

# A Hit on the Head

## and Where it Led



ILLUSTRATED BY Anthony Mitchell

WRITTEN BY Jennifer Cooper - Trent

*For Harrison, Caitlan, Taylor and Donn*

*For Penny Mabey, her enthusiasm and zest for life was an inspiration to all who knew her. She will remain in our hearts forever.*



*Aknowledgements: Thank you to the staff from the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit at Sydney Children's Hospital, Westmead Children's Hospital and the Brain Injury Parent Support Committee for their support and encouragement in publishing this book.*

*Published by Momentum Multimedia Pty. Ltd. Balgowlah NSW 2093 Australia*

*Copyright © Jennifer Cooper-Trent 2004 Cover design and layout by Caitlan Chanel.*

*All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, shared in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form without the prior written permission of Momentum Multimedia Pty. Ltd.*

*The information in this book is based on a child's story. If you have any questions about head injury you should seek professional advice as needed.*



*Thank you to the Motor Accidents Authority who provided funding for the production of this book.*

**MOTOR ACCIDENTS AUTHORITY**



# A Hit on the Head

and Where it Led



ILLUSTRATED BY  
Anthony Mitchell

WRITTEN BY  
Jennifer Cooper - Trent

*I hit my head when  
I was only six.*

*I was riding my bike and  
showing Mum my tricks.*



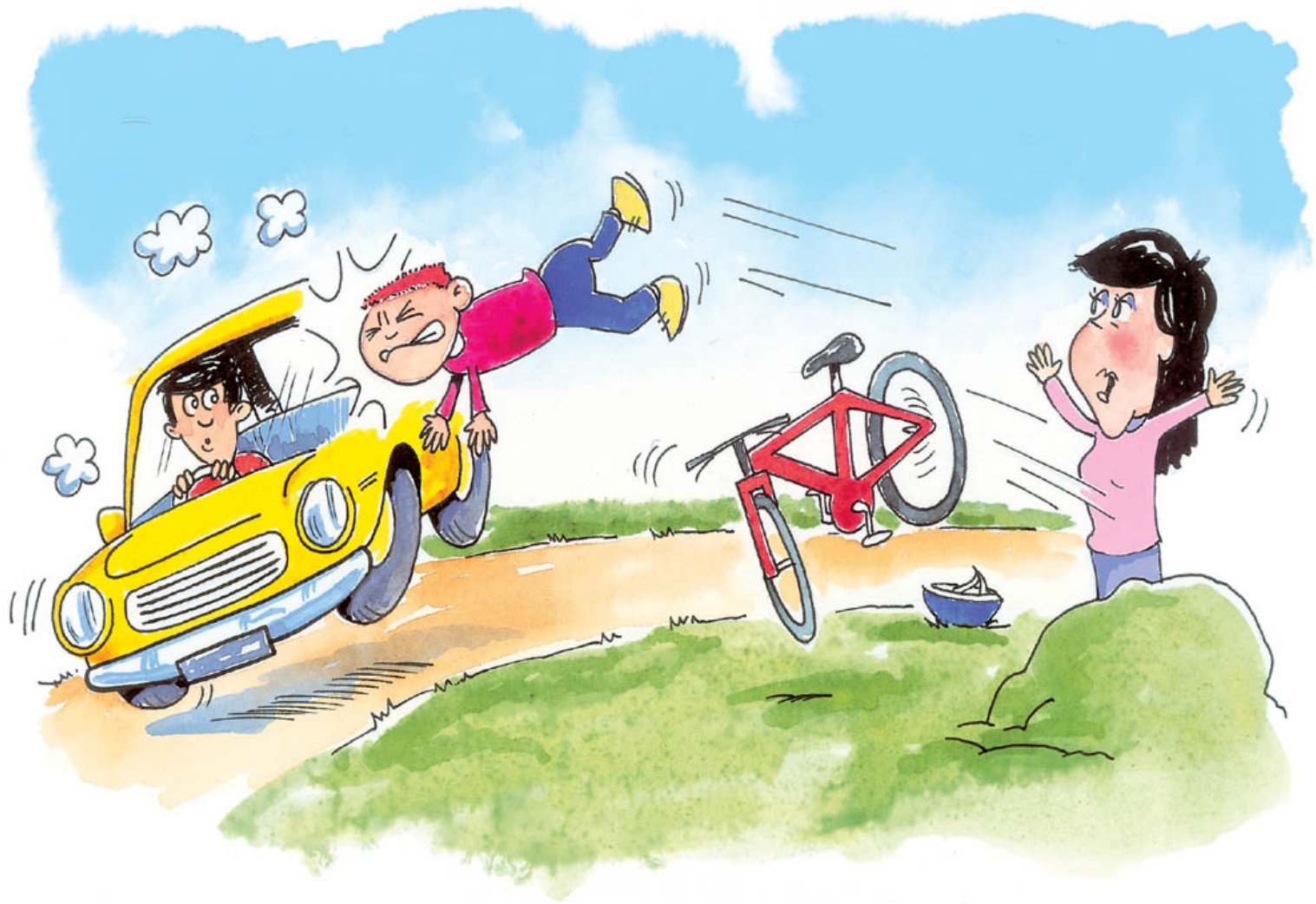




*Up in the air I flew  
over a jump ...*

*Then landed on a car  
with a massive bump.*





*The bump on my head  
knocked me out ...*



*Slowly I woke up when  
I heard Mum shout,*

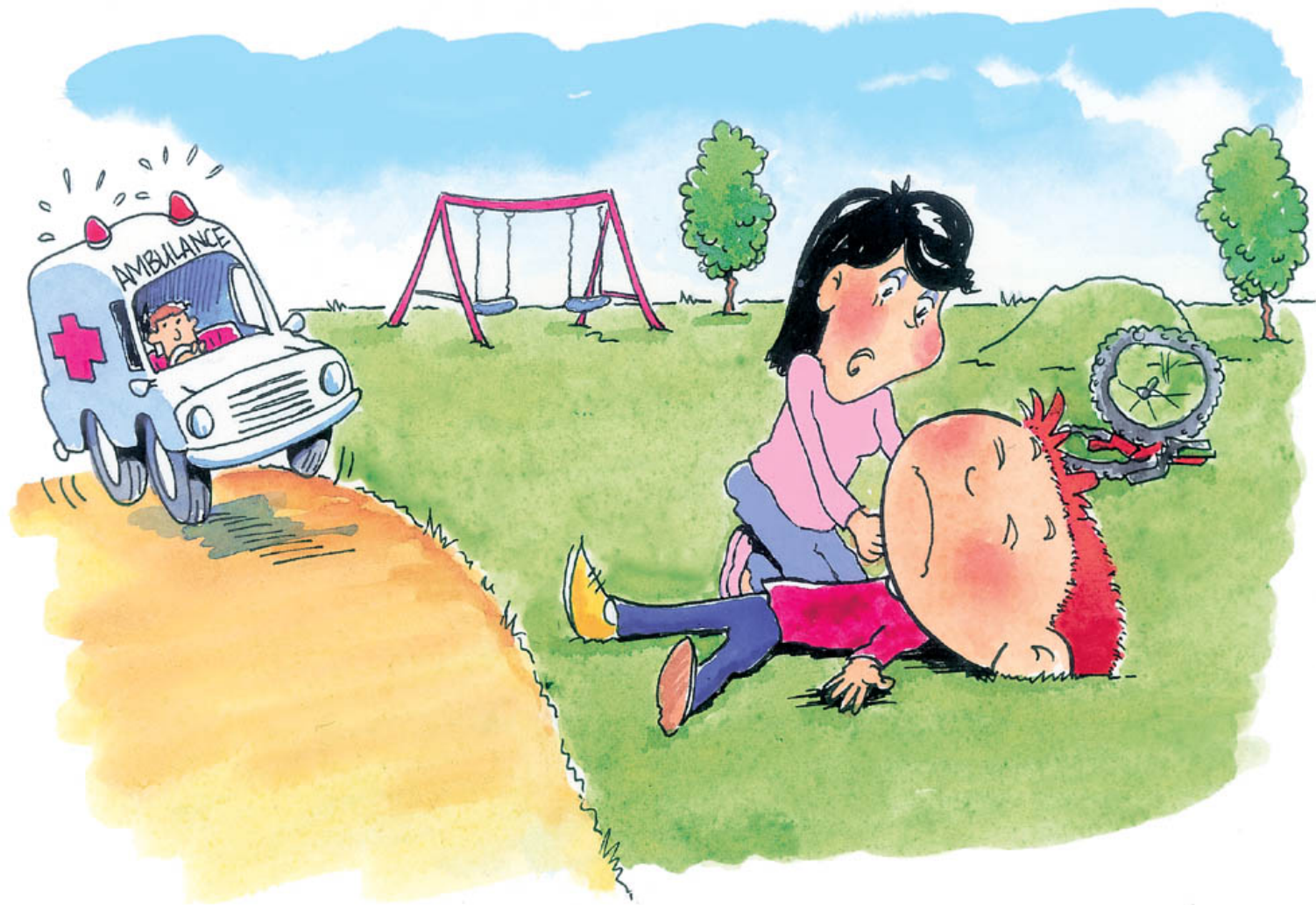




*"Are you OK?" then I  
slipped back to sleep.*

*When the ambulance  
came, I didn't move,  
not even a peep.*



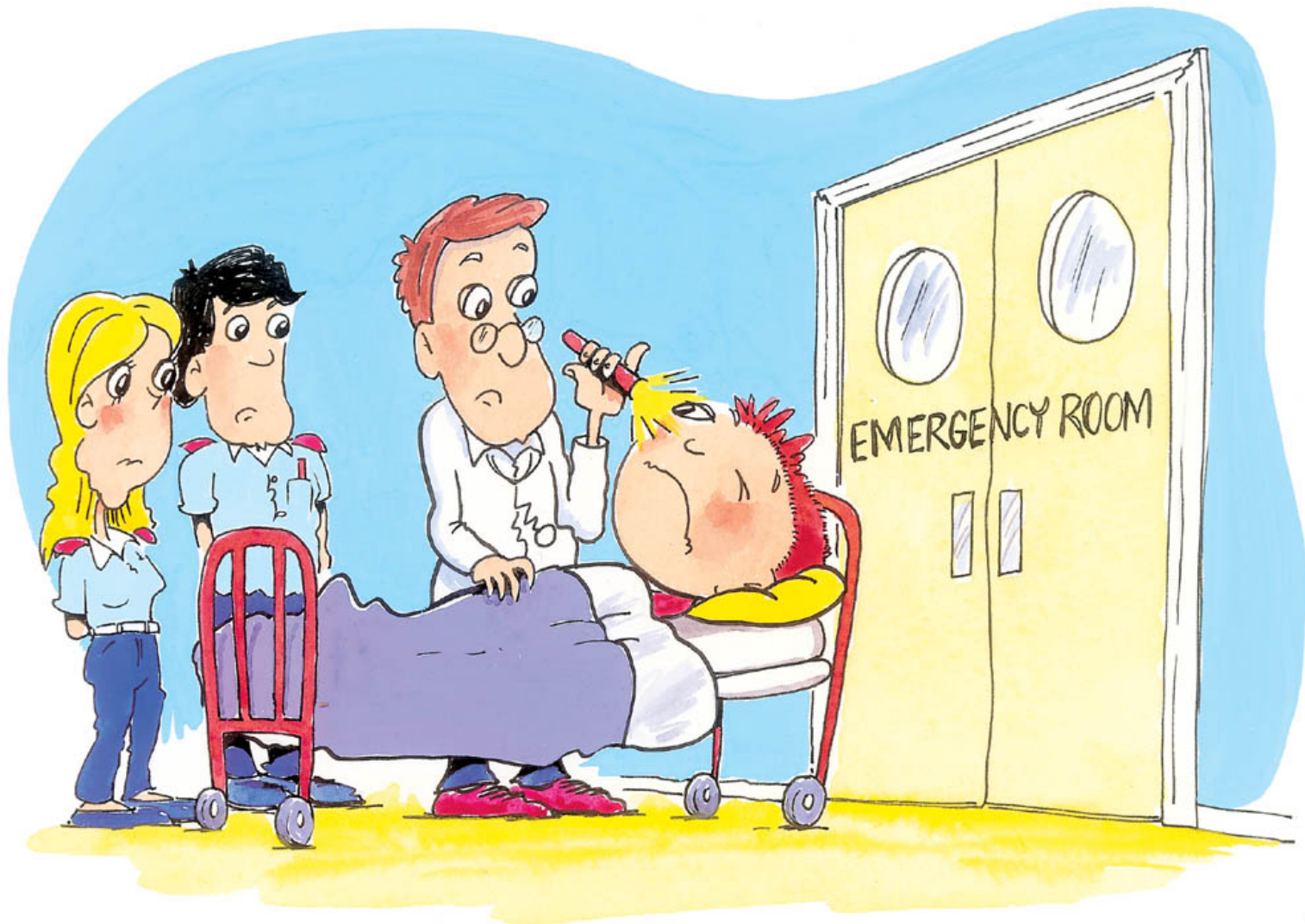




