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## Chapter 1 – Jimmy's Accident

There were many children playing in Piccadilly Close and Mayfair Avenue one June afternoon when Rory and Maisie came home from Ribsmeade First School. It was dark and wet and, as the children played on the bend of the road, the driver of the car did not see little Jimmy Grimthorpe as he shot across the road to chase his football.



Rory and Maisie went to the hospital to see Jimmy just after his accident.

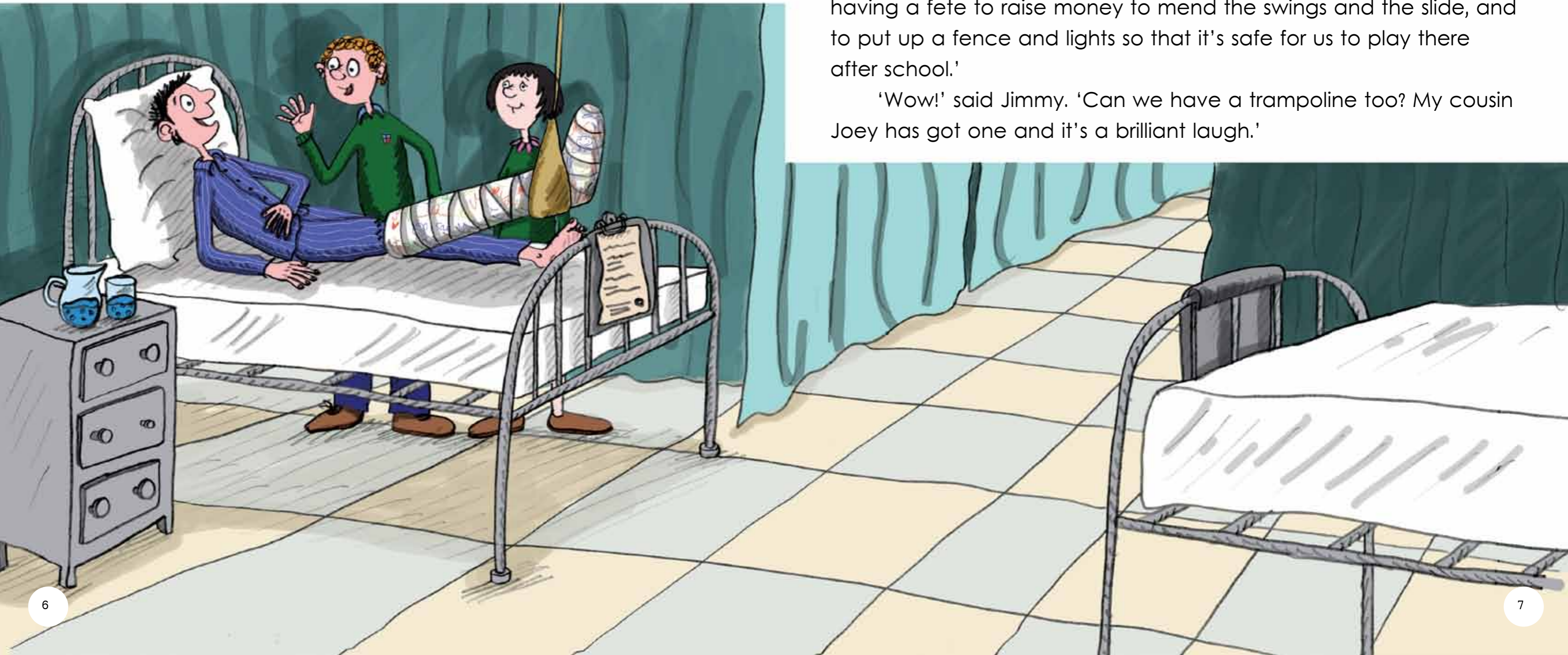
'We were so frightened when we heard the car brake and swerve, and you were knocked down,' said Maisie.

'Yeah, it was a horrible crunch,' Rory said as he tried to cheer up Jimmy.

Maisie glared at Rory and turned to smile at Jimmy. 'But you were so brave and didn't cry when the paramedic put you on the stretcher and took you to hospital.'

'Can I write on your leg?' asked Rory.

'Yes but you'll have to write in small letters as my family have been drawing all over it, making pictures of all the things that we are going to do when I get this cast off. I can't wait!'



'You will have to come back to school soon,' said Rory. 'The new headteacher, Mr Grimbold, has spoken to all of our parents and has promised to fix the playground so that we can play there instead of in the road.'

'That would be great,' squealed Jimmy. Then he said; 'But my Mum said I couldn't play there because all of the big kids from the senior school would push the little kids around, shouting and throwing things at them.'

'Mr Grimbold has promised to fix that,' said Maisie. 'The school is having a fete to raise money to mend the swings and the slide, and to put up a fence and lights so that it's safe for us to play there after school.'

'Wow!' said Jimmy. 'Can we have a trampoline too? My cousin Joey has got one and it's a brilliant laugh.'