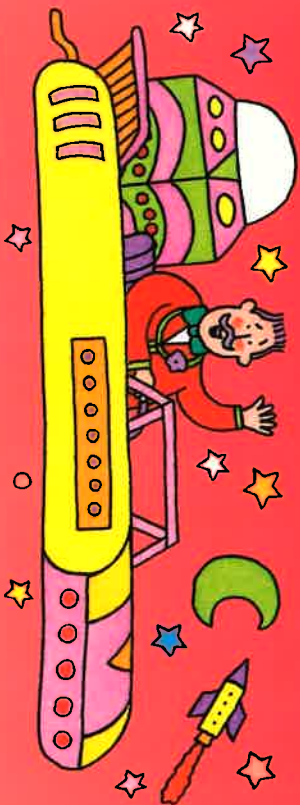


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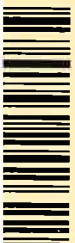
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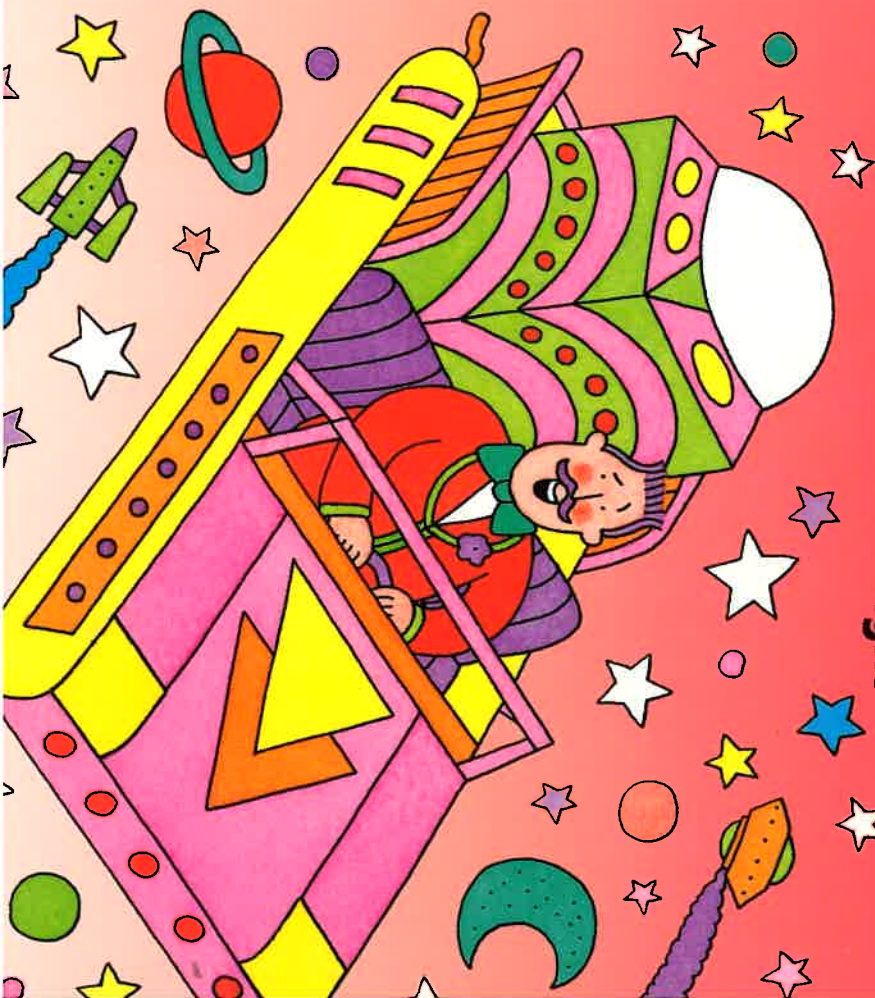


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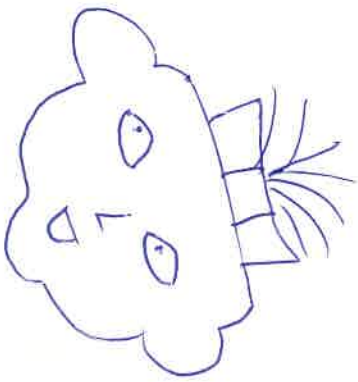
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Terrible