*I was rushed to hospital,  
to the emergency room.*



*A torch shone in my  
eyes, as bright as  
the moon.*

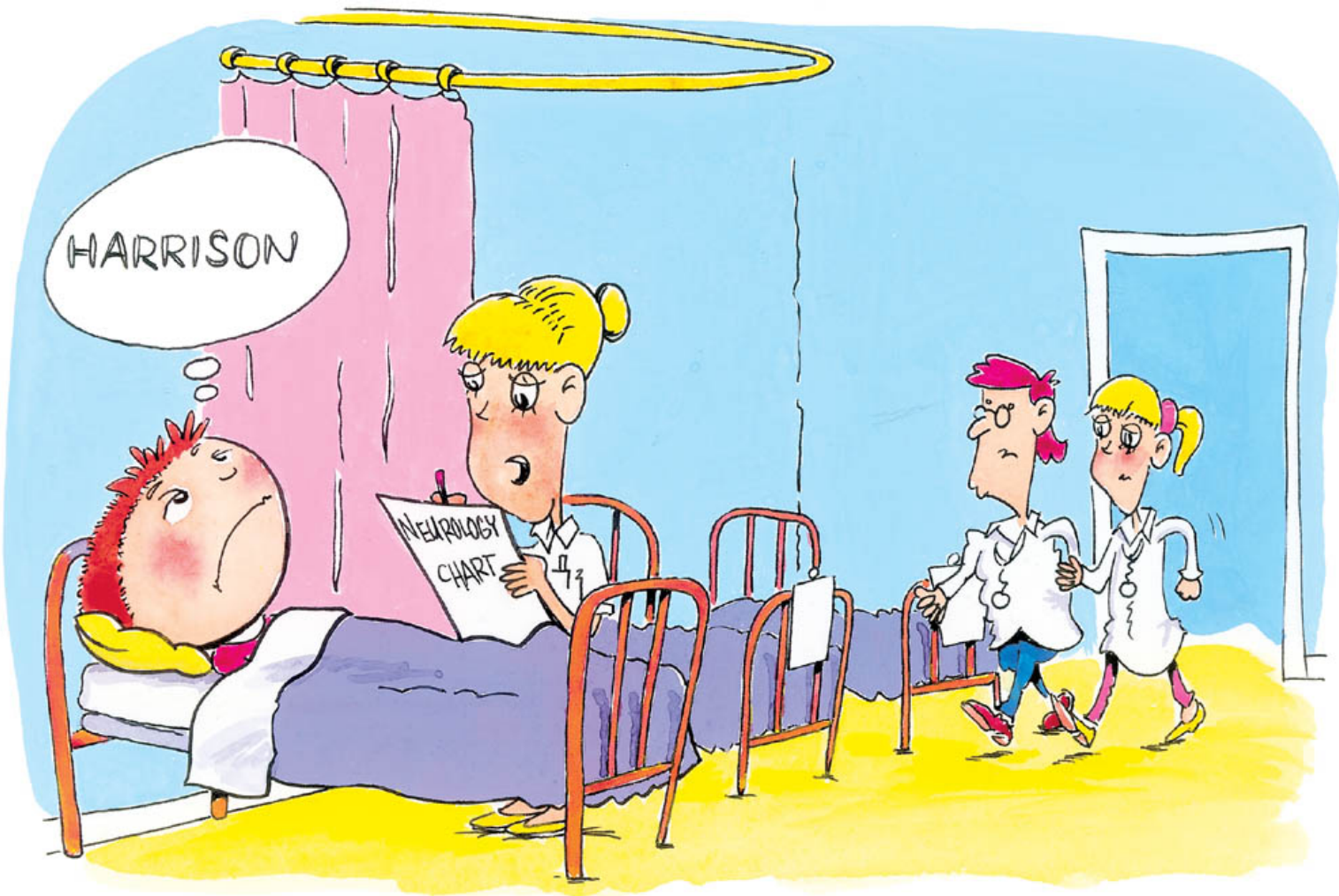


*A nurse woke me up  
and asked me my name.*

*I told her my head hurt,  
then two doctors came.*



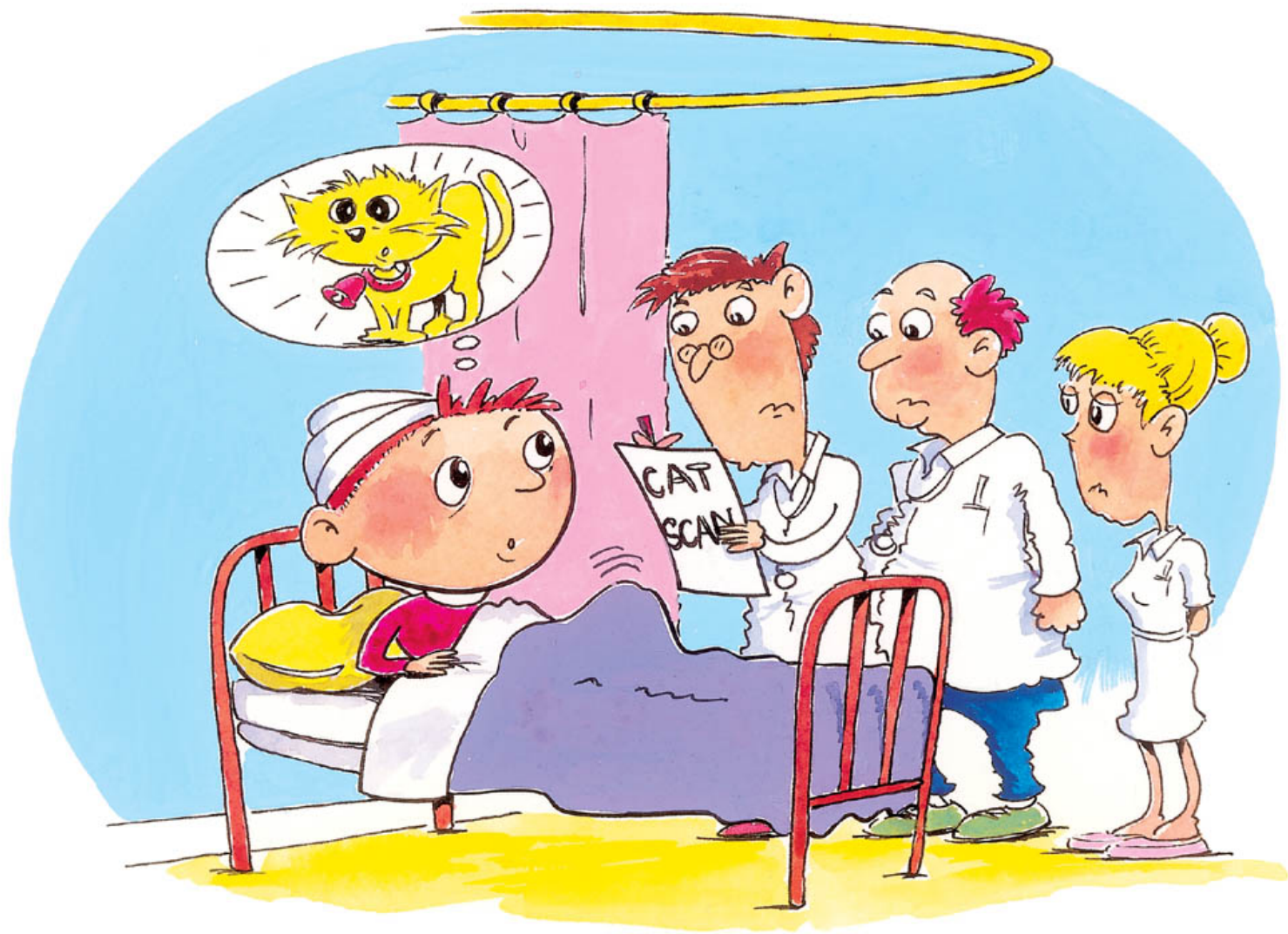




*A test called a CAT scan was  
arranged to look inside my head.*

*What would they see?  
I had a feeling of  
fear and dread.*



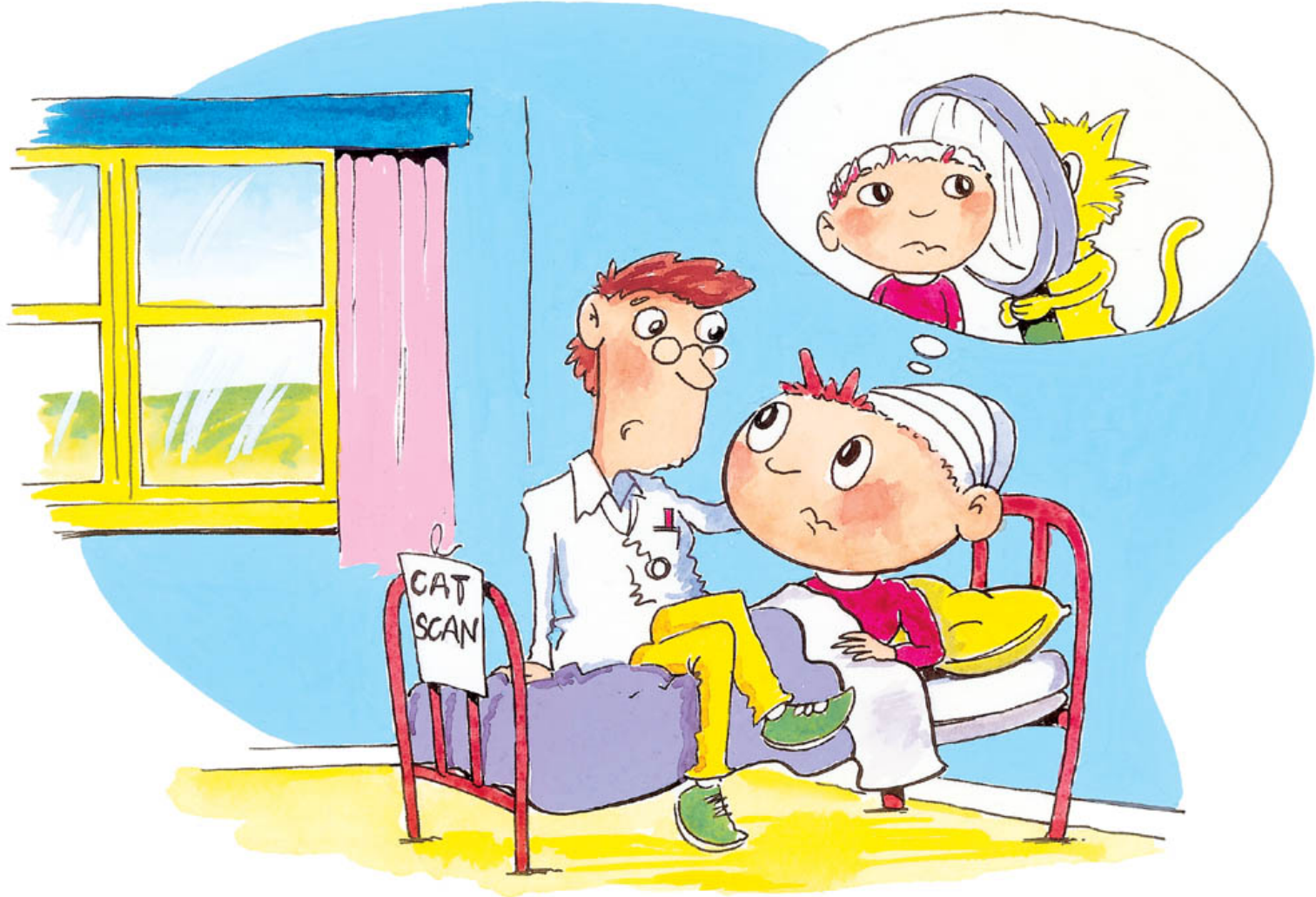




*I asked the doctor, "Excuse me, but what's a cat going to see?"*

*He said, "My dear boy, just relax and listen to me."*

