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Hello from Henry



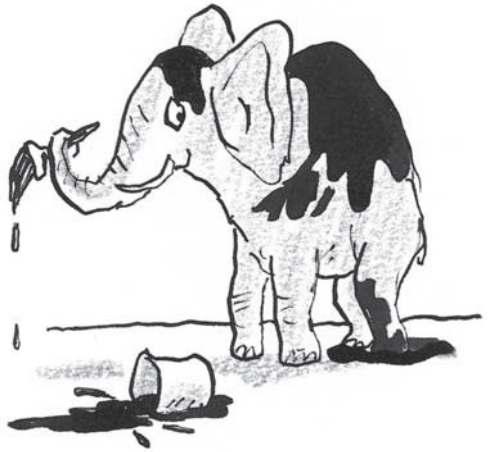
Hey, everyone! I thought my other joke books had the horridest, wickedest, funniest and rudest jokes ever. But who knew my Purple Hand Gang would tell me so many GREAT jokes? Wow! Thanks for doing all the hard work, guys. I think I'll just stomp downstairs and drive Mum and Dad crazy with a few of these zingers. Way to go, gang. The Purple Hand Gang rules!

Henry

MY TOP PURPLE JOKES

What's purple and fixes pipes?
A plum-er.

Why did the elephant paint itself purple?
So it could hide in the plum tree.



Why are elephants big and grey?
If they were small and purple
they'd be grapes.

What's purple and sounds like an ape?
A grape.



What's purple and barks at people?
A Grape Dane.

What happens when you drop a purple rock in the Red Sea?
It gets wet.



HENRY: There's a horrible big purple thing on your face!
DAD: Help! What is it?
HENRY: Your nose!

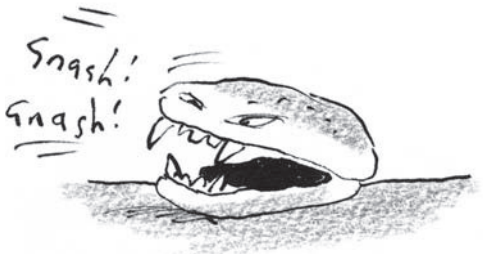


What's purple, brown and hairy?
Blackberry jam on toast stuck to the carpet.

What colour is a burp?
Burple

FAVOURITE JOKES FROM MY FANS

What do you get when you cross a cow and a werewolf?
A burger that bites back.



Did you hear about the fight outside the chippie last night?
Two fish got battered!

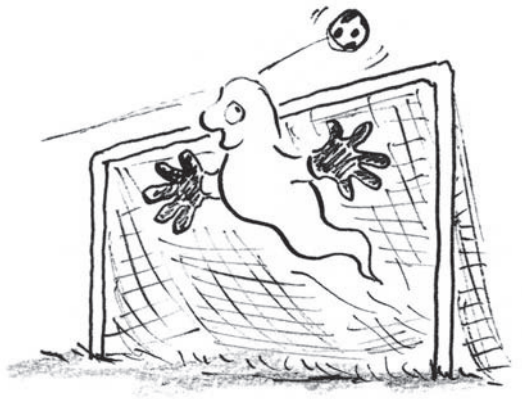
What did Mummy corn say to Baby corn?
Where's Pop corn?

Waiter, Waiter, why is there a footprint on my cake?
Because you said step on it.



Why didn't the elephant board his plane?
Because it wasn't a jumbo.

Which ghost stops goals?
A ghoulkeeper.



Which are the three most famous poles?
North, South and Tad.

What do you call a daft dinosaur?
Idiotsaurus.



Why are bananas so good at gymnastics?
They are great at doing the splits.

Where did the spaghetti dance?
At the meatball.



What's a polygon?
A dead parrot.

Where did the spaghetti dance?
At the meatball.

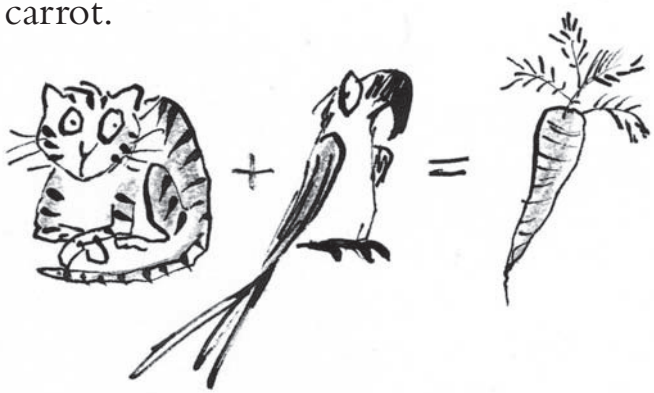
What do you call a lion without any eyes?
Lon.



