

## Chapter 1 - Horrid Herb

Naseem hid behind the door.

His mum had been shopping... *again*.

She was famous for her meals. She loved a show on TV called 'The Wild Cook', but her recipes were even wilder.

She staggered in with another new herb plant. She almost fell onto its spikes as she lowered it to the floor.

Naseem raced upstairs and sent a message to his best mate.

**FROM:** Naseem  
**TO:** Tom  
**SUBJECT:** S.O.S.

She's been shopping again.

Tea could be crazy.

Be quick.

“Naseem, come and help put away this shopping.”

Naseem groaned. He shut down his computer. Suddenly the doorbell rang. Naseem heard Tom’s voice.

“Naseem,” called his mum. “Tom says he needs help with his homework... *again.*”