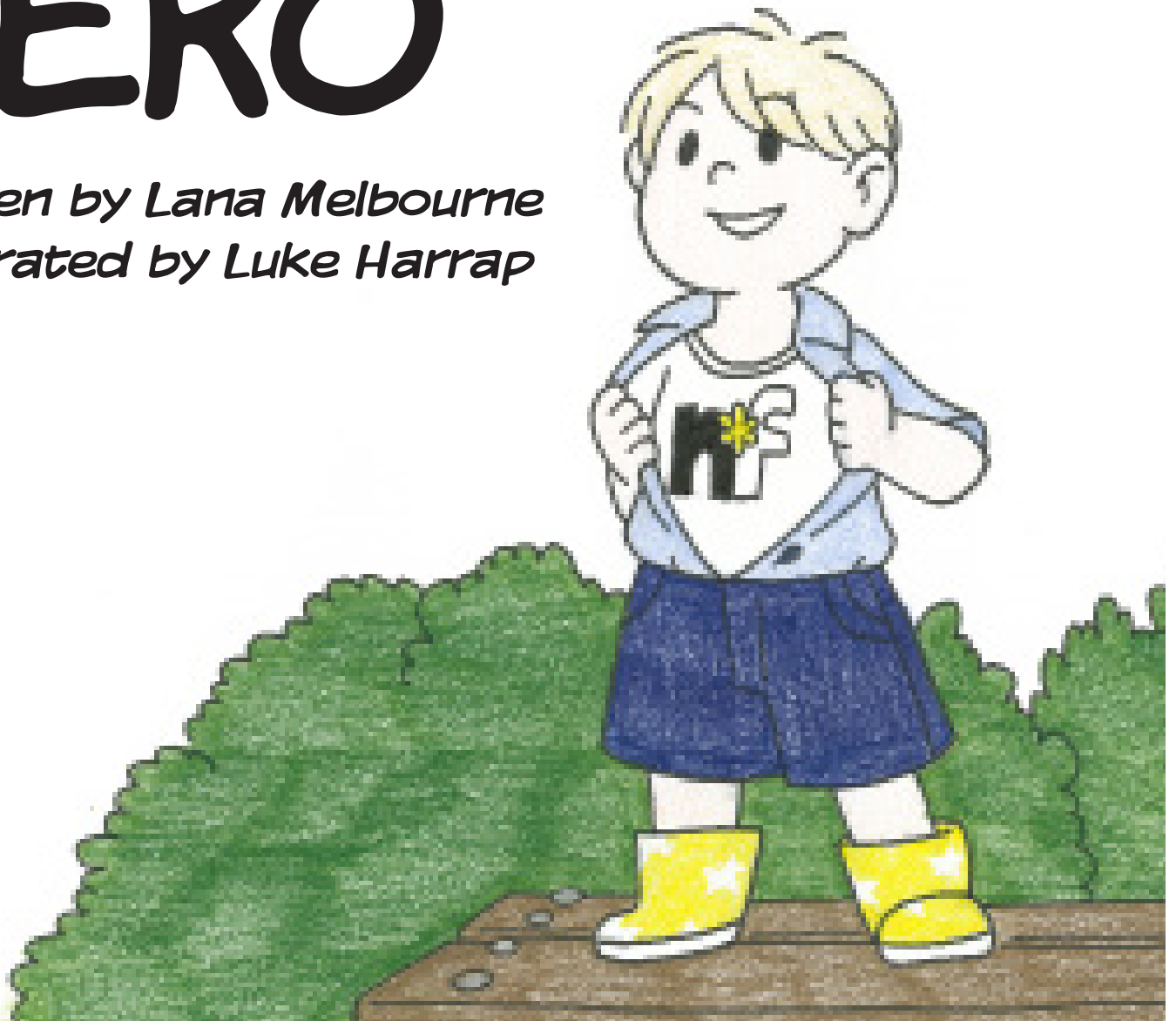


THE NF HERO

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*To Fraser, our very own NF Hero -
never lose your superhero smile little buddy.
You make us so proud.
Love Mummy, Daddy & Sissy.*

*Dedicated to all the NF heroes near and far.
May you always have your super powers to
Face your challenges.*

*"I'm Alex the GREAT, I'm Alex the BRAVE,
I'm Alex the SUPERHERO!!".*



"You are not a superhero," says Jack.

"Am too."

"Are not."

"AM TOO!!"

