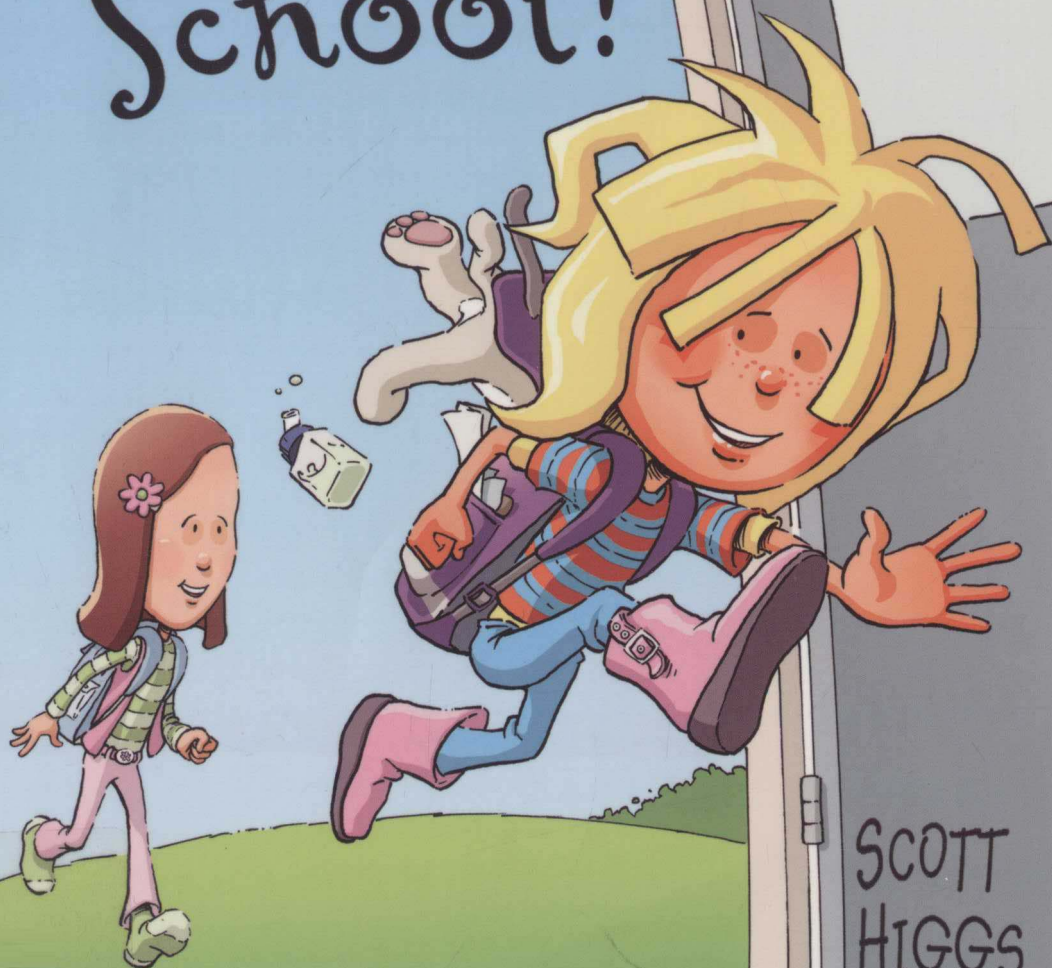


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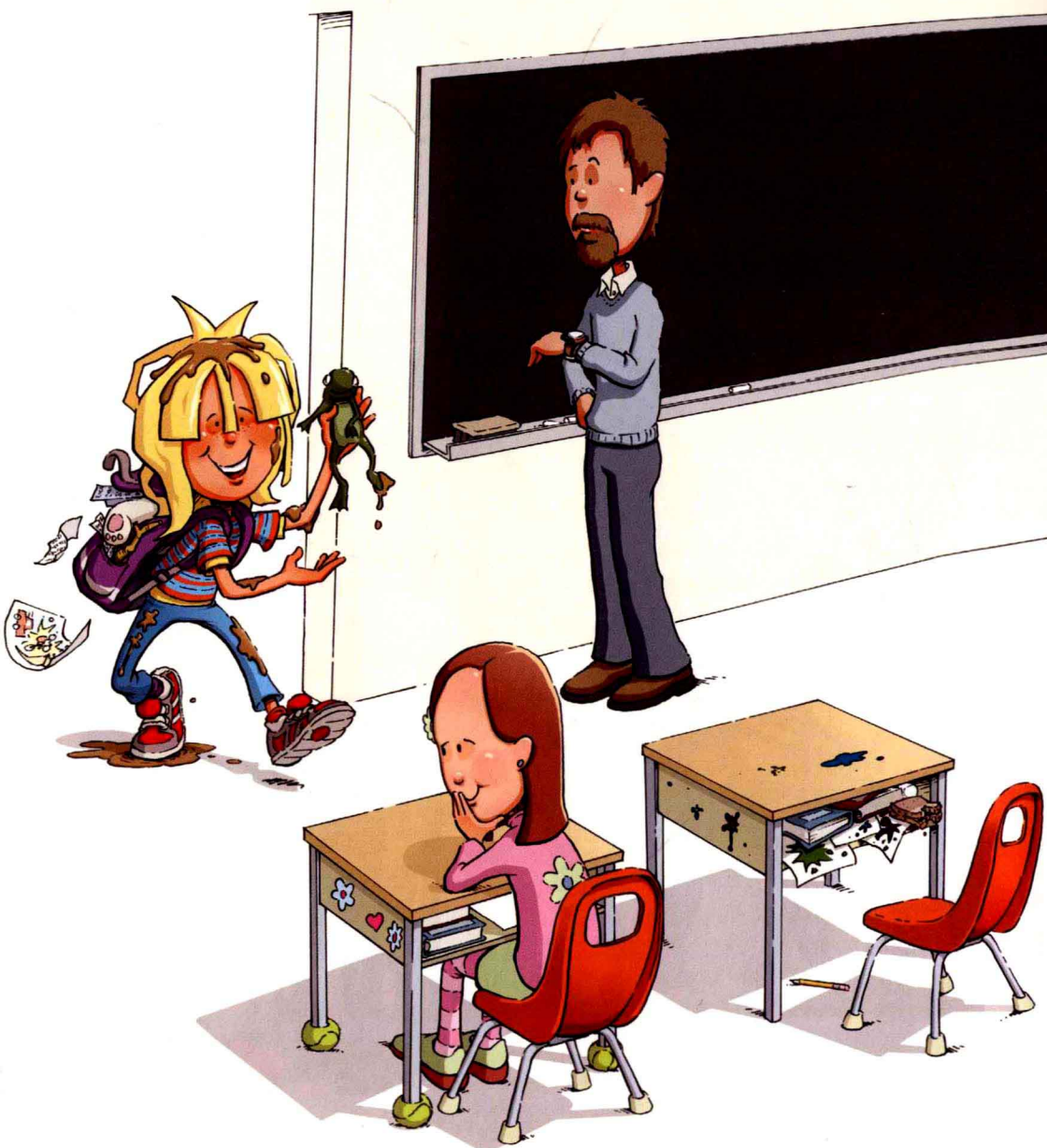
