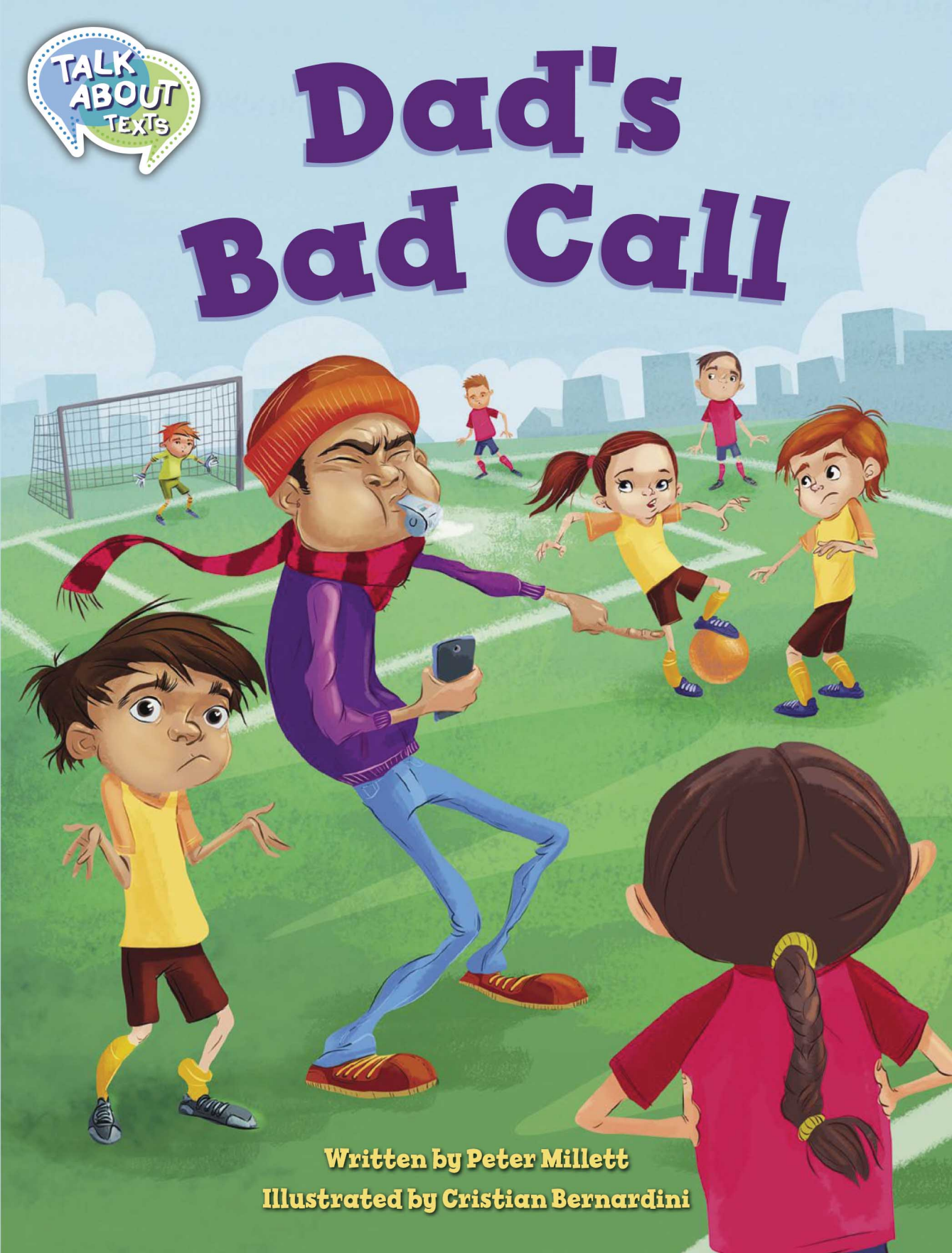

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Cast

Dan, *Yellow Hornets player*

Abi, *Dan's teammate*

Bruno, *Dan's dad*

Zara, *captain of the Red Dragons*

Ben, *game official*

Lisa, *referee*

Pam, *Zara's mum*

Scene:

Players, parents and officials are getting ready for the first game of a soccer competition. They stand around a soccer field. Ben, a game official, is looking worried.

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Ben: Hi, everyone. The official referee's car has broken down and she's running late. I need a volunteer to begin refereeing this game.

Ben looks at Bruno.

Ben: What about you?



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Bruno: Sorry, but I don't play soccer.

Ben: Are you a fast runner?

Bruno: Sure, I jog every morning.

Ben hands Bruno a whistle, a yellow card and a red card.

Ben: Then you'll be fine! I've hurt my ankle so I can't do it myself.

Bruno: Um … OK then. I guess I can do it.

Dan sees Bruno holding the whistle and cards.

Dan: Is Dad refereeing this game?

Abi: Your mum would be the perfect referee. She used to play professional soccer.

Ben: (*shouts*) Listen up! One of the spectators has kindly volunteered to referee the game until the official referee arrives.



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Bruno jogs over to Dan.

Bruno: Hey, Dan! Can you believe I'm refereeing? Can you help me out with the rules if I get stuck?

Dan: Ah, Dad, referees can't ask players for advice. Especially not their own children!

Zara overhears the conversation.

Zara: Hey, what's going on? Anything I should know about?

Dan: Ah, nothing. We're just chatting.

Bruno waves his smartphone.

Bruno: Don't worry. I have this to help me with the rules if I really need it.

Zara: Why is the ref using a phone?

Dan: Um, I guess he's a high-tech ref.

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Ten minutes later, Bruno blows the whistle.

Bruno: OK, the ball bounced out of play. (*checks phone*) That's a throw-in.

Abi looks at Zara.

Abi: Your team kicked it out. It's our throw-in.

Zara: No, we didn't. It's our throw-in.



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