

Back in the Game

Leo loves computer games more than anything else, especially *Danny Dangerous*. He has been trying for *ages* to complete all the levels. So when a thunderstorm fries his console, he can't believe it! Only somehow the power surge has made the game come to life and all the characters are let loose in the real world. Can Leo catch all the Crazy Critters before they cause too much havoc?



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Chapter 1

“Leo, can you get the washing in please?” Leo’s mum called.

But Leo barely heard her. He was just about to complete the very last level of Danny Dangerous, the most epic computer game Leo had ever played! He just had to catch all the Crazy Critters. These were little blue balls of fluff that were running and hiding all over the place.



Then Leo would be the ultimate champion! Finally he spotted it—the very last Critter!

“Leo! Now!” Mum shouted, making Leo jump.

“Coming,” Leo sighed, pressing pause on his game.

He ran outside and grabbed the washing off the line. Thunder rumbled in the distance.

Suddenly, a bright flash of lightning struck overhead. It looked like it had hit the house!

Leo darted inside.

But when he got back to his game, the screen was empty. No Crazy Critters. No Danny Dangerous.



Nothing. Leo pressed play, but nothing happened.

“Oh no,” groaned Leo. That stupid lightning strike! Now he would never get to finish the game.

Then Leo spotted something scuttling across the floor towards his open door. Leo blinked.

It couldn't be, could it?

He jumped up and peered out. It was!
A real-life Crazy Critter was running down his stairs!

Leo raced after the Crazy Critter, and he saw even more of them zooming along the corridor towards the kitchen. Leo didn't know how this could possibly have happened, but he knew he had to do something about it quickly, before Mum and Dad spotted them.

He crept after them into the kitchen. *Oh no!* thought Leo, peeking inside. Mum and Dad were

Chapter 2