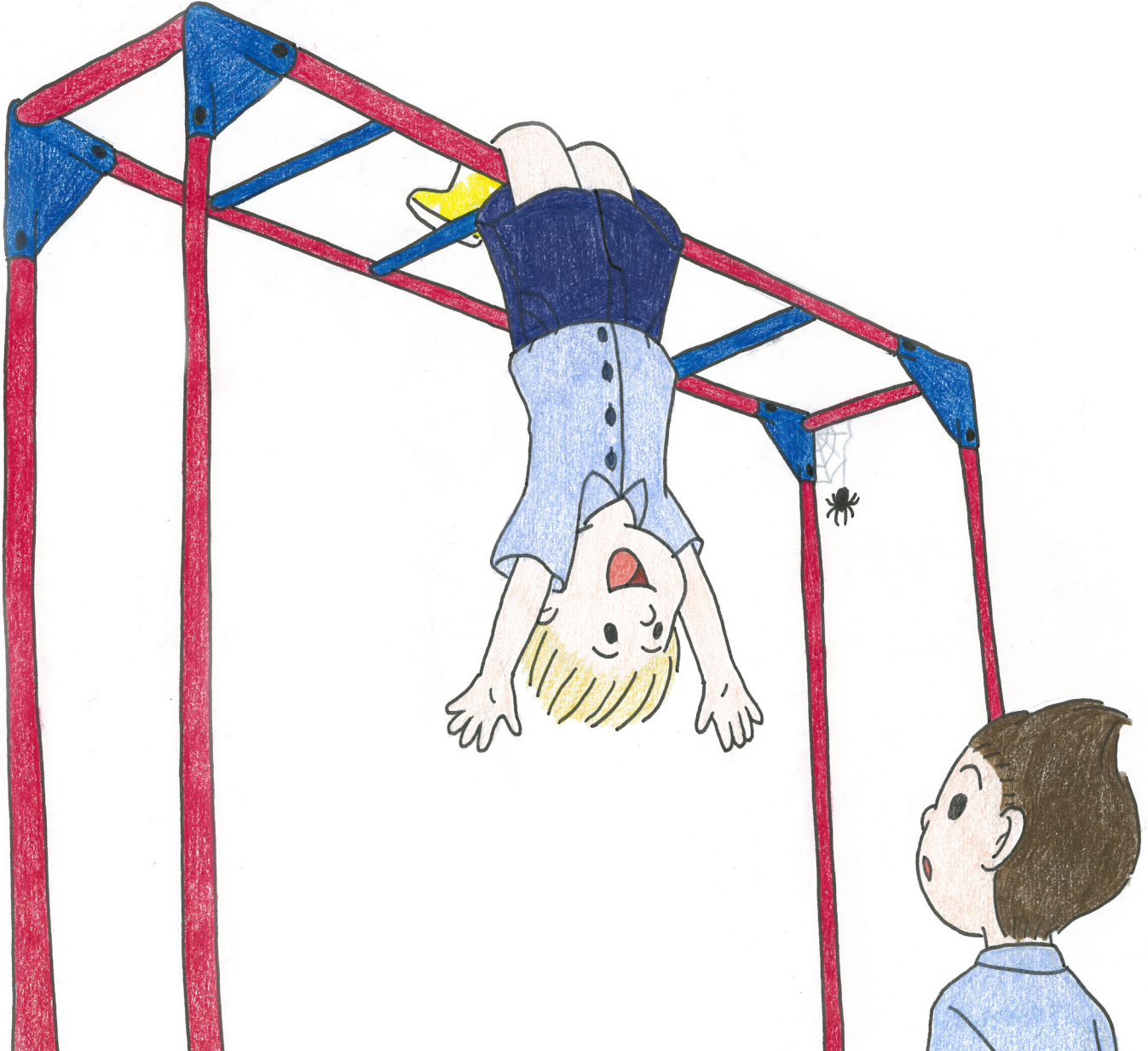
"Well, if you really are a superhero then why don't you prove it."



"Well, I'm BRAVER than Batman..."



"I'm **STRONGER** than Spiderman..."



"And I'm more SUPER than Superman!!"



"Oh yeah. Well, if you REALLY are the BEST Superhero of all time, what is your superhero name smarty pants?," says Jack.

"Well, that's easy. I'm the NF Hero".



Jack is not convinced. "The NF Hero? What is a NF Hero? Let me guess, it stands For Not Funny?," he says jokingly.

"No Jack, everyone knows you're the one that's not Funny. NF stands For Neurofibromatosis."



