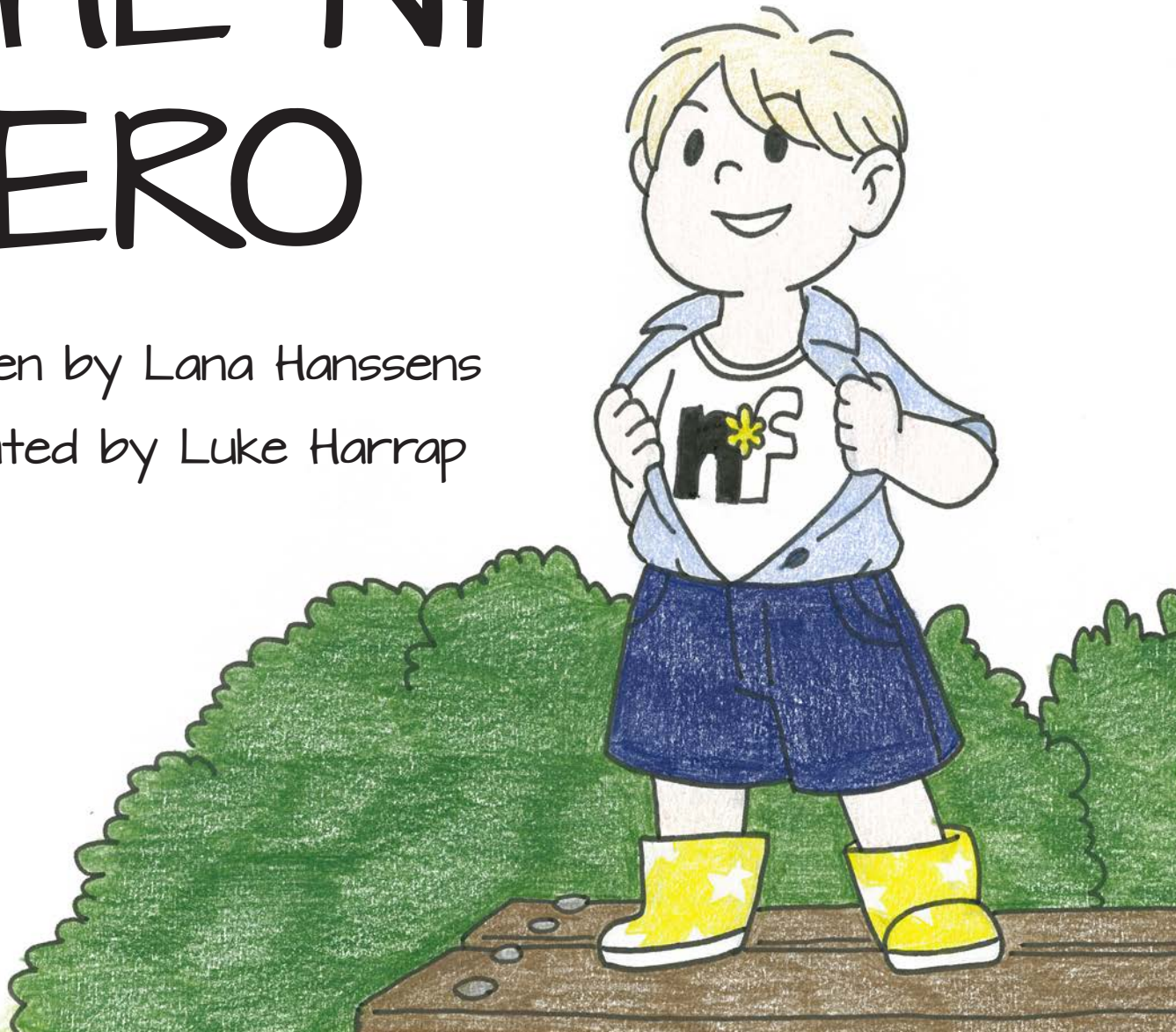


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*To Fraser, our very own NF Hero – never lose your super
hero smile little buddy. You make us so proud.
Love Mummy, Daddy & Sissy.*

*Dedicated to all the NF heroes, near and far.
May you always have your super powers to face your
challenges.*

"I'm Alex the GREAT, I'm Alex the BRAVE,
I'm Alex the SUPER HERO!!".



