

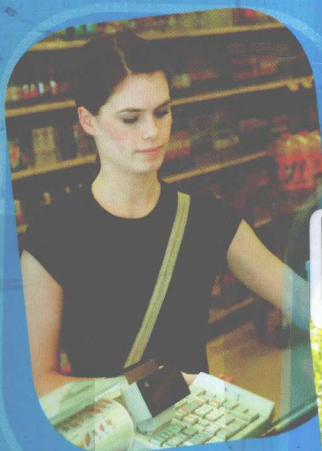
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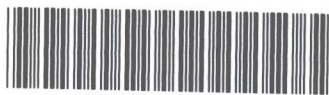
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整套读物分 9 个级别，从小学三年级到高中二年级，共 43 册，包含 78 篇故事和 132 篇科普读物。各级别根据国家《英语课程标准》规定的难度划分，充分考虑到不同年龄段学生的认知特点和阅读兴趣。

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The Giant's Causeway

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Smack!

Finn McCool was an Irish giant. He was big and strong, and he had won many battles. But, Finn was tired of fighting.

One day, Finn met Oonagh, a clever giantess. Finn and Oonagh liked each other, so they decided to live together in a quiet cave by the sea. Finn liked to sit and look out over the water. He could just make out Scotland, far away in the distance. "There's no place like home," said Finn, contentedly.



