

IZZY^{the}
INVENTOR

and
the Unexpected
Unicorn

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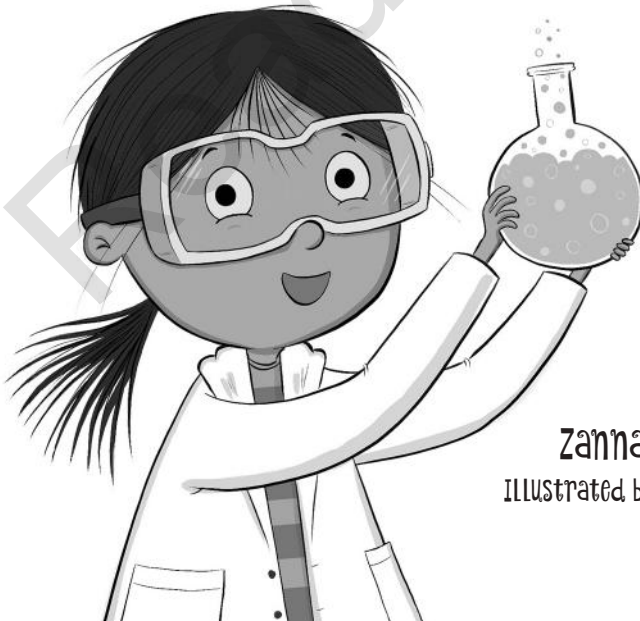
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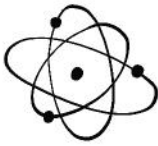
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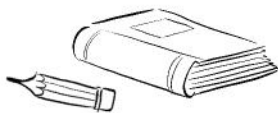
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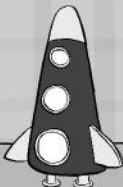


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CHAPTER ONE

IZZY does not believe in magic

Izzy loved science and had big dreams. She wanted to be the **GREATEST INVENTOR** of all time!




Every day, Izzy put on her lab glasses and her lab coat and set to work on her **incredible experiments...**

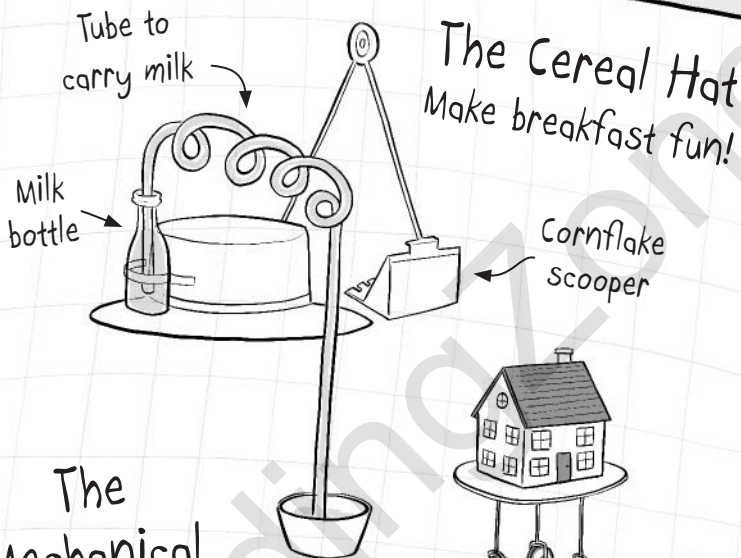


They didn't always go exactly to plan...

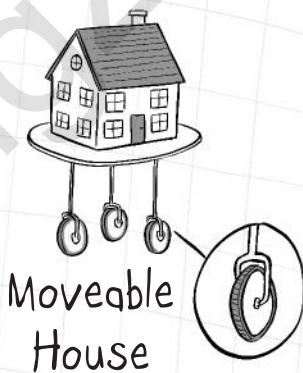
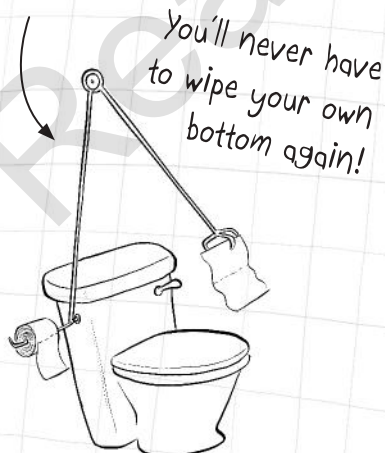




Izzy had notebooks full of inventions and experiments.

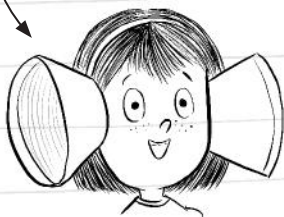


The Mechanical Bottom-Wiper



The Ear Enhancer

- listen in on secret conversations



The Dogbrella

- for dogs who hate rain



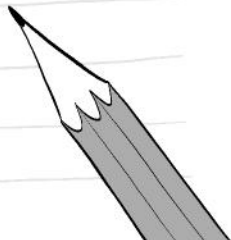
Recipe for fake snot

- just for fun!