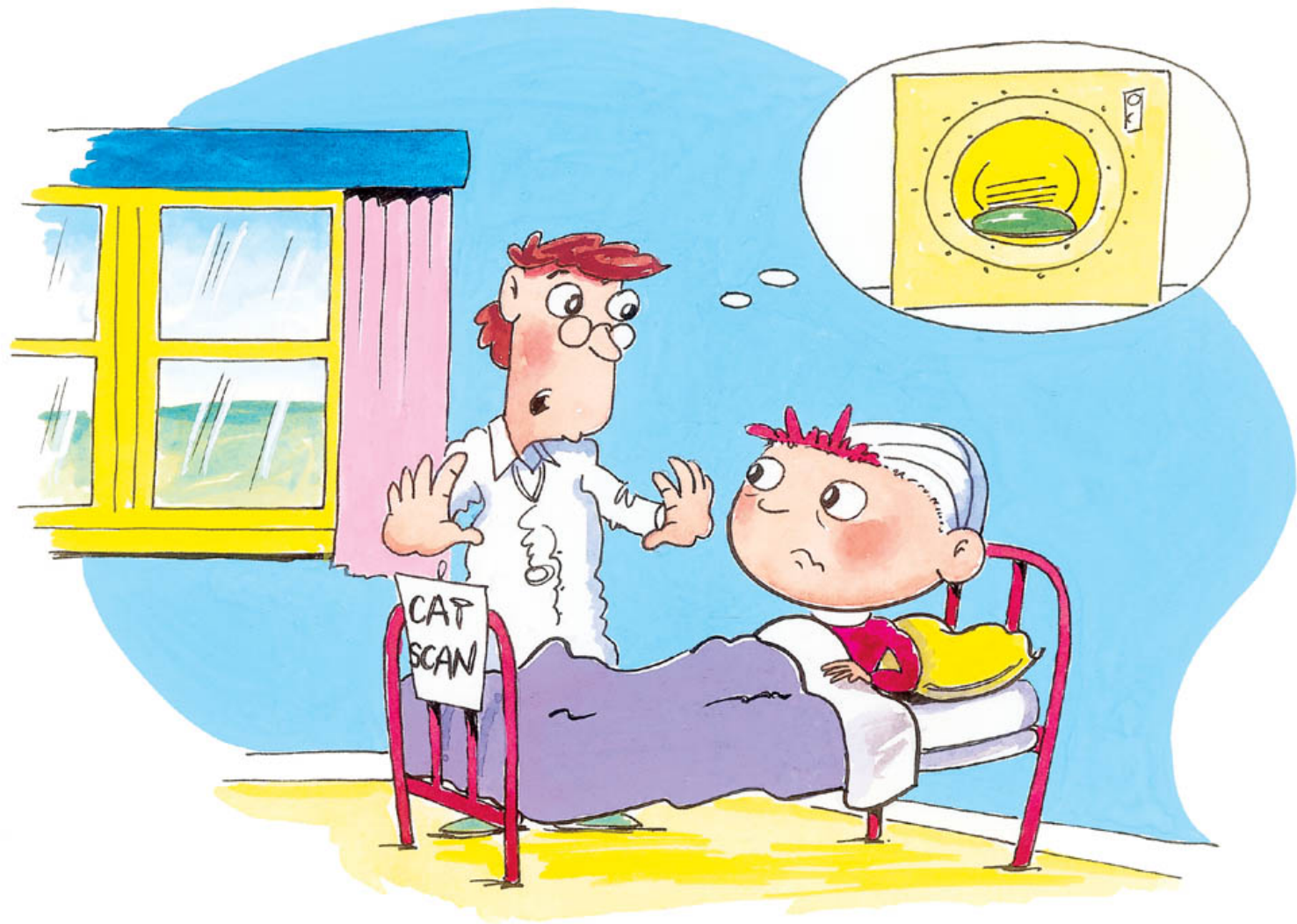




*A CAT scanner is like a big camera  
which takes photos of your brain.*

*It looks like a giant donut  
with a camera inside  
which moves like a train.*



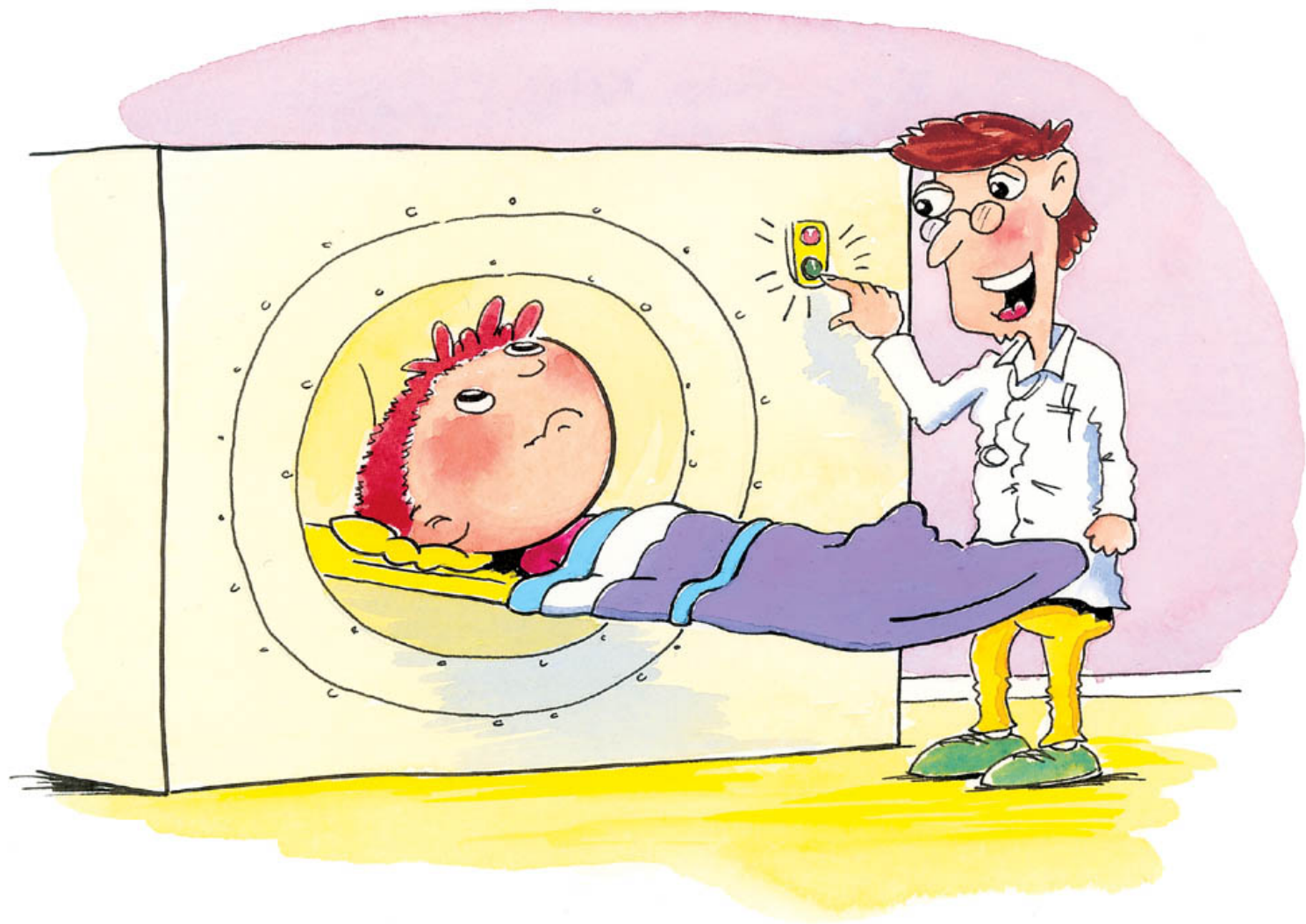




*You lie straight on the  
X-ray bed on your back ...*

*A button is pressed and  
you slide into the CAT  
scanner on a track.*

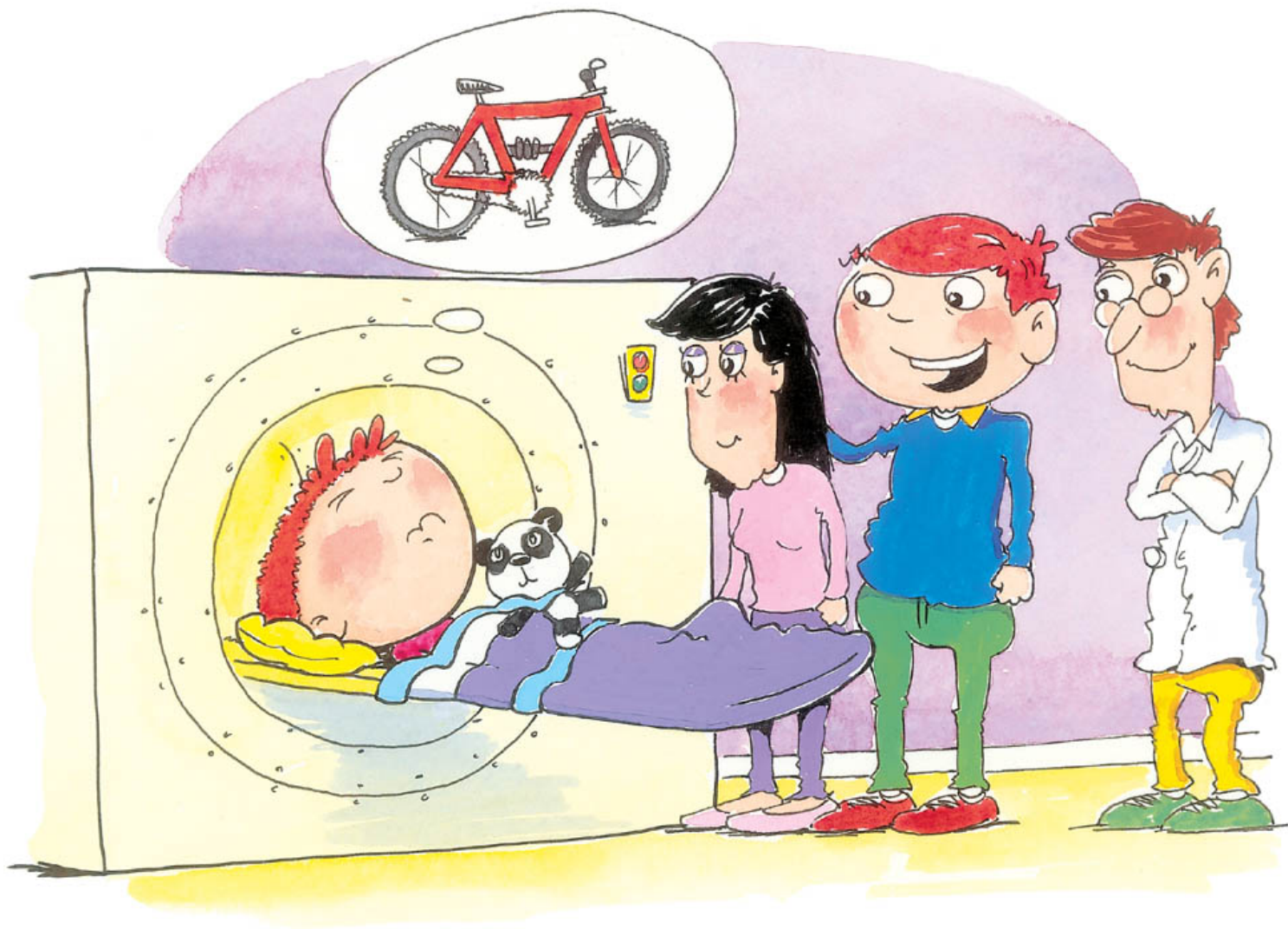




*Just like all photos you  
have to keep very still ...*

*So I dreamt during my  
CAT scan of my bike,  
and jumping over a hill.*



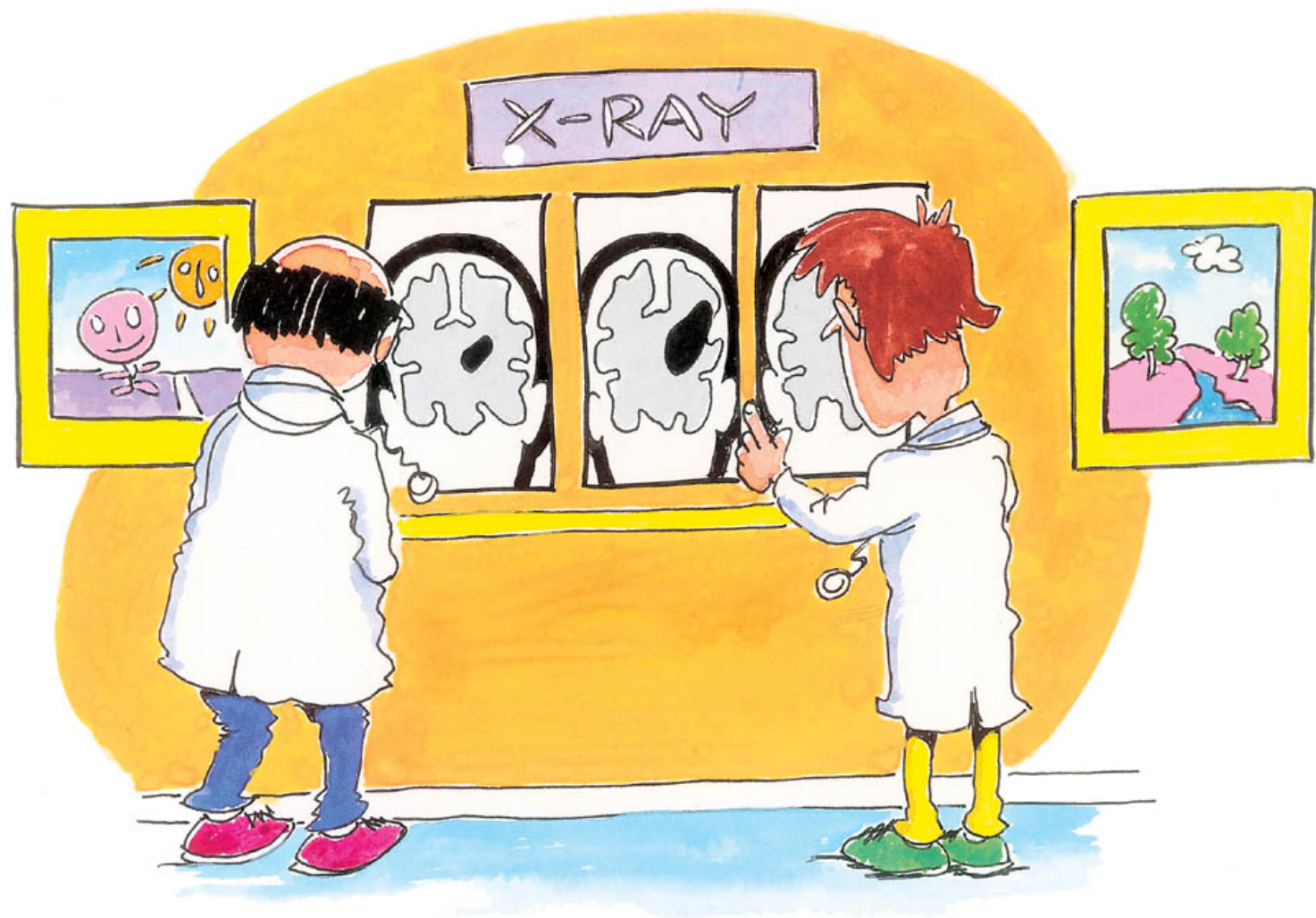




*The scan showed something  
