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Opening extract from **Cheesemares**

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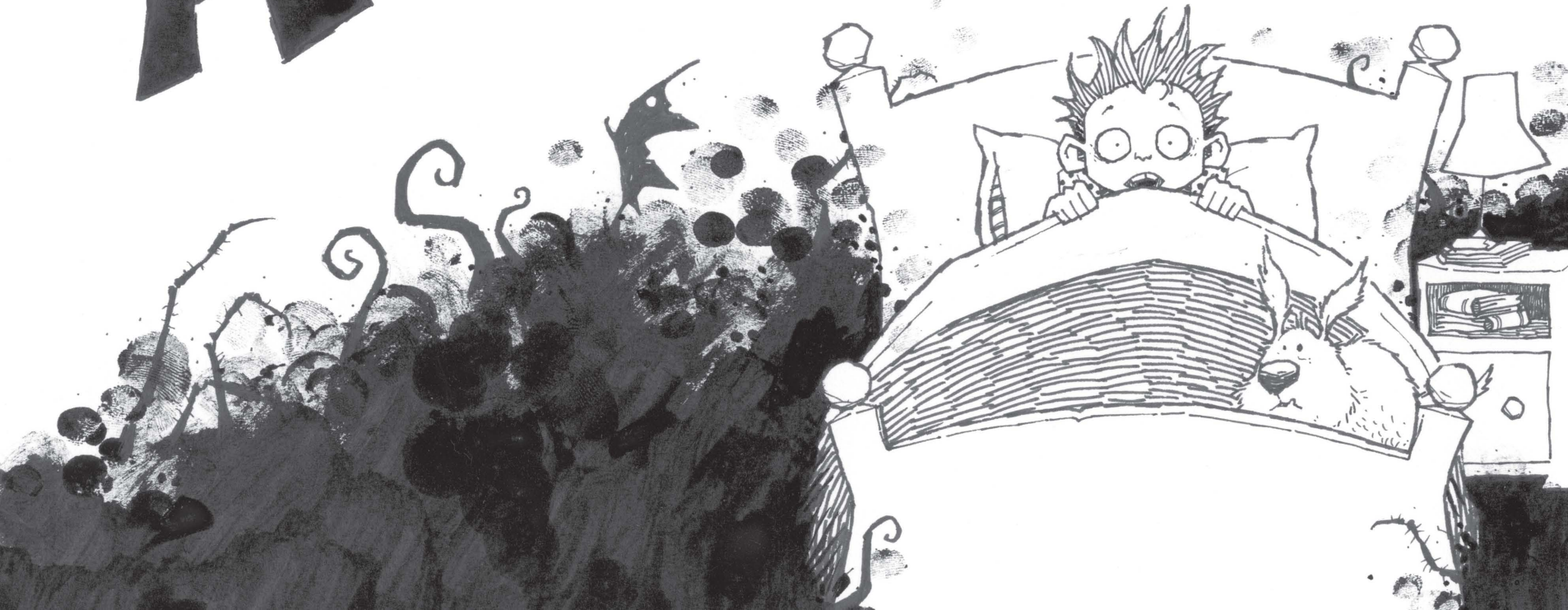
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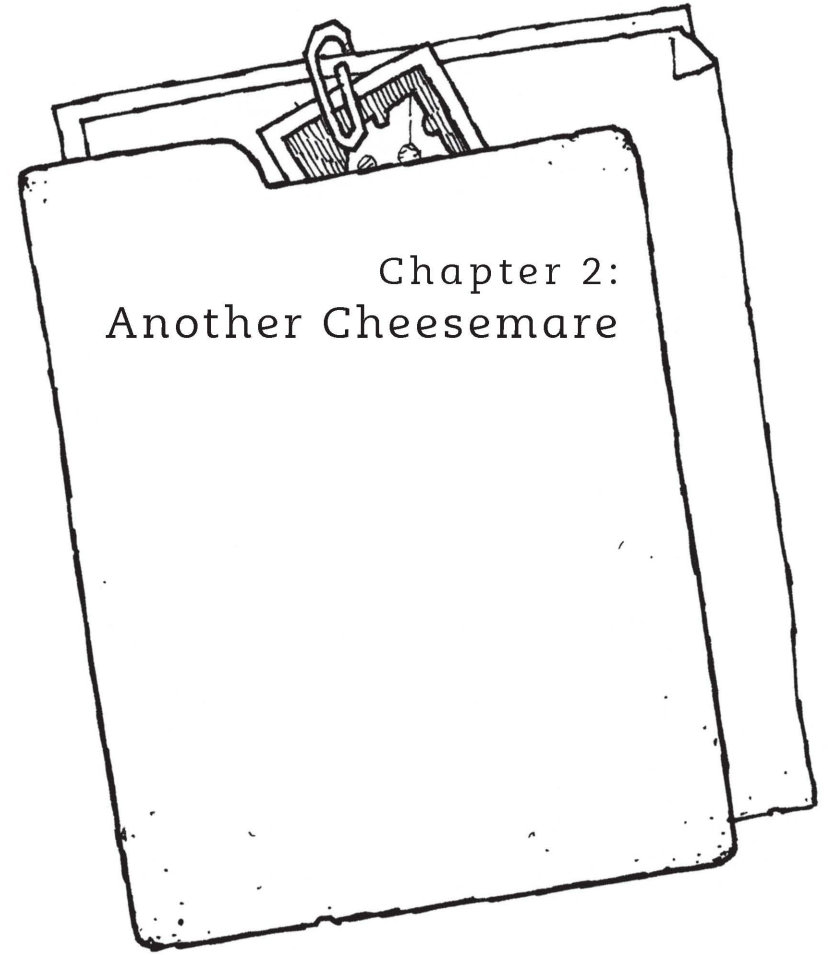
This book has dyslexia-friendly features

