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# Frankenstein at School



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CHAPTER 1

# Good Morning, Frankie!



**Tom:** Can I have a look?

**Susan:** Wait, wait, it's my turn.

**Al:** I can see a long...

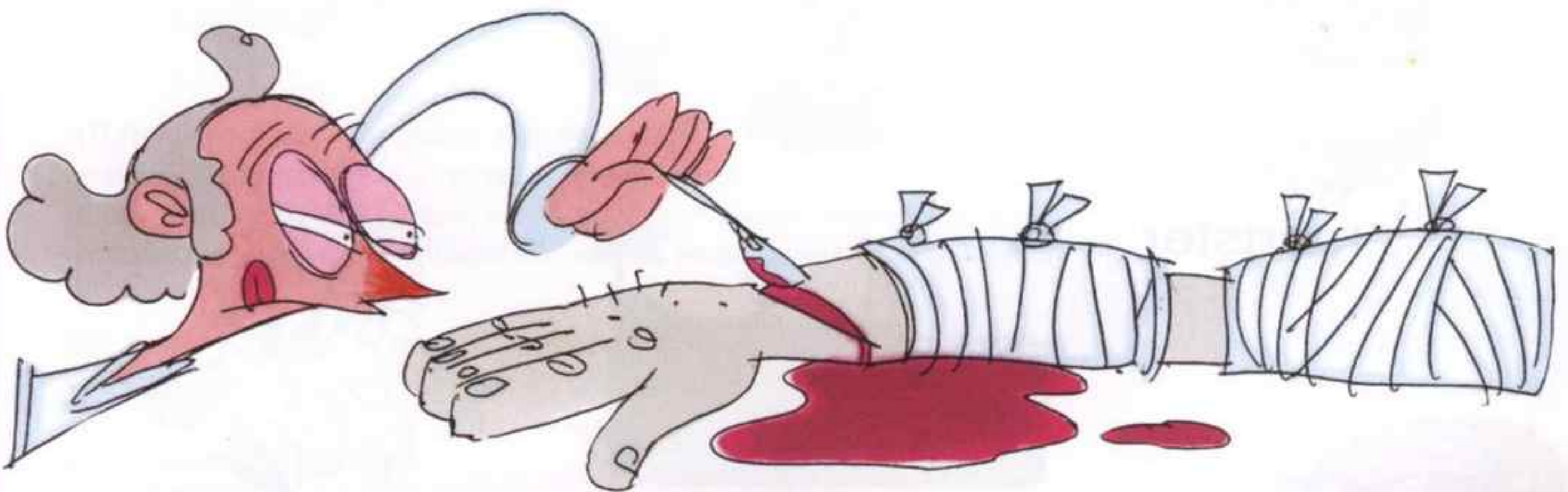
**Children:** What?

**Al:** A long arm.

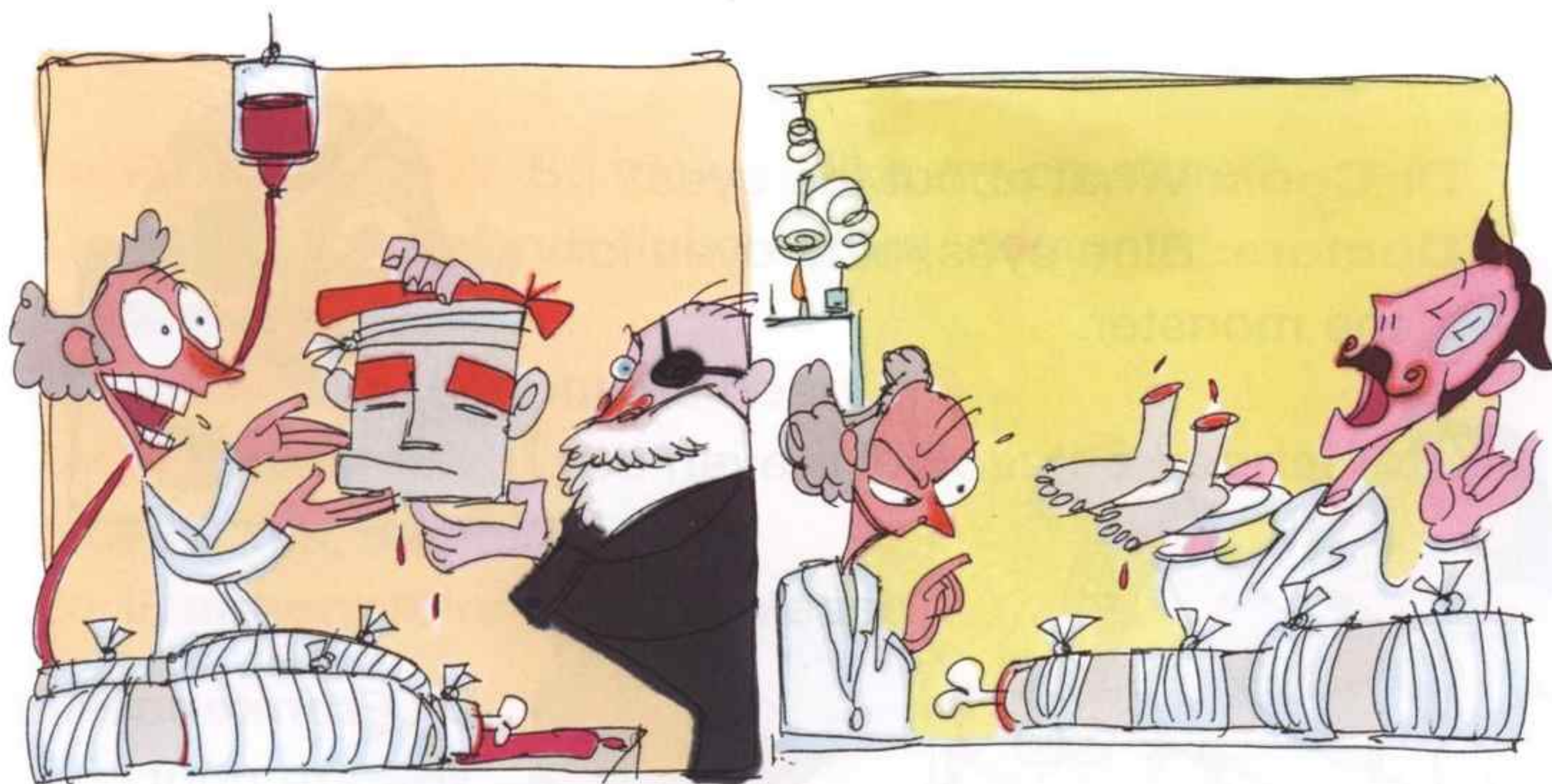
**Susan:** What is Doctor Frankenstein doing?

**Al:** He's cutting something. Blood, blood everywhere!

**Children:** Yuck!







**Dr Frankenstein:** Can I have the head now?

**Dr Cook:** Yes, doctor.

**Doctors:** The head, a big head for Dr Frankenstein.

**Dr Frankenstein:** Thank you, and the feet, please.

**Dr Johnson:** Are these feet OK?

**Dr Frankenstein:** They are too small. This is a big monster!

**Doctors:** A big monster!

**Dr Cook:** Here are two big feet for you, doctor.

**Dr Frankenstein:** Thank you.





**Dr Cook:** What about the eyes?

**Doctors:** Blue eyes, blue eyes for the monster.

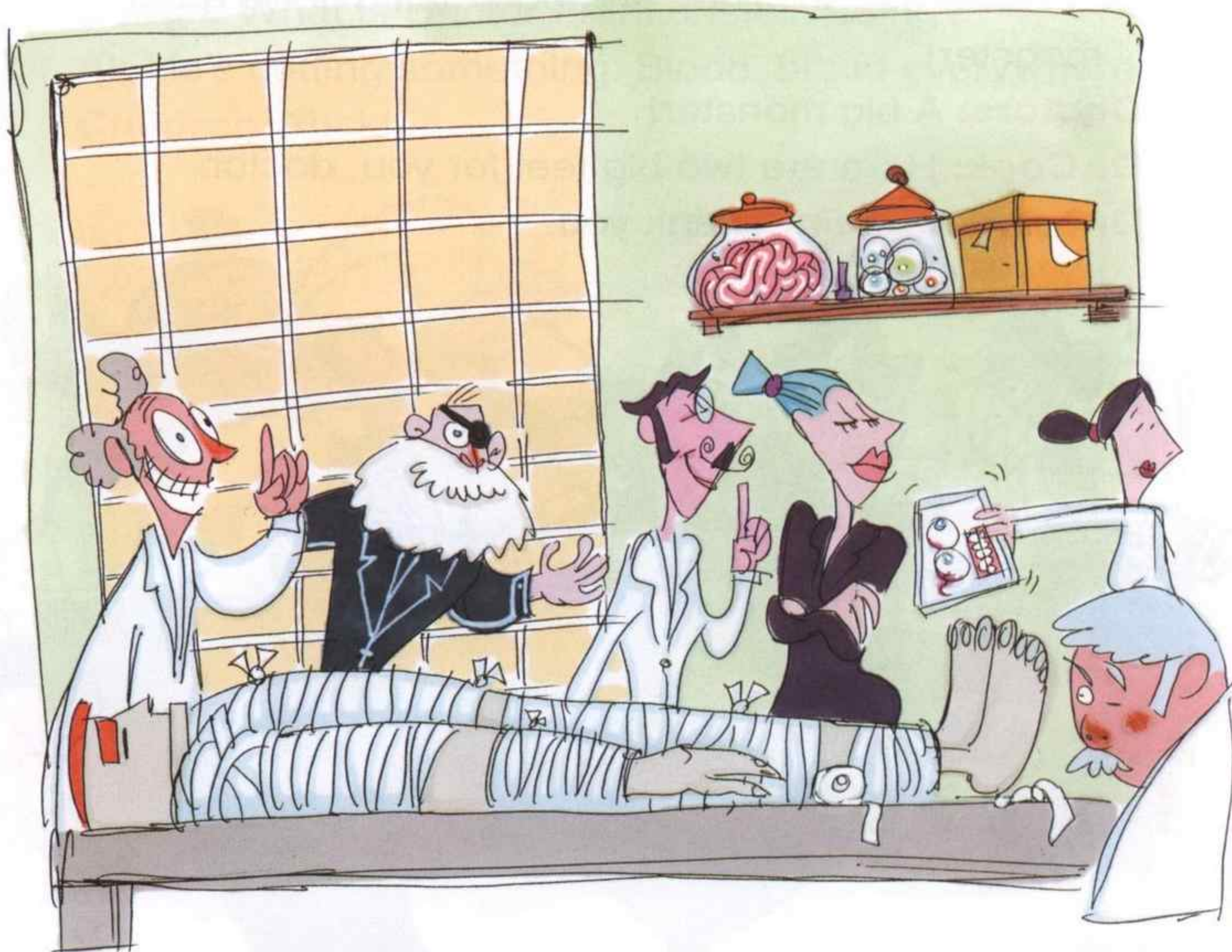


**Dr Frankenstein:**

You are right.  
Can I have blue  
eyes and a big  
mouth, please?