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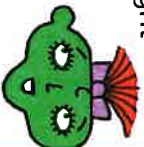
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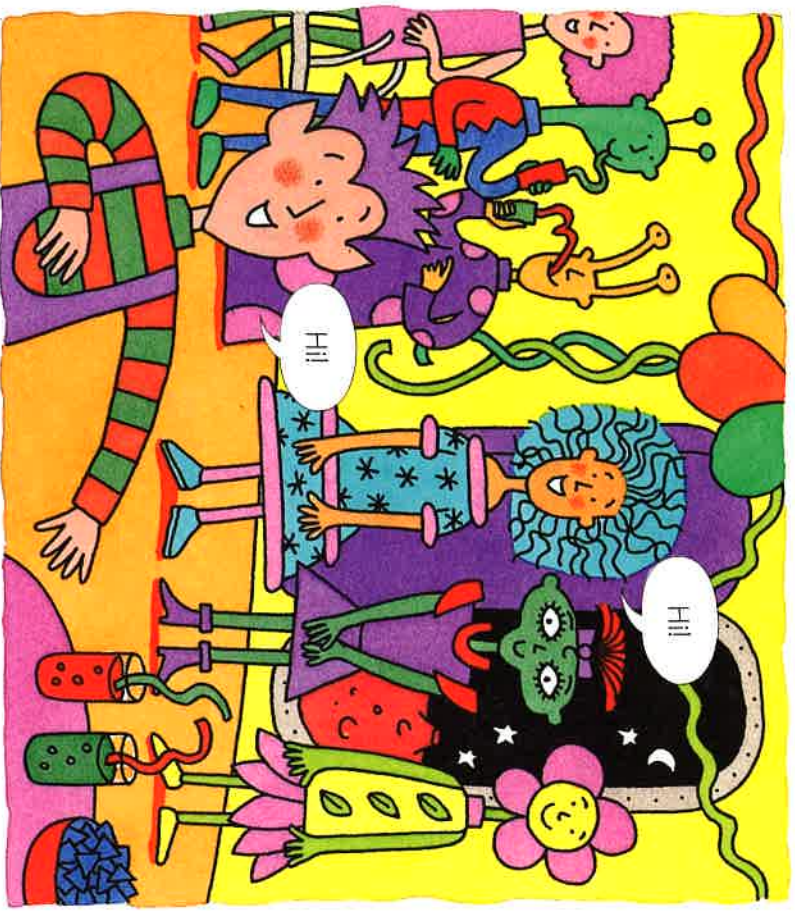


Kindeyes



Flowerface

It was 31 December, 2221. Laser invited all his friends to his New Year party on planet Az. They came from all over the galaxy. It was going to be a very special party.



Hi, Starlight!

You look nice.  
Your hair is beautiful!

Hi, Flowerface!  
Hi, Kindeyes!  
Come in.

Hi, Laser!  
Happy New Year!

Thanks.

Hi! How are you?



Laser didn't invite Terrible, Screamalot and Trouble, but Laser's mother let them in. Laser didn't like them, but his mother didn't know that!

I didn't invite you, Terrible!

You have to wait.

Hi, Starlight. Why have you got spaghetti on your head?

That's not very kind.  
It's my hair.

The guests ate, drank, danced, sang (badly), and shouted (very loudly). Then they asked for the big show.

OK, what is this big show?  
Where's the entertainment machine?  
Where's the entertainer?



We're here.  
I'm hungry!



The 'big show' was a space entertainer, Andy Laugh-a-minute. He was late for the party and Laser's mother was angry. Laser's mother was phoning Mr Laugh-a-minute.



I'm paying you to be here and you're not here! You're late!

OK! OK! I'm coming. I'll be there in five minutes.

Andy Laugh-a-minute had problems. His space car was old and parts were always falling off. He didn't have the money to buy a new space car.



It's not my fault that I'm late. I've got problems with this stupid old car. I wish I could buy a new car. Then I could be there on time...

At last Andy Laugh-a-minute arrived. Terrible and his friends were impatient, because they wanted to see the big show. They carried Andy's entertainment machine into the house.



At last you're here! Come in, Mr Laugh-a-minute.

Will someone carry the entertainment machine, please?