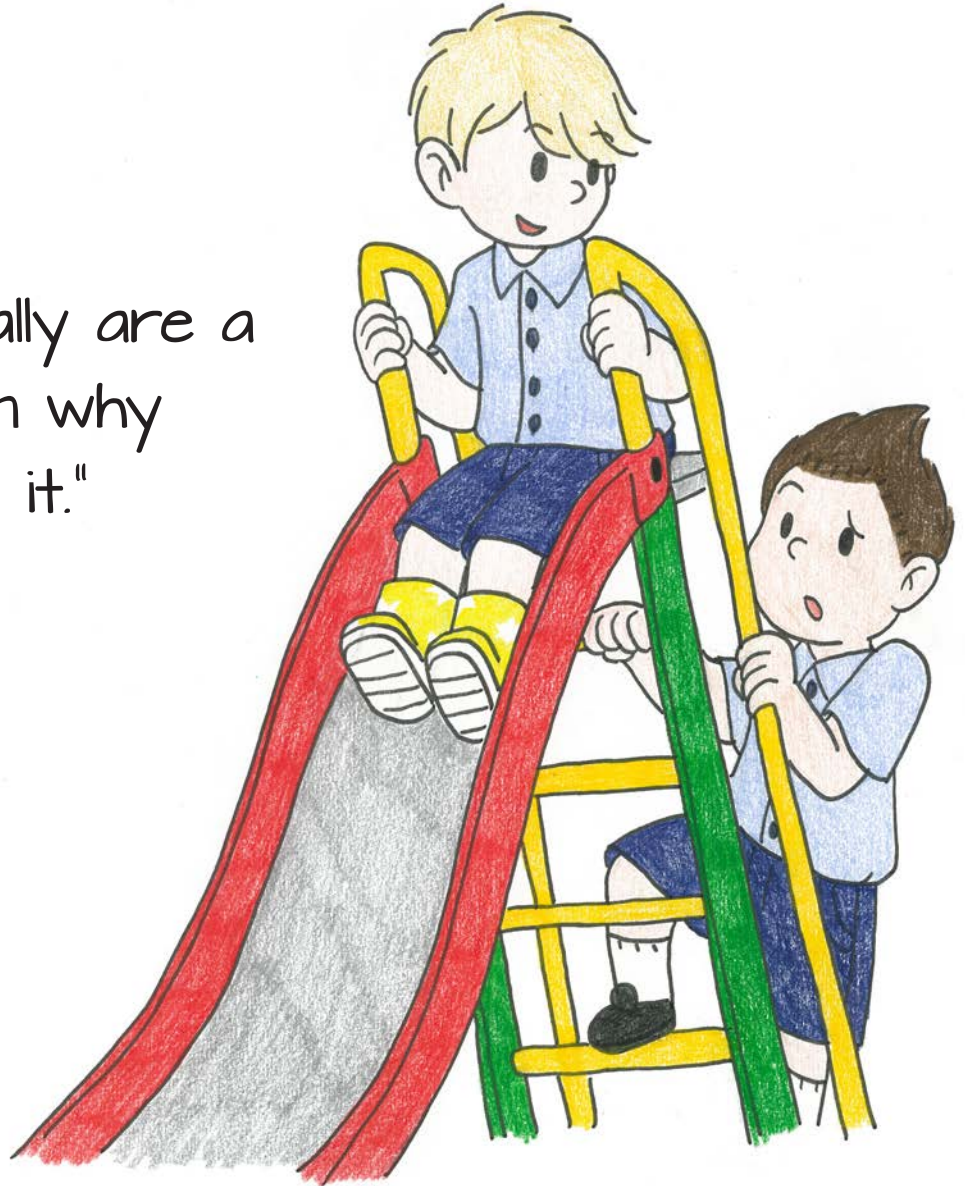
"You are not a super hero" says Jack.

"Am too"

"Are not"

"AM TOO!!"