**Dr Johnson:** Here you are.

**Dr Frankenstein:** Great!





**Dr Frankenstein:** So, do you like my creature?

**Doctors:** It's a wonderful creature, doctor.

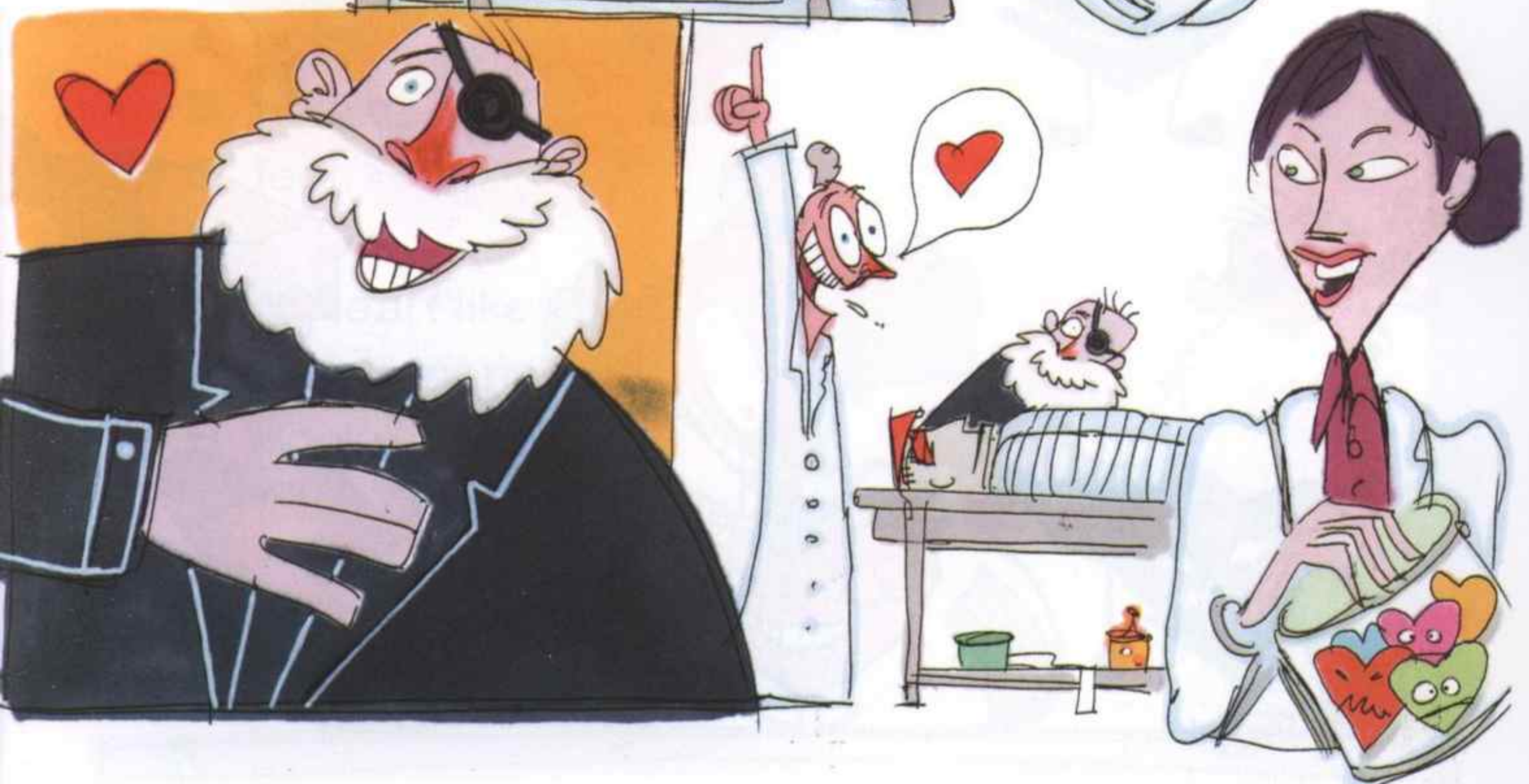
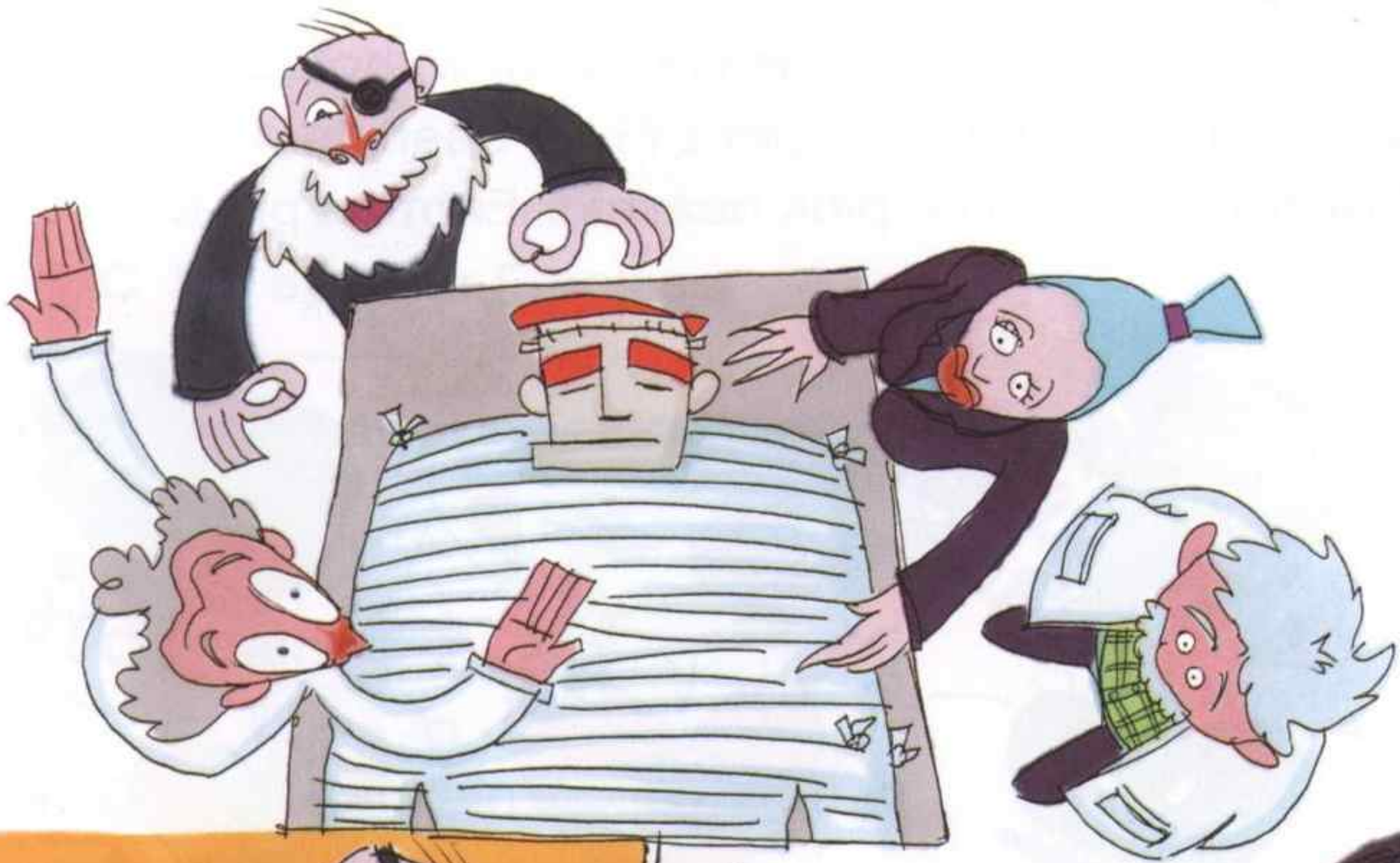
**Nurse:** He's so nice!

