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Chapter 1

Brad's Day Gets Off to a Bad Start!

When Brad heard his dad yelling: "Time to get up! We've all slept in!" he just knew today was going to be a bad day.

Brad gulped down his breakfast and rushed off to school. But when he arrived at the school gate, the playground was empty.



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"Oh no!" thought Brad. "The bell has gone already and all the children are in assembly."

Brad knew what that meant – he was late! And that meant he was in trouble. Big trouble!



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Then Brad had one of his 'brilliant ideas'. He'd creep around the back of the school and try to squeeze through a hole in the hedge. That way he wouldn't get caught – or so he thought!

The trouble with Brad's 'brilliant ideas' is that often they don't turn out to be so brilliant! That's what happened this time. As Brad was squeezing through the hedge, his shirt got caught on a branch.

Rip!



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Brad looked down and groaned. There was a great big hole in his shirt!

Now what was he going to do? He couldn't go to class with his shirt like that. Everyone would laugh at him, and then he'd have to explain what had happened.



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Chapter 2

Brilliant Idea Number 2!

Brad had another 'brilliant idea'. He remembered that Miss Miller always liked to do sewing with her class.

"There must be a needle and thread in her classroom somewhere," Brad thought.

Brad crept round to her classroom. There was a notice stuck on the door that said:



Brad looked into the classroom. It was empty. Everyone was at assembly. Brad found a needle and thread in the big cupboard at the front of the room. He set about trying to sew up the great big hole in his shirt.

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That was when Brad found out his brilliant idea wasn't so brilliant after all. For a start, Brad found out he wasn't very good at sewing. He kept poking himself with the needle! And then he heard voices!

"Oh no!" thought Brad. "Miss Miller's class is coming back from assembly! It must have been a short assembly! What am I going to do now?"



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