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The **Little** Medicus

The Mysterious Mansion

Reading Sample



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Come with me ...

... for an incredible reading adventure! See this adventurous device down here? Looks like two halves of a hamburger? Well, a bit anyway. That's the Turbobeamer! When I first saw it, I couldn't believe my eyes. You'll never guess what it can do... It can actually shrink animals, and maybe also ... but I won't tell you any more for now. You'd better read up on it yourself!

Yours, Nano

Nano likes to play football and wants to be a doctor when he grows up. Ever since he met Dr. X and Micro Minitec, he's been tumbling from one adventure into the next.

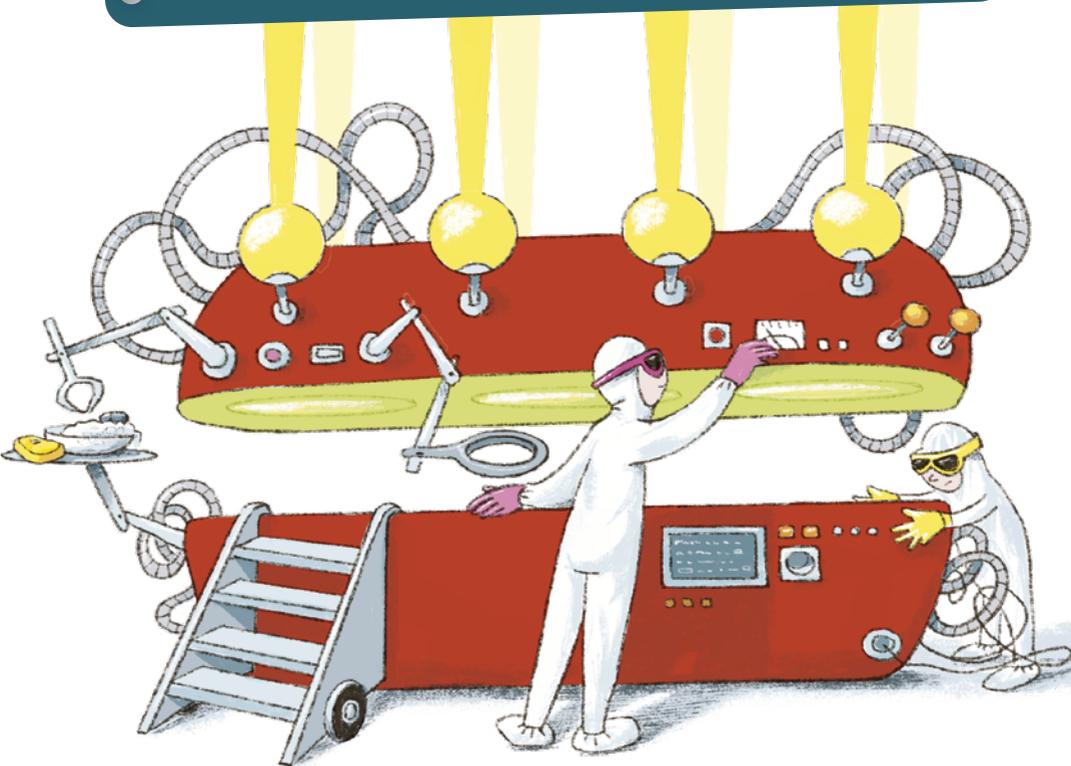


Marie is Nano's little sister. She can sing really well and has a photographic memory. Sometimes she gets on Nano's nerves – but sometimes she doesn't.

Dr. X is a doctor – and an inventor. He knows a lot about X-rays and holography, and his head is always full of new ideas.



Micro Minitec is his clever assistant. Her ideas are just as brilliant as those of Dr. X. Her most ingenious invention is the Turbobeamer: a shrinking machine!



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The story so far: Nano has skipped school to visit Dr. X and Micro Minitec in their mysterious surgery inside Nightingale Mansion. It's not long before everything turns into one huge adventure...

Suddenly the door opened and Dr. X entered the office. He glanced briefly across at Micro Minitec, then proffered his hand to Nano.

„Well, did my brilliant co-worker show you the Turbobeamer? An incredible machine. It's not quite perfected yet, but we'll get there. Unfortunately, I don't have time for you right now as we have an experiment to prepare.“

Nano looked at Dr. X in disappointment.

„Don't worry, though, you're welcome to stay if you feel like it and have the time. I'm sure you'll be astonished when you see the results,“ the doctor said. „We'll have to take Rappel with us, though, because he's taking part personally in this experiment. I must ask you not to touch the machines and equipment here.“

„It won't take long,“ said Micro Minitec with a smile and grabbed the rabbit. „We'll be over by the

Turbobeamer.“ She gave Nano a wink and was gone. Nano was alone – that is, if you disregarded the countless gadgets, electronic components, papers, books and dirty coffee mugs everywhere. Through the window he could see Dr. X and Micro Minitec going over to the Turbobeamer and pressing some mysterious buttons on it. Then they left the lab. Nano soon started to get bored. Suddenly he caught sight of a large pair of safety goggles. Didn't pilots wear goggles like that too? He put them on - and immediately felt just like a pilot. In the bookshelf he found a small mirror, looked at himself – and now felt just like an important scientist. He took the goggles off again, opened the office door and, a few moments later, found himself standing in front of the large steel door.

