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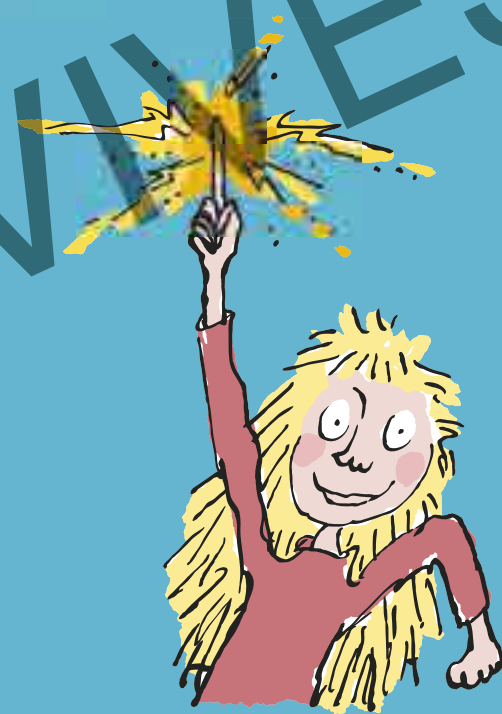
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CHAPTER 1

Mrs Winter

I am a girl, and I am eight years old. And I have a **Magic** Finger. It is very strange! Someone makes me angry, and then the magic starts to happen. My body gets very hot, and I can feel the magic in my right hand. The magic gets stronger and stronger, then it **shoots** from my finger to the other person. Then bad things happen to that person very fast. I never want to point my Magic Finger, but I cannot stop doing it.



One day, I pointed my Magic Finger at my teacher, Mrs Winter. I was in school, and we had a spelling lesson.

"Stand up," Mrs Winter said to me. "Can you spell *cat*?"

"It's easy," I said. "K-a-t."

"You're a stupid little girl!" Mrs Winter said.

"It's c-a-t."

"I'm not a stupid little girl!" I said.

"Go and stand in the corner of the room," Mrs Winter said.

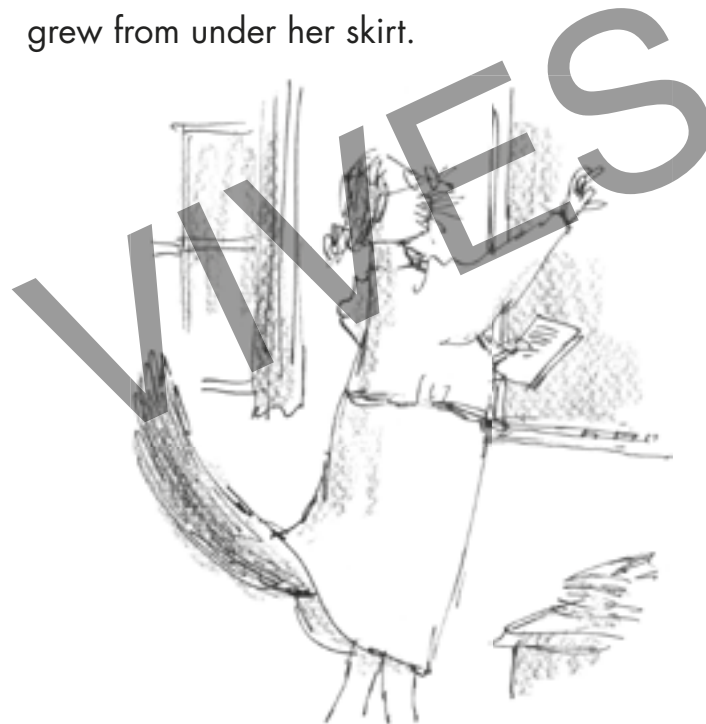


This made me very angry and hot, and I pointed my Magic Finger at Mrs Winter. Very quickly, Mrs Winter started to change. **Whiskers** grew from her face! They were long black whiskers, and they grew very fast. Then whiskers started growing from her ears!

Of course, all the children in the class laughed loudly.



“Why are you laughing?” Mrs Winter asked. No one answered, but then the children saw Mrs Winter’s new **tail**! It was very big, and it grew from under her skirt.



More bad things happened to Mrs Winter that day, but I cannot tell you about them now. Are you thinking, *Is Mrs Winter OK again now?* The answer is no, and she will never be the same again.