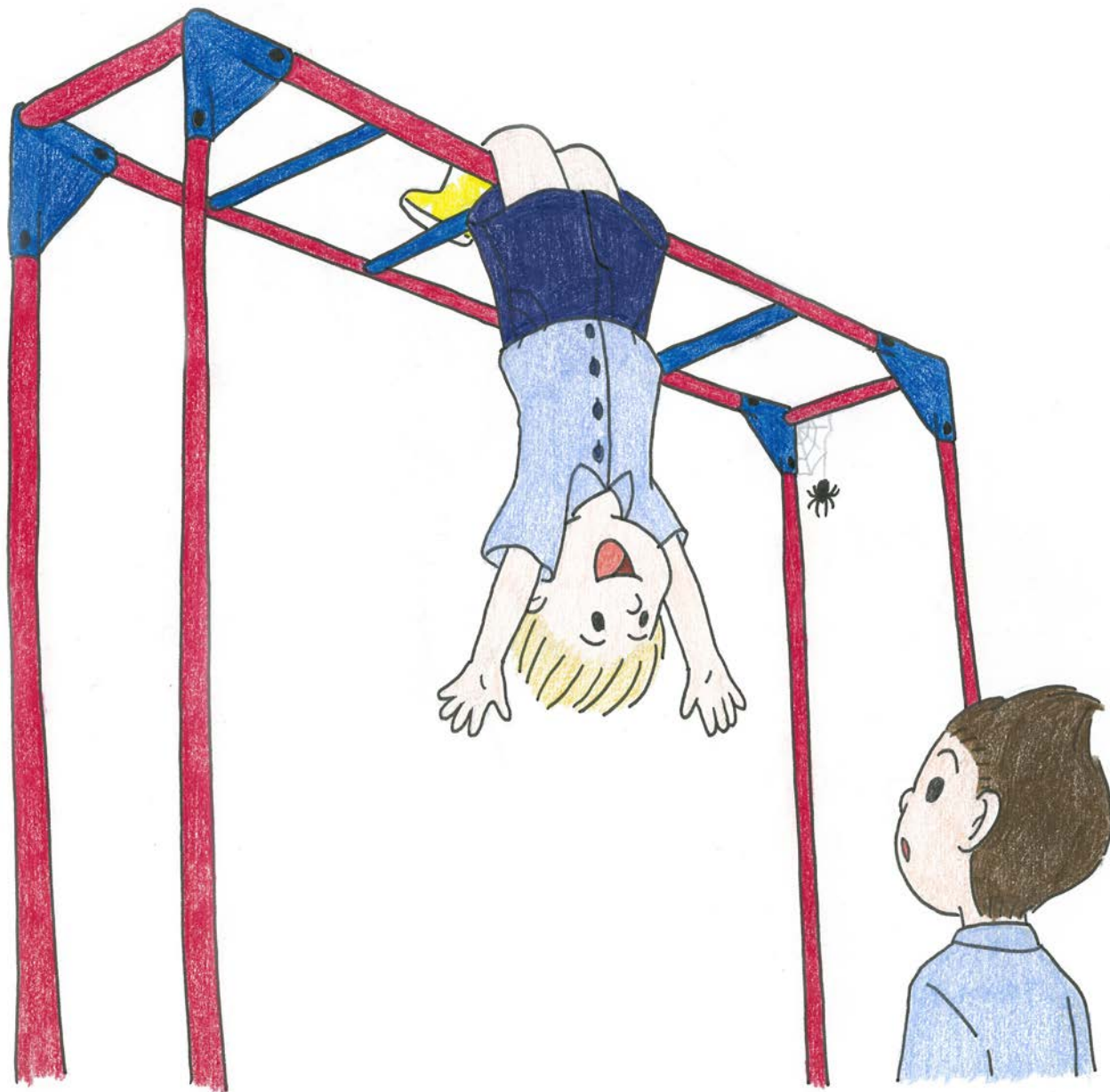
"Well, if you really are a
super hero then why
don't you prove it."



"Well I'm BRAVER than Batman..."



"I'm STRONGER than Spiderman..."



"And I'm more SUPER than Superman!!"



"Oh yeah. Well if you REALLY are the BEST Superhero of all time, what is your superhero name smarty pants?" says Jack.

"Well that's easy. I'm the NF hero".



Jack is not convinced. "The NF hero? What is an NF hero? Let me guess, it stands for Not Funny?" he says jokingly.

"No Jack, everyone knows you're the one that's not funny. NF stands for Neurofibromatosis".



"Nemo what?" says Jack.

