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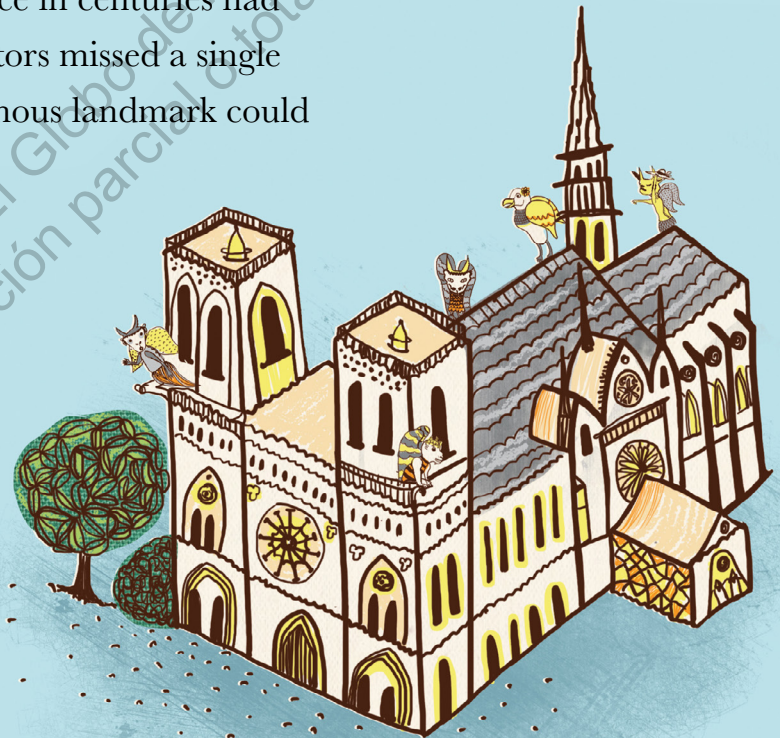
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Chapter 1

Trouble at Notre-Dame

In **Paris**, the City of Light, **Gargo**—a gargoyle from the **Notre-Dame Cathedral**—abandoned his post before sunrise on a Saturday morning, after guarding the church from naughty spirits for more than 600 years. His disappearance was shocking. Not once in centuries had one of the **Cathedral**'s stone protectors missed a single day of duty. Without **Gargo**, the famous landmark could be in danger.



In the past, misbehaved spirits who slipped past their creepy-looking guardians had wreaked havoc in other churches—shattering ancient stained-glass windows, spilling foul odors, and covering sacred spaces in puddles of vomit and animal droppings. One of the oldest Gothic buildings in **France**—and one of the most visited monuments in the world— could not take that risk. The remaining gargoyles and grotesques were stunned. They quickly spread the news of **Gargo**'s disappearance.