Doctor, Doctor, I only have 50 seconds to live.
Just give me a minute.

Knock knock.
Who's there?
Justin.
Justin who?
Justin in time to let me in, toad.

What do you get when you cross a cat and a parrot?
A carrot.



Who is a penguin's favourite aunt?
Aunt Arctica.

Why did the boy put sugar on his pillow?
He wanted to have sweet dreams.



What do you call a donkey with one eye and three legs?
A winky wonky donkey.

Why are insects clever?
Because they always know when you're having a picnic.



What do you get when you cross a bomb and a bad smell?
A stinkbomb.

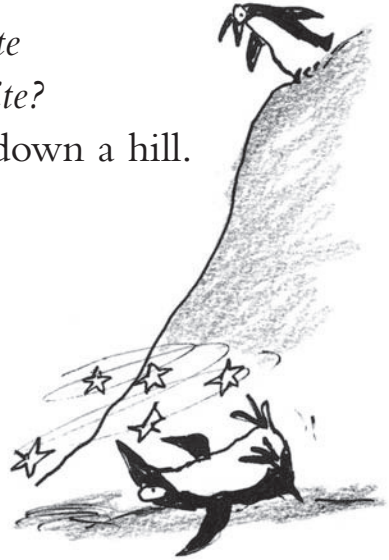


Doctor, Doctor, I can't sleep at night.
Lie on the edge of your bed and you'll soon drop off.



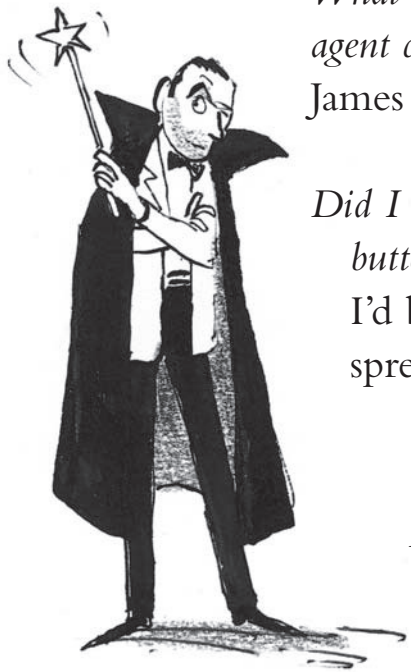
What goes black white black white black white?
A penguin rolling down a hill.

What goes black white black white black white, HA HA?
The penguin that pushed him.



Why did the mushroom enjoy the party so much?
Because he's a fungi.





What was the magical secret agent called?
James Wand.

Did I tell you the joke about butter?
I'd better not in case you spread it.

Waiter, Waiter, will my pizza be long?
No, sir, it'll be round.

Why are adults always complaining?
Because they are groan ups.

Who did Frankenstein
take to the party?
His ghoulfriend.

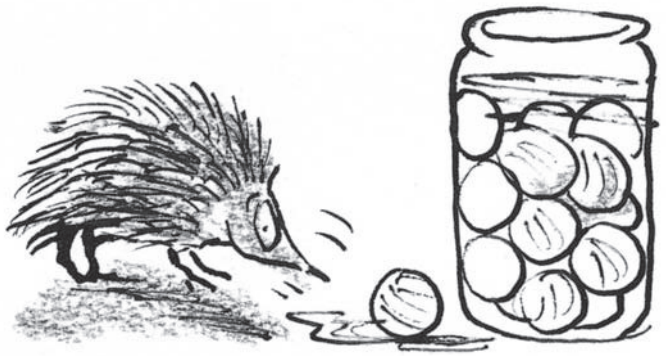
What do you call a scared octopus?
An octopussy.

How does a cowboy ride into town on
Friday, stay for three days and ride
out on Friday?
His horse is called Friday!



What's an astronaut's favourite
place on the keyboard?
The spacebar.

What do hedgehogs
like to eat?
Prickled onions.



What do mother penguins tell their
children when they go out?
Beak careful.

Why does a cow have a bell?
Because its horns don't work.