"Nemo what?," says Jack.

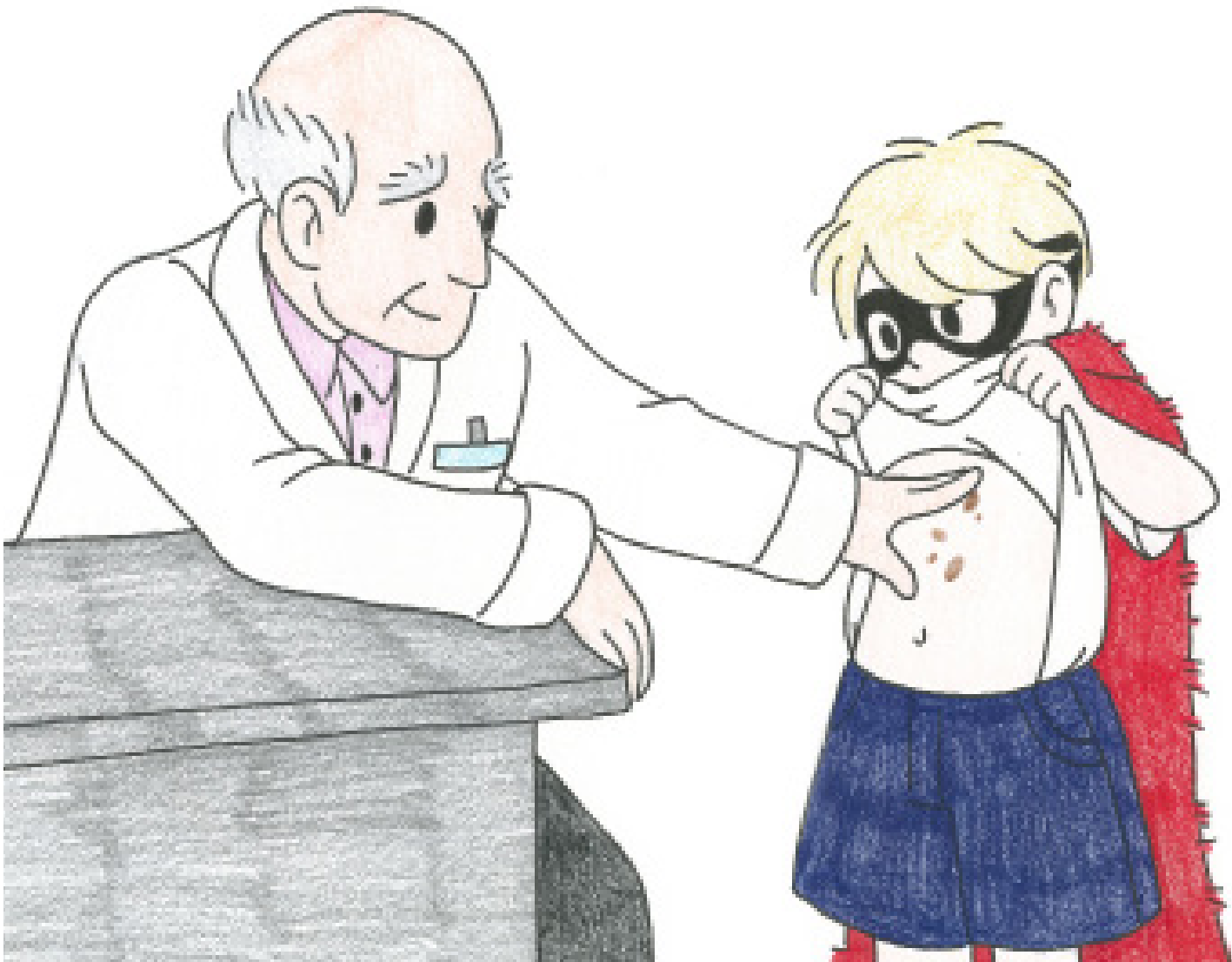
"Not Nemo silly, Neuro-Fibro-matosis, but you can call me the NF Hero for short," Alex responds.