had happened to my brain.*

*There was some blood  
from a bruise which  
had to be drained.*

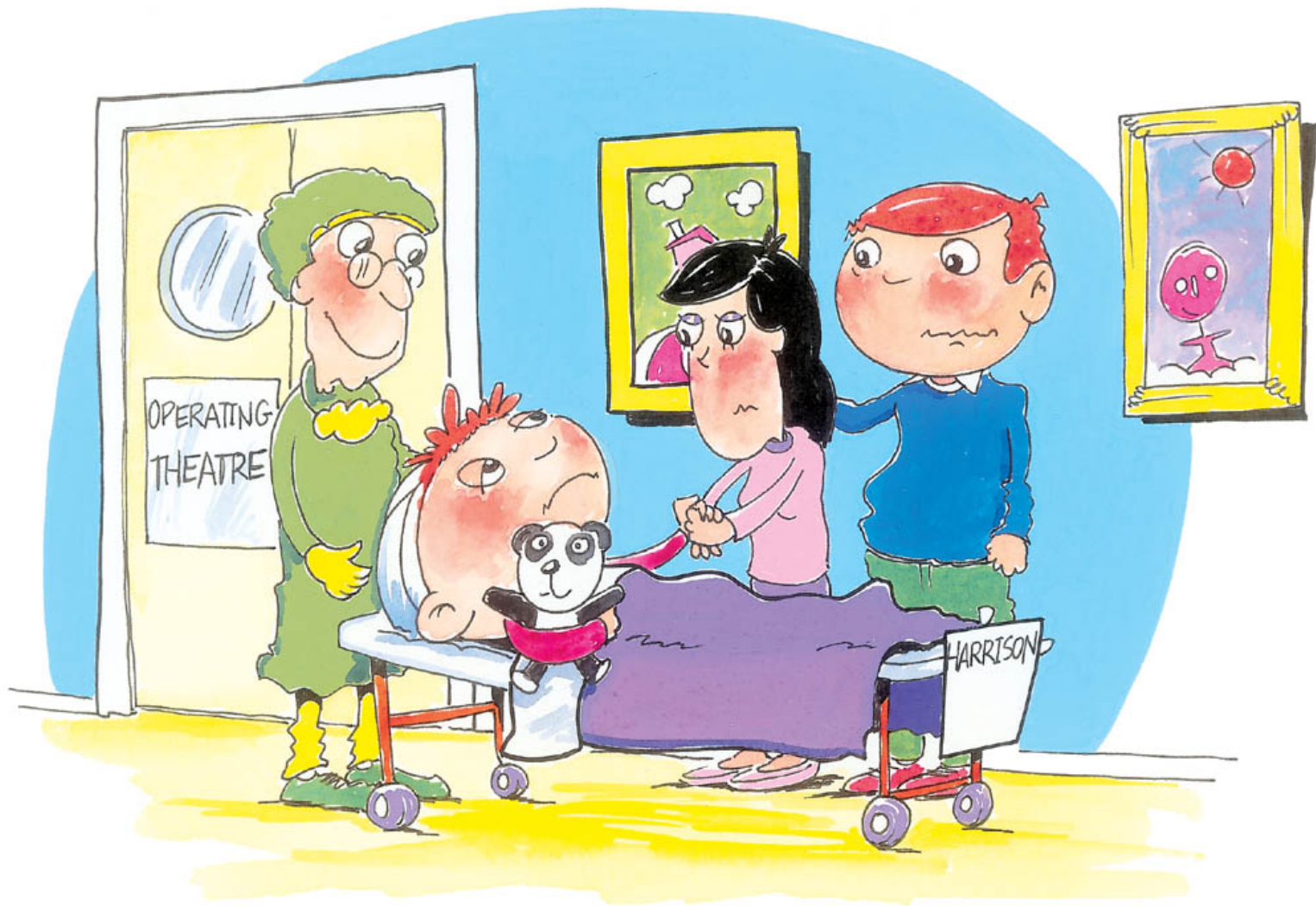




*I had an operation to clear  
the blood from my head.*

*My Mummy and Daddy  
came with me, and so  
did my Ted.*



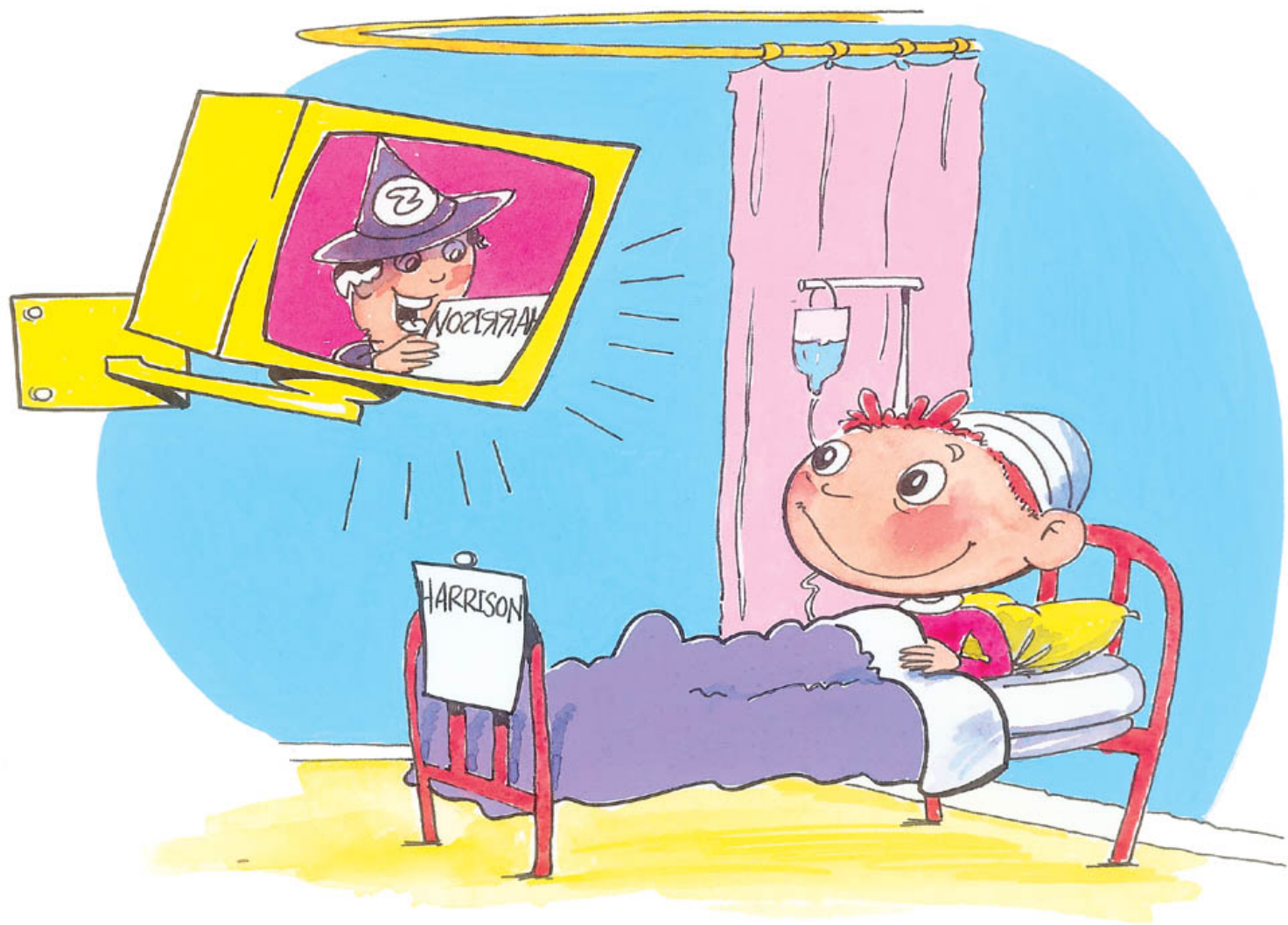




*In a few days, I watched  
T.V. and felt so much better.*

*Especially when Captain  
Starlight (on TV) read  
me a "Get Well" letter.*





*I tried to work hard when  
I went back to school.*

*Yet it seemed I'd forgotten  
work I once knew, and  
I felt like a fool.*



"WRODS"  
"PNCECIL" "DSKE"  
"HAED"