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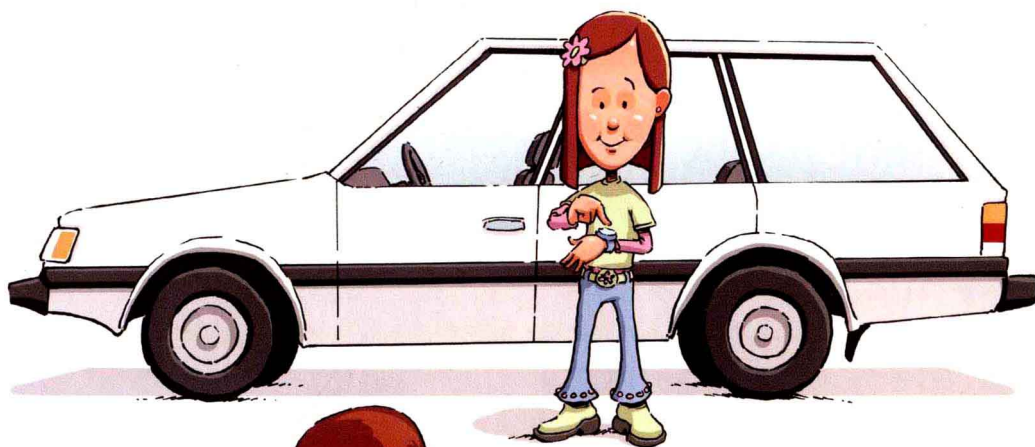


They sat side by side at school.