For Patricia, Gregor and Bran

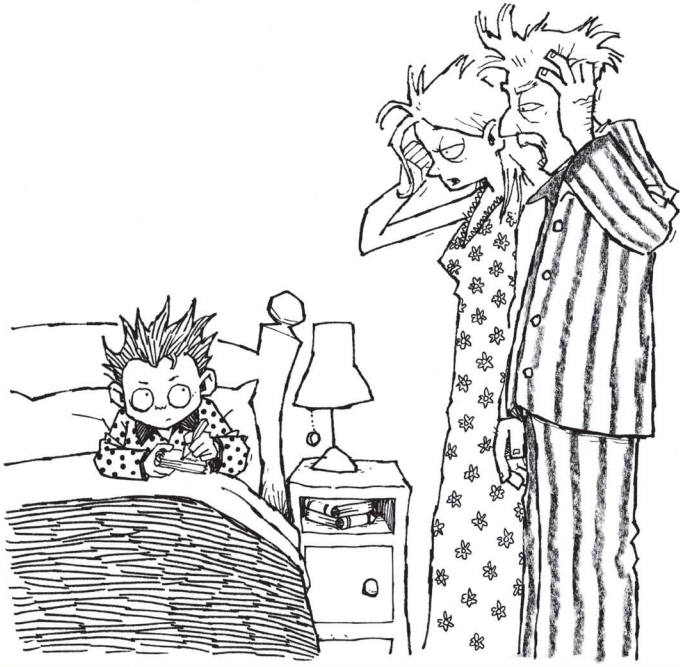
"Aaaa daah!"

Hal screamed.





