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Chapter 1

A Decision

The bell had just rung and there was a clatter of chairs as the children got ready to leave the classroom.

"Remember that tomorrow is Bad Hair Day at school," said the teacher. "I expect to see some colourful creations when you arrive tomorrow morning."

The room buzzed with excitement as everyone talked about their ideas for Bad Hair Day.

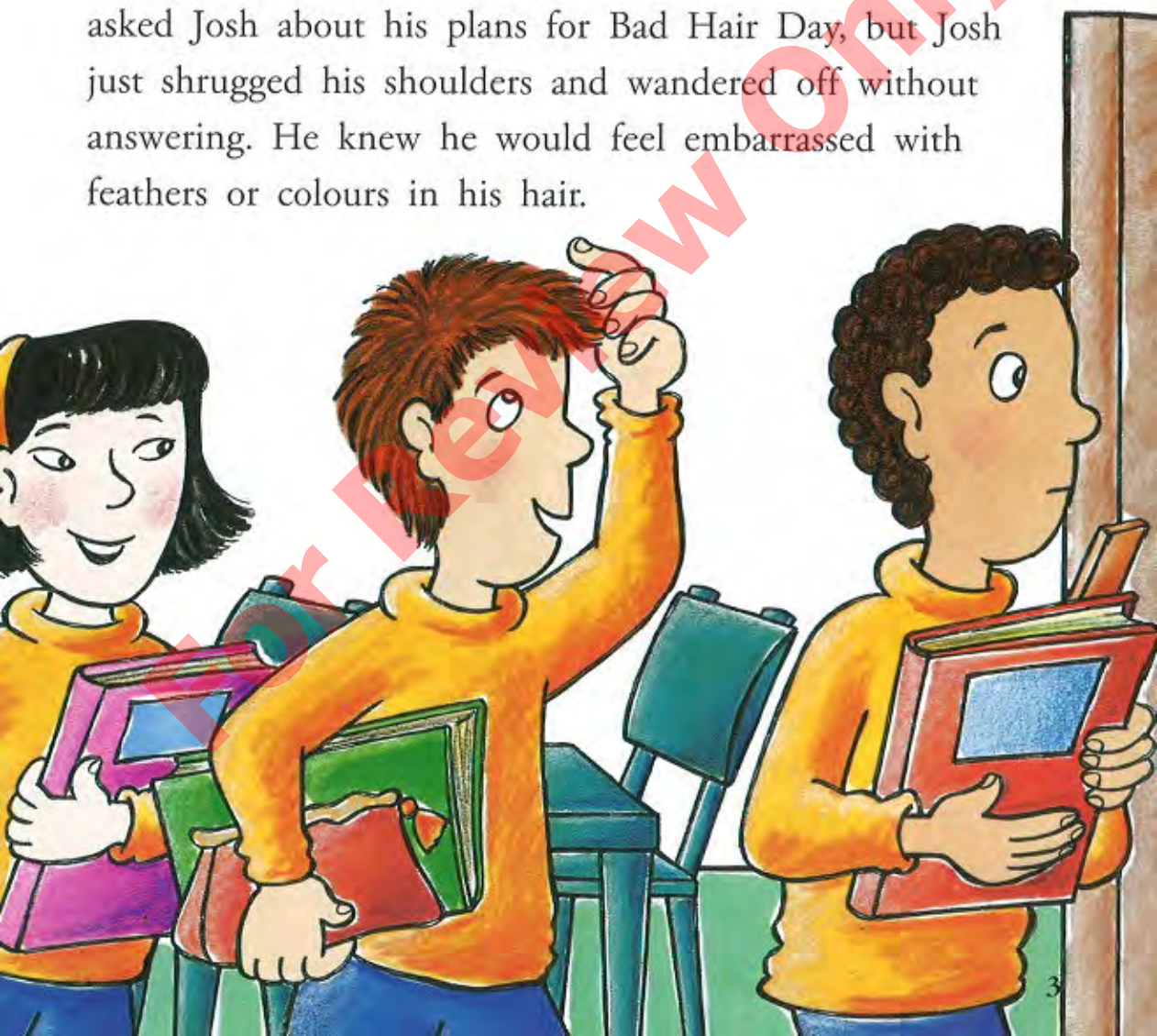


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"I've decided to colour my hair red," said Kylie.

"I'm going to put coloured feathers in my hair," said Tommy.

Will talked about putting glitter through his hair. He asked Josh about his plans for Bad Hair Day, but Josh just shrugged his shoulders and wandered off without answering. He knew he would feel embarrassed with feathers or colours in his hair.



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During dinner that night, Dad asked Josh about his day at school.

"Nothing much happened," Josh replied.

"I saw Will riding his bike when I arrived home from work," said Dad. "He told me about Bad Hair Day at school tomorrow."

Mum asked Josh about his plans for Bad Hair Day, but Josh said he didn't want anything different in his hair.

"I feel embarrassed when people laugh at me," said Josh.

"Nobody will laugh at you, because everybody else will be wearing bad hair too," said Dad.

"Even the teachers will have something different in their hair," said Mum. "Are you sure you don't want to join in?"

Josh thought for a moment before answering.

"All right," he said. "You can put some hair dye in my hair in the morning, if you promise that nobody will laugh at me."

"I'm sure nobody will laugh," said Mum.

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Chapter 2

Josh Goes Green

In the morning, Mum searched for the hair dye, but she couldn't find it anywhere.

"What about some food colouring instead?" she asked Josh.

Josh chose a bottle of green food colouring and Mum spread it through his hair.

"Look in the mirror and see what you think," said Mum.

Josh looked at his reflection and saw a river of green running through his hair. He thought it looked quite good.

"The food colouring shouldn't take too long to dry," said Mum. "But I suggest you keep away from water, and don't get too hot and sweaty or you'll be in trouble."

"Is it bad enough for Bad Hair Day?" asked Josh.

"I think so," said Mum. "But we'd better hurry or we'll never get there on time."

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