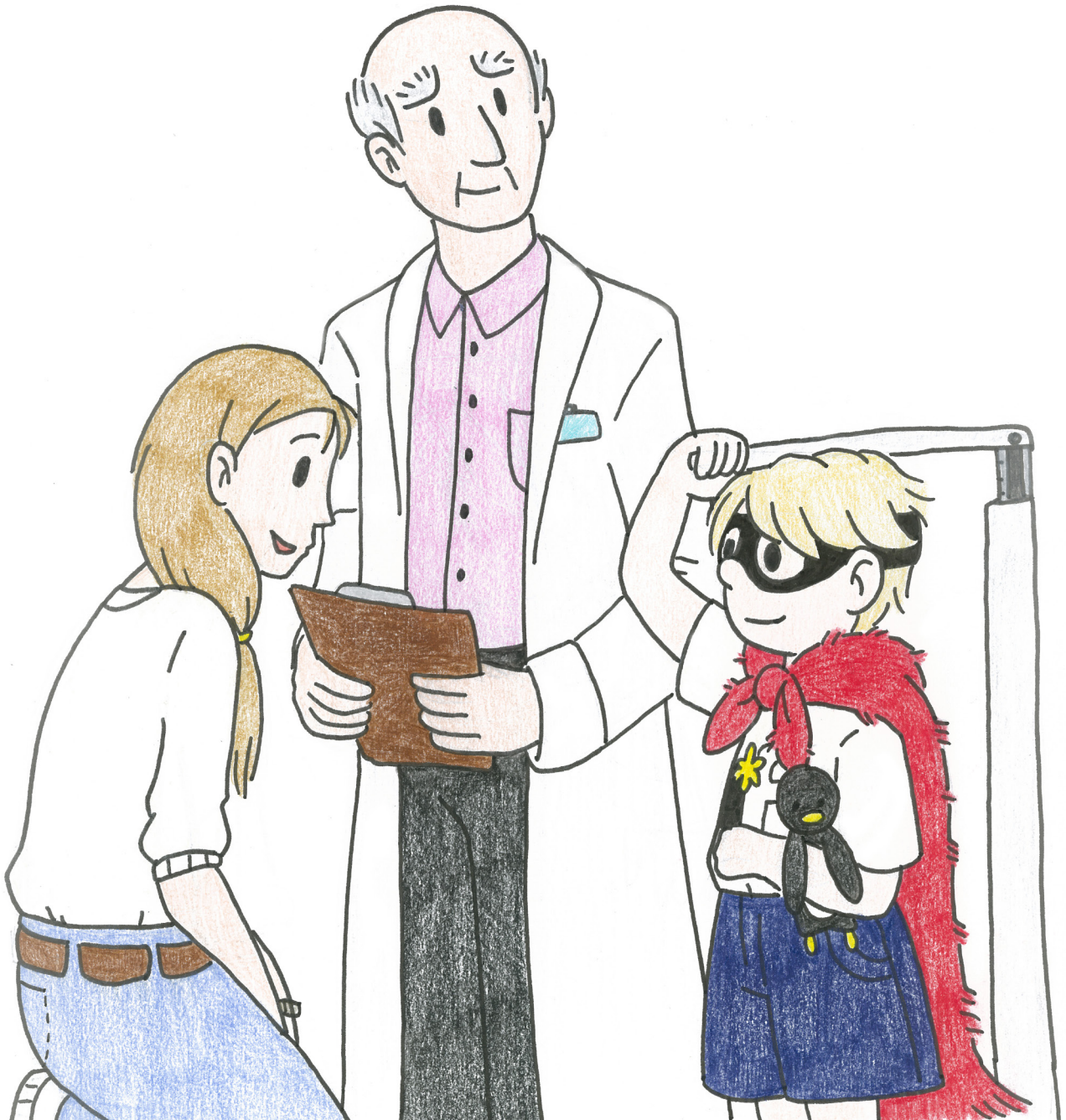
"Well, what's so special about a NF Hero anyway?," Jack questions.



"Well, I'm so special that sometimes the doctors check out my superhero spots..."



"They see how tall I'm growing and how big my brains are..."