A soft whirring sound could be heard. Without Nano having touched it or done anything, the door opened – just as if it had been waiting for him. Two steps further, he was standing inside the airlock. He promptly decided that he wanted to help Dr. X and Micro Minitec with their experiment – after all, he did want to become a doctor and researcher. So he stepped across to the second steel door, which, like the first one, opened automatically. From this, he concluded that no one

would object to him entering the large hall and taking another look at the Turbobeamer. His gut instinct was sending him a different message, namely, to go back to the office. But his curiosity simply got the better of him: he was eager to take another, closer look at the machine. Besides, Dr. X and Micro Minitec were nearby, even if he couldn't see them right now. At this point he had quite forgotten about the protective suit and the goggles. The small ladder stood at the ready. Nano climbed up it and hopped into the space between the two "hamburger halves" of the machine. A strange green light welcomed him. He also noticed a swiveling metal arm that must have escaped his attention first time around. Mounted at the end of the arm was a shiny steel tray, with a gripper device hovering above it. Nano slid a tiny bit closer to the tray across the slippery surface and pulled it towards him. On it was a glass bowl, padded with cotton wool. On top of the cotton wool lay a small capsule. Or was it a pill? He briefly took it between his fingers, but then carefully put it back again.

„Who's going to swallow that?“ he muttered, and reached across for another, yellow object that was also on the tray. It was flat and oval, and fit comfortably in

his hand. Suddenly it lit up, showing him symbols he had never seen before. He touched one of them with his index finger, but nothing happened. Nothing he could see or hear, at least. Everything in the great hall remained as it was.

„It must be broken,“ he assumed.

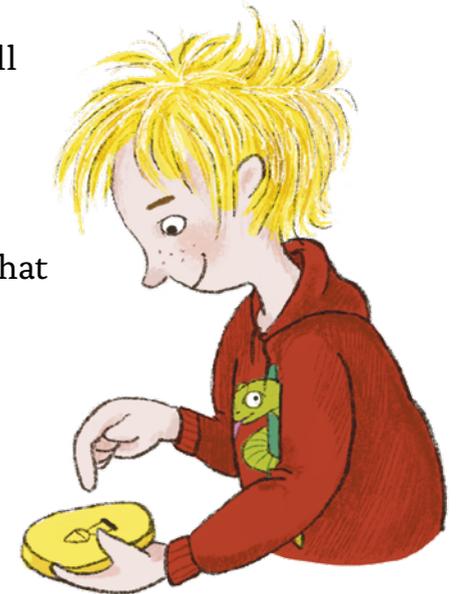
But he was wrong. In Micro Minitec's office, the computer monitors abruptly came on, red and green control bulbs began flashing, and a voice said:

„Attention: warm-up phase commencing!“

Nano was still fascinated by the oval device – he couldn't work out what its function was. Not even when new symbols suddenly appeared, including one that looked like a dwarf. He assumed it must be some kind of game. Without further thought, and forgetting all about Dr. X's warning, he touched it.

Numbers appeared on the display. He didn't know what they meant. Otherwise, nothing else happened.

„Stupid game,“ he hissed, putting the device back.



„Attention: warm-up phase completed! Microtization now commencing!“ said the computer voice in the office that he could not hear.

Suddenly the underside of the huge hamburger bun began to vibrate and everything got very loud. The sound reminded him of that of the MRI scanner. A thought flashed through his mind: „I’ve turned on the Turbobeamer!“ First he wanted to jump over to the ladder right away and leave the giant hamburger as quickly as possible – but then he remembered that the machine couldn’t shrink people, so nothing could happen to him. He didn’t feel afraid any more, and remained seated to watch what was going on.

At first there was just the weird noise, but then he felt a strange tingling in his body that he had never felt before. It tickled so much that he started to laugh.

Suddenly a greenish-blue beam of light flashed down from the top half of the hamburger and kept whizzing over his head again and again. It didn’t tickle him, but it looked breathtaking.

He felt like he was in a spaceship about to take off.