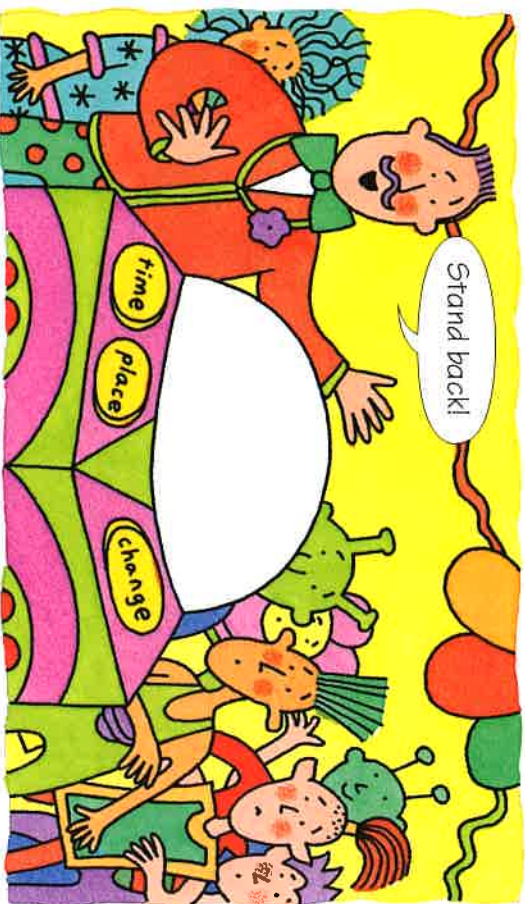
OK. It's very old, isn't it?

Be careful! It's valuable!

Valuable? Ha! Ha!  
Is that why they call you Mr Laugh-a-minute?

It's very special. You can't buy entertainment machines now. Put it down carefully.

Andy Laugh-a-minute got his entertainment machine ready and turned it on. Everyone was impatient and they stood around Andy and the machine. They were excited, and were laughing and shouting.



Stand back. Quiet, please!

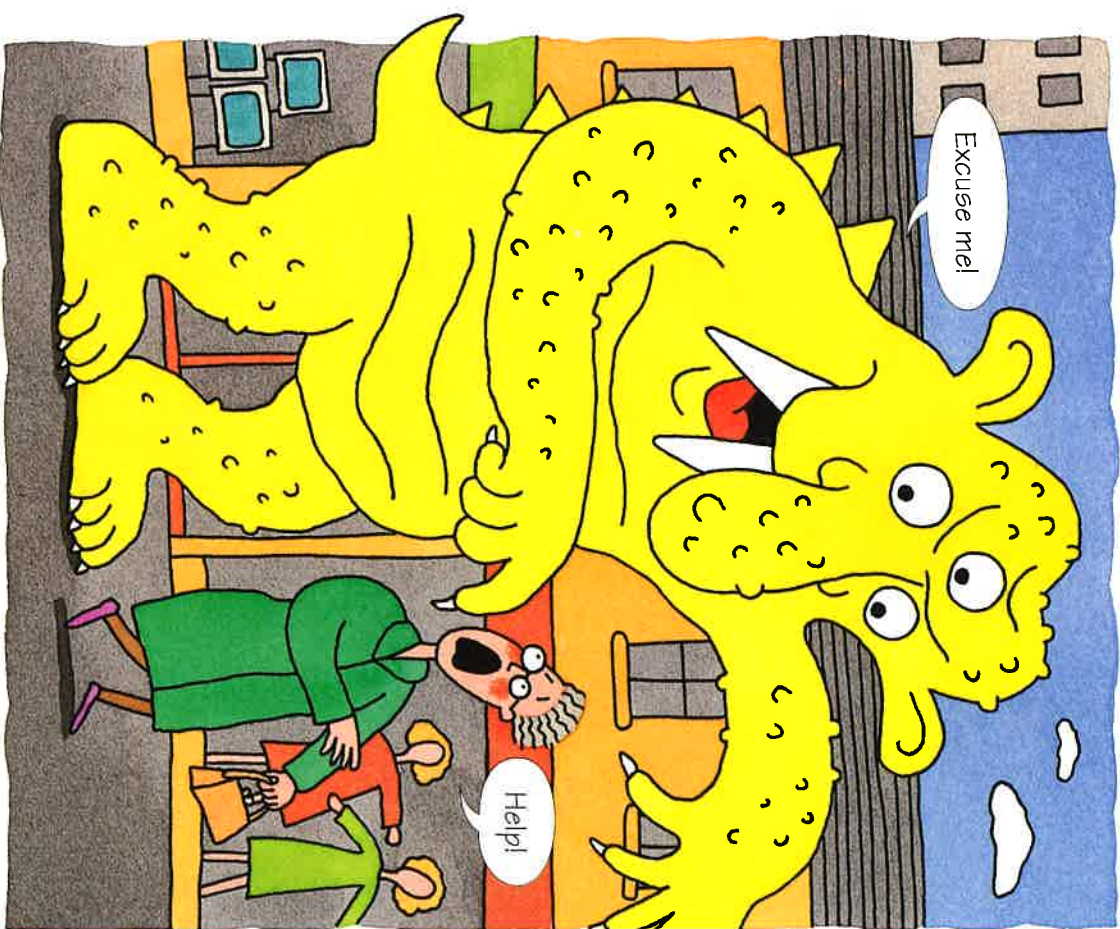
You can choose any time and any place. You will see it in the machine. Then, you can make any changes you want – good or bad – but be careful...

