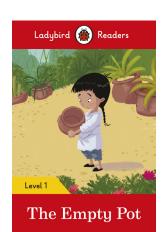
Non-speaking



Cast



Narrator 1







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the emperor's servants



Narrator 2





father



Work with the children to allocate characters and prepare a short performance. Discuss the stage directions in advance and make sure the children understand how to follow the script.

The emperor is in his garden. Narrator 1:

(The emperor is talking to his servant.)

I'm old. I have no child. the emperor:

(The emperor is in the palace with his servants.)

the emperor: How do I find a new emperor?

(The emperor sits at his desk. He is writing.)

(Speaking as he writes) Boys! I'm choosing the the emperor:

new emperor. Come to my palace and get a

seed, please.

(Jun is with his mother in the garden. She tells

him about the emperor's plan.)

A seed? Jun:

Jun's mother: Yes. You grow beautiful plants, Jun.

Go to the palace.

Jun walks to the palace with many boys. Narrator 2:

I want a seed. I can be the new emperor. the boys:

(The emperor hands out seeds to all the boys.)

the emperor: Have a seed. Go home. Put it in a pot. Come back

with your pot after one year.

**Narrator 1:** Jun puts his seed in his favorite pot.

Jun watches his pot.

**Narrator 2:** The boys have leaves in their pots. But they are

not from the emperor's seeds . . .

Narrator 1: Jun watches his pot.

(Jun's father pours water into the pot.)

**Jun:** That's good soil and water, Father.

(Jun looks sadly at his empty pot.)

Jun: Look, no leaves.

Jun's father: Don't worry.

**Narrator 2:** After one year, the boys carry their pots to the

palace. Jun goes with his empty pot.

**the emperor:** I like this empty pot.

the people: Why?

the emperor: Well, my seeds are old and bad. You CAN'T

grow them.

(The emperor is very happy.)

the emperor: Well done, Jun. You're a good boy—

and you are the new emperor!

