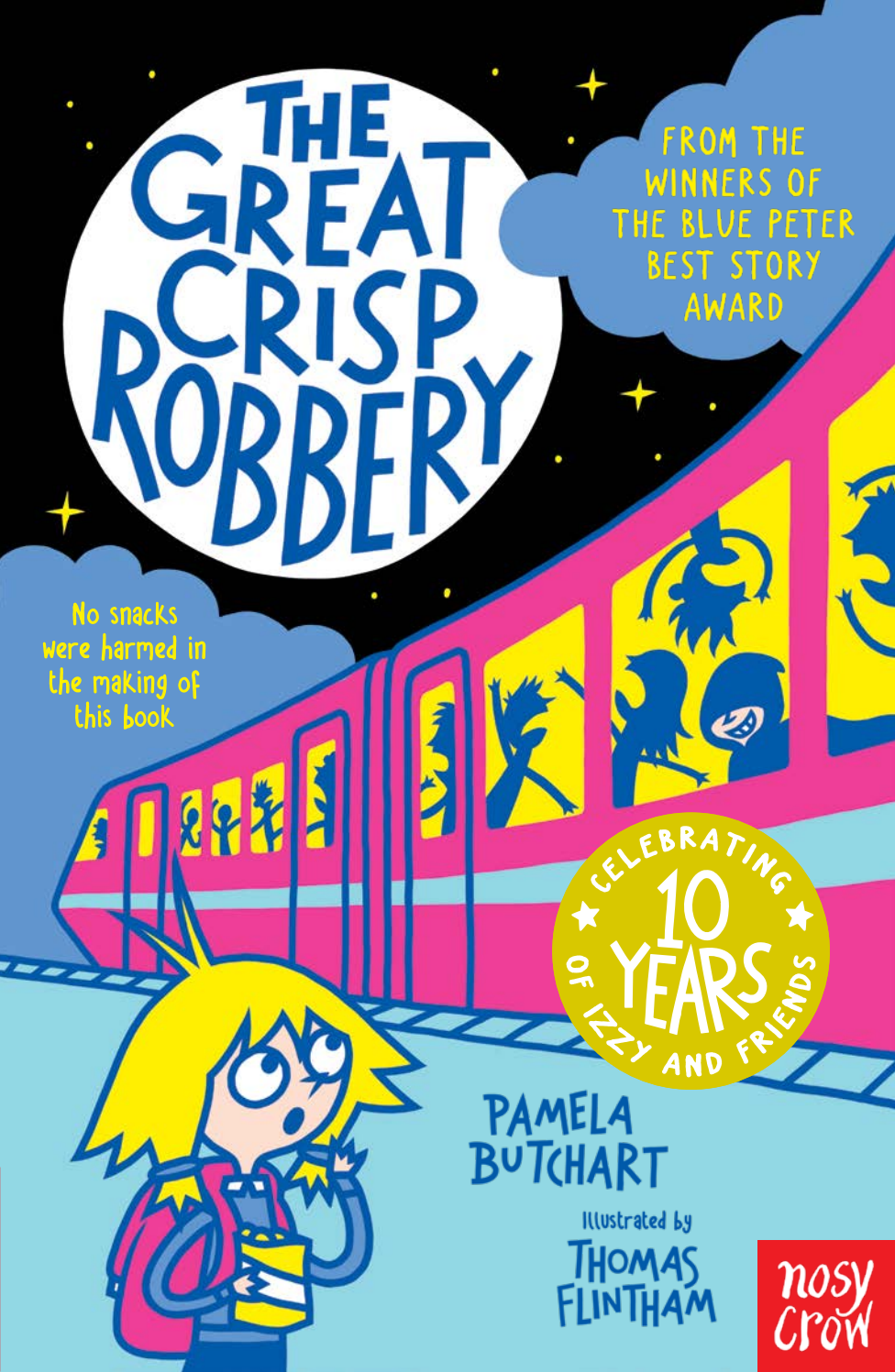
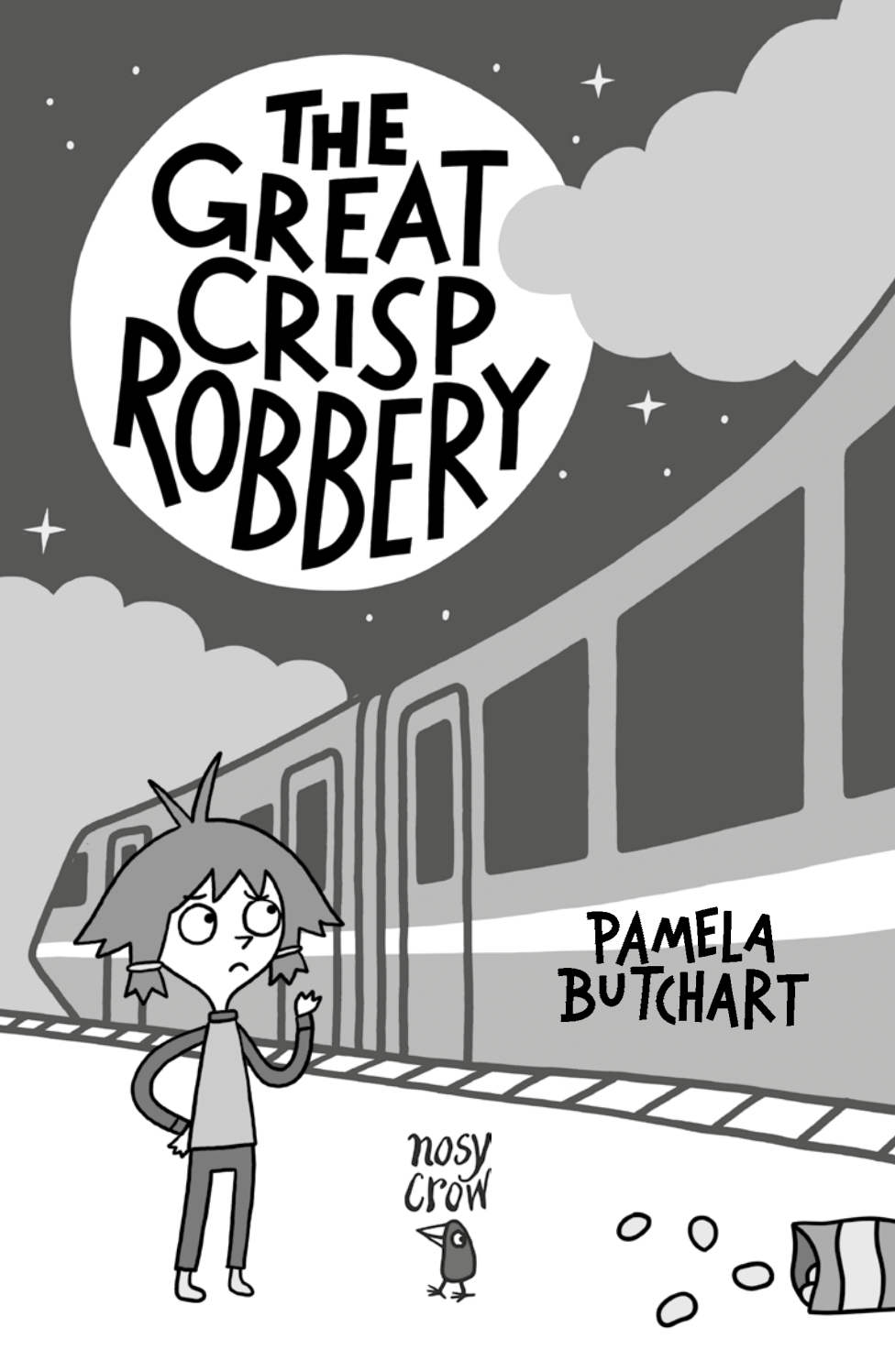