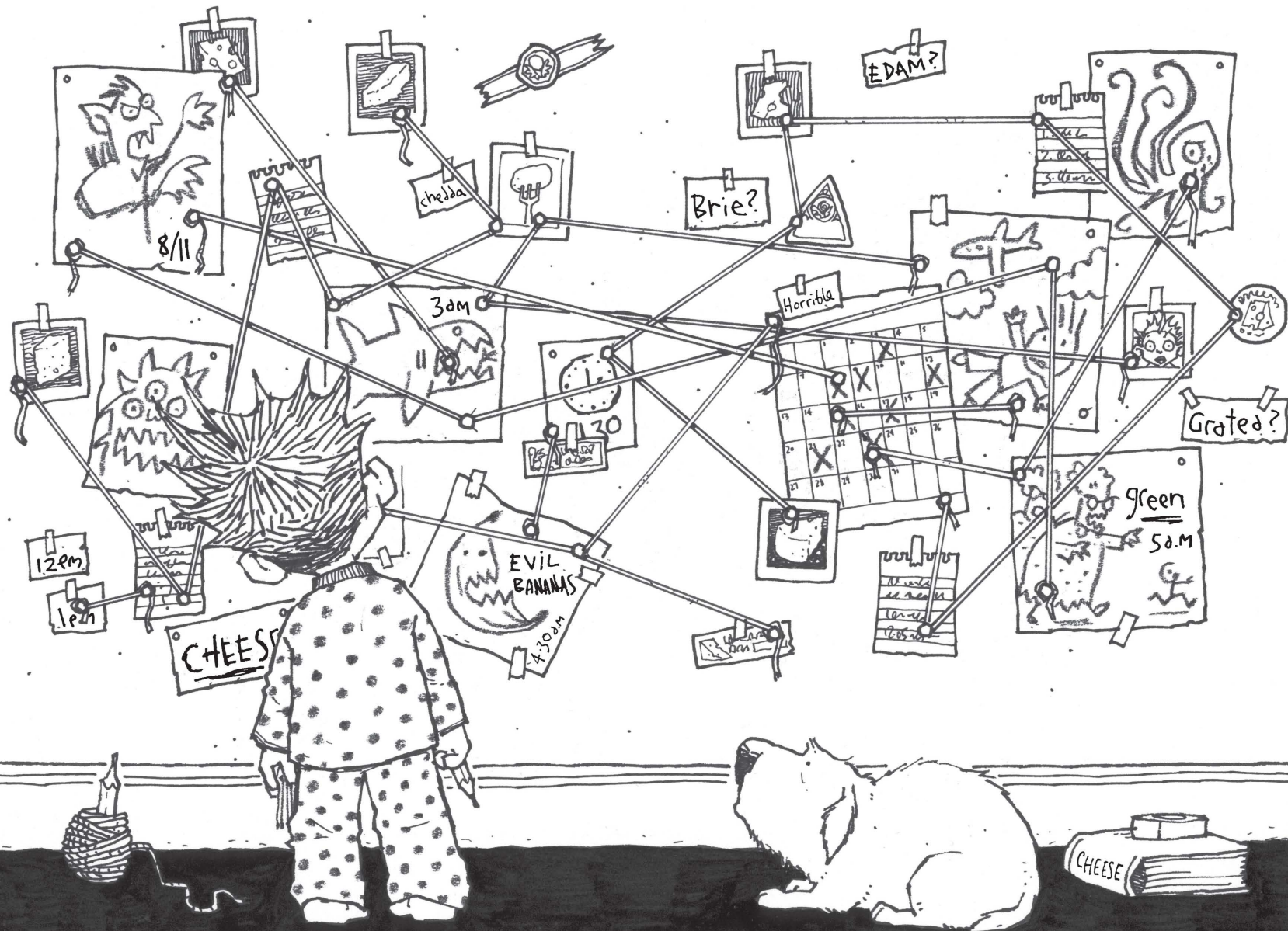
“Was it another bad dream?” asked Hal’s mum. “A nightmare?” asked Hal’s dad with a yawn.



“No,” said Hal. He picked up his pad and pencil. “It was another **cheesemare.**”

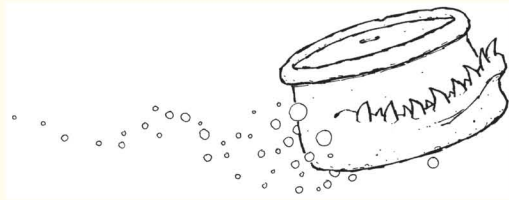
“You will just have to stop eating cheese before bed!” snapped Hal’s dad as he and Hal’s mum stumbled back to their room. “You’re becoming obsessed!”

It was true. Hal had been sure for weeks that there must be a link between his cheesy snacks and the nightmares he kept having.

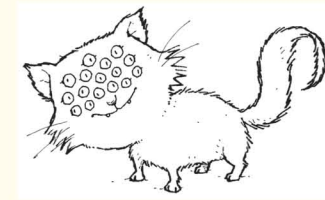


Hal first spotted the link the night he ate some smelly French cheese and had a horrible dream about vampires with poisonous cowboy boots.

He began to try different cheeses to find out what happened. Edam gave him nightmares of pork pies with teeth



hiding in the u-bend of the loo. Danish Blue cheese woke Hal with a start from a dream of great big green grannies. Cheddar made him dream of kittens with 16 eyes. Gorgonzola made him see electric newsreaders with skin-melting farts. Hal tried to forget what he saw after a few small bites of Stilton.



Hal sat down with a thump in front of his Cheesemares Wall.

“This can’t go on,” he said to Rufus (who wasn’t really listening). “**Tomorrow** I’m going to solve the Case of the Cheesemares once and for all.”