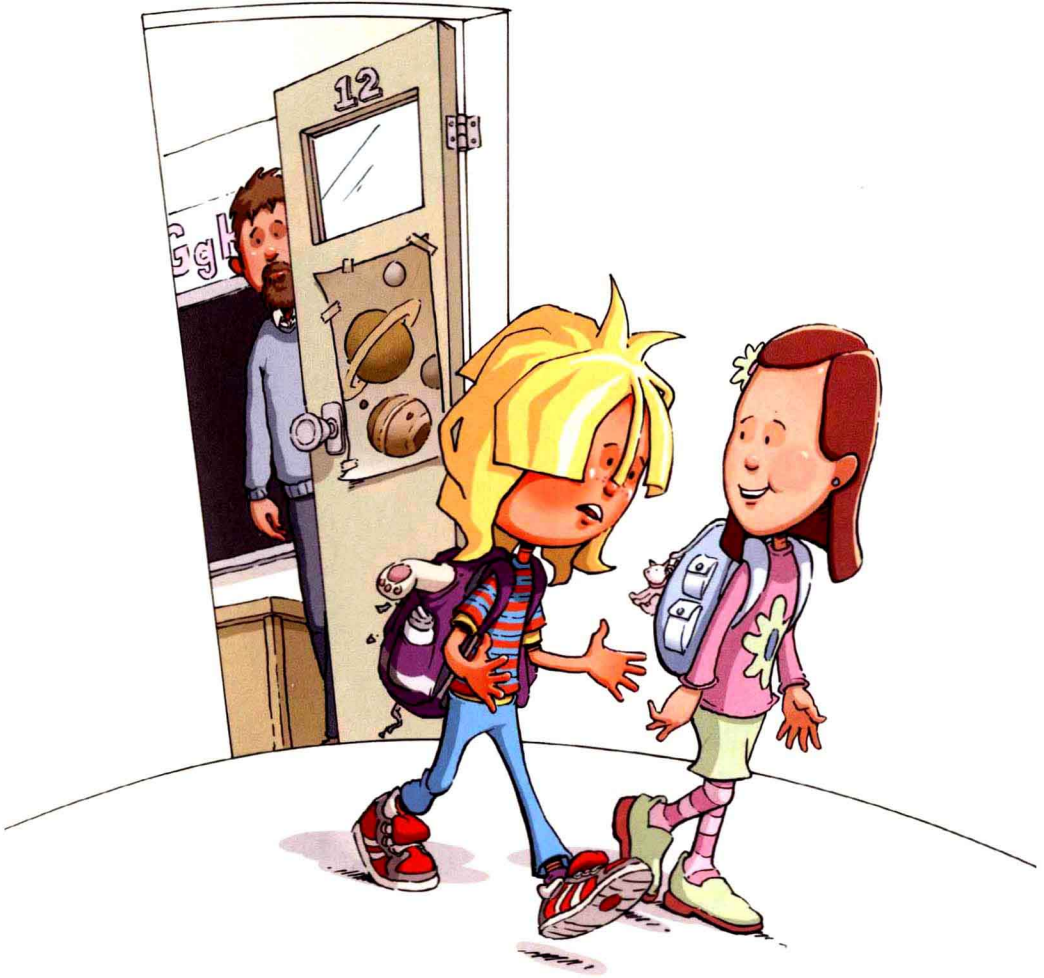


Haley was late more often than anyone else in the class.



Bix was on time every single day.

“Bix, Mr. Duval says if I’m late even once next week, I’ll be sent to the office!”



“The office! Don’t you worry, Haley. I will help you be on time.”



On Monday morning, bright and early,  
Bix called Haley on the telephone.





Haley ate her breakfast without getting distracted.



She had her school bag packed and ready to go.





When she arrived at school,  
everyone was still playing outside.  
Nobody was rushing. The bell had not  
rung. Haley was going to be on time!

But Bix looked worried.  
“Um . . . Haley . . .”