**Dr Cook:** What about his heart?

**Dr Frankenstein:** Let's have a look at the hearts. Nurse!

**Nurse:** Yes, doctor?

**Dr Frankenstein:** Hearts, please.





**Black Heart:** Hello! I'm Black Heart. I like monsters, especially green monsters.

**Pink Heart:** Hi, guys! I'm Pink Heart. I love flowers, children and the sea.

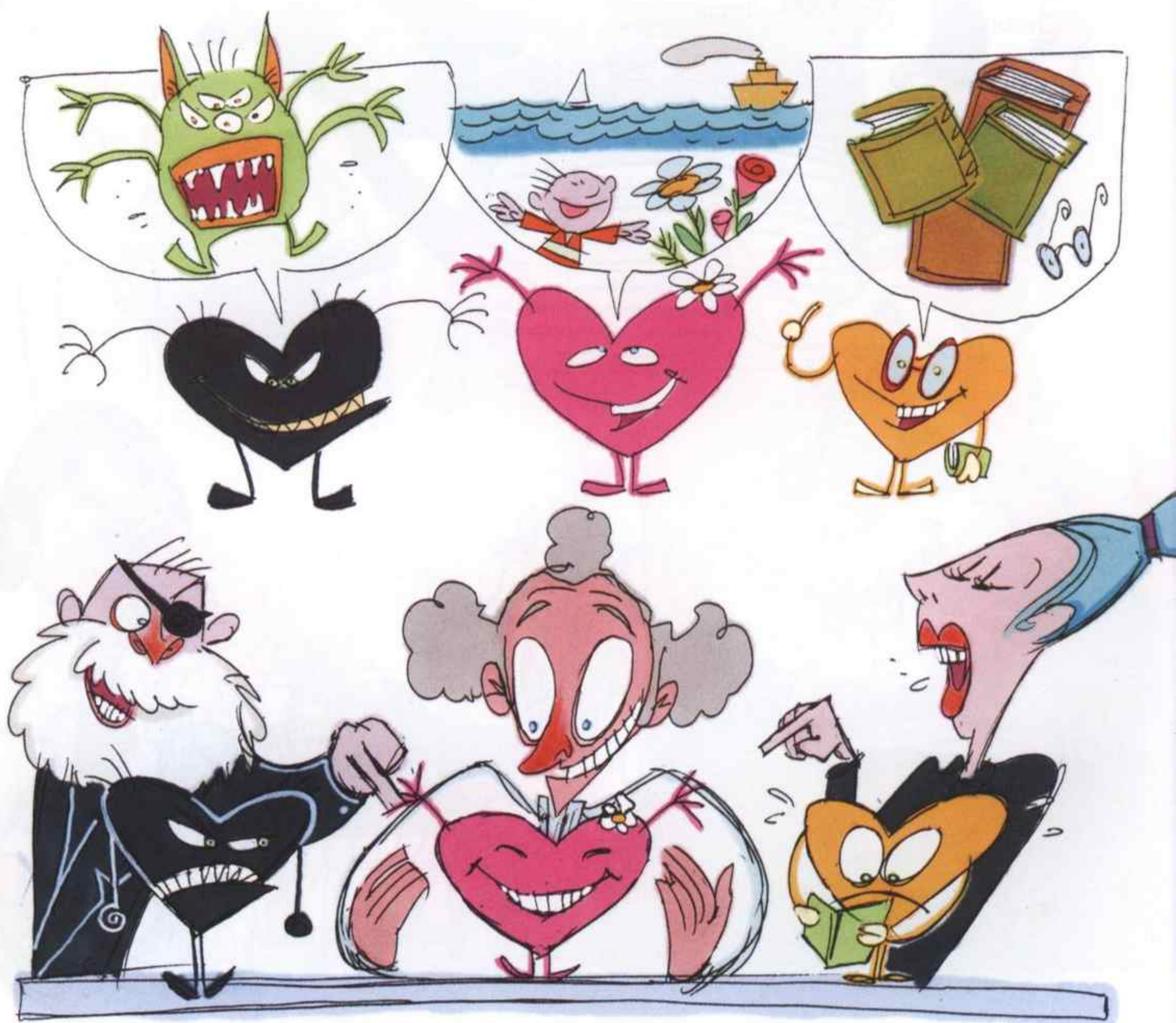
**Yellow Heart:** Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I'm Yellow Heart. I love books. I read day and night.

**Dr Frankenstein:** Thank you, Hearts. Let's choose a heart for Frankie.

**Dr Cook:** Well, I like Pink Heart.

**Dr Frankenstein:** Doctors...?

**Doctors:** Pink! The pink heart for Frankie.





## CHAPTER 2

# In the Lab


**Dr Frankenstein:** What's this, Tom?

**Tom:** It's a black cat.

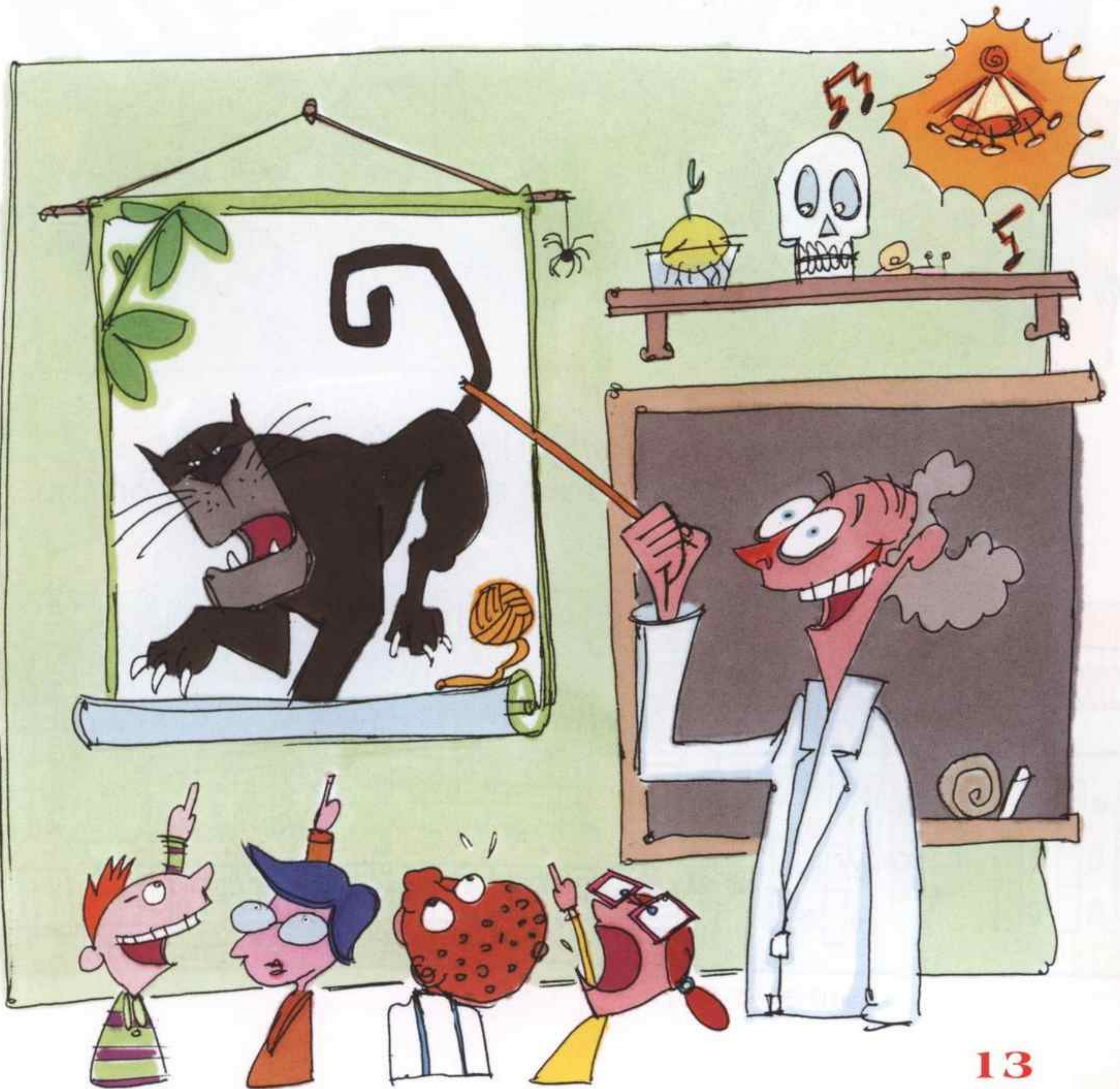
**Susan:** No, it isn't. It's a panther!

