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From Kiev to Kampala...
From Turin to Tokyo,
there's a story that is spreading fast.

Have you heard it?

Do you know?



It's a tale that's hairy and scary,
of creatures who make giants quake,
that love to **ROAR** and gobble you whole,
if **EVER** you make a **MISTAKE**.



Eesa was painting a picture,
a portrait of Pedro his cat,
when his arm caught the side of the table,
launching splodges of paint with a **SPLAT!**



Eesa tried hard not to panic,
but his eyes began to stare,
for something blue was now stirring,
and **GROWING** right under the chair!

yikes! Oh no!
What could this be?
Is it something coming for **ME?**



It's got big eyes,
it's covered in fur,
run for your life it's a...



Everyone **RUNS** when they see us
but there's no need to panic or yelp.

We're really not here to **GOBBLE** you up,
We come with a present to **help**!

Mistakes are **NOT** bad or dangerous.
It's very important you know,
that every time you make a mistake
it's a **gift** that can help you to **GROW**!



So now you've heard the full story
and the important message inside.
The next time YOU make a **MONSTER MISTAKE**
I wonder what YOU will decide?

Will you scream and run off in a panic?
Or be brave and decide to stay?
Look inside for what you can find
to rocket you on your way!

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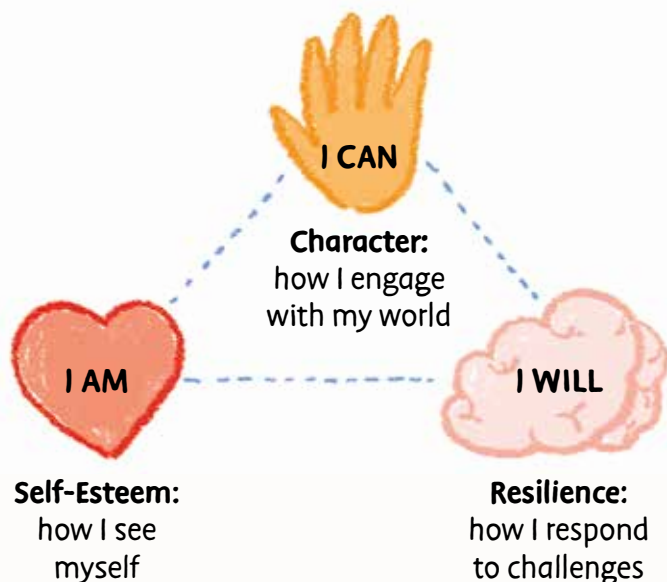
THE COURAGE CLUB

This story is part of **The Courage Club** series — helping children (and their adults!) build bravery, take risks, and go after hard things together.

The bigger picture

So much of our approach to mental health is reactive: we wait until there's a problem before stepping in to 'fix' it. At *The Courage Club* we believe in a more proactive approach - one that supports ALL children to build strong emotional foundations right from the start. This is not just to equip children with the tools to cope when life's challenges come but also to empower them with the skills to thrive well beyond that.

The Courage Club is built around three core strands of child development:



Where this story fits

Mistakes are Great! helps children see that mistakes aren't big, scary monsters to fear but powerful, friendly helpers on our journey of learning. Mistakes are how we learn best. Like stepping stones or a treasure map, mistakes show us the way and lead us to the gold. Have you ever felt the pressure to get something right straight away? Did that feeling encourage you to step forward or back? By normalising mistakes and celebrating each one as a brilliant chance to learn and grow, we remove the fear that often holds children back. When children see adults respond calmly, even joyfully, to mistakes, they learn to do the same.

So, let's keep saying it out loud, together:

Mistakes are GREAT!