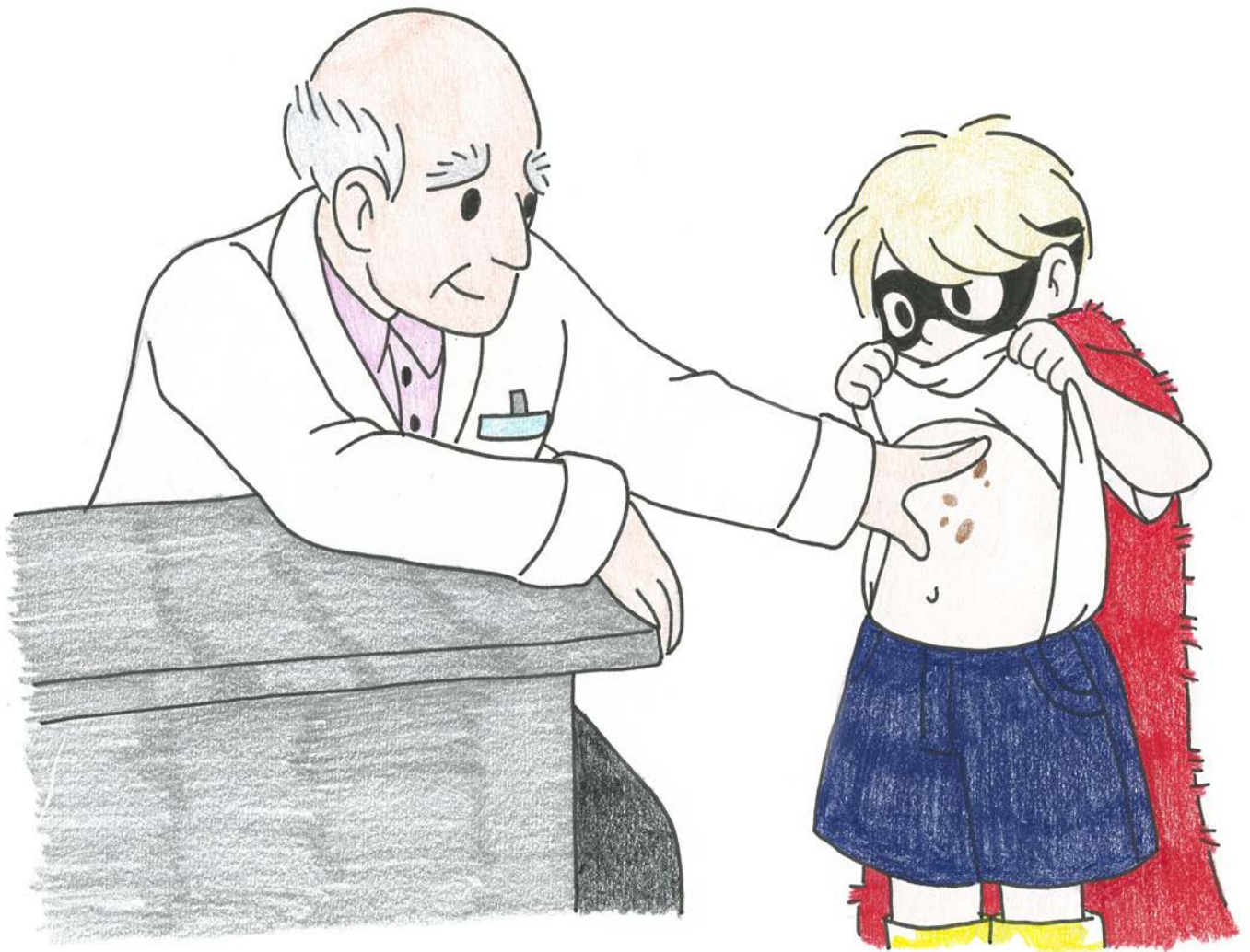
"Not Nemo silly, Neuro-fibroma-tosis but you can call me the NF hero for short." Alex says.