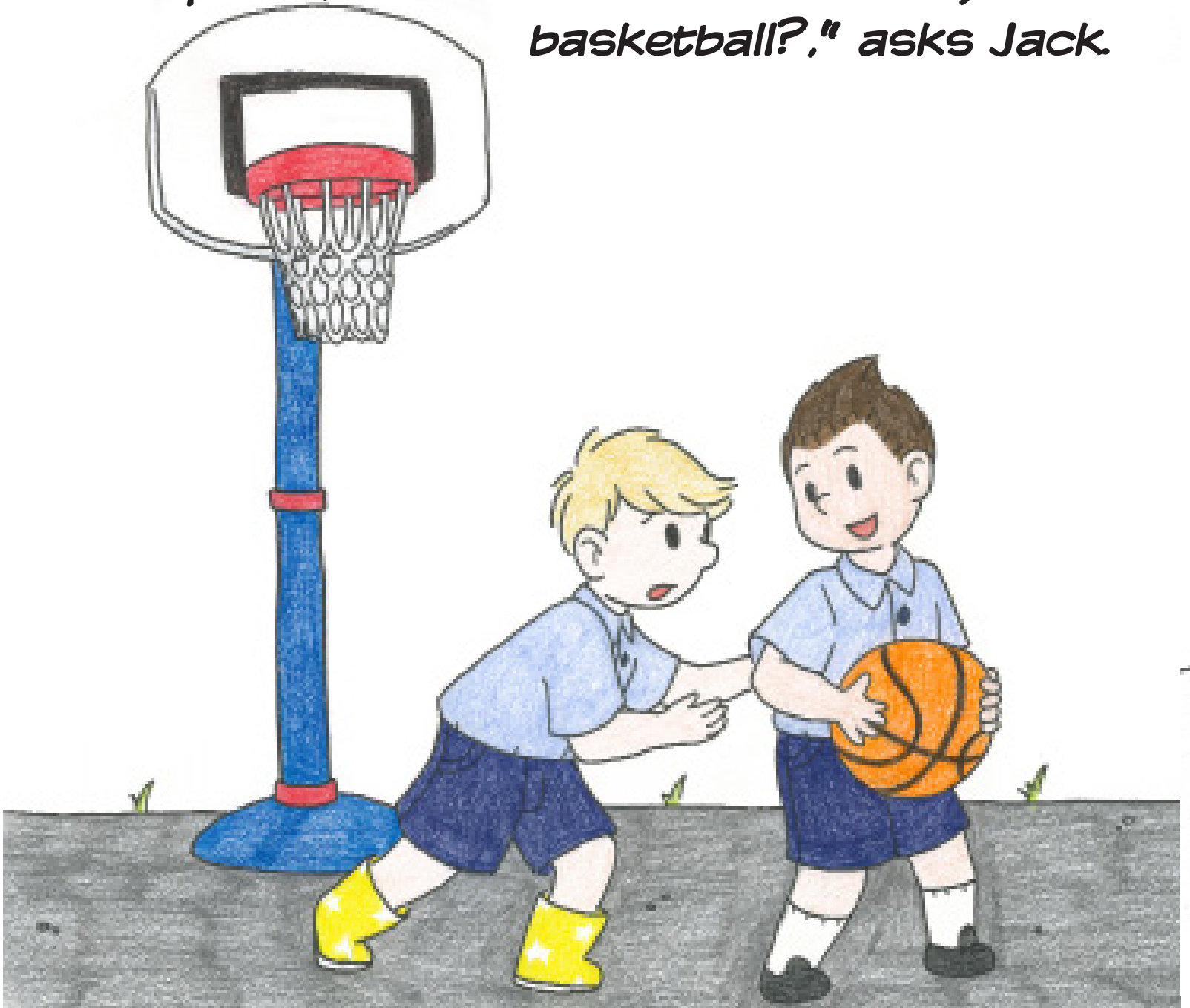
"They check my eyes For superhero vision...."



"And sometimes they even put me in a big tube to check my superhero insides!"



"Well, if being a NF Hero makes you so special, how come I can still beat you at basketball?," asks Jack.



"And I'm even better than you at maths!"



"Because not even a superhero can be good at EVERYTHING Jack."



Information For parents and educators

Neurofibromatosis (NF) is a set of three complex genetic conditions that can cause tumours to form on nerve cells throughout the body, including the brain and spine.

- Neurofibromatosis Type 1 (NF1)
- Neurofibromatosis Type 2 (NF2)
- Schwannomatosis

NF affects more than 10,000 people in Australia, but the signs, symptoms and management of each condition is different, as is the treatment for every person who has it.

NF can lead to a range of significant health issues including deafness, blindness, paralysis, physical differences, bone abnormalities, cancer, learning difficulties and chronic pain.

NF can affect anyone regardless of age, ethnicity, gender or family history and causes tumours (known as neurofibromas) to grow around the body's nerve cells, under the surface of the skin or deep in the body.

It is impossible to predict how mildly or severely someone with NF will be affected, and roughly half of all cases arise in families with no history of the condition.

There is no known cure, and treatment options are limited. It is this uncertainty that makes a diagnosis of NF so challenging.

For more information and resources, please go to **www.ctf.org.au**



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This is the story of Alex...
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