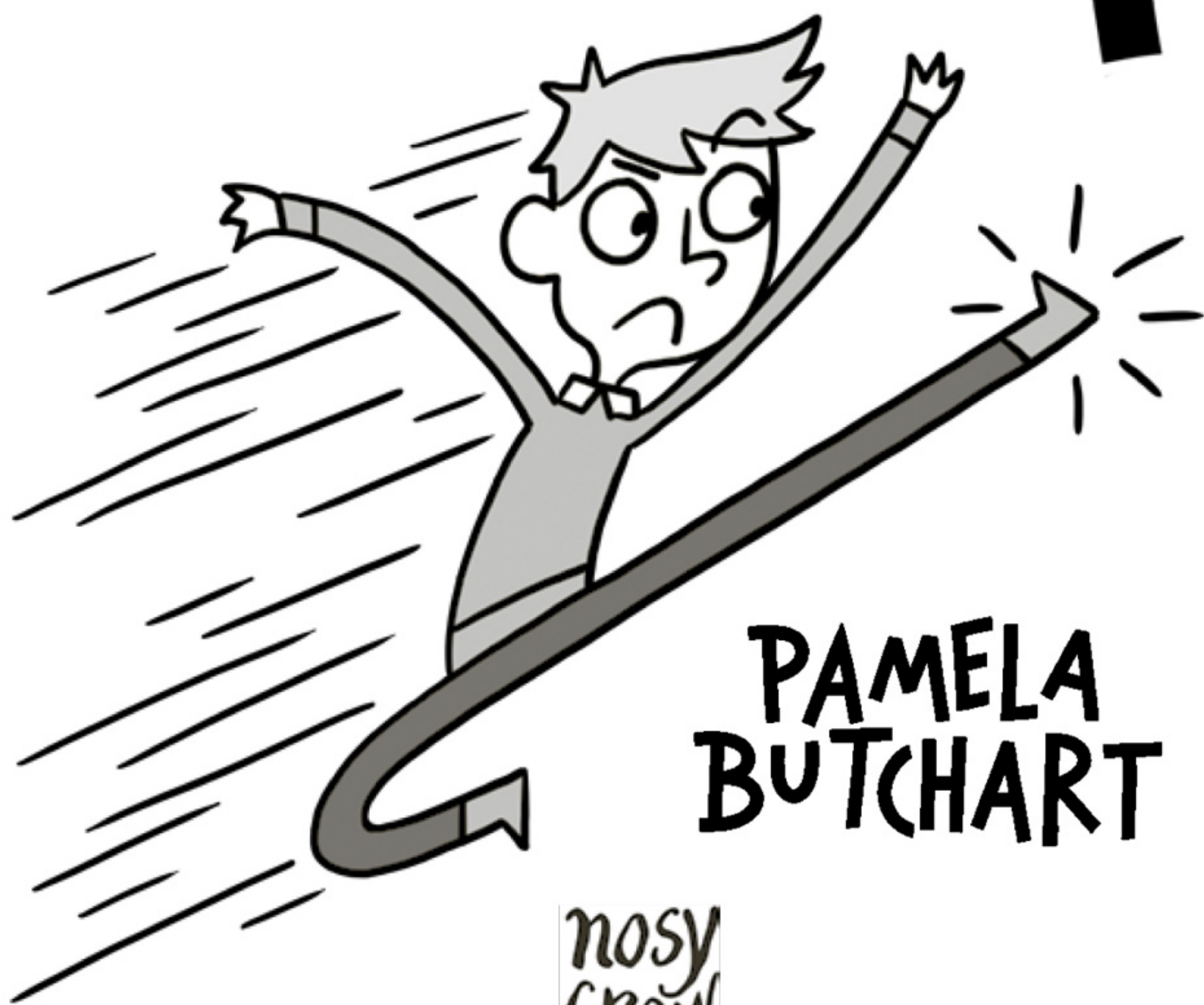


THE BROKEN LEG OF DOOM



PAMELA
BUTCHART

nosy
crow





Look out for:

BABY ALIENS GOT MY TEACHER!

THE SPY WHO LOVED SCHOOL DINNERS

MY HEADTEACHER IS A VAMPIRE RAT!

ATTACK OF THE DEMON DINNER LADIES

TO WEE OR NOT TO WEE!

THERE'S A WEREWOLF IN MY TENT!

THE PHANTOM LOLLIPOP MAN!

THERE'S A YETI IN THE PLAYGROUND!

ICARUS WAS RIDICULOUS



For everyone in the NHS.
(I'm hoping this might
give some of you a good
laugh with your kids!)

Thank you x



First published in the UK in 2021 by Nosy Crow Ltd
The Crow's Nest, 14 Baden Place,
Crosby Row, London, SE1 1YW

Nosy Crow and associated logos are trademarks and/or registered
trademarks of Nosy Crow Ltd.