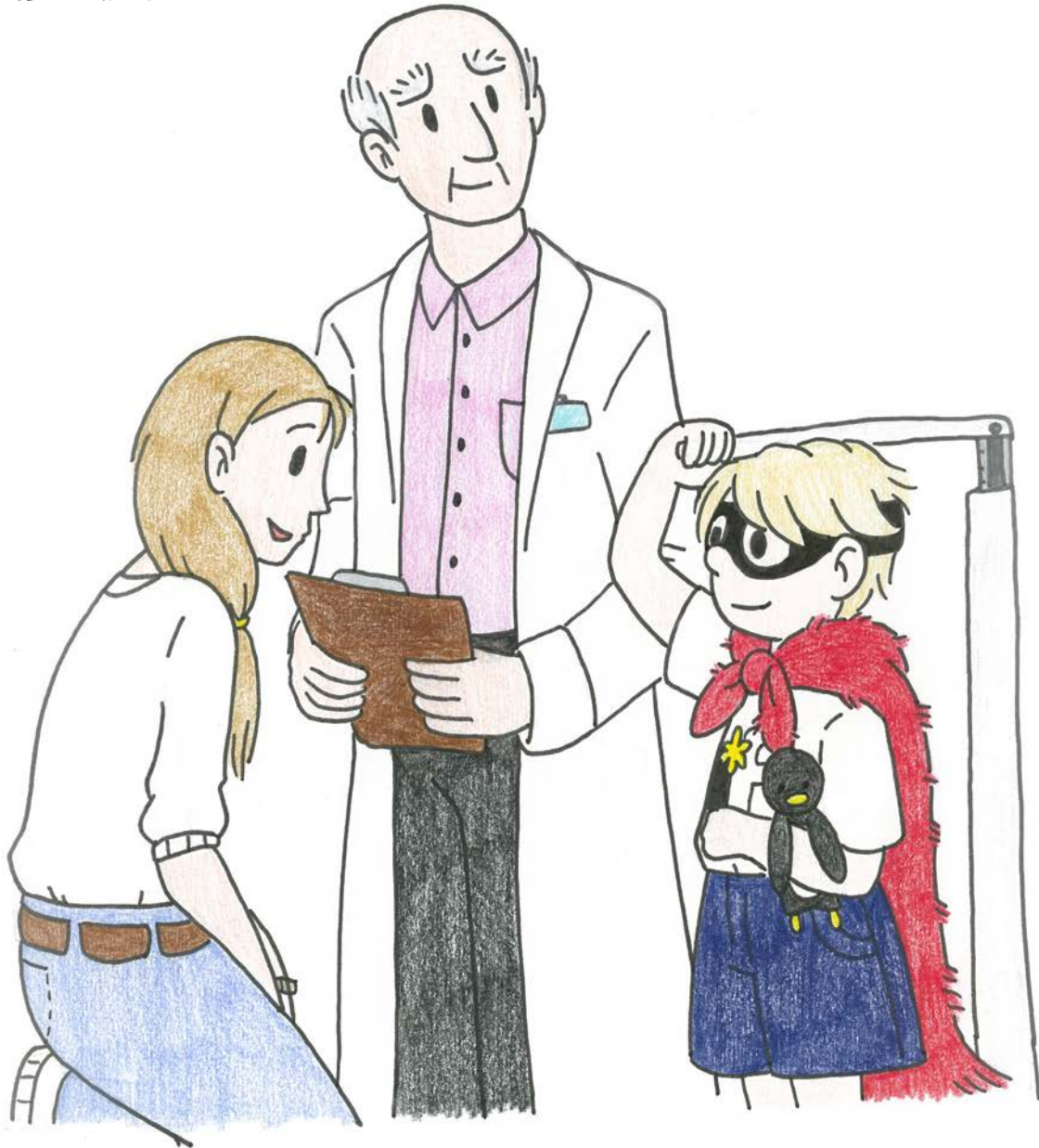
"Well what's so special about an NF hero anyway?"
Jack questions.



"Well I'm so special that sometimes the doctors
check out my super hero spots..."



"They see how tall I'm growing and how big my brains are..."



"They check my eyes for super hero vision...."