Can I have a go?  
How does it work?

OK, watch this. Here is the time button. Let's choose... today. Place? Let's choose a street in Manchester in England. This big button is for making changes.



Screamalot wanted a change, but it wasn't a nice change.

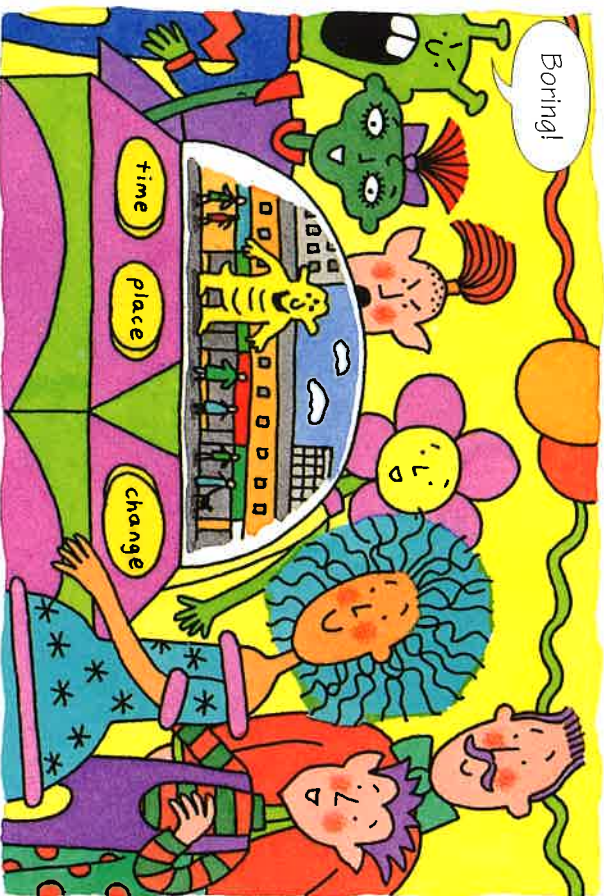


I want a monster to go behind that old woman... Yes! Look at that! Now it will touch her shoulder! Fantastic!

That's not fair! She's frightened.



Everyone wanted to have a go! They pushed and shouted. Andy Laugh-a-minute shouted too, and they were quiet. Laser told Starlight to have a go. Starlight's friends liked what she did but Terrible and his friends thought that it was boring.



Boring!

Go back to that old woman in Manchester.

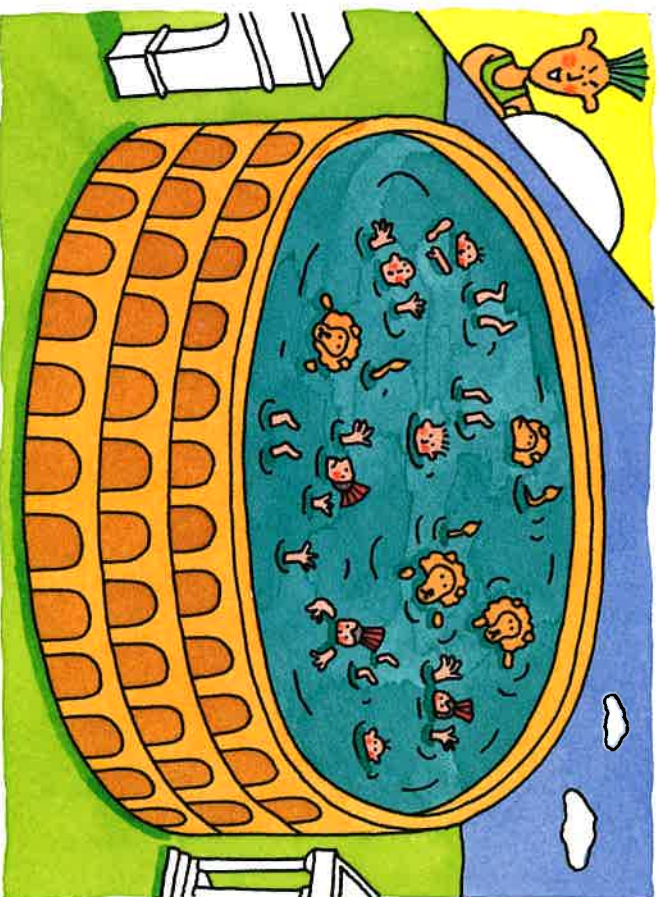
Right, there she is. She's standing up again. Look, they are all running away from the monster!