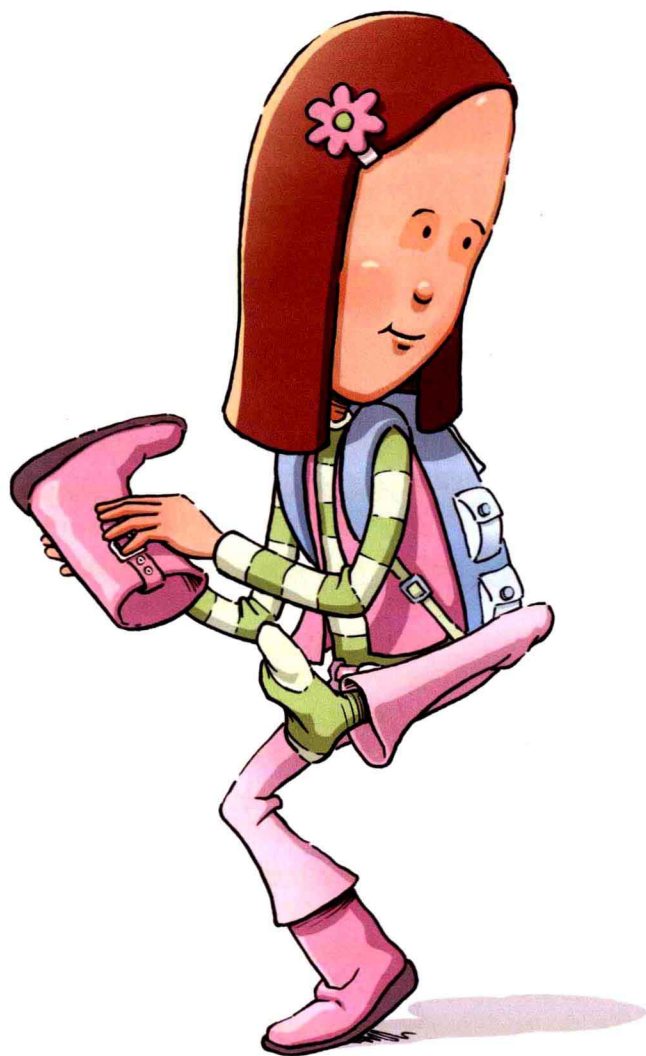






“Where are your shoes?”

Even though the bell was about to ring,  
Bix knew she had to help her friend.

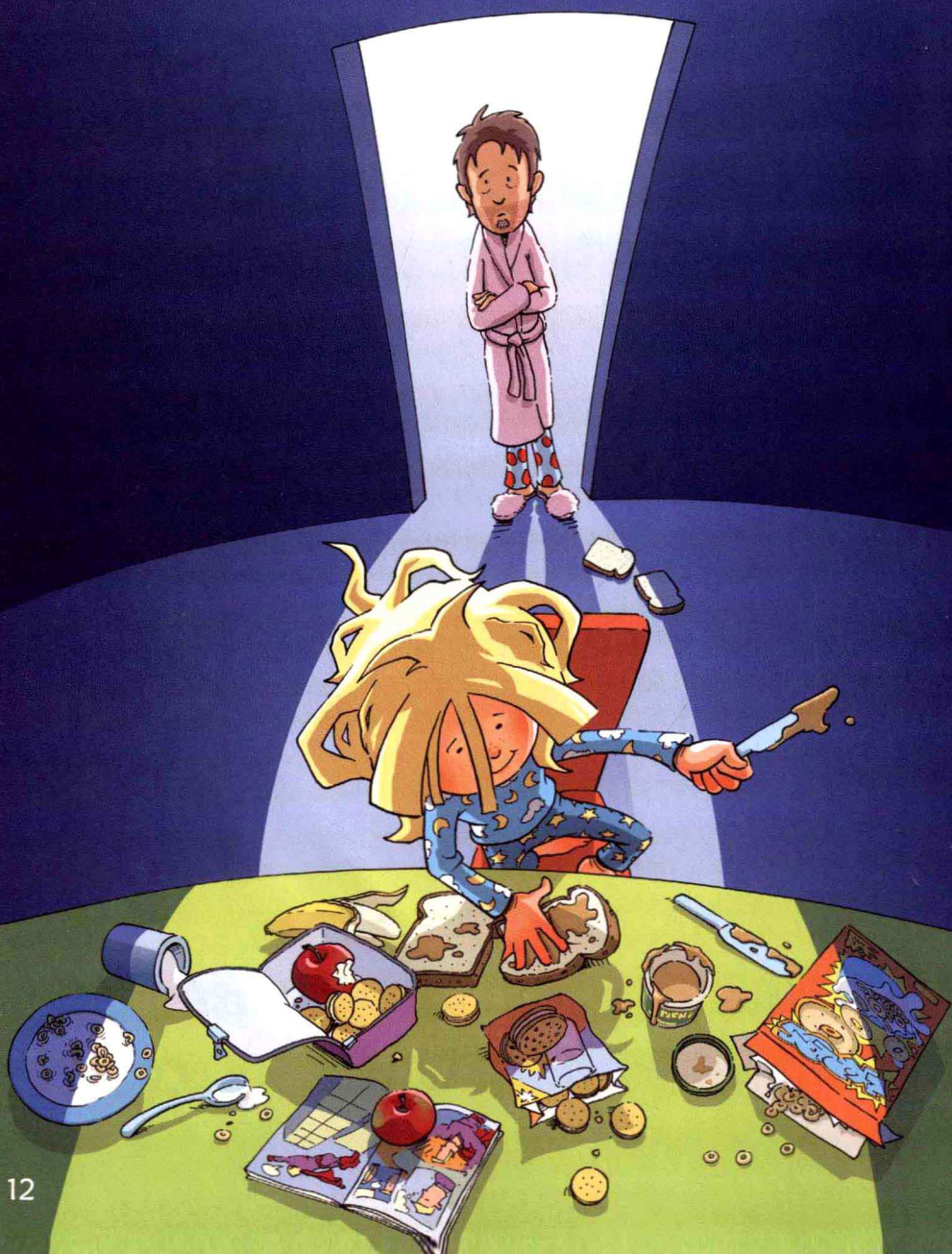




Haley ran into the school just before the bell. She was on time!