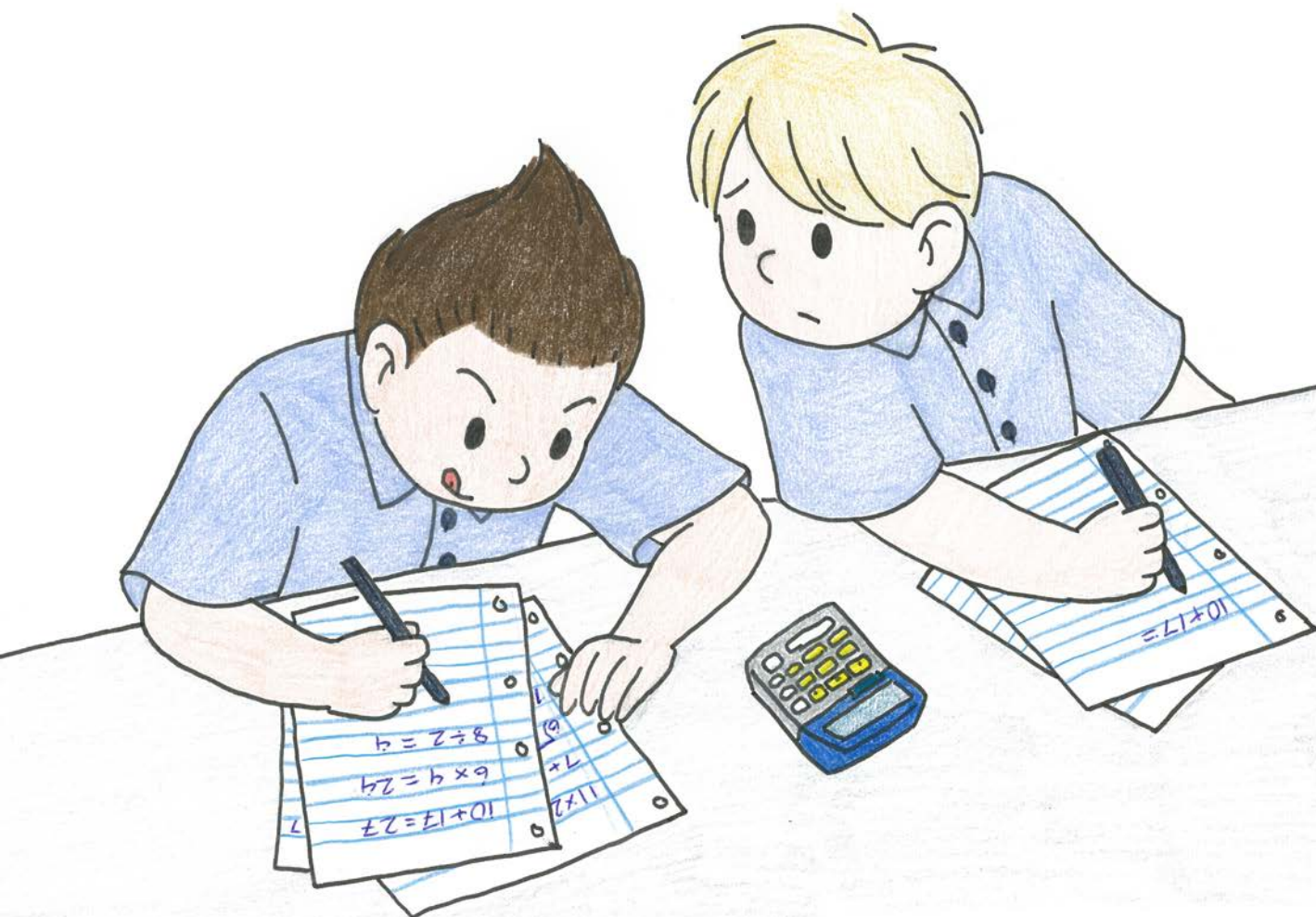
"And sometimes they even put me in a big tube to check my super hero insides!"



"Well if being an NF hero makes you so special,
how come I can still beat you at basketball?"
asks Jack.



"And I'm even better than you at maths!"



"Because not even a super hero can be
good at EVERYTHING Jack."



What is Neurofibromatosis?

Neurofibromatosis (NF) is a group of three genetic conditions which gives rise to the potential for benign tumours to grow on nerves anywhere in the body. NF also affects the development of other systems and tissues including; the cardiovascular system, bones, skin, brain, eyes, respiratory system, gastrointestinal tract and hormonal system.

The three types of NF are distinct: NF1, NF2 and Schwannomatosis. If you have one type it cannot turn into another form of NF. They are each caused by a different gene, which are located on different chromosomes.

NF1 is one of the most common genetic inherited conditions, affecting up to 1 in 2,500 individuals. It is at least as common as Cystic Fibrosis, Muscular Dystrophy and Huntington's disease.

NF2 and Schwannomatosis are rarer, affecting 1 in 25,000 to 1 in 40,000.

The Children's Tumour Foundation (CTF) is dedicated to improving the lives of people impacted by NF in Australia.

The money raised by your purchase of this book will help the CTF to #conquerNF

For more information visit our website: www.ctf.org.au



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