I know, make the monster friendly ... that's better!

That's nice!

Boring! Boring! Boring!

Trouble had a go. He wanted to make an exciting change.



Right. Let's have AD 100 Place ... Rome. Let's have some sport.

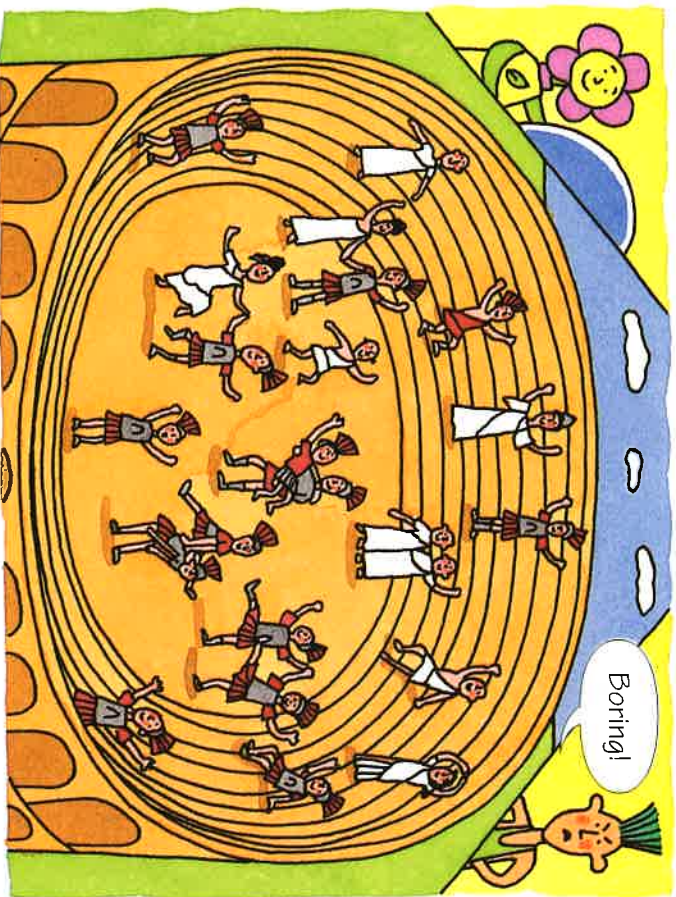
That's an amphitheatre. The men are fighting the lions.

The amphitheatre is like a bath. Fill it with water and we'll watch them all swim.

Look at that! The men are swimming with the lions!

I don't like it! It's really horrible!

Then Flowerface had a go. She wanted to do something good.



Can I have a go, please?

Sure. But don't do anything boring!

Time... 100 AD. Place... Rome.  
Change... send the lions back to the  
jungle. Now the lions and the people  
can be happy.