**Children:** That's right. It's a panther.

**Dr Frankenstein:** Very good.

*The bell rings.* 

**Dr Frankenstein:** OK children, see you tomorrow.



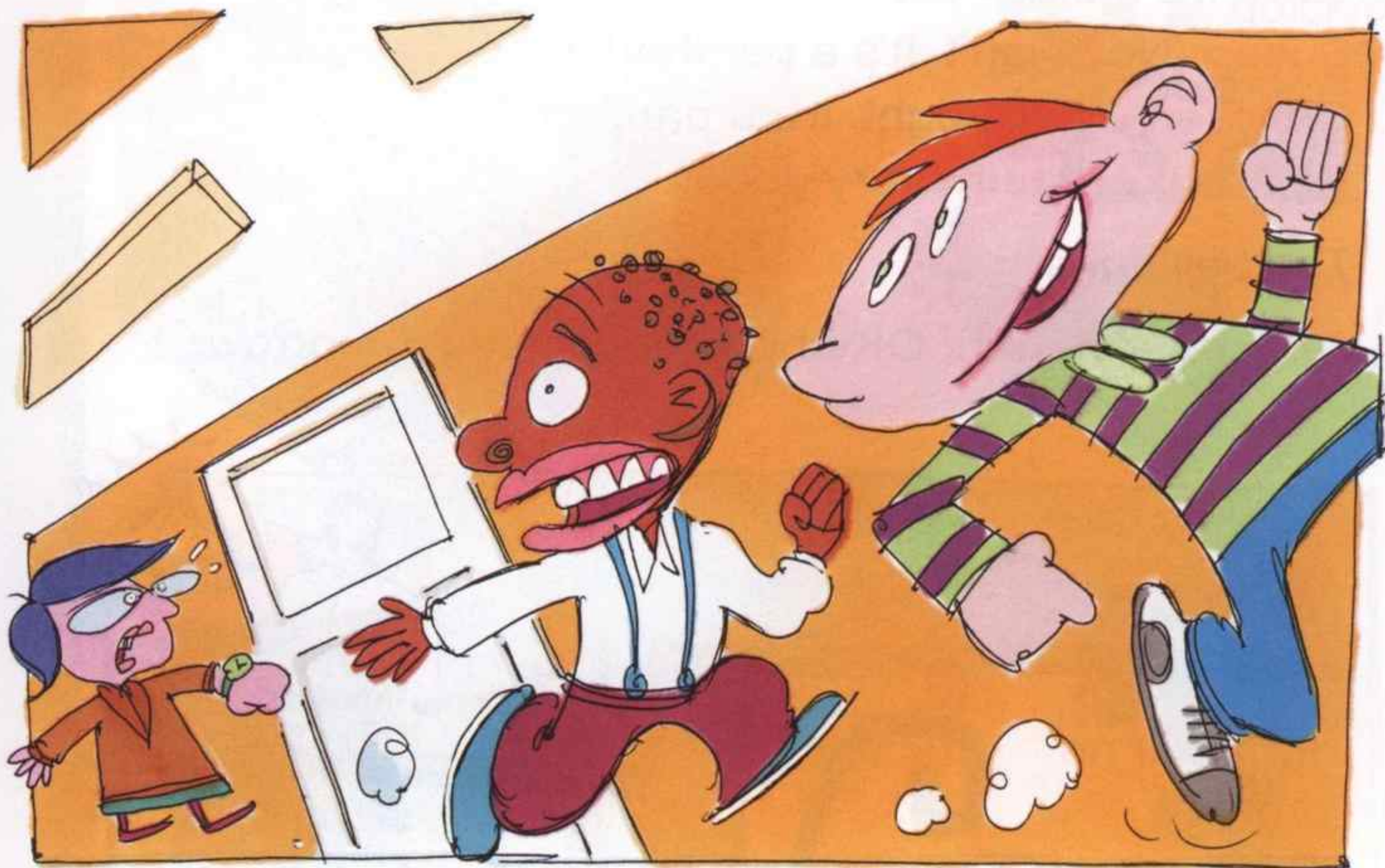


**Tom:** Let's go to the lab.

**Susan:** It's late.

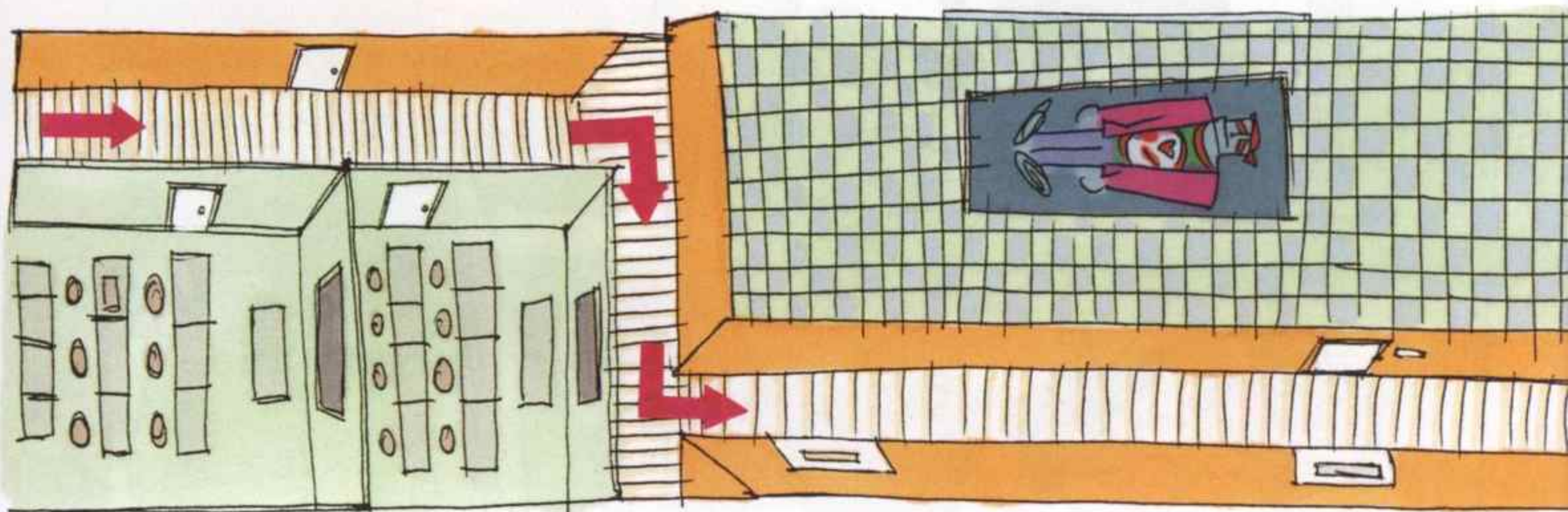
**Al:** Come on, Susan, you like monsters!

**Susan:** All right.



**Tom:** Let's go this way. It's quicker!

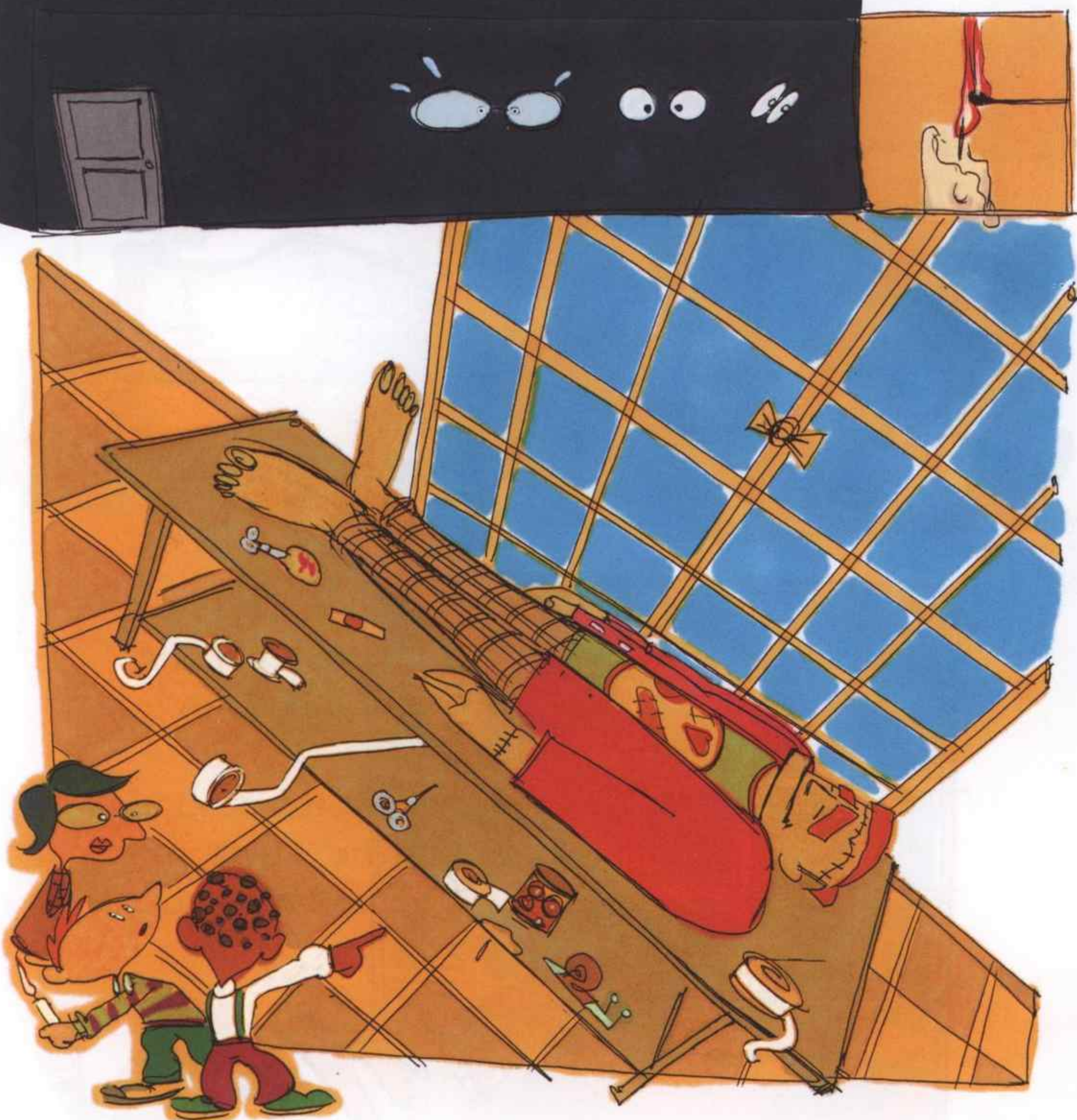
**Susan:** Straight down, turn right and then first on the left.





