Know Your Neighbor** Find out what countries children at school have come from, and make a list. Try to learn a few words in a different language.

  **School-Home Connection** Electricity is in the air. Blow up a balloon, and tie it. Rub it against your hair 10 times. Then, hold it a few inches above your hair. What happens?