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and all our fights over
who had to sit in the middle

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Chapter 1



"Henry!
We're waiting!"

"Henry! Get down here!"

"Henry! I'm warning you!"



Horrid Henry sat on his bed and scowled. His mean, horrible parents could warn him all they liked. He wasn't moving.



"Henry! We're going to be late," yelled Mum.

"Good!" shouted Henry.



"Henry! This is your final warning," yelled Dad.

"I don't want to go to Polly's!" screamed Henry. "I want to go to Ralph's birthday party."

Mum stomped upstairs.



"Well you can't," said Mum. "You're coming to the christening, and that's that."

"NO!" screeched Henry.



"I hate Polly,



I hate babies,



and I hate you!"

Henry had been a page boy
at the wedding of his cousin,
Prissy Polly, when she'd married
Pimply Paul.



Now they had a prissy,
pimply baby, Vomiting Vera.
Henry had met Vera once before.
She'd thrown up all over him.



Henry had hoped never to see
her again until she was grown up and
behind bars, but no such luck.

He had to go and watch her be dunked in a vat of water, on the same day that Ralph was having a birthday party at Goo-Shooter World.



Chapter 2

Henry had been longing for ages to go to Goo-Shooter World. Today was his chance. His only chance.



But no.

Everything was ruined.