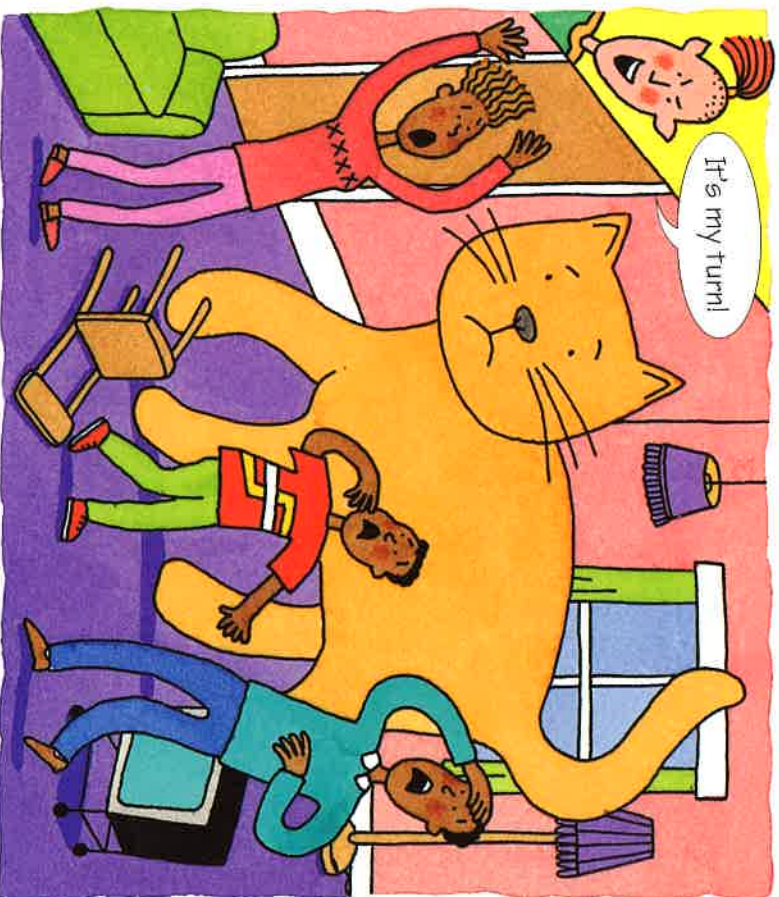
Oh, no! That's boring! It's stupid!

It's great, Flowerface!

Boring! Boring! Boring!



Terrible said it was his turn. He wanted to have fun.



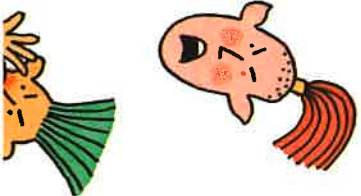
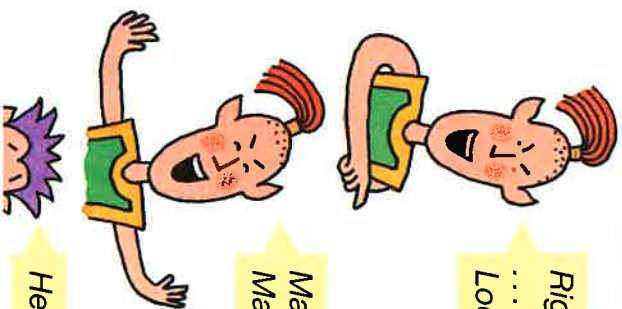
Right. Time... today. Place  
... London, in someone's house.  
Look at the cat!

What shall I do?

Make the cat bigger.  
Make it as big as a horse.

Look at that! Fantastic! Look at the boy.  
He's laughing. His mother is surprised.

He's not laughing, he's crying! Stop it!



The father in the family opened the door and the cat went into the street.



It's not fair!

Make it eat the man's dog, Terrible!

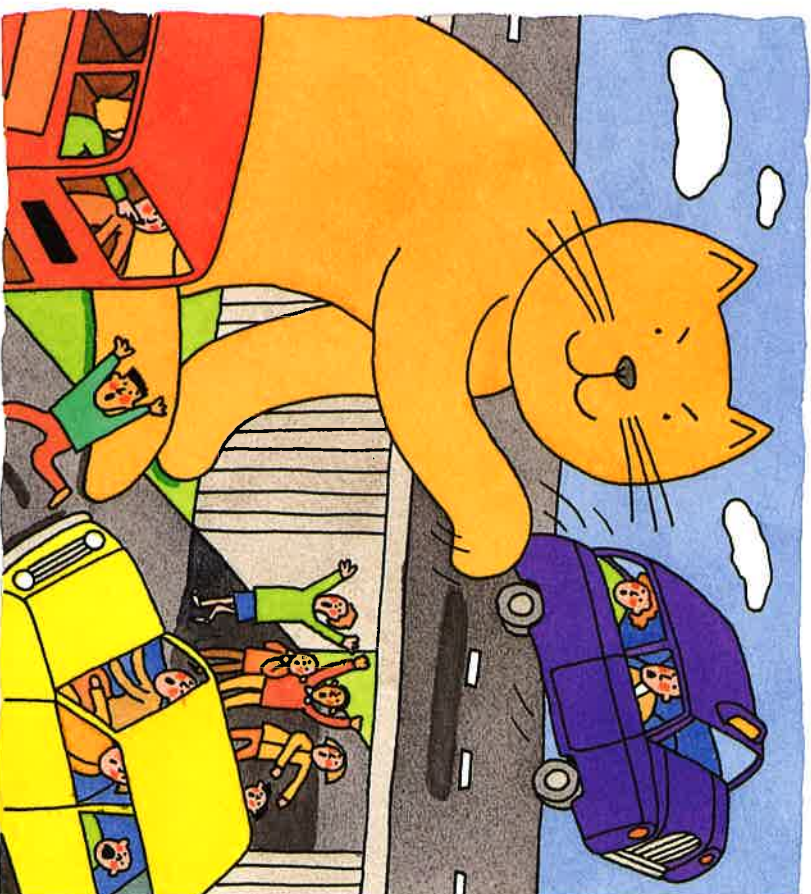
It's not fair. I don't think it's very funny.