On Tuesday morning, Haley was up early again.

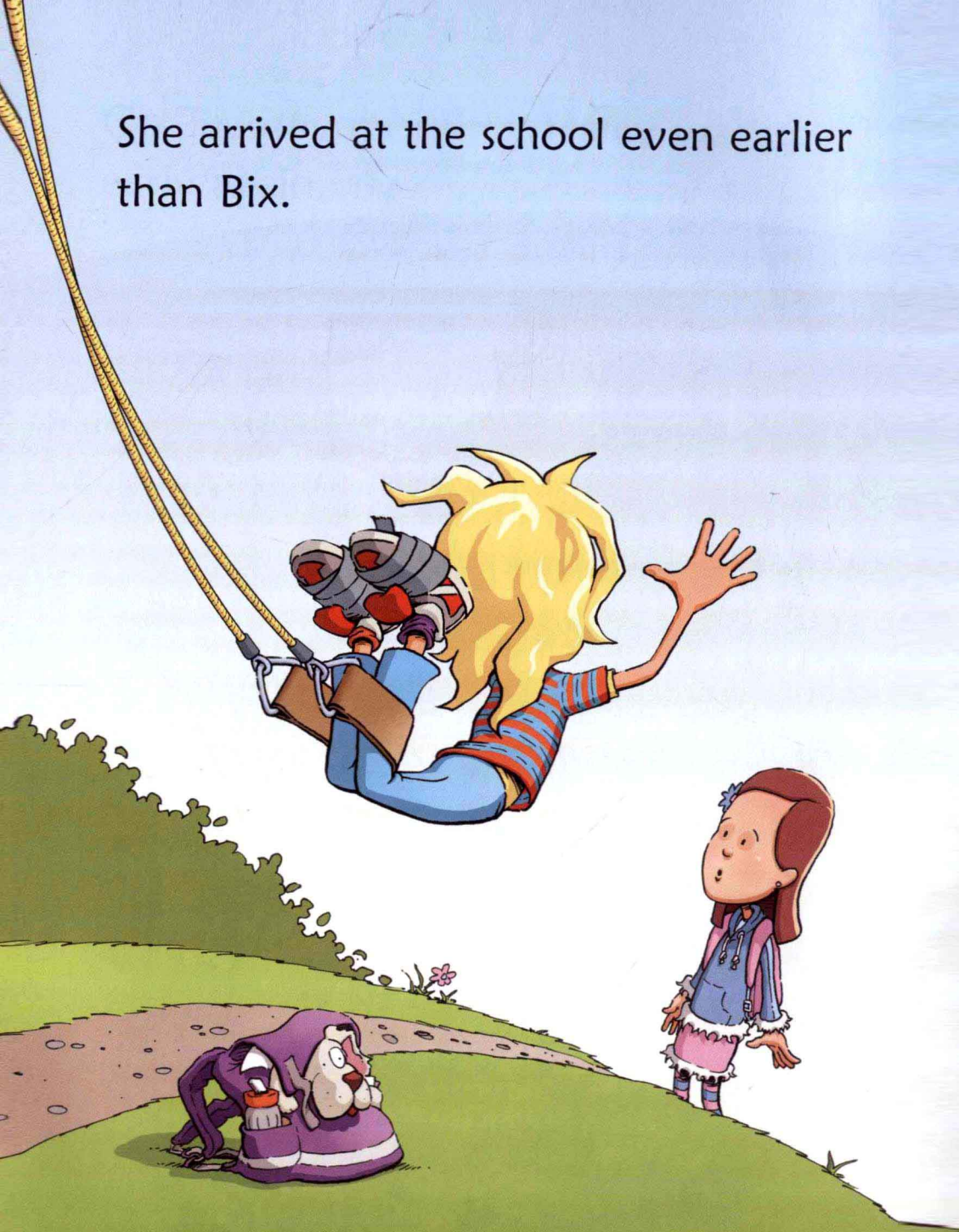




This time, she made sure she had everything she needed.



She arrived at the school even earlier than Bix.



For once, the girls had time to play before school.