**Al:** It's dark!

**Tom:** Here's a candle.

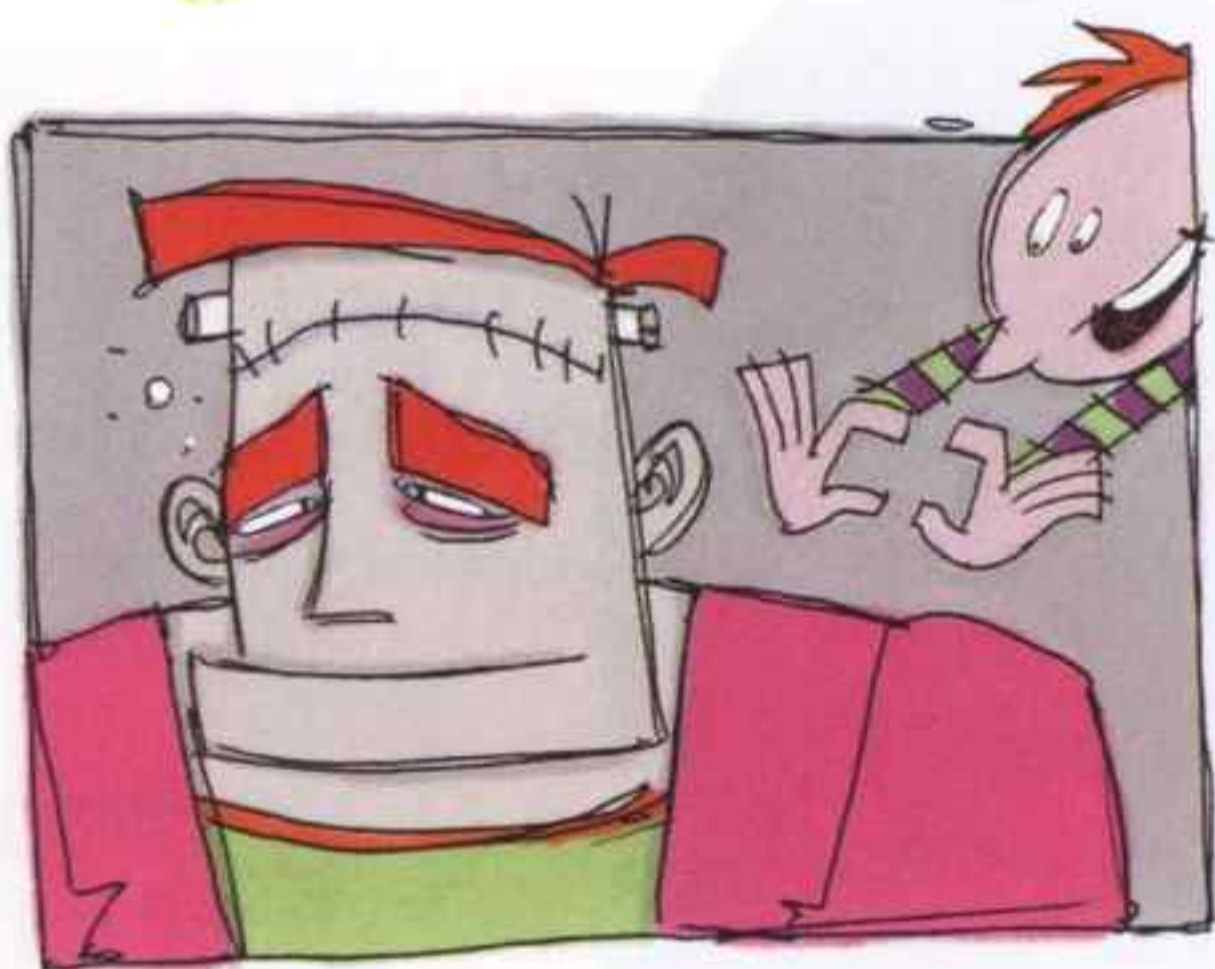


**Tom:** Good. Where's Frankie?

**Al:** Let's have a look over there.

**Susan:** Look! He's near the window.





**Susan:** He's so big!

**Tom:** Yes, look at his head.  
It's square.

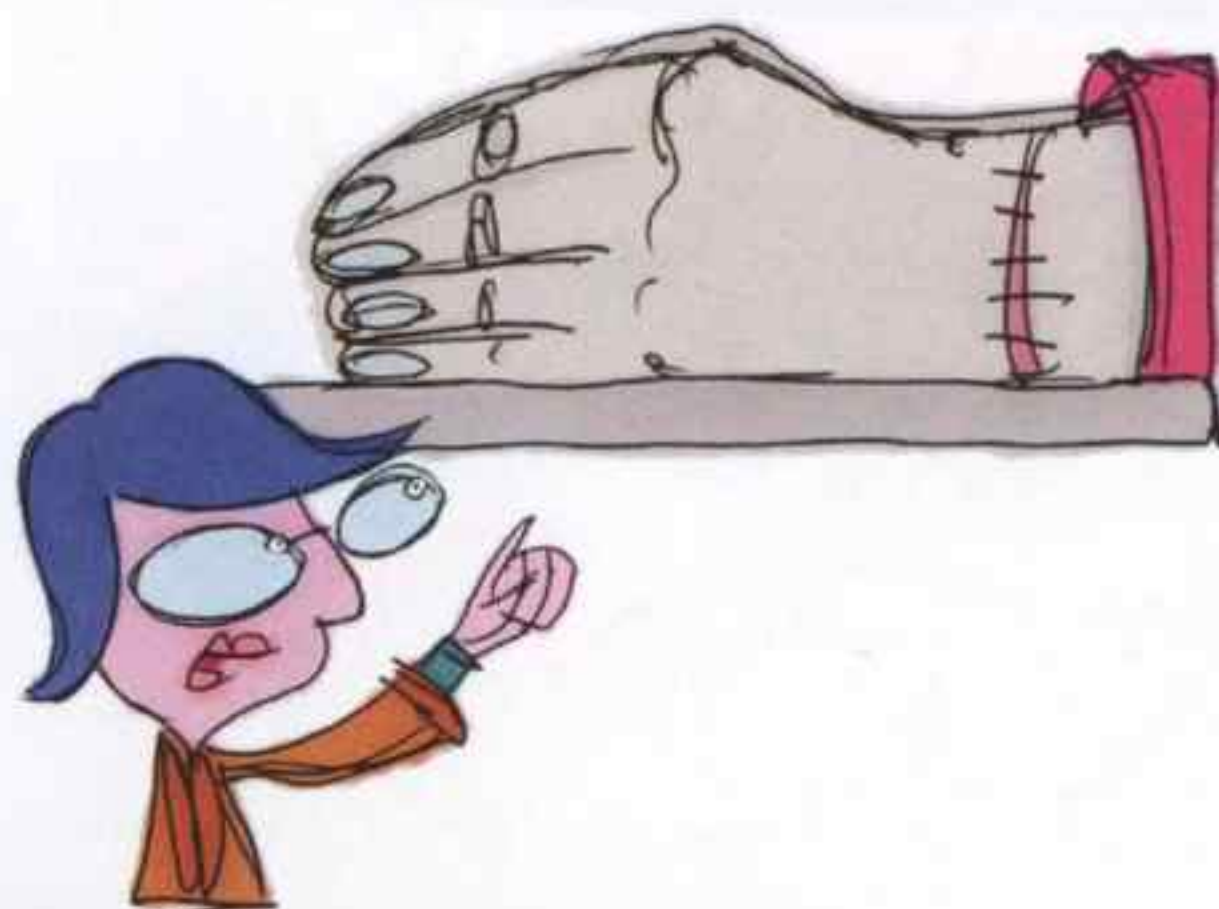
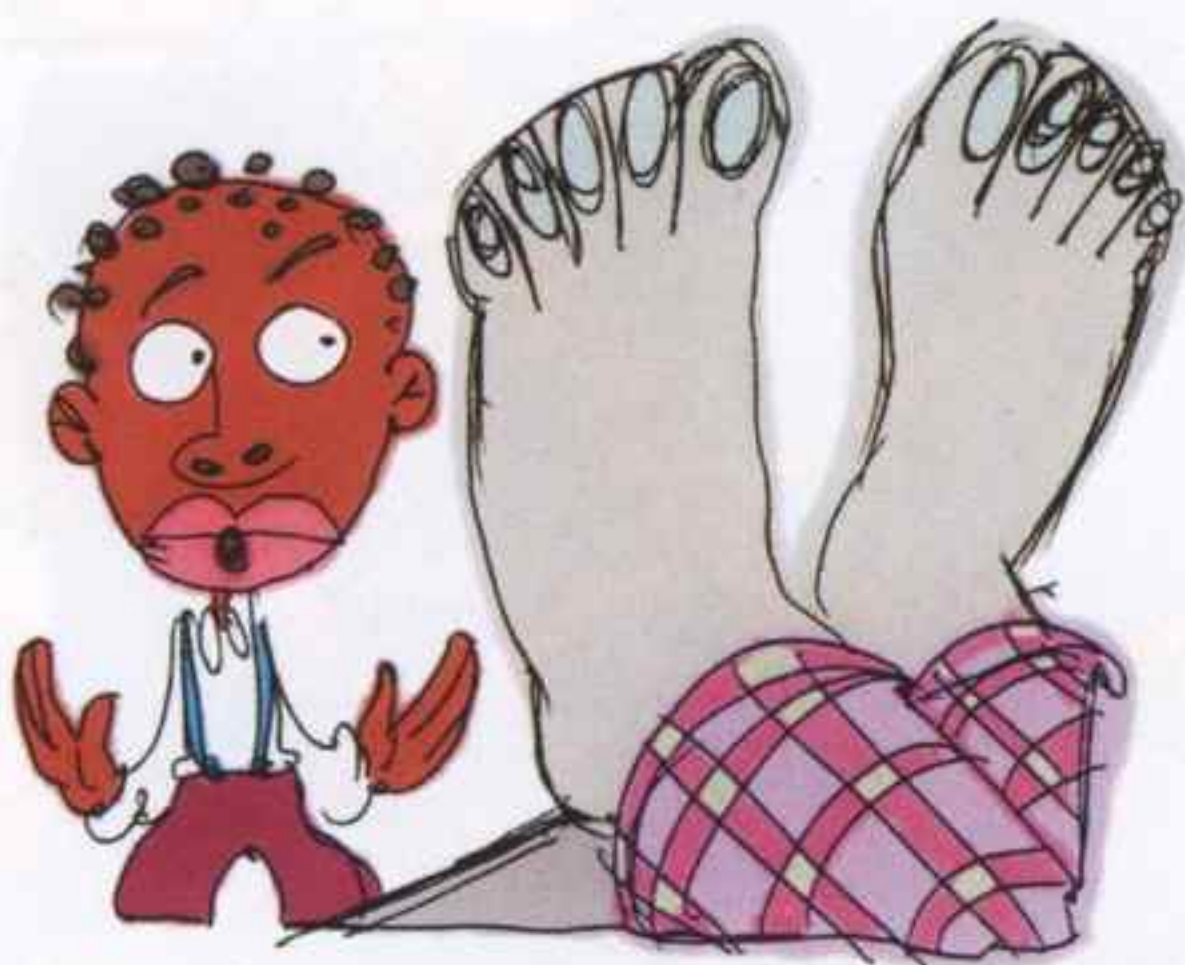
**Al:** He's got big feet!