And he was its commander, of course. He was on the point of jumping up and grabbing the oval device that every good commander absolutely had to have, when he

suddenly found himself plummeting into a bottomless pit. At least that’s how it felt to him, because the walls tumbled towards the sky like an inverted waterfall, and the ceiling of the hall shot upwards and disappeared into infinity. The whole room was somehow flowing apart and away from him. Suddenly, the fear returned. He wanted to jump to his feet, but the whole world around him was still flowing apart. He felt a little bit sick. What was he going to do? All he could think of doing was to close his eyes. The feeling of nausea quickly dissipated. A short while later, the noise also stopped. It became quiet. Incredibly quiet. Nano waited a few more seconds, then slowly opened his eyes. Where was he? ...

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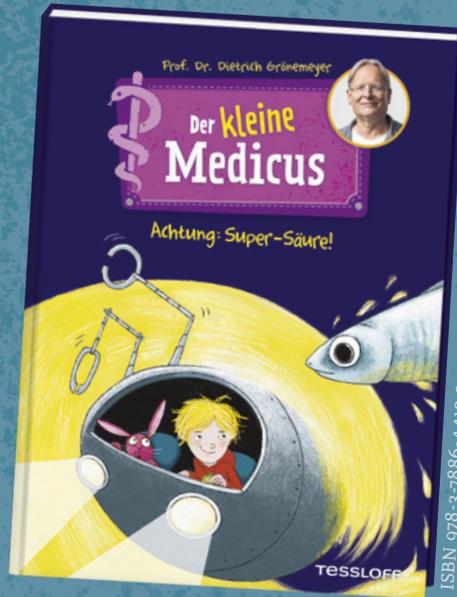
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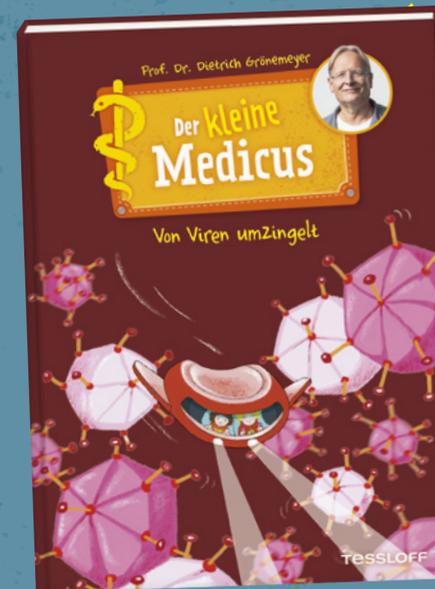
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Nano and Rappel go on a journey through Micro Minitec's body – mastering rapid slalom rides and meeting scary monsters, and learning amazing things about the human body at the same time. And when they reach the appendix, that's when things get really dangerous ...

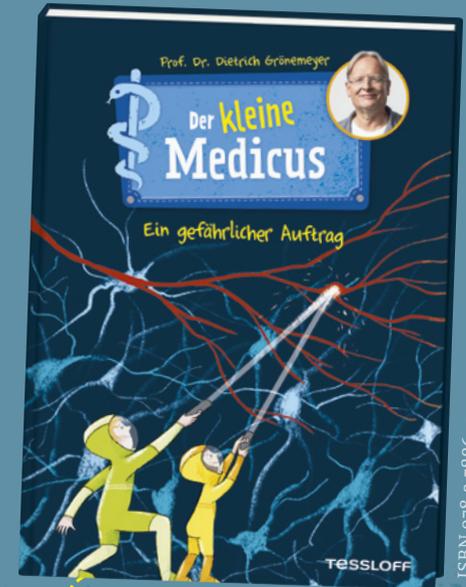
Grandpa Sonntag is not feeling well at all. Nano and Marie are determined to help him. But first, they have to free Grandpa from the clutches of the ruthless Professor von Schlotter. And then there are those nasty viruses, and lots of dangerous blood cells.



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Nano and Marie soon realize that the nanobot inside Grandpa's brain is up to no good. To save their grandpa, the two of them undertake a risky laser operation, and set off on a wild chase through Grandpa's body. Will they be able to stop the nanobot?

Further adventures to follow!



Prof. Dr Dietrich Grönemeyer

Prof. Dr Dietrich Grönemeyer is actually a doctor, but he's already written a lot of books as well.

That's because he likes to talk about everything he knows about the body, and about how diseases can be healed and prevented. And what if he could take a ride with Nano? He'd be totally amazed, that's for sure!



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Sabine Rothmund has loved drawing ever since she was a child – whenever and wherever she got the chance, and preferably in school exercise books. Later she turned her hobby into a profession, and studied communication design. Now she's happy to be able to draw The Little Medicus – and also Kannickel the dog, because he has a really funny way of jumping, just like her own dog.



Ready to go on a really adventurous journey
through the human body?
Well, off you go!



The Mysterious Mansion

Nano is totally amazed when he enters mysterious Nightingale Mansion for the first time. In their ultra-modern clinic, Dr. X and his assistant Micro Minitec have even built a shrinking machine: the Turbobeamer! Trouble is, it can't shrink humans just yet. Well, that's what they think anyway ...

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