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The Most Serious and Scariest Time EVER

WEIRD stuff happens a LOT at our school.

Like the time with the

DEMON DINNER LADIES and the

PHANTOM LOLLIPOP MAN

and the headteacher who was a

VAMPIRE RAT.



But what I am about to tell you is probably the MOST SERIOUS and

DANGEROUS

thing that has EVER happened to us.

And it wasn't just because we were all on a HIGH-SPEED TRAIN at MIDNIGHT when it happened!

It was because of the

HOODED FIGURE



and the

MIDNIGHT SCREAM

and all the

STOLEN CRISPS.

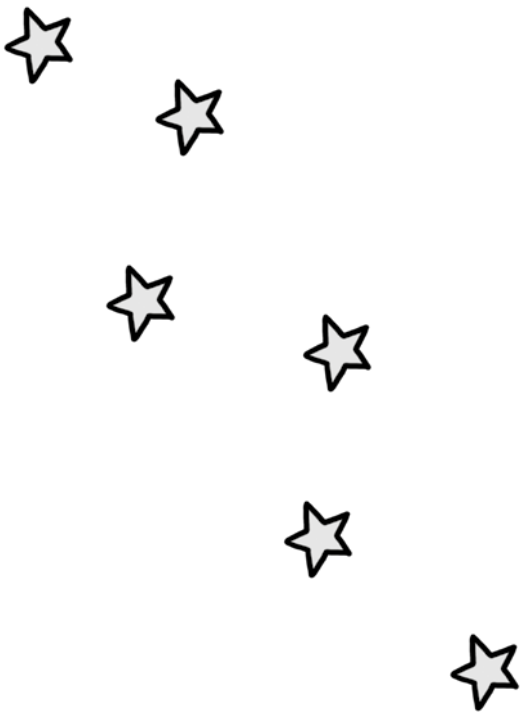
And we probably should have KNOWN things were BAD when Mr Beattie started CRYING.

But it was when we saw a bag of Gary Petrie's STOLEN CRISPS lying on the platform that things got OUT OF CONTROL.



And I just KNEW that someone was going to jump off the train in the middle of the night.

But I didn't know that it would be me.



The Sleeper Train

When Miss Jones told us we were going on an EXTRA-SPECIAL school trip we all gasped. Then when she told us we were getting the TRAIN we all gasped again! But nothing could have prepared us for what she said next. Because THAT'S when Miss

Jones told us we were getting the



to LONDON and that we would be going to BED on the train.

