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"This morning the Alphabet Spaghetti Company dramatically announced that not a single letter 'O' has been produced at the factory for weeks! After receiving hundreds of customer complaints, they have discovered that the machine that makes the pasta 'O's has been SABOTAGED.

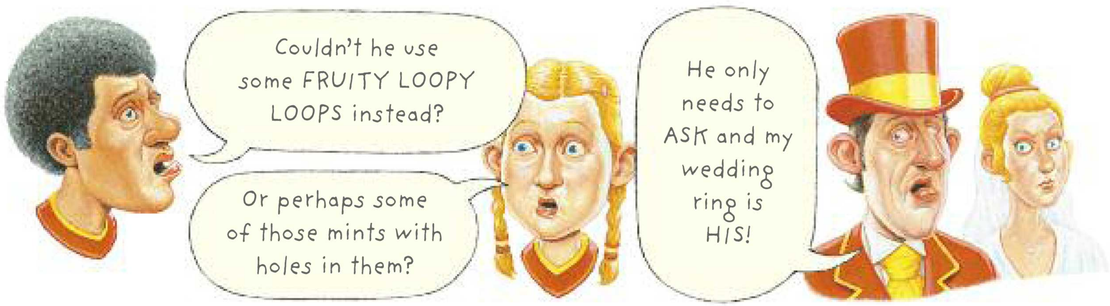
"Police believe the crime is a despicable attempt to prevent Seaburn City's JULIO POOM from spelling out his pre-match pasta goodluck message, ahead of today's Cup Final. They are looking for a Mr Roderick Nut, a fan of City's opponents, Doombarton United, who is believed to be the prime suspect.

"A nationwide search for cans containing the letter 'O' is underway. Meanwhile, at the City team's hotel, Julio Poom is said to be refusing to come out from under his bed."

The dreadful news quickly spread from van to coach to car...



Throughout the journey, fans wracked their brains for a solution...



Deep down though, everybody knew that only pasta letters would do. It was a pickle all right, but Dad said we'd just have to give Julio extra-loud support. So, as we approached the stadium, Dad popped on his trophy hat and led the POOM-POOM-POOOMINATOR singalong.

Then, at long last,

WE WERE THERE!