NOTES

smack *n.* 啪（或砰）的一声

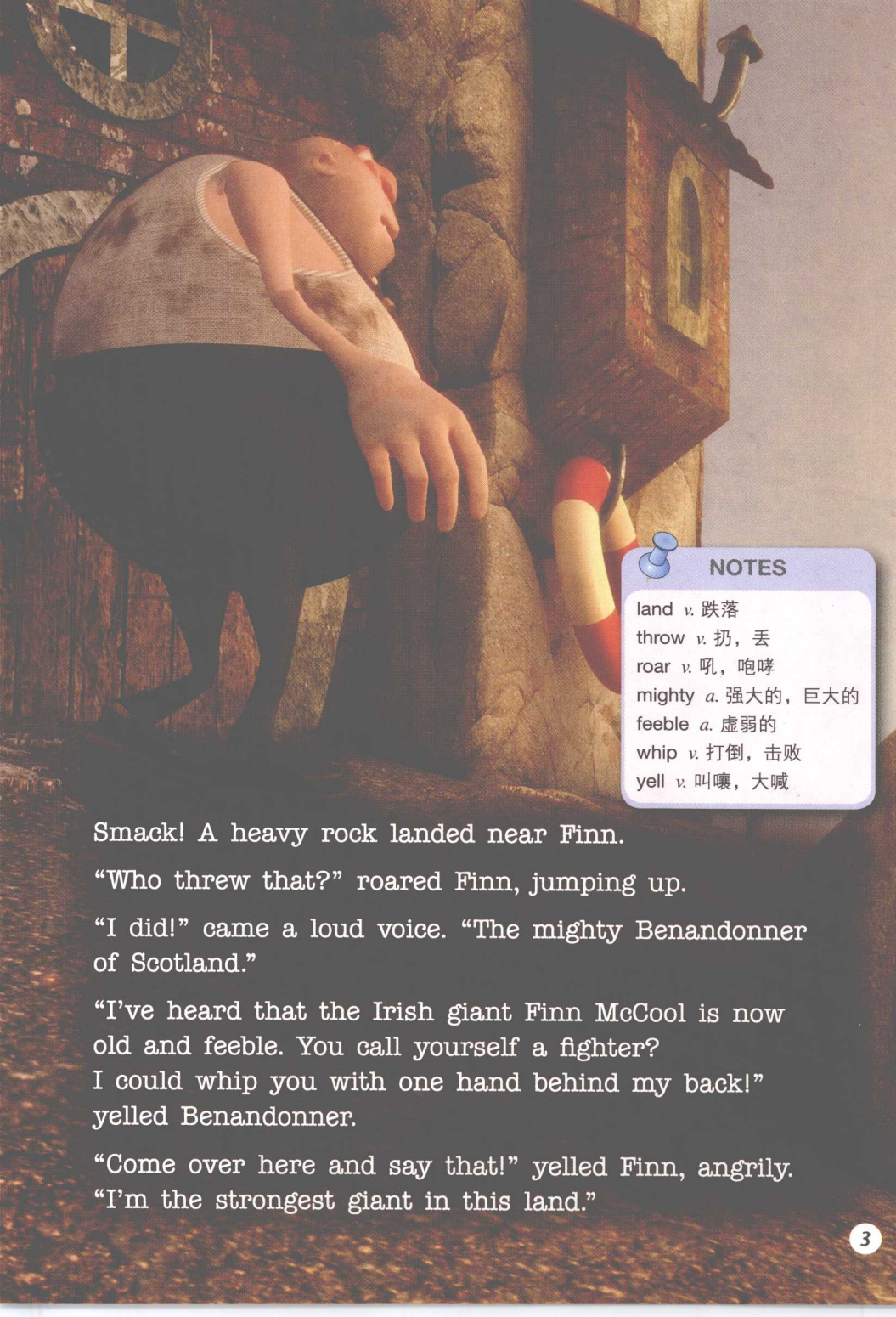
Irish *a.* 爱尔兰的

giant *n.* 巨人

be tired of 对……感到厌倦

giantess *n.* 女巨人

contentedly *ad.* 心满意足地



NOTES

land *v.* 跌落

throw *v.* 扔, 丢

roar *v.* 吼, 咆哮

mighty *a.* 强大的, 巨大的

feeble *a.* 虚弱的

whip *v.* 打倒, 击败

yell *v.* 叫嚷, 大喊

Smack! A heavy rock landed near Finn.

“Who threw that?” roared Finn, jumping up.

“I did!” came a loud voice. “The mighty Benandonner of Scotland.”

“I’ve heard that the Irish giant Finn McCool is now old and feeble. You call yourself a fighter?

I could whip you with one hand behind my back!” yelled Benandonner.

“Come over here and say that!” yelled Finn, angrily.

“I’m the strongest giant in this land.”

"It's only the water that's stopping me from coming to fight you, Finn McCool!" Benandonner shouted back.

"Afraid of water, are you?" yelled Finn.

"Afraid? No!" shouted Benandonner.

"I just don't know how to swim."

"I'll make a causeway," yelled Finn.

"Then you'll have to come over and fight, giant to giant."



NOTES

causeway *n.* 堤道

Building the Giant's Causeway



NOTES

slab *n.* 石头等硬物的一块

cliff *n.* 悬崖

strength *n.* 力气

face *v.* 面对

Finn began to pull great slabs of rock off the cliff. He threw them into the water to make a path. The slabs were heavy, and it was a long way from Ireland to Scotland.

It took Finn a week to finish the causeway. He threw down the last slabs late one night, and then walked back over the causeway to his cave.

"I'm tired. I'm going to bed now. I need to get some strength before I face Benandonner," Finn told Oonagh.



NOTES

- noise *n.* 吵闹声
rush *v.* 快速行进
warn *v.* 提醒
lose *v.* 输；失败

In the morning, Oonagh woke early. She went outside because someone was making a lot of noise.

Benandonner was walking over the causeway, shouting, "I'm coming to get you, Finn."

Oonagh could see that Benandonner was much bigger than Finn.

She rushed in to warn Finn, but he was still asleep. Oonagh knew that Finn was so tired he might lose the fight.

Oonagh's Plan

Suddenly, Oonagh had a plan.
She woke Finn and made him put on
her biggest dress.
Ripping open a pillowcase,
she tied it around Finn's head.
She made Finn lie down
and pretend he was asleep,
and then she put their biggest blanket
over him.

Finally, she sat down and waited.



