

Chapter 1 *It Followed Me*



Jack was eating his breakfast when his mobile phone began to ring. It was his friend Eve.

“Hi, Jack,” said Eve. “Do you want to hang out in the park?”

“Good idea,” said Jack. “Let me finish my breakfast and I’ll meet you.”



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“Where?”

“At the end of the road,” said Jack.

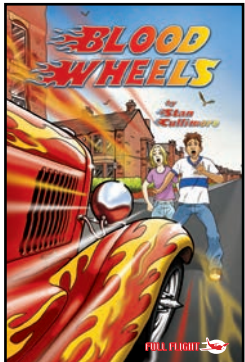
Ten minutes later, Jack was sitting on the wall at the end of the road. Next to a STOP sign.

Eve came running up. She stopped in front of him and looked about. As if she was scared of something.

“Are you OK?”
asked Jack.



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Chapter 1 A text



“Let’s go on to the next room,” the tour leader said.

“Let’s not!” Jason said.

The tour leader went ahead. Everyone followed.

“How many rooms are there in this castle?” Zak asked.

“About fifty, I think!” Jason said.

“Fifty? This is so boring,” Zak said.

“I think I will put some music on.”

He took out his MP3 player.

The tour leader glared at him.



Chapter 1

The Die-Hard Trophy



Blaine Davis gave his go-kart engine one last tweak.

It sounded good, but Blaine was nervous.

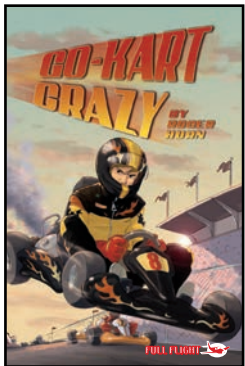
The final of the Die-Hard Trophy was just a few days away and he badly wanted to win it.

His best buddy, Rick grinned at him.

“Relax mate. You’re the best go-karter ever. Trust me - that cup is as good as yours.”

Blaine wasn’t so sure.

He was a great driver all right, but his kart was well past its sell-by date.



Chapter 1 Dan Lash



The piece of paper hit Nick Hall on the back of the head. He turned round and saw the grinning faces of school “hard-man” Jed Frame and his best mate Tom Bolt.

It was last lesson of the day; maths.



“Loser,” mouthed Jed.

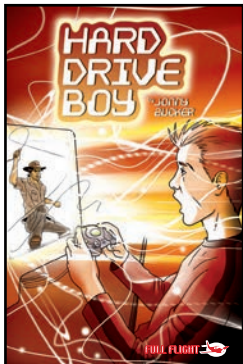
Tom laughed.

Nick groaned and shook his head. Jed was a total pain. He was always on Nick’s case.

When Nick got home he went to his bedroom. He slumped into his chair and flicked on his computer.

The graphics for his favourite game - Jungle Killers 3 - flashed across the screen.

Nick could forget about Jed Frame when he was playing Jungle Killers 3.



CHAPTER 1 DID I KILL HER?



She was dead.

The girl was dead and the four words that rang out in Dino's mind made him feel sick.

"Did I kill her?"

Dino was hard.

It took a lot to scare him, but now his blood ran cold in the House of Fear.

The girl lay at the foot of the stairs.

Dino had chased her, then she fell.

Head over heels. Dino saw her head hit the hard steps on the way down.

"I didn't push her!" he said out loud.

"If she is dead, it's not down to me."

It had been a long night and the worst was yet to come...



CHAPTER 1 PART OF THE TEAM



“OK, it’s agreed. Next trip, you’re coming too.”

“Brilliant!”

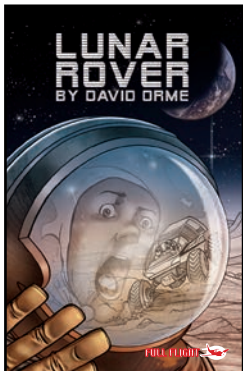
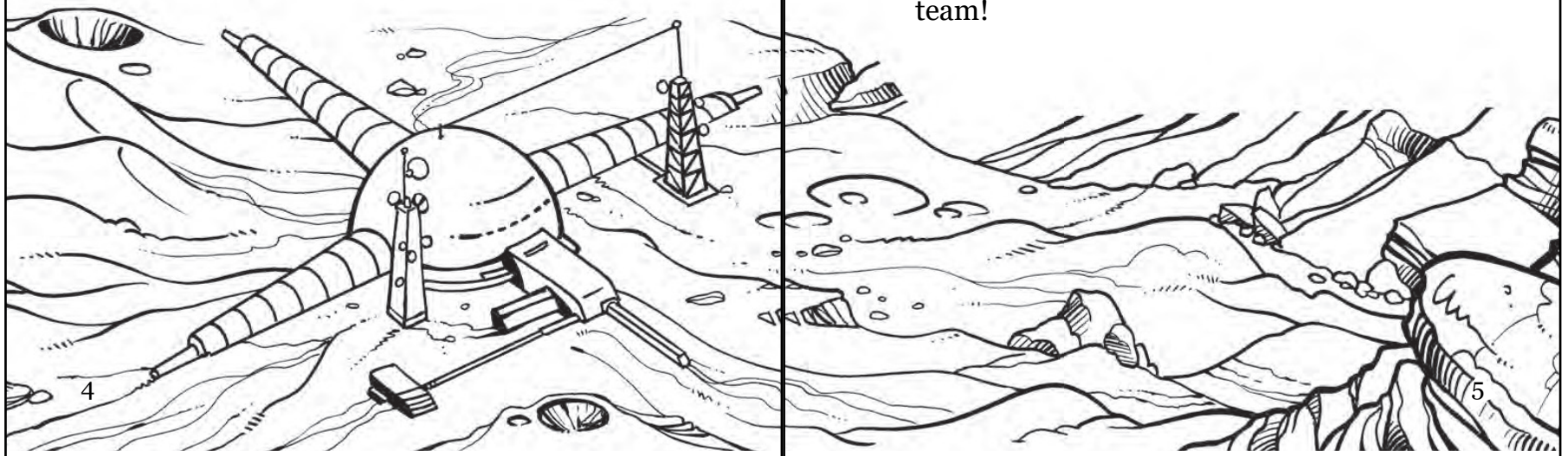
Su loved living at Moonbase 3. Her father was a scientist who studied the rocks on the Moon.