**Susan:** And lovely big hands.

**Tom:** He's looking at you, Susan.

**Susan:** No, he isn't. He's sleeping.

**Al:** He's snoring.







**Susan:** He's moving his hands.

**Al:** And his feet.

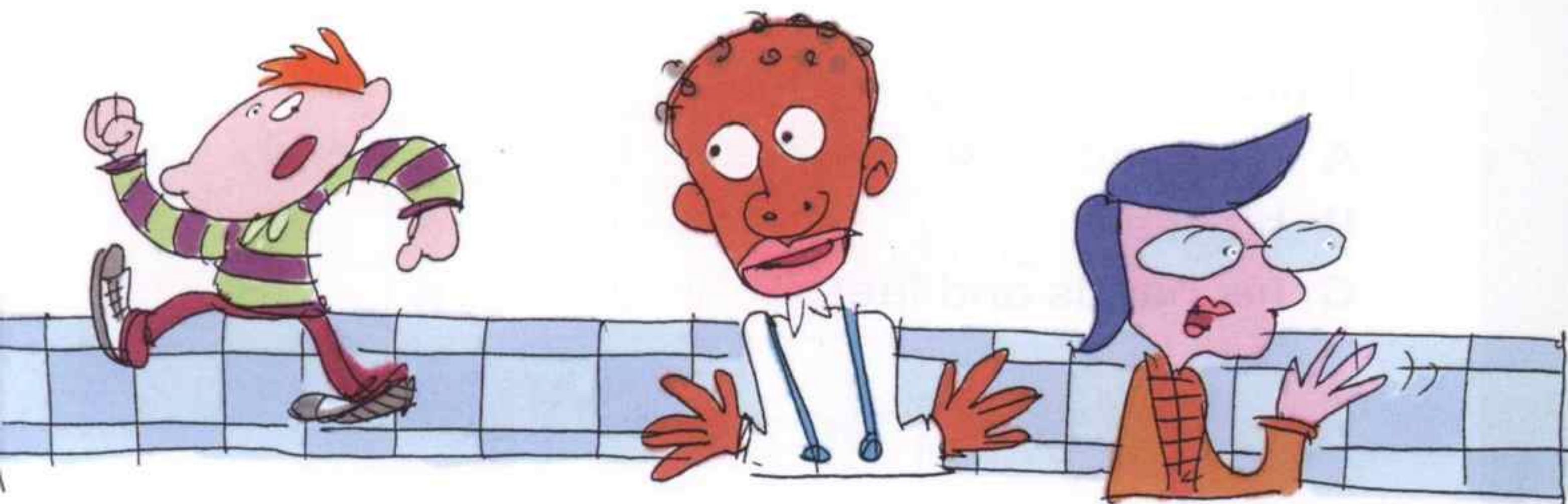
**Tom:** Are you sure?

**Susan and Al:** Of course we are!

**Tom:** Let's go! It's late.

**Susan:** Bye Frankie.

**Al:** Come on Susan!





# Question Time

**Dr Frankenstein:** Look at Frankie, children!

**Joanna:** How tall is he?

**Dr Frankenstein:** Two metres.

**Simon:** What does he eat?

**Dr Frankenstein:** He's vegetarian. He loves carrots and tomatoes. Say hello, Frankie.

**Frankie:** Hello children!





**Luke:** What do you drink, Frankie?

**Frankie:** I love lemonade.

**Joanna:** Where do you live?

**Dr Frankenstein:** He lives in the lab, Joanna.

**Susan:** What's your favourite colour?

**Frankie:** I love pink.



**Dr Frankenstein:** OK children, Frankie is tired now.  
See you tomorrow.

**Children:** Bye Frankie.





**Frankie:** What's that, Dr Frankenstein?

**Dr Frankenstein:** It's a tree.

**Frankie:** Is it green?

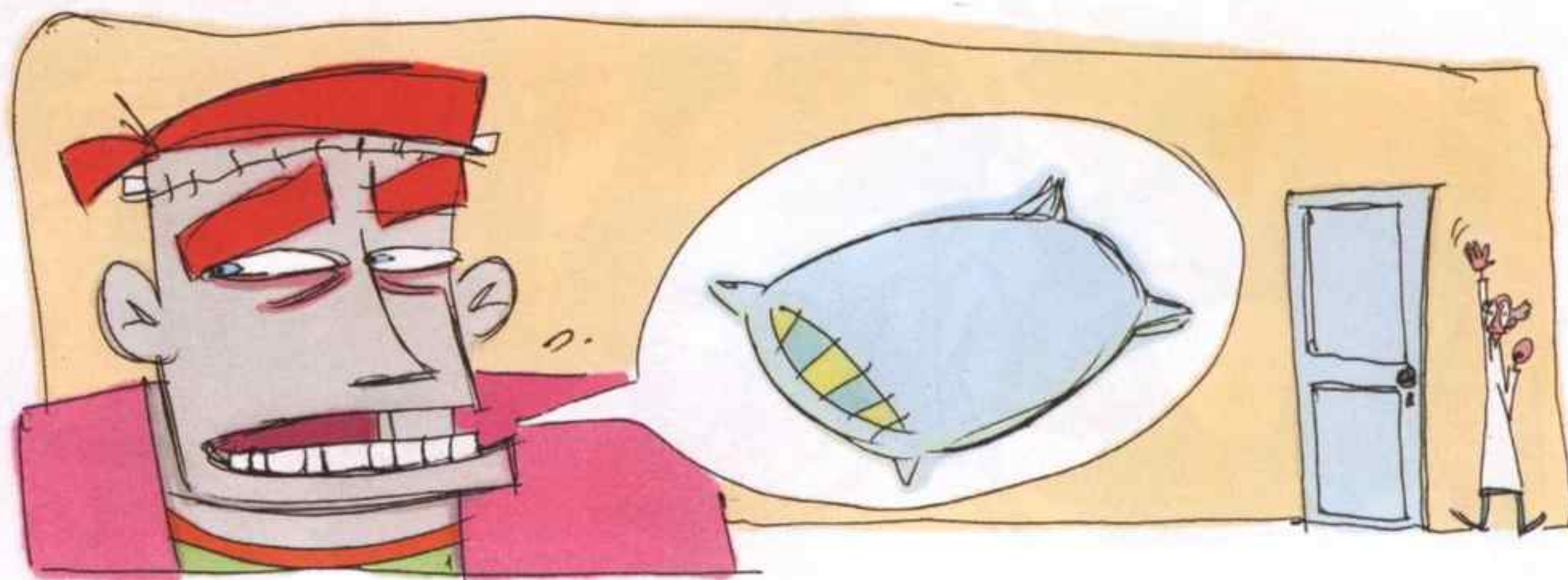
**Dr Frankenstein:** Yes, it is. Do you like it?

**Frankie:** Yes, very much. Can we go out, doctor?



**Dr Frankenstein:** No, Frankie, it's late. Go to bed now.  
Good night.

**Frankie:** Good night, doctor.





**Dr Cook:** Dr Frankenstein?

**Dr Frankenstein:** Yes, Dr Cook...

**Dr Cook:** Frankie isn't in the lab! Is he here?

**Dr Frankenstein:** No, he isn't.

**Children:** Where's Frankie? Where's Frankie?





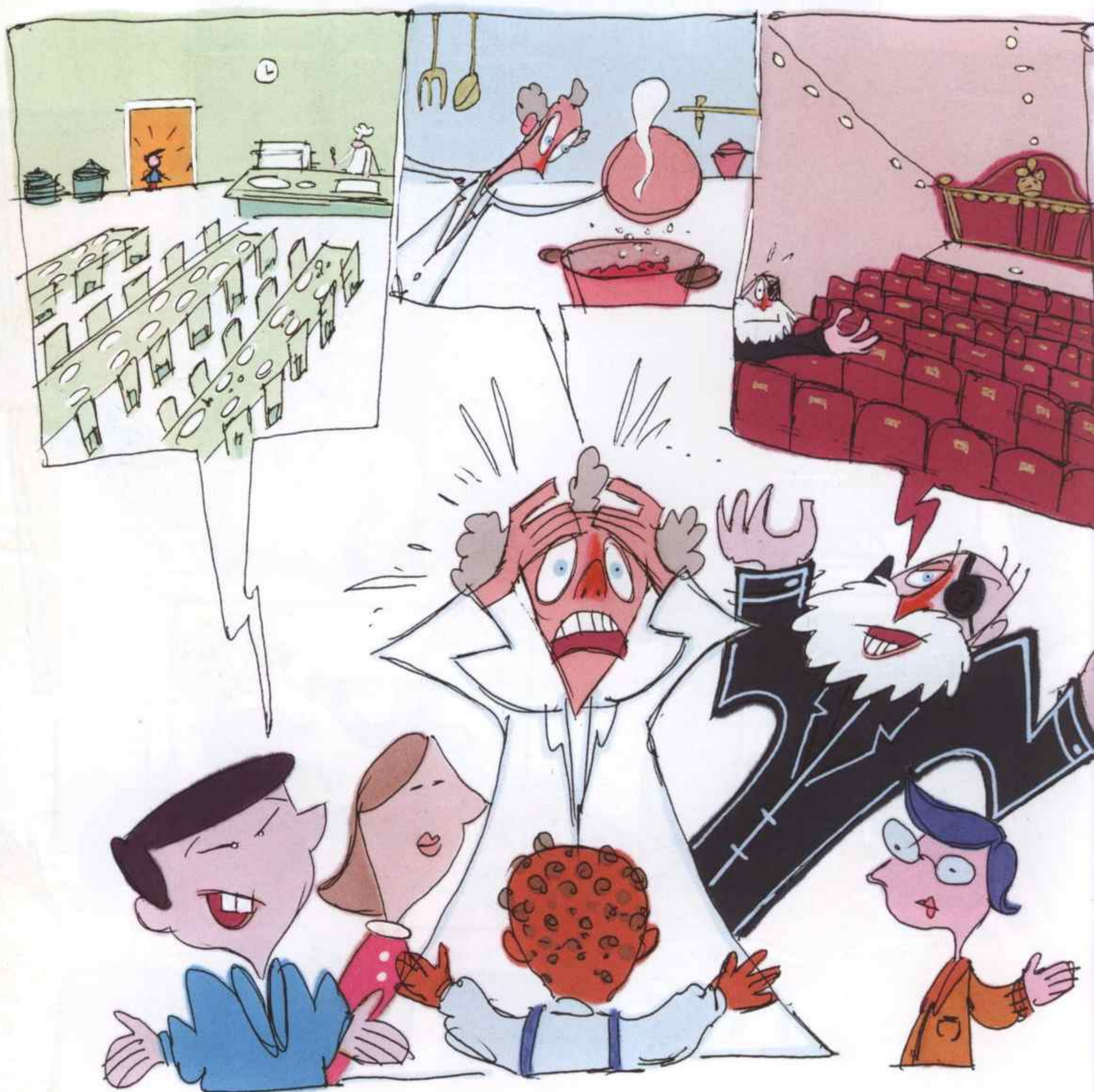
**Luke:** He isn't in the canteen.