Hot water * a bowl * gelatin powder
* green food dye * golden syrup
* a tablespoon and a fork

put 1 tablespoon of hot water into a bowl with 3 tablespoons of gelatin powder and mix together. Then add a few drops of food dye.

Add 1/2 tablespoon of golden syrup and keep stirring until the mixture becomes stringy and snot-like! Have fun pulling up your strands of fake snot with the fork.



But after the incident of the
flying egg...



...the cereal shower...



...and the self-watering
plant pot...



...Izzy's parents decided they'd
had enough.

"No more experiments in the
house," said Izzy's dad.

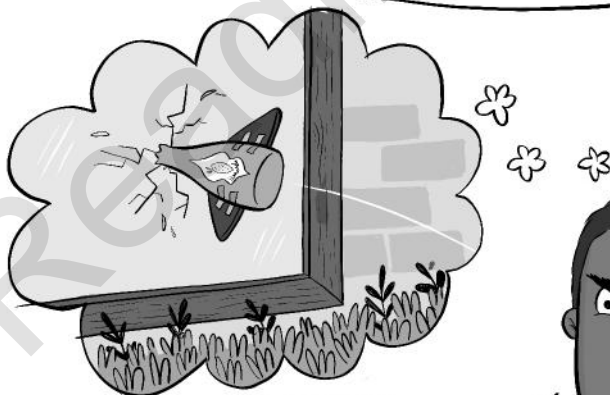
"Just for once,"
said her mum,
"I'd like to go to
work without
fried egg on
my face."



“This has got to stop,” Izzy’s mum went on. “Things are getting out of hand.”



Last week there was slime splattered on the ceiling.



A rocket through the window...

“And bouncing eggs down the stairs,” said Izzy’s little sister, Bella.



There was egg
EVERYWHERE!

“Today, I want you to play with your sister instead,” said Izzy’s dad.

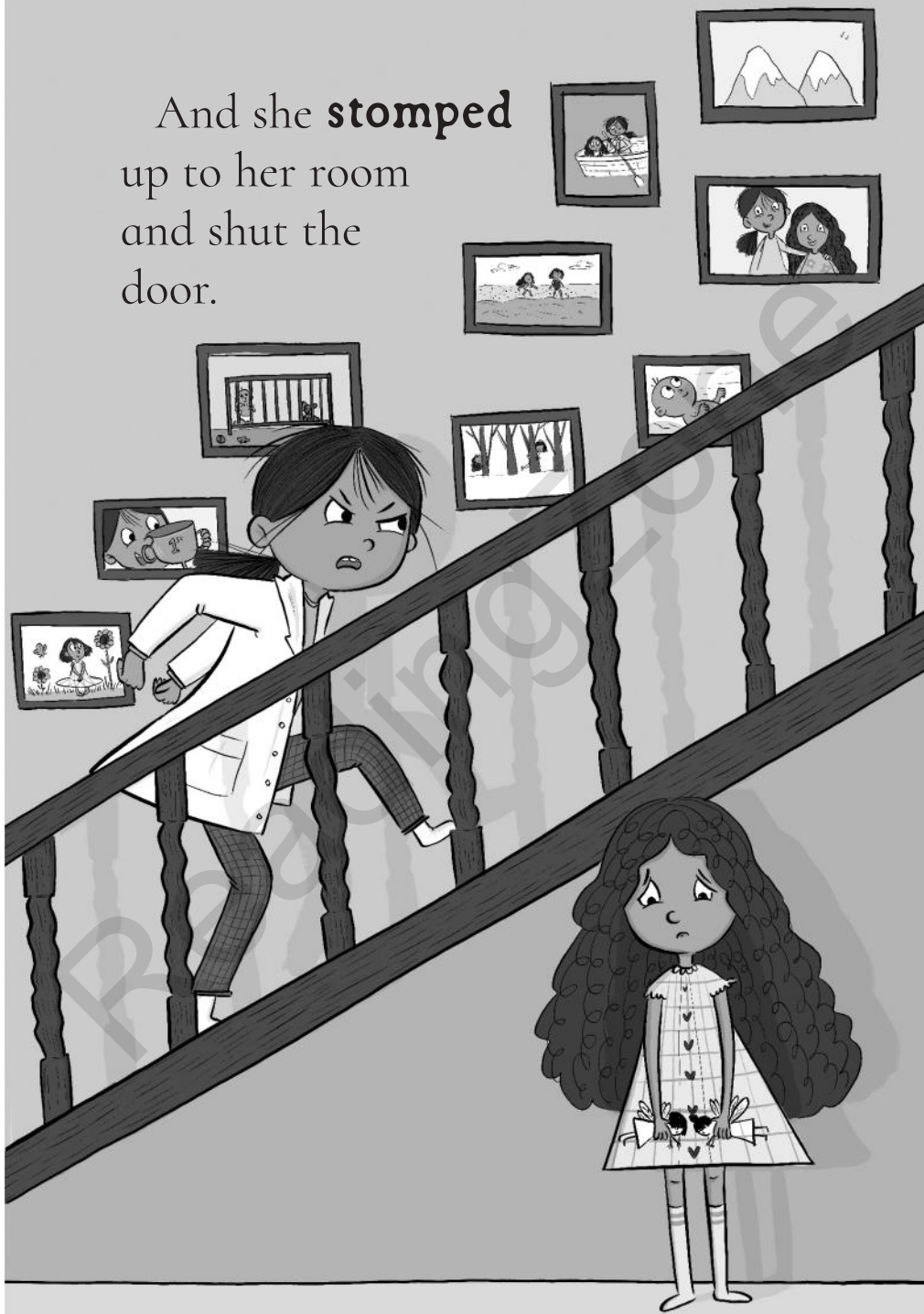
“Hooray!” cried Bella. “Let’s have a fairy tea party!”