Text copyright © Pamela Butchart, 2021

Cover and illustrations copyright © Thomas Flintham, 2021

The right of Pamela Butchart and Thomas Flintham to be identified
as the author and illustrator respectively of this work has been asserted
by them in accordance with the Copyright, Designs
and Patents Act 1988.

All rights reserved

ISBN: 978 1 78800 787 0

A CIP catalogue record for this book will be available from the British Library.

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of
trade or otherwise, be lent, hired out or otherwise circulated in any
form of binding or cover other than that in which it is published.

No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval
system, or transmitted in any form or by any means (electronic, mechanical,
photocopying, recording or otherwise) without the prior written permission
of Nosy Crow Ltd.

Printed and bound in Great Britain by Clays Ltd, Elcograf S.p.A.

Papers used by Nosy Crow are made from wood grown in sustainable forests.

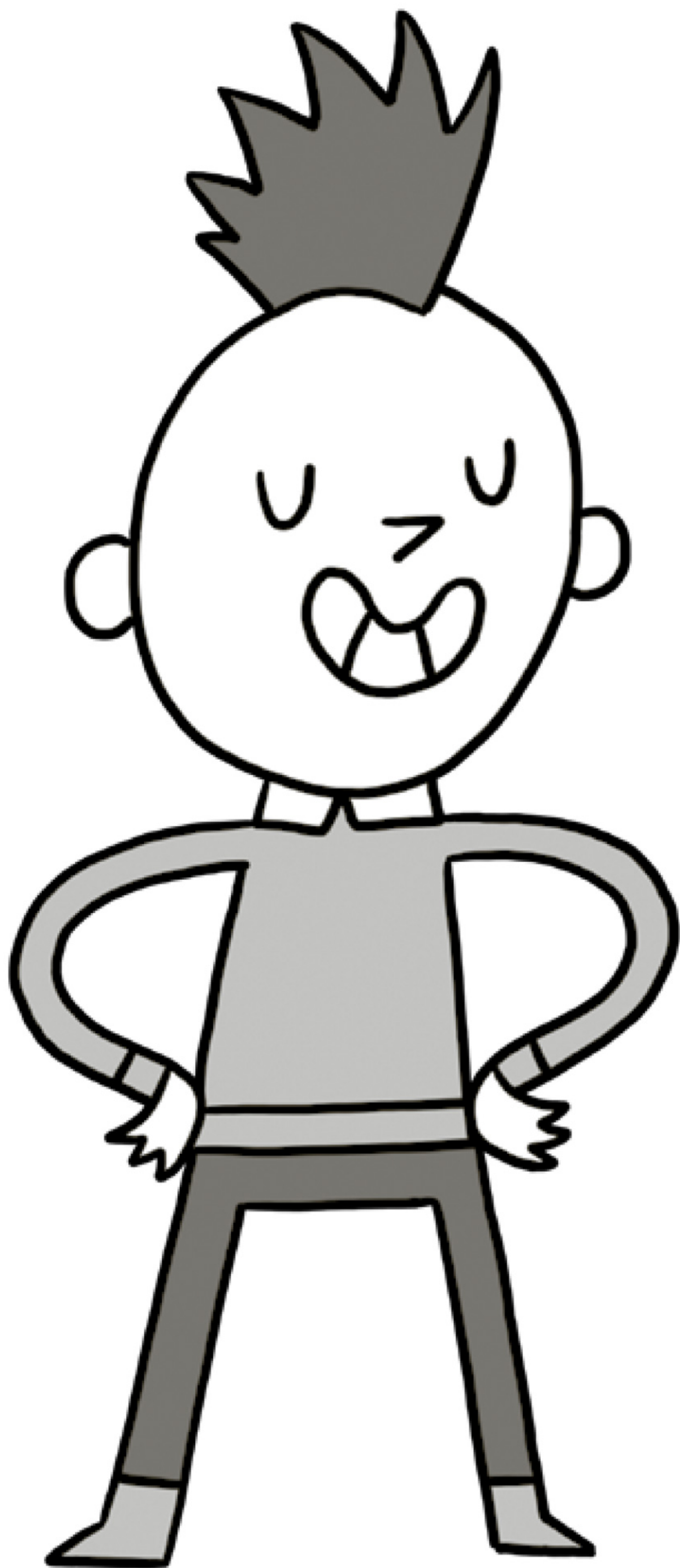


1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2

www.nosycrow.com

Contents

1.	Bad Things Always Happen in Threes	1
2.	Dancing Injury to the Right Leg	5
3.	The GIANT Leg Cast!	15
4.	The CURSE!	41
5.	But Jodi HATES Eggs!	54
6.	The CURSED Bus!	70
7.	SPRINKLERS!	82
8.	"Follow me if you want to live!"	91
9.	The MUMMY'S Curse!	111
10.	The Ransom Note	131
11.	Whale-napped!	145
12.	A CURSED Sandwich	165
13.	"HEY!"	174
14.	The Broken Leg of DOOM!	188
15.	Maisie's MUMMY LEG!	207
16.	The Ancient Mummy's Tomb	229
17.	Francisco Returns!	245
18.	Mission MUMMY!	264
19.	Dr Sam	279
19.	Just Go With It	299





Bad Things Always Happen in Threes

I **KNEW** something bad was going to happen
as **SOON** as we arrived at the hospital.

