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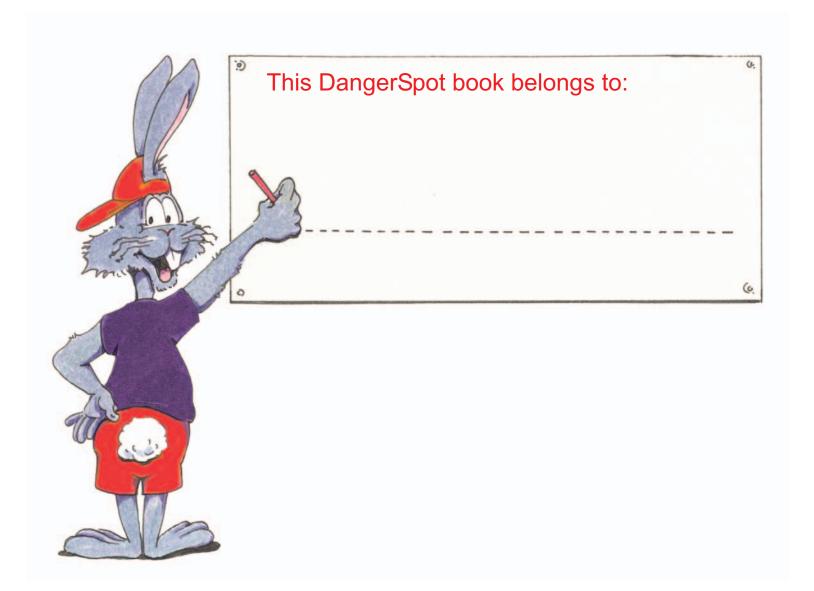
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It was one wet, windy, winter's morning when it was also Harey's birthday. He and his friends, Scampi the cat, Chips the dog and Pillow the parrot were wondering what to do.



'Would you like a party?' suggested Scampi.

'Yeah! Please!' yelled Harey. 'We could have jellies, cakes, and ice-creams.'

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'And lots of jellies,' repeated Chips.



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'And lots of fruit and nuts,' said Scampi.

'I like nuts,' said Pillow.

'And jellies,' repeated Chips again.



'And we could play Blind Man's Buff,' suggested Harey. 'Yeah!' said everyone together.



The party started off well. Pillow was elected to be the one in the middle with the blindfold, but Harey could not find one.

'This will do,' he said, putting a plastic bag over Pillow's head.



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'Don't do that!' shouted Scampi as she pulled the bag off again. 'You could suffocate him. That's a crazy thing to do!'



'Can I open my present yet?' asked Harey.



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Before anyone could reply he grabbed the present on the table and whipped off the wrapping paper. 'What is it?' he asked.



'It's a birthday candle and some pot-pourri to make the room smell nice,' explained Scampi. 'You can put it in the centre of the table and light it.' She struck a match and lit the candle.

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'Oh, very pretty,' said Harey. 'And I like this lemony drink with it.'



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He was just about to drink from the bottle of essential oil when Scampi snatched it away. 'Stop! You mustn't drink that. It's deadly poisonous. It's only meant for the bowl of dried flowers.'