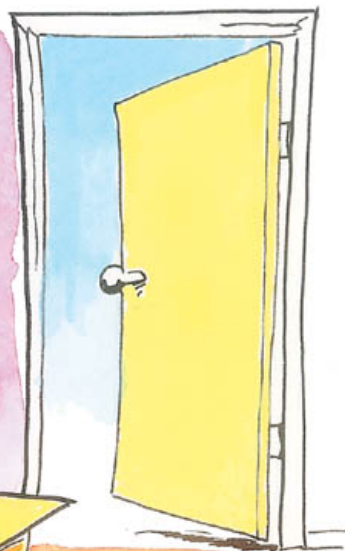
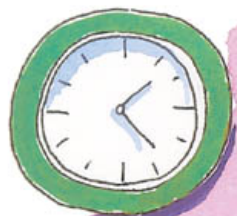




*Mummy told me my brain  
just needed to rest.*

*So I worked when I  
could and did my best.*





*My friends at school  
were not the same.*



*They said I was 'brain-  
damaged' and called  
me names.*

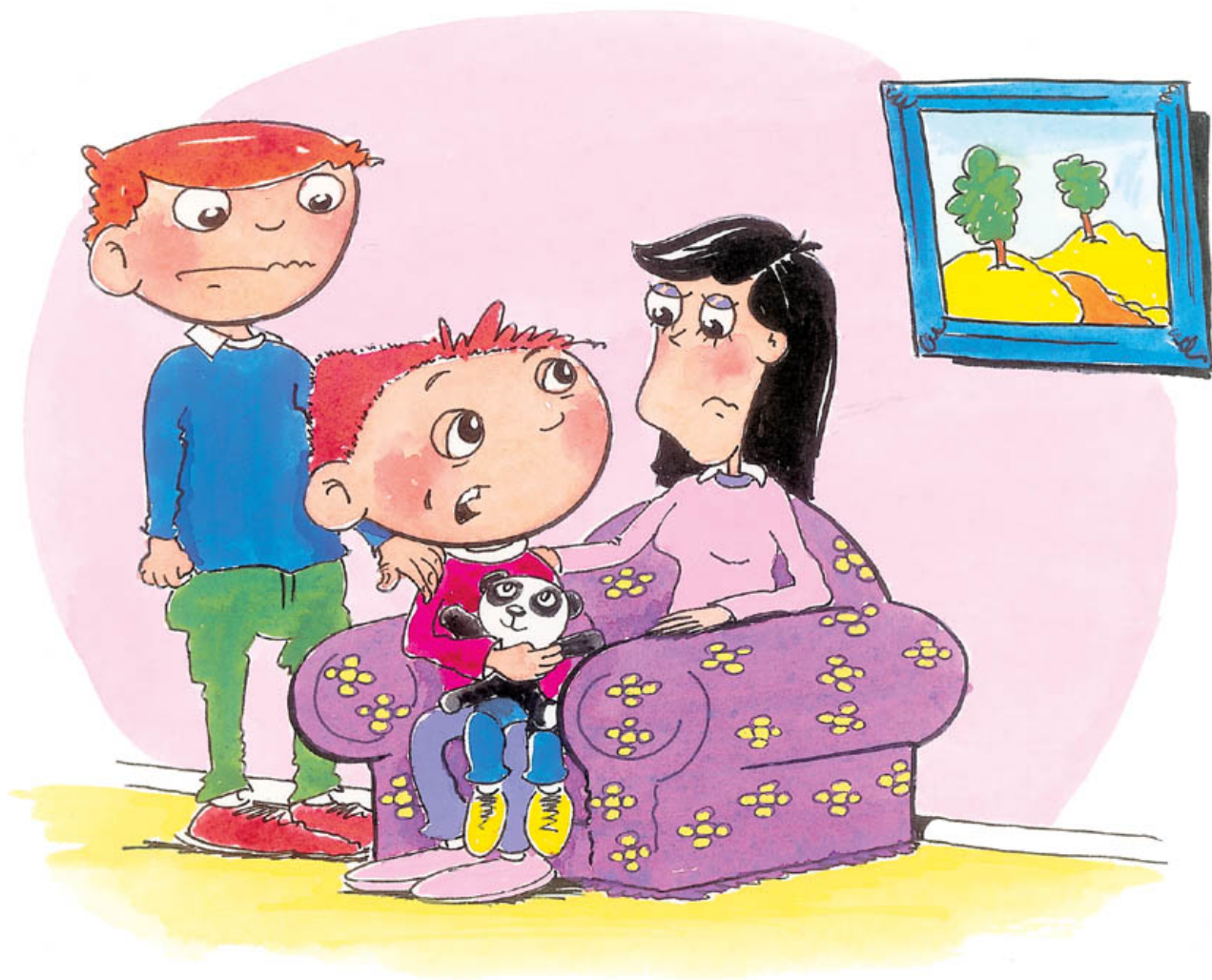




*I tried to ignore them  
but it made me sad.*



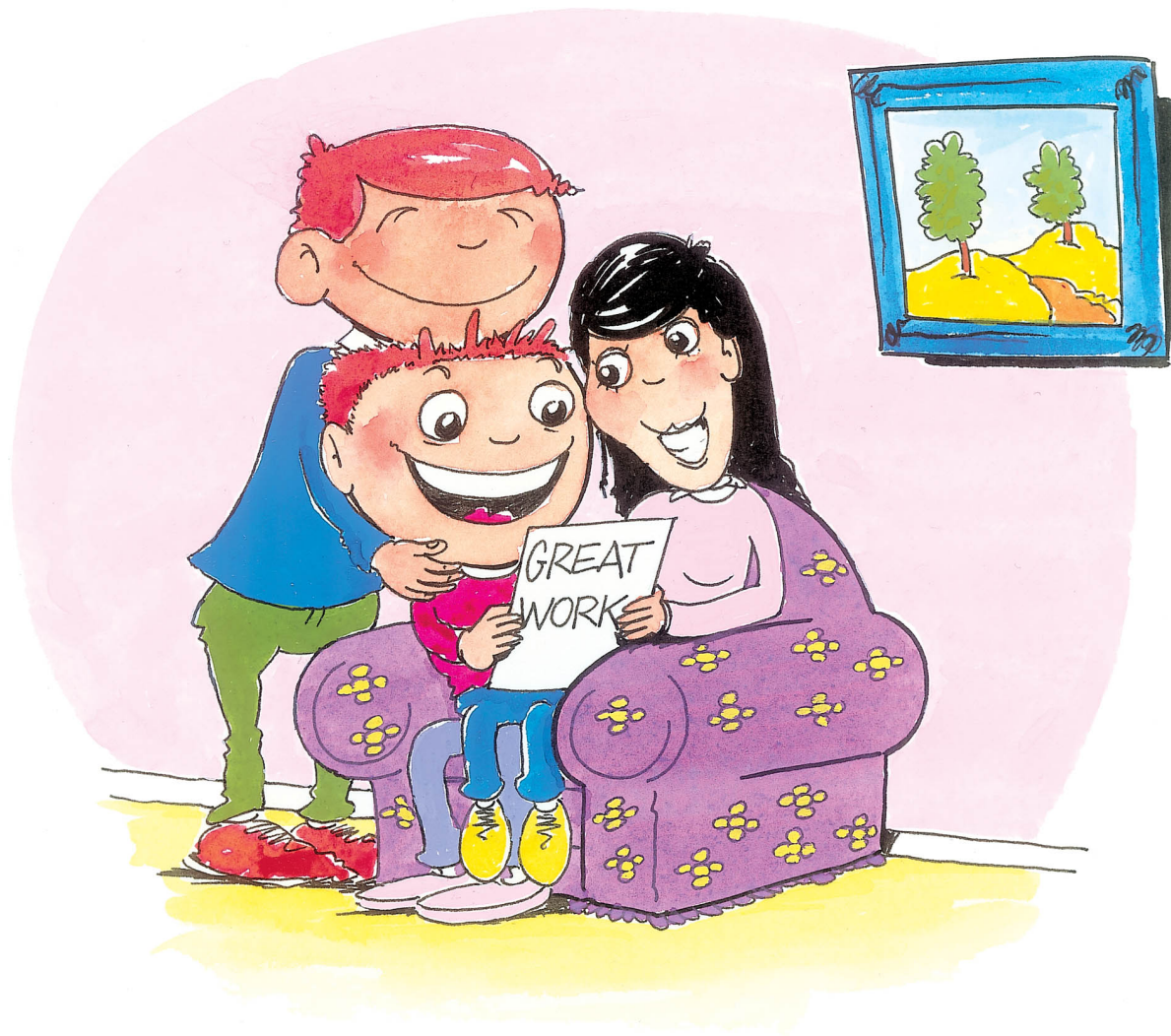
*Mummy said, "They don't  
understand". And it made  
her mad.*