NOTES

suddenly *ad.* 突然

put on 穿上

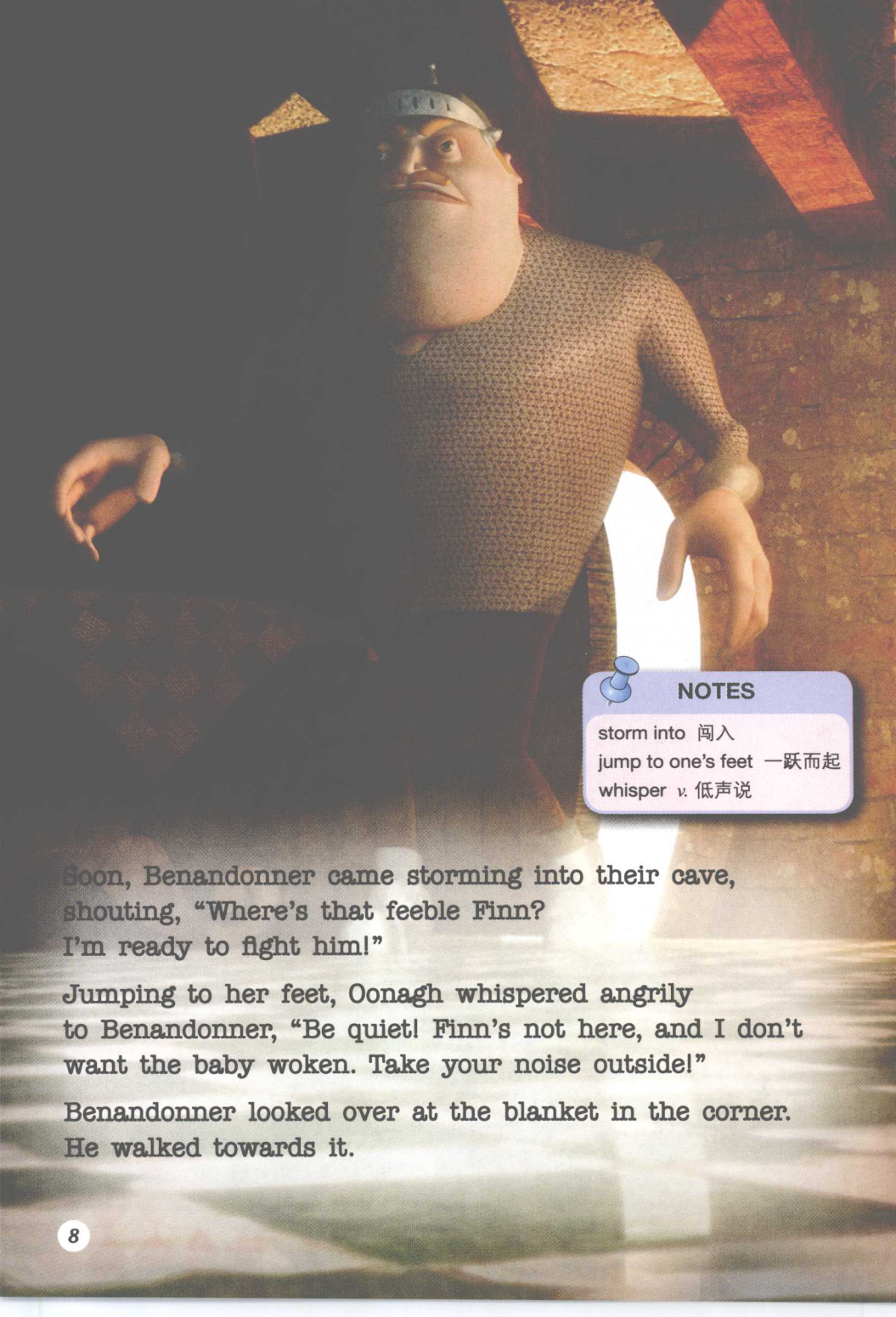
rip *v.* 撕开

pillowcase *n.* 枕套

tie *v.* 绑, 拴

pretend *v.* 假装

blanket *n.* 毯子



NOTES

storm into 闯入

jump to one's feet 一跃而起

whisper v. 低声说

Soon, Benandonner came storming into their cave, shouting, “Where’s that feeble Finn? I’m ready to fight him!”

Jumping to her feet, Oonagh whispered angrily to Benandonner, “Be quiet! Finn’s not here, and I don’t want the baby woken. Take your noise outside!”

Benandonner looked over at the blanket in the corner. He walked towards it.

Benandonner looked down at the baby.

He couldn't believe it.

The baby was huge.

If the baby is this size, what size is its father?
he thought.

He reached down to pat the baby's head.

Finn bit Benandonner's hand as hard as he could.

"Argh!" cried Benandonner.

"Now you've woken the baby!"

shouted Oonagh, rushing over.

"Wait until I tell his father that you're over here
making trouble! He'll be after you!"



NOTES

pat v. 拍

bite (bit, bitten) v. 咬

make trouble 制造麻烦

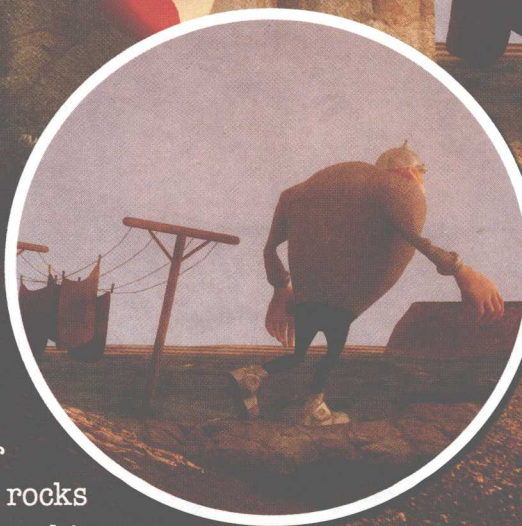


NOTES

nervous *a.* 紧张的

Suddenly, Benandonner was nervous. “If Finn’s baby is this big and strong, how big and strong is Finn?” he said to himself.