You're not funny! This is great!

Don't let the cat eat the man, Terrible! Look, he's really frightened.

No, I've got a better idea. Let's make the cat bigger.

Andy Laugh-a-minute made the cat bigger. It was bigger than a bus. It hit taxis and buses. People ran away from it.



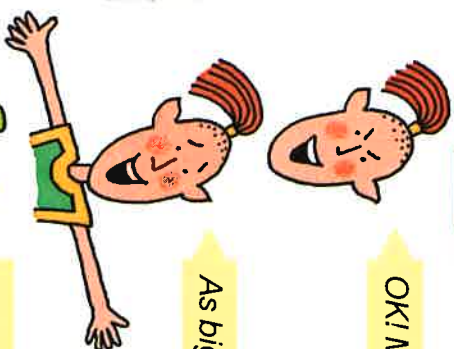
OK! Make the cat bigger!

How big?

As big as a bus.

Look at that! It just hit that taxi. Just like playing volleyball!

You see those people under the bridge? They're afraid of the cat. That's great!



Screamalot had another idea. He told Andy to take the cat to Heathrow Airport.



Take the cat to an airport. Now, let's see what happens.

Look at that! It's running after that plane! It's jumping at it!

Look at the people's faces!

They're really frightened, Terrible. That's enough. Stop it!



The plane escaped. Screamalot changed the pilot into a baby. Then he changed the stewards and stewardesses into frogs.



Oooh! Did you see that cat, Harry? It was enormous. Harry? Harry? Are you OK? Quickly, where's the steward?

Croak! Croak!

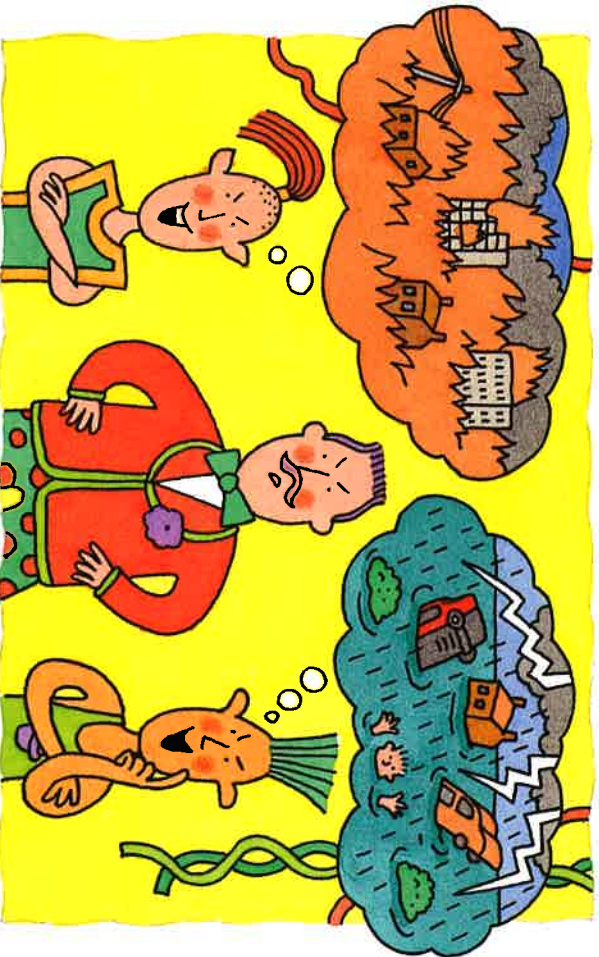
Oh! The steward's a frog! An enormous frog! I can't believe it.

