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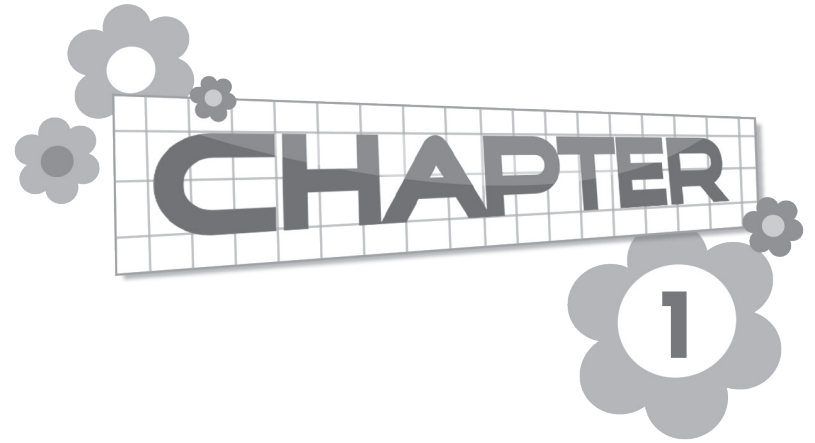


# Lights Out!

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# CHAPTER 1

Emma Jacks was lying in bed. It was late at night. She should have been asleep. But she couldn't sleep. She was scared.



Emma didn't like the dark. She heard things. She thought she saw things! Emma's mind played tricks on her.



Emma looked across at her bedroom wall.



*What was that?* Emma thought. She quickly turned on her bedside light.





'It's only my school uniform!' said Emma.  
'I'm learning to be a spy at **SHINE** Spy School!

I can't be scared of the dark!'

Emma's mum came into the bedroom. 'Emma!' she cried. 'Why is your light on? It's very late! You should be asleep!'

'I got scared,' said Emma.

Emma's mum smiled.

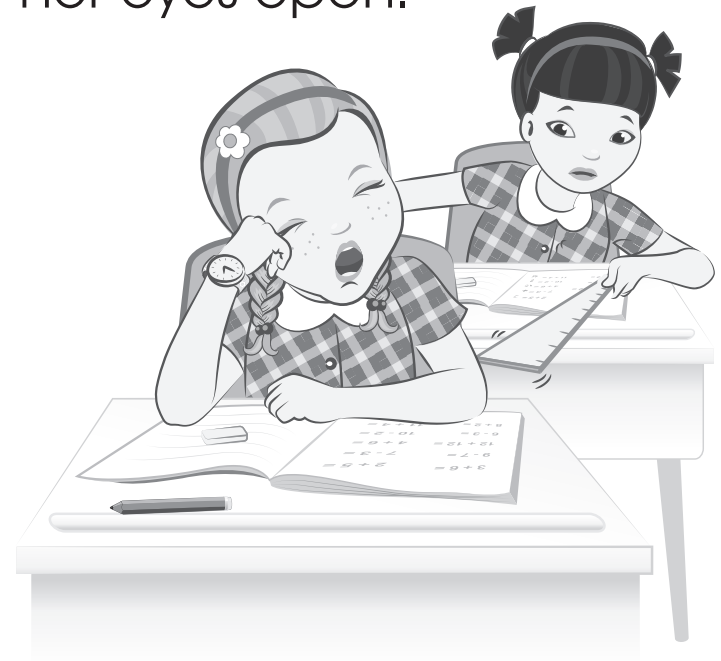
'Let's leave the light on,' she said. 'And I'll stay a little while.'

Emma smiled as her mum lay down next to her on the bed.

Not long after, Emma fell fast asleep.

Emma was tired the next day at school. She

found it very hard to keep her eyes open.



Then Emma's Spy School watch flashed.

That woke  
her up!

*But how do  
I leave school  
for Spy School?*

wondered Emma.

Just then, Ms Pleh,  
the school principal,  
came into the classroom.  
Ms Pleh was also a



**SHINE** agent. 'I need  
Emma Jacks' help,' said  
Ms Pleh.

Emma left and  
headed straight for the  
toilets and the **SHINE**  
Mission Tube.

There were no lights in  
the Tube. Everything was  
dark – again!