I stared at my friend Jodi, and she stared back. And then we both stared at Zach, and he had his mouth wide open and it was because none of us could BELIEVE what Miss Jones was saying to us!

I'd heard of the SLEEPER TRAIN before and how people get on it and go to sleep and wake up in the place that they need to

be. But I never thought that I would be going on one!

I thought that sleeper trains were just for BUSINESS PEOPLE in SUITS who had to get to London to have



at five o'clock in the morning.

EVERYONE started asking Miss Jones loads of questions about the SLEEPER TRAIN. Like, where would we all sleep? And did we have to wear pyjamas? And would there be a toilet on the train?

And Gary Petrie was jumping up and down and asking if he could come in FANCY DRESS (which didn't really make any sense, but sometimes Gary Petrie doesn't really make sense).

That's when Maisie started shaking and saying that she was worried because trains are



and that she didn't think she would be able to go to sleep SITTING UP.

So that's when I said I thought she definitely



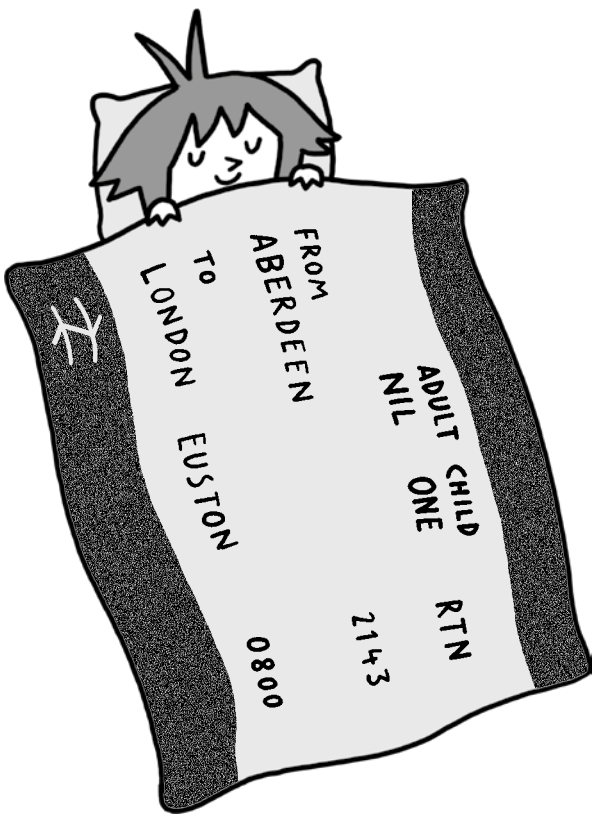
WOULD be able to sleep sitting up and then I reminded her of the time that she fainted while sitting on the toilet when it accidentally flushed before she was finished. And how she just stayed sitting up for ages, even though she'd fainted.

But then Miss Jones said that we didn't have to worry about sleeping sitting up because we were all going to have our own BEDS on the train.

That's when me and everyone got REALLY excited because I didn't even know that you got beds on trains!

And I didn't know what sort of DUVET

COVERS they would have but I really hoped they looked like GIANT TRAIN TICKETS or something like that because that would be really cool.



So anyway, Jodi put both her hands on her head and held on tight to her hair, which is what she sometimes does when she's REALLY excited about something.

Then she said, "It's going to be like one of the old movies I've watched with my mum! We'll have our own little bit of the train to ourselves. I can't believe it! This is going to be AMAZING."

And as soon as Jodi said that I totally remembered a black-and-white film Jodi's mum made us watch where everyone was wearing hats and long coats and they were all running to get on the train that had

STEAM coming out of it. Then two of them fell in love but one of them couldn't get on the train because he didn't have a ticket so they had to BREAK UP. And when I asked Jodi's mum why he didn't just BUY a ticket she said that it was because it was



So anyway, that's when I knew that there was NO WAY Jodi's mum wasn't going to try to come on our school trip with us. And that she was probably going to ask Miss Jones if she could be a CHAPERONE. And I knew that if Miss Jones said no, she would probably just buy a ticket and come anyway.

Miss Jones was trying to answer all of our questions, but there were too many of us with our hands up and some people were just SHOUTING OUT because they were



to follow the rules.

So that's when Miss Jones stopped answering our questions and put BOTH of her hands up in the air. And we all

eventually went silent and did the same because that's what the teachers do at our school if they want us to stop talking and

PAY ATTENTION.

Then Miss Jones put her arms down and smiled a really big smile.

And I could tell that she was JUST as excited as we were about going on the sleeper train. And I thought that it was maybe because Miss Jones quite likes sleeping and I know that for a fact because every Monday when we come in and ask her where she went that weekend, she always LAUGHS and says SLEEP really loudly. So we know how much she loves going to bed.

So anyway, we all STARED at Miss Jones.

And then she took a DEEP BREATH and said, "Children. I can assure you that this is going to be a trip you will NEVER FORGET!"

And we all

GASPED

and nodded because we knew that she was RIGHT.