*Now four years later,  
I'm feeling so much better.*



*Which is why I am  
now writing this letter.*

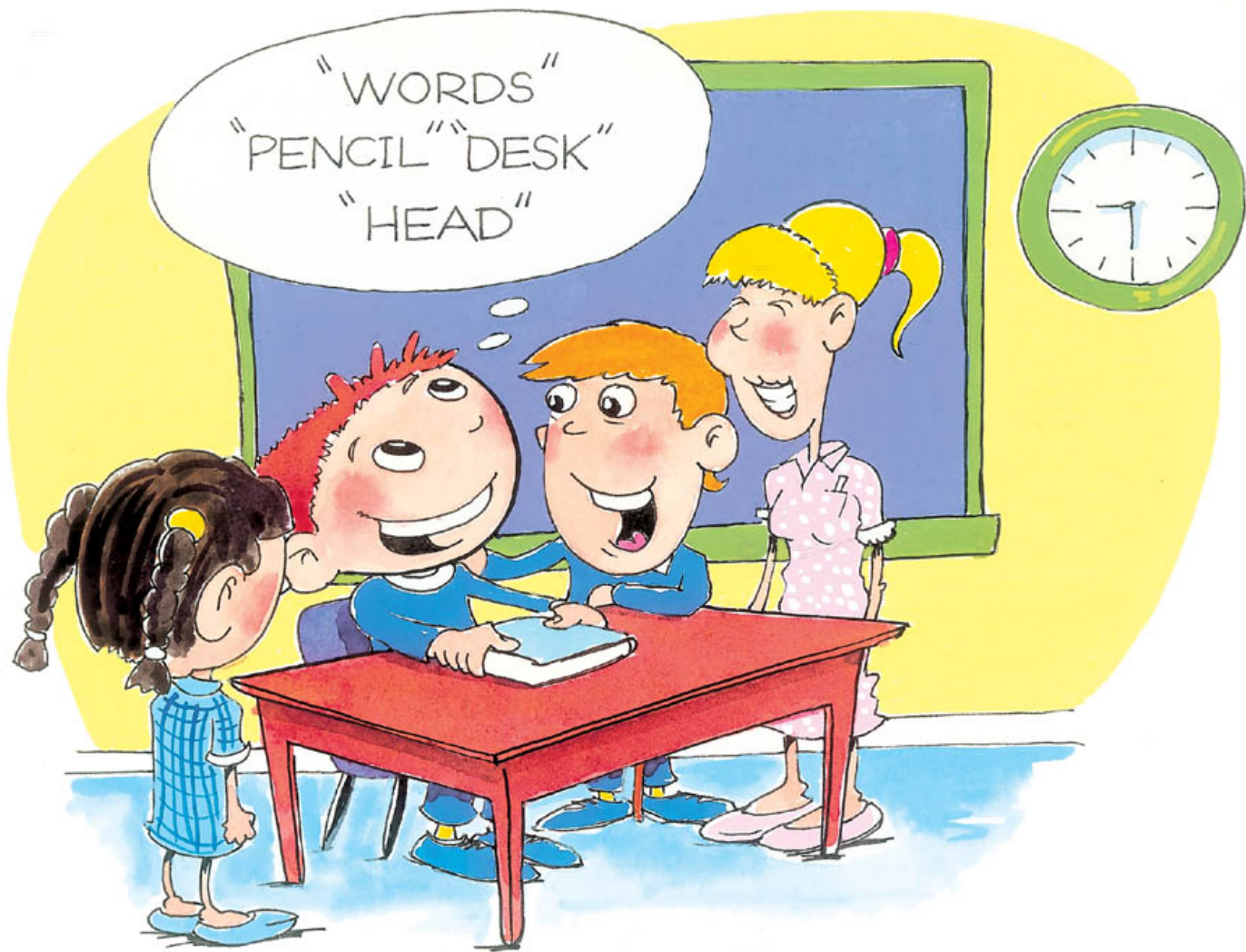




*For all the children with  
a bump on their brain,*

*be brave, be strong and  
keep trying - you're  
sure to make gains.*





*Keep wishing for good things  
because they will come true.*

*I hope you get better,  
this is my wish for you.*







# fan-tas-tic Phonics



Jennifer Cooper-Trent has written the following 60 books, used in more than 15 countries. They assist children in the development of their literacy skills.

*Fantastic Phonics is a researched Phonics Reading Program designed to meet the needs of children who are learning to read.*

[www.early-reading.com](http://www.early-reading.com)

## Series One



- |         |                     |
|---------|---------------------|
| Book 1  | The Cat On The Mat  |
| Book 2  | Dan And A Van       |
| Book 3  | The Lad             |
| Book 4  | Dan And His Cap     |
| Book 5  | The Pet In A Jet    |
| Book 6  | The Hen In A Pen    |
| Book 7  | Pip The Pup         |
| Book 8  | The Kid And A Pig   |
| Book 9  | The Tin Bin         |
| Book 10 | The Dog In The Well |
| Book 11 | Will is Ill.        |
| Book 12 | Pop And His Pot     |
| Book 13 | Hog and the Dog     |
| Book 14 | A Bug In The Mud    |
| Book 15 | Pets Are Fun        |
| Book 16 | Jay Can Play        |
| Book 16 | Dan And The Bee     |
| Book 18 | The Fox In The Box  |
| Book 19 | Joe Had To Mow      |
| Book 20 | Tom Sows His Seeds  |

## Fantastic Phonics ...

- Ages 4-9 years
- 60 Graded Books
- Teaching Guide
- Proven Literacy Program

### Series Two



- Book 21 I Want A Pie  
Book 22 Pa And His Car  
Book 23 Ma Darns Her Sock  
Book 24 The Fly And The Bee  
Book 25 Make A Mud Cake  
Book 26 On My Roof  
Book 27 We All Play Ball  
Book 28 A Fish To Cook  
Book 29 The Song  
Book 30 I Want A Wand  
Book 31 My Sister  
Book 32 A Pup in the Straw  
Book 33 I Saw A Witch  
Book 34 The Funny Farm  
Book 35 A Button On My Jacket  
Book 36 A Piglet In My Pocket  
Book 37 Bet And Her Kitten  
Book 38 I Saw Two Mice  
Book 39 The Clown  
Book 40 From My Cupboard

### Series Three



- Book 41 The Pirates  
Book 42 Ride A Steam Train  
Book 43 Fly My Kite  
Book 44 I Knew A Boy  
Book 45 We Went To the River  
Book 46 The Rain On The Plain  
Book 47 My Soccer Goal  
Book 48 A Dance In France  
Book 49 A Goat And A Toad  
Book 50 The Roar Of The Boar  
Book 51 My New Hammer  
Book 52 A Christmas Wish  
Book 53 A Day At The Beach  
Book 54 Chicken Pox  
Book 55 We Went For A Sail  
Book 56 My Baby Bird  
Book 57 Off To Camp  
Book 58 Our Secret Cave  
Book 59 A Day At The Zoo  
Book 60 The Castle



Available from [www.early-reading.com](http://www.early-reading.com)