**Dr Frankenstein:** Is he in the kitchen?

**Al:** No, he isn't.

**Dr Cook:** He isn't in the theatre.

**Susan:** We can't find him!





## CHAPTER 4

# Frankie is Missing

**Policeman 1:** Can I help you, sir?

**Dr Frankenstein:** Yes, my Frankie is missing!

**Policeman 1:** Your Frankie, sir?

**Dr Cook:** Yes, the doctor's Frankie.

**Policeman 1:** The doctor's Frankie, I see.





**Dr Frankenstein:** Can you help us?

**Policeman 2:** Well, can you describe Frankie, sir?

**Dr Frankenstein:** Of course, Frankie is two metres tall. He has got a square head, red hair, blue eyes, long arms, with big hands and feet.

**Children:** And a pink heart.

**Dr Frankenstein:** That's right, a pink heart.





**Policeman 2:** Can you draw the identikit, Henry?

**Henry:** Yes, sir. Two metres tall, a square head, red hair, blue eyes, long arms, big hands and feet.

OK... just one moment...

Here you are, sir.

**Policeman 2:** Thank you, Henry. Is this Frankie?

**Susan:** Yes, that's Frankie!

**Tom:** Look! That's Frankie.





**Man:** Who's that?

**Woman:** I don't know.

**Man:** What's he doing?

**Woman:** He's picking flowers.

**Frankie:** Roses, violets... Frankie loves flowers.





**Harriet:** Good morning.

**Frankie:** Hello. My name's Frankie. What's your name?

**Harriet:** My name's Harriet.

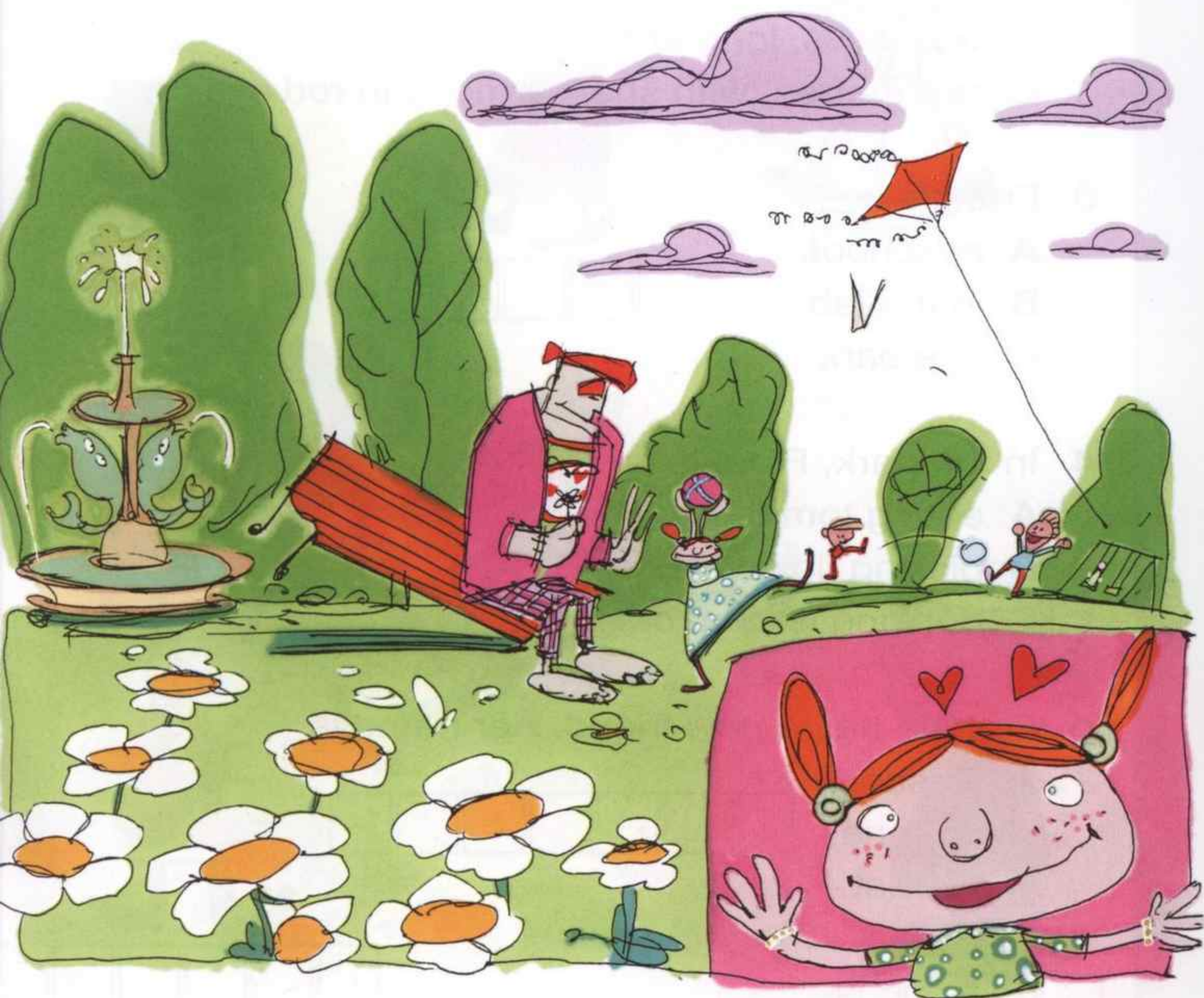
**Frankie:** Hello, Harriet.

**Harriet:** Do you like the park?

**Frankie:** What is a park?

**Harriet:** This is a park. We are in the park now. There are trees, flowers, fountains and children playing.

**Frankie:** Oh, yes. I love the park, it's wonderful.





# A Happy Ending

**Harriet:** Where are you from, Frankie?

**Frankie:** I'm from the lab.

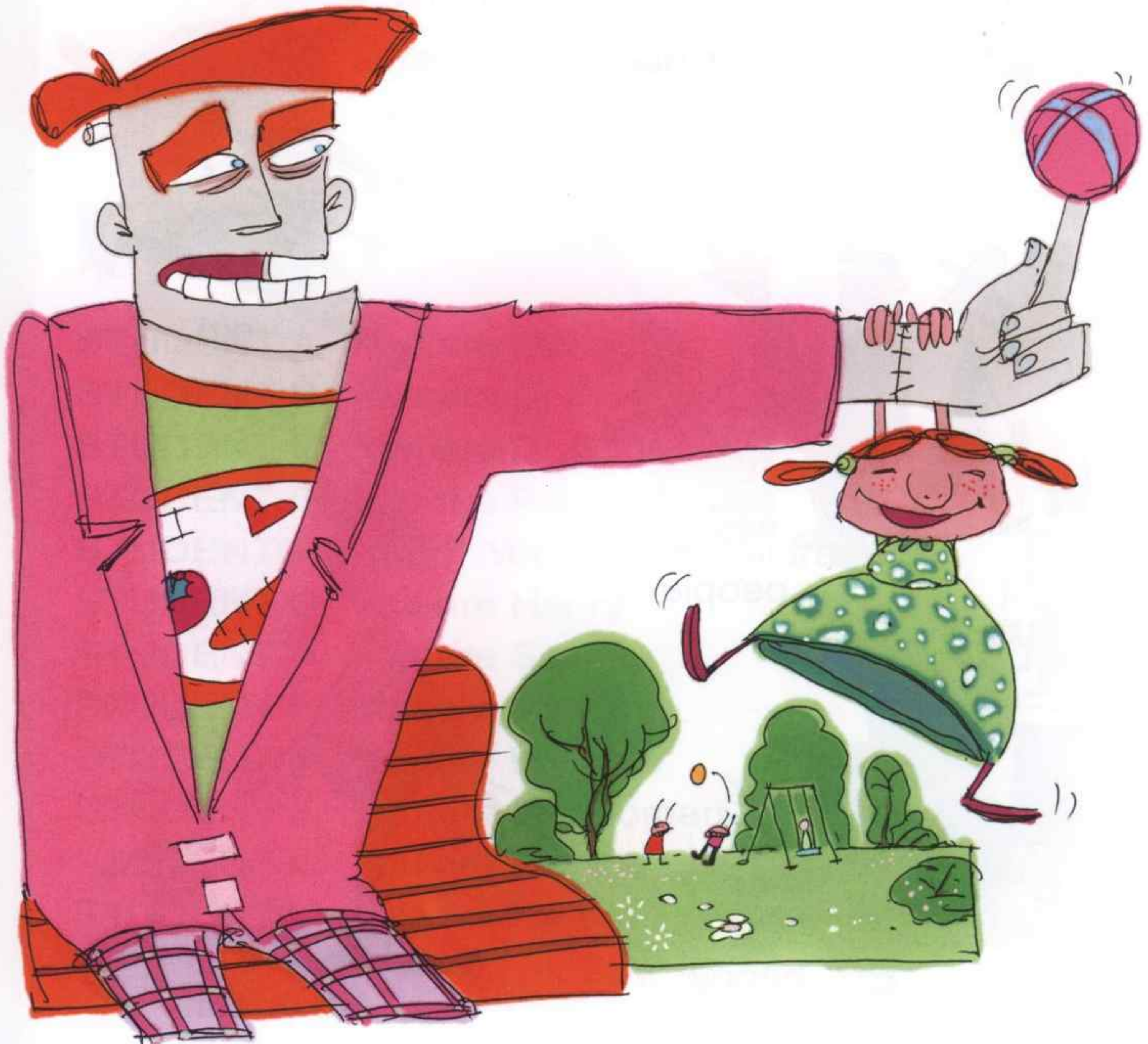
**Harriet:** The lab?