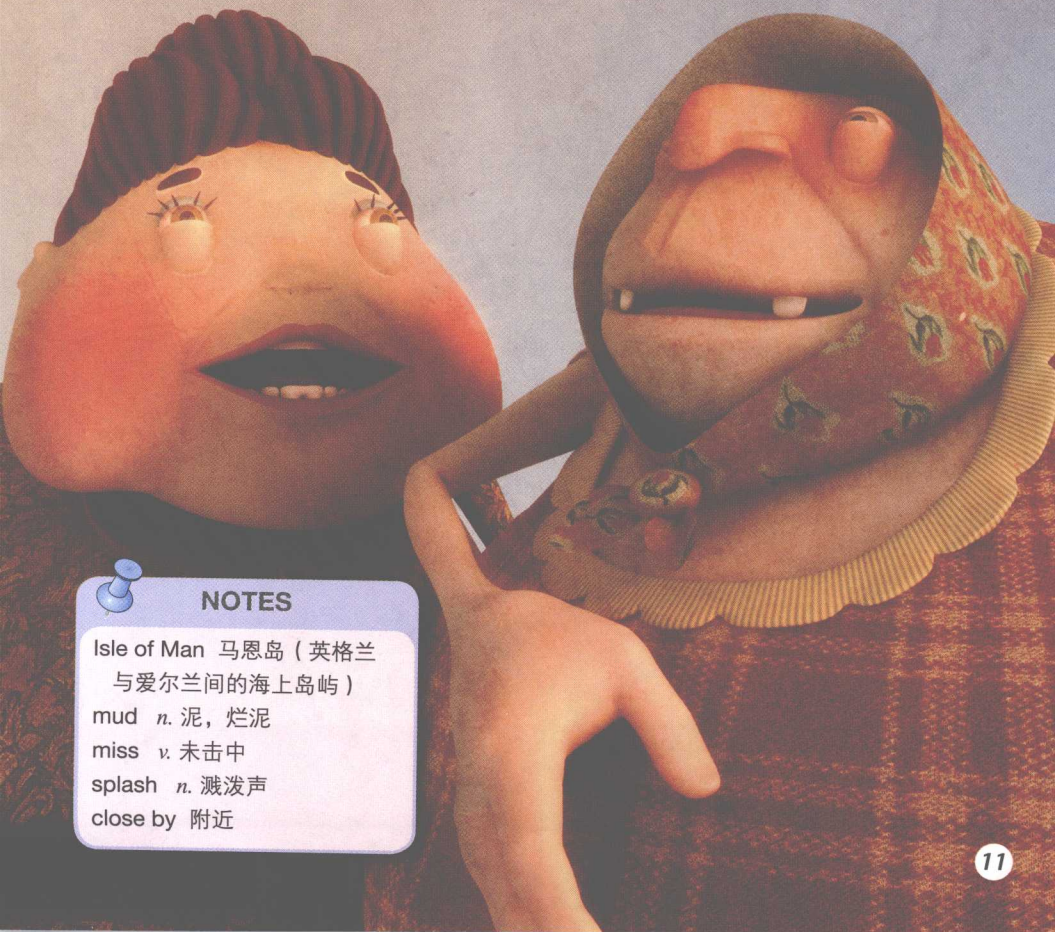
He turned and ran back over the causeway, pulling up the rocks to stop Finn from coming after him.



The Isle of Man

Finn and Oonagh started laughing as they watched Benandonner running back across the causeway.

Picking up some mud, Finn threw it with all his might. The mud missed Benandonner, but it landed with a splash close by.



NOTES

Isle of Man 马恩岛 (英格兰
与爱尔兰间的海上岛屿)

mud *n.* 泥, 烂泥

miss *v.* 未击中


splash *n.* 溅泼声

close by 附近

After that, Benandonner never gave Finn any more trouble.

He lived quietly in his cave in Scotland, while Finn lived in his cave in Ireland.

The mud that Finn threw at Benandonner was named the Isle of Man.



the Isle of Man