Tommy's speaking. Tommy's flying the plane. Tommy's flying up. Tommy's flying down.

Oh, no! The captain is a baby!



Suddenly, Terrible became bored. He wanted a real disaster! Andy Laugh-a-minute did not agree.



This is boring. I want a real disaster.

Yes, lets have a fire.  
Burn lots of houses.

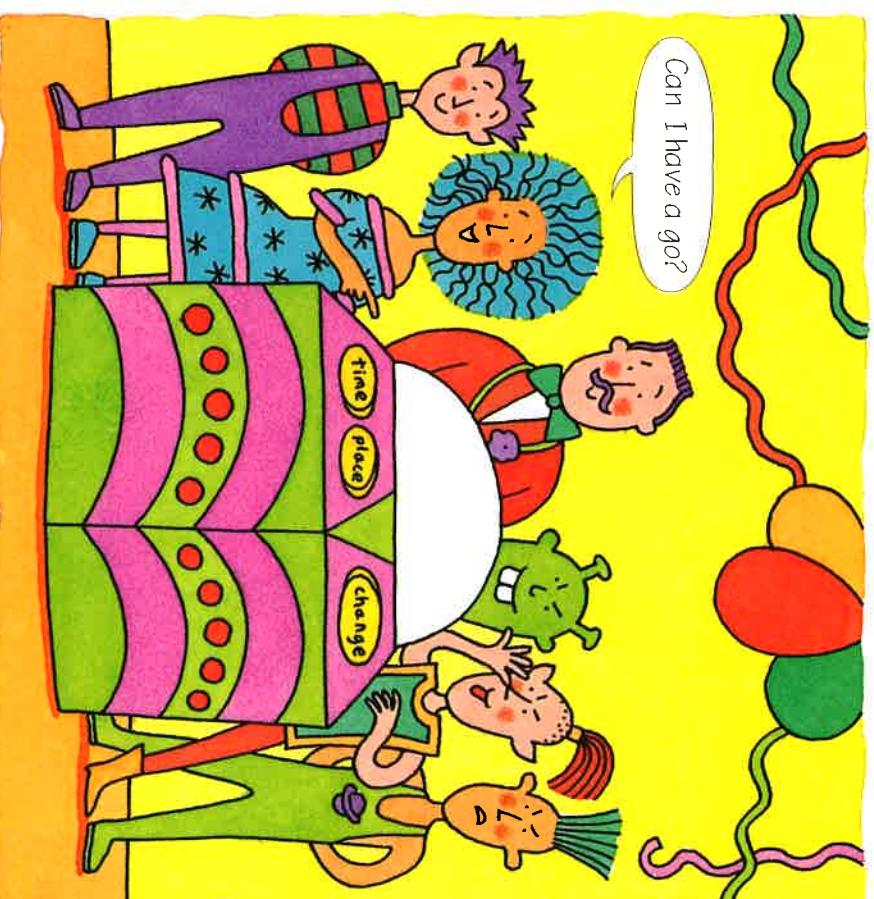
Terrible things!  
Frightening things!  
Real disasters.

No, Laser's mother is only paying  
for small changes.

Small changes are boring.

I never knew you were so bad.  
I think it's terrible.

Starlight wanted to do something nice. It was ten minutes to twelve and Andy said she could have ten minutes.



Can I have a go?

Laser, can I have a go?

Yes, of course.

I want to do something really good.

What for? It's boring.

Because I want to, that's why.

Terrible and his friends began to dance again. They were bored with the entertainment machine. Starlight told Andy what she wanted.



Find a small planet. There must be nothing on the planet.

OK. Here you are.

Cover it with trees and grass and flowers.

That's more than a small change.

Oh, please! ... Thank you. Now, put lots of animals and birds and fish on the planet.

Is that enough?

One more thing. Take two people from Earth and put them on this planet. Now, let's hope they can be happy!



It was nearly midnight. It was nearly 2222. Andy Laugh-a-minute wanted to say something, so everyone was quiet.



I want to tell you something. If you made a bad change ... you must go to the time and the place where you made the change. And you must try to do something good.

But I don't want to meet the giant cat!

Please don't send me to the amphitheatre. What will my parents say?

No! Don't put me in the plane!

I'm sorry. You made the change. You must go.