“But I don’t *want* to play fairies,” cried Izzy.

“This isn’t fair!”

And she **stomped**
up to her room
and shut the
door.



“I hate being the odd one out in my family. No one else is even **INTERESTED** in science. They don’t care about my experiments.”

Suddenly, Izzy heard a tinkly voice.

You poor dear child.

What was that?





It is I, Rose Petal
Twinkle-Toes, your
Fairy Godmother.

“This can’t be
happening,” said Izzy.
“Fairies aren’t real. Every scientist
knows that.”

“You have so much to learn,”
said the fairy.

Life isn’t just
about science.
Imagination is very
important, too.



“Who says so?” asked Izzy.
“A very famous scientist,” the
fairy replied, and she began
writing sparkly words in the air.

Imagination
is even more
important than
knowledge.

Albert Einstein

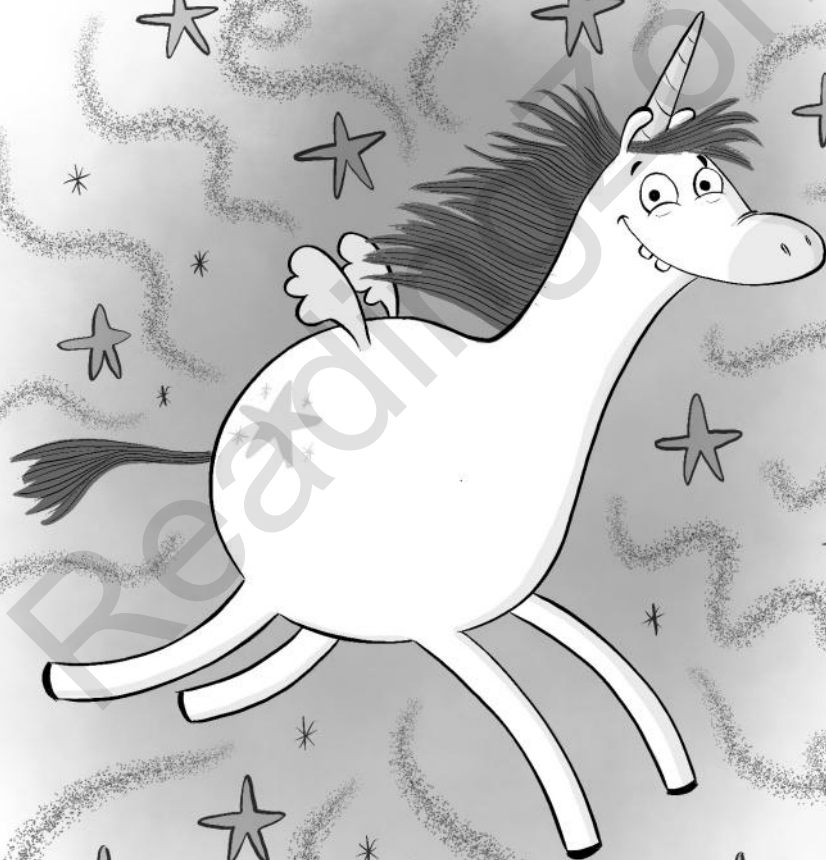


This is not
what I would
have expected
from a fairy...

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The next moment, there was a faint **POP!** and a large, plump unicorn appeared in Izzy's bedroom.

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“I don’t even *believe* in unicorns,”
said Izzy.



“Oh, the unicorn’s real,” said
the fairy. “Now, follow me!”

On those words,
the fairy floated
out of the window...



...and headed straight for a cloud of pink mist that was shimmering at the end of the garden.



Izzy took a deep breath. “A proper scientist investigates everything,” she declared.



She picked up her notebook and her science bag. Then she looked at Henry for a moment, just to make sure he *really was real*, and jumped onto his back.



He felt very warm and very soft. "Here goes," thought Izzy, and she pointed at the open window, crying...

