

Kale Catches a Thief!



Kina grabs
Kale. Off to
play she flies!
'Let's go pick
guavas!' Kina
cries!





Kale spies a big
bite up in the
guava tree! He
points and yells,
'Kinda, come
quick and see!'

Kale spies a
bug and yells,
'A thief!' Kina
cries, 'Look
how small,
good grief!'





Kale spies a
hop bug.

'That's the
thief!' Kina
sighs, 'You
give me grief!'

Kinda leaps up high.

Up the tree! 'The

hen!' Kale shrieks.

'No hen flies to me!'





Pink sky fades
and Kale starts
to frown. Kinda
grins. 'Bat flies
when sun is
down!'

Kina hauls a
quilt out. Off
she flies!
'Camp by the
tree!' But Kale
just sighs.





Kina spies
each branch
by torch light.
Kale hides
close. No bat
in sight!

Back in the dark
tent, Kale grips
his light and
almost cries.

Flap, flap, what
is out there that
flies?





They peek out,
and up high the
thief Kina spies!
It bites a guava
and drops bits
from the skies!

Kale whispers,
'Huge eyes,
wings spread
wide!' Kina
grins, 'That
thief can't hide!'





The thief hangs up high, full and snug, and there he lies. Kina and Kale sleep under the moonlit skies.



Kale Catches a Thief!

Something took a giant bite out of the ripest guava on the tree, and Kina and Kale are on the case! Was it a tiny caterpillar? A hopping grasshopper? A sneaky pixie with sharp little teeth? As the sun goes down and the yard grows dark, the two detectives set up camp under the branches to catch the mystery muncher red-handed. Who could the guava thief be? This decodable reader practices the 'ie' phonogram in words like 'cries,' 'flies,' 'spied,' and 'thief.'

Reading Skills: <ie>

cries, flies, grief, lie, shrieks, spied, spies, thief

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