

VILE VIRGINIA

and the Curse
that Got
Worse

For my three devilish darlings
Flora, Martha and Agnes - I.E.

For the wonderfully well-behaved
Emily Hope Tippey. With love - C.M.



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Virginia was a tyrant, a bully and a brat
who was rude to sweet old ladies,
and tormented next door's cat.

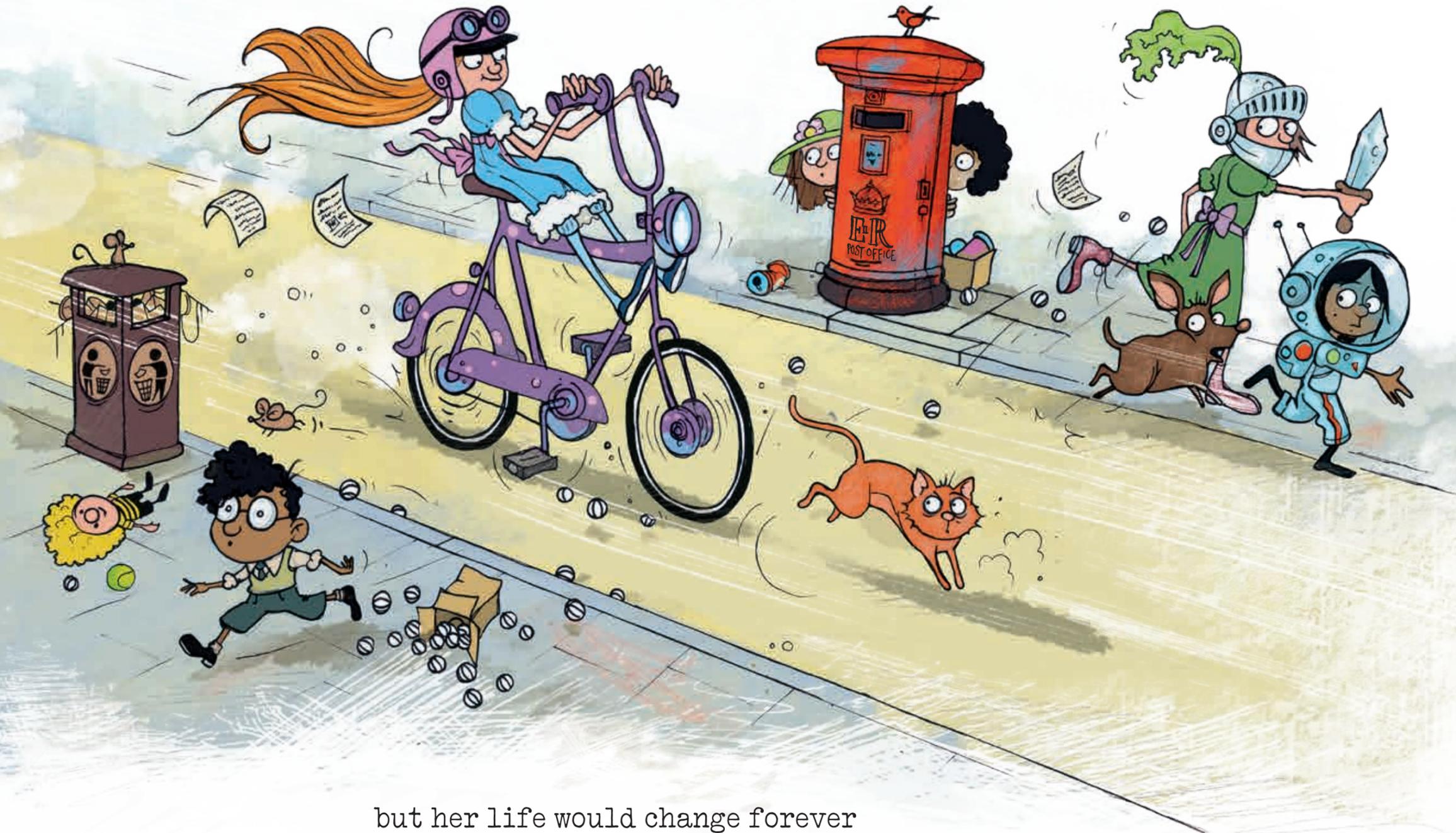


She stole from little babies.
She was lazy. She was mean.



And she threw the biggest tantrums
that the world had ever seen.

If you saw her coming down the street
you'd go the other way



but her life would change forever
when the doorbell rang one day.

“Eeww,” said Virginia
when she saw him standing there.
A little boy with big blue eyes
and curly, golden hair.



“Hello,” he beamed. “I’m Julian.”
He said he’d come to stay,
but exactly where he’d come from
he really couldn’t say.

“Oh! Isn’t he an *angel*,”
Virginia’s mother cooed.

Underneath her breath Virginia
whispered something rude.



“You can share Virginia’s room,”
her mother then declared.

Virginia’s jaw hit the floor.
She never **EVER** shared.



At lunch he got the biggest chips
and in the afternoon
her mother made some fairy cakes
and let *him* lick the spoon!

But when he banged his drums
all through her favourite TV show,
Virginia made up her mind.

Julian must go ...