He often had to go outside and collect rocks from mountains and craters.

These missions could be dangerous, and young people who lived on the base weren’t allowed to go. But Su was now sixteen.

The chief scientist knew she was sensible.

Next trip, she would be part of the team!

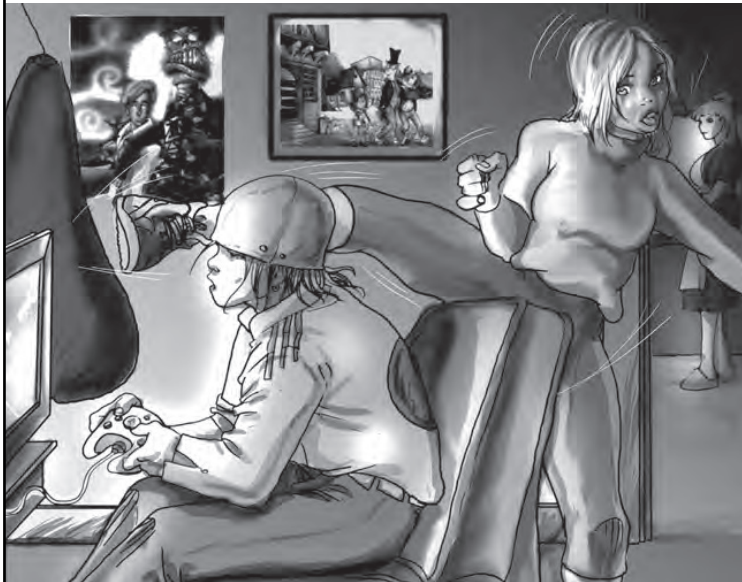


CHAPTER I NEWS INFO



Tyler was playing Alien Smash 4 on his computer.

His sister Gail was working on her kick-boxing moves.



“It’s such a sunny day,” called their mum from the kitchen.

“You two should be outside enjoying the sun.”

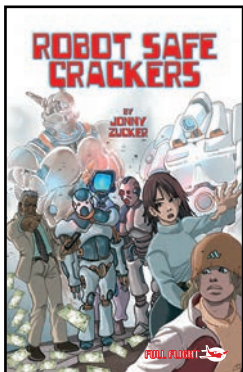
“In a minute!” replied Tyler.

“In a minute!” replied Gail.

“No way!” groaned Tyler as Alien Star Command destroyed his Human Power Ship.

He exited Alien Smash 4 and looked at the day’s news.

“Check this out,” he said looking up from his computer screen.



Chapter 1 Discovery



It was 10am. The sun beat down.

Todd sat with his father at a small café.

A young woman approached their table.

Sonia Rosa was a journalist. She had some news.

“A skeleton has been found in the rainforest.

It’s ancient. There’s gold treasure buried with it.



CHAPTER 1 PERFECT DAY



Harry loved being on holiday by the sea. But he hated it too!

He loved the sun, the sea and the surfing. But he hated having to spend all his time with his kid brother, Max.

Max was two years younger than Harry. He was always hanging around, wanting to do what Harry was doing and Harry hated it!

“But he’s not going surfing with me, this morning,” thought Harry.

“Not if I can help it!”

Harry quietly pulled on his wetsuit and tiptoed past Max, who was still asleep.

But just as Harry got to the front door, his mobile went off.

He grabbed his phone and read the text.

Some of the surfers wanted him to come to a barbecue that night.

Harry didn’t know what to do. He wanted to go to the barbecue. But he knew his dad would only let him go if he took Max with him.



CHAPTER 1 BAD DREAMS



It was dark. The room had no windows.
Anoki could not breathe.

He tried to bang on the door,
but he couldn't move.

He tried to shout for help,
but he couldn't speak.

"Aaaaaaaaagh!"

Anoki woke up suddenly.

In the early morning light, his fear
faded away.

"Not again," he said to himself.

"I've had that nightmare three times."

Each nightmare had been the same:
the dark room, not being able to move,
not being able to speak.

Anoki stared at the dream catcher.

It hung in his window, moving gently
in the breeze.

"Dad should ask for his money back,"
said Anoki.

"That dream catcher doesn't work!"