**Frankie:** Yes, Dr Frankenstein is my father.

**Harriet:** Dr Frankenstein, what's his job?

**Frankie:** He's a scientist and a teacher.

**Harriet:** Wow! Very interesting.





**Man:** Hello...

**Operator:** Can I help you, sir?

**Man:** The police, please.

**Operator:** Just a moment.



**Policeman 1:** London Police Station.

**Man:** I know where Frankie is.

**Policeman 1:** Frankie?

**Man:** Yes, he's missing, isn't he?

**Policeman 1:** Yes he is, sir. Where is he?

**Man:** He's at Hyde Park Corner. Near Marble Arch tube station.

**Policeman 1:** Thank you, sir.





**Policeman 1:** Let's go.

**Policeman 2:** Wait. Where are you going?

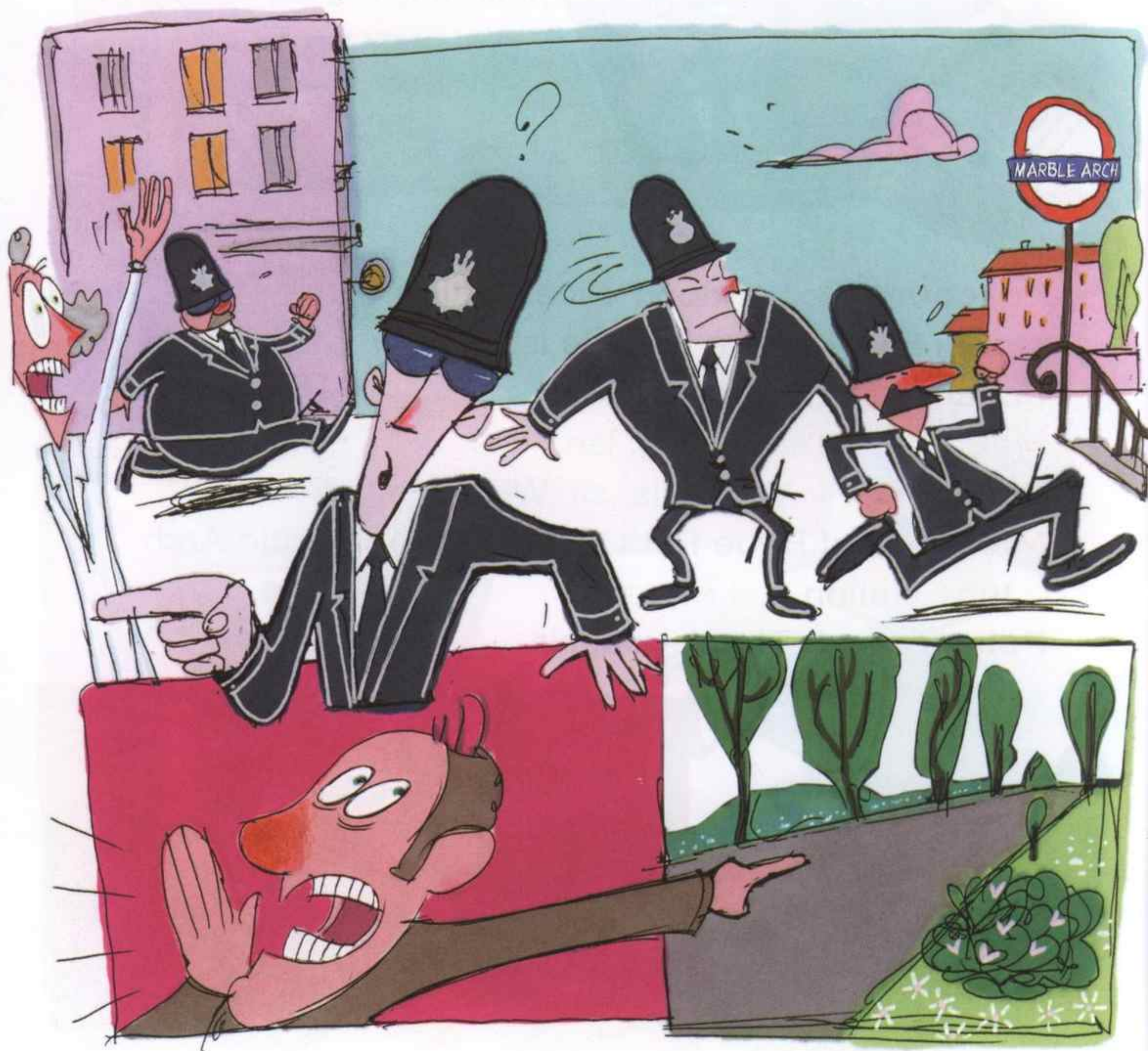
**Dr Frankenstein:** This way, on the right.

**Policeman 3:** No, this way, on the left.

**Policeman 4:** We're lost.

**Policeman 2:** Excuse me, sir, where *is* Hyde Park Corner?

**Man:** Straight down, then second on the left.





**Policeman 1:** Can you see him?

**Policeman 4:** Who?

**Policeman 1:** Frankie!

**Policeman 4:** No, I can't. There are so many people.

**Dr Frankenstein:** People! There are people everywhere.

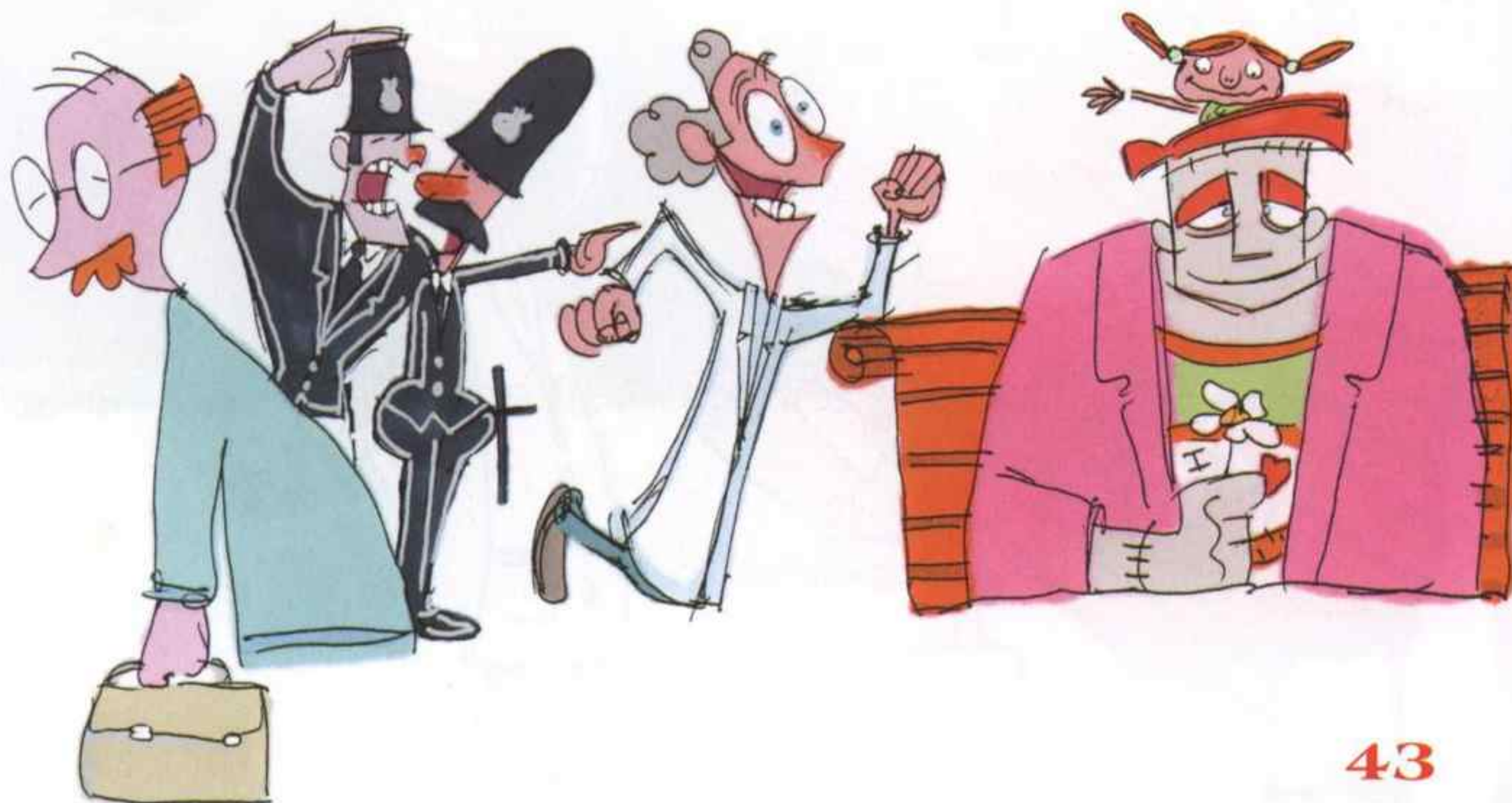
**Policeman 3:** Wait! Look! He's over there.

**Policeman 4:** He's sitting on a bench.

**Policeman 3:** There's a girl with him.



**Dr Frankenstein:** Let's go!





**Dr Frankenstein:** Hello, Frankie!

**Frankie:** Hi, Dad! How are you?

**Dr Frankenstein:** Fine, Frankie. And you?

**Frankie:** I'm really happy. I've got some flowers and a new friend. Her name is Harriet.

**Dr Frankenstein:** Hi, Harriet. Nice to meet you.

**Harriet:** Nice to meet you too.

**Frankie:** Please, sit down! Who are they?

**Dr Frankenstein:** Don't worry, they're friends.  
But I can't stay. We have to go.

**Frankie:** But where?

**Dr Frankenstein:** Home!

**Frankie:** But this *is* home, Dad. There's a park full of colours, flowers and friends.

**Dr Frankenstein:** You're right, son. This is a beautiful home.