And I knew it because my mum says that
bad things always happen in **THREES**. And
TWO bad things had already happened that
day because Jodi made us all do **EXTREME**





DANCING (which is when you dance as FAST as you can for as LONG as you can) and Maisie had got dizzy and fallen and broken her LEG. And then when we were

in Jodi's mum's car following the ambulance to the hospital, I reached into my bag to get my TWIX because I was STARVING after all the dancing but it was GONE. And that's when I remembered that I'd already eaten it on my way to school.

So anyway, when we got to the hospital, I got a WEIRD FEELING. And it was because of the CREEPY STATUE in the entrance. And the WEIRD SHAPE of Maisie's LEG under the blanket. And the STRANGE BOY with the FEATHER in his hat.

But it was when we found out about the CURSE that we KNEW.

Maisie and her LEG were in

DEEP
TROUBLE.



Dancing Injury
to the
Right Leg

When we arrived at the hospital Jodi's mum parked the car and Zach yelled, "There's the ambulance. Look!" So I looked and that's when I saw the ambulance doors BURST open and Jodi came rushing out, pulling Maisie's stretcher behind her.

Jodi had **REFUSED** to come with us in the car to the hospital because she said she needed to stay with Maisie. And the paramedics had let her because Jodi told them she was Maisie's **GUARDIAN** because Maisie's mum wasn't there yet and that Maisie **NEEDED HER** and also that she would **CHAIN** herself to Maisie's stretcher **IF NEED BE**.

So me and Zach and Jodi's mum **RAN** after Maisie's stretcher into the



bit of the hospital and up to the reception desk.

And before the paramedics could even say **ONE WORD** Jodi shouted,

"FEMALE.

AGED EIGHT YEARS,

FIVE AND A HALF MONTHS.

DANCING INJURY TO

THE RIGHT LEG.

POTENTIALLY BROKEN

IN NUMEROUS PLACES."



And as **SOON** as Jodi said that, Maisie **SCREAMED** at the top of her **LUNGS** and



everyone in the waiting room **GASPED** and the receptionist covered her ears with her hands because Maisie's scream is **MEGA LOUD**.

That's when one of the doctors came running over to see what was wrong. But then all of a sudden Maisie stopped screaming **MID-SCREAM** and closed her eyes and went **COMPLETELY STILL**.

So that's when I explained that Maisie had **FAINTED** from **SHOCK** because of what Jodi had just said and that it happened all the time. And that she'd wake up in a minute and need a Ribena and probably a Twix too,



and that I had some Ribena but that I didn't have a Twix. And then I explained about the **TWIX THING** and bad things happening in **THREES**.

But the doctor just stood there with a **PANICKED** look on his face and I started to worry because he didn't look that much older than my cousin Toby and he's still at secondary school. But then I noticed that he was wearing a hoody and carrying a bunch of grapes and that he was a visitor. And that he'd probably just come running over because of the noise Maisie was making.

Then Jodi started shouting for a

STETHOSCOPE so she could check Maisie's

VITAL ORGANS.

And a nurse appeared and said that she was going to take Maisie behind a little curtain to do an EXAMINATION and that we should all wait in the WAITING AREA, especially Jodi. And then she gave Jodi a bit of a LOOK so we went.



So me and Jodi and Zach sat down on the seats nearest to the little curtain and Jodi's mum said she was nipping outside to phone Maisie's mum again and that we should STAY EXACTLY WHERE WE WERE. But as soon as she left, Zach got up and said that he was going to find a vending machine so he could get a Twix and Jodi said, "How can you think of your STOMACH at a time like this, Zach?!"

And Zach said that he WASN'T thinking of his stomach and that he was thinking of MAISIE'S stomach, actually. And Jodi said, "Oh. Sorry."

And then she started crying and I got a **SHOCK** because Jodi **NEVER** cries. Not even the time she got her fingers jammed in the assembly-hall doors and they went **PURPLE**.

Then she said that it was **ALL HER FAULT** and that it should be **HER LEG** in hospital and that she was **NEVER GOING TO DANCE AGAIN**.

And it sort of **WAS** Jodi's fault because the dancing had been her idea (and even when we'd said we didn't want to do it she'd still made us because she said she'd already moved the furniture and made a

PLAYLIST).

But I didn't say any of that because Jodi was obviously feeling

MEGA GUILTY.

So I just patted her back a bit. And so did Zach.

And I said, "It's not your fault. Maisie's going to be **OK**. Don't worry."

But to be honest, I just said that to make Jodi feel better. Because I didn't know if Maisie **WAS** going to be **OK**. Because I had seen the **WEIRD SHAPE** of Maisie's **LEG**

