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# DO NOT SAY THESE WORDS

For Raffie and Elliot, whose giggles  
and infectious laughter inspired  
this story – F.T.

For Dylan and Osh – please do  
say these words, loud and often – R.W.

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Hooray – you’re reading this book!

That’s great, because I’ve something IMPORTANT to say . . .

Certain words are making children giggle. Giggling produces giggle-gas. And giggle-gas is bad for the planet.

With too much giggle-gas in the air, terrible things will happen . . .



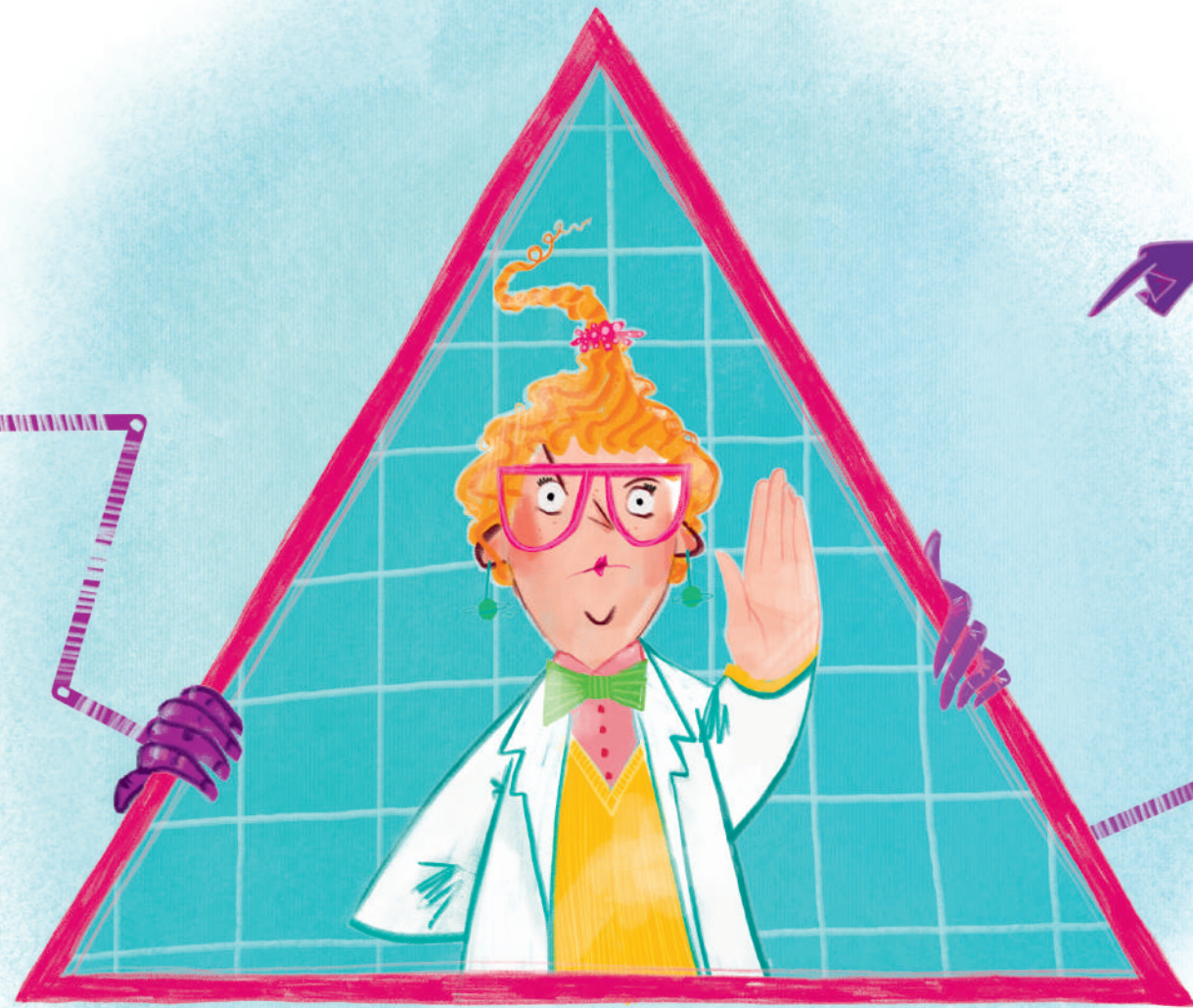
The world will WOBBLE,  
WHIZZ off into space . . .  
and ZIG ZAG round the  
solar system.

Then we’ll all FALL OFF!

- INVENTION Ideas
- 1) mood socks
  - 2) invisible glitter
  - 3) Hover slippers
  - 4) Garlic toothpaste
  - 5) Piano for the bath
  - 6) Quantum Football
  - 7) NOSTRIL Trumpet
  - 8) Egg unscrambler
  - 9) Bubble gum reanimator

So from now on, dangerous, gigglesome words are

# BANNED.



You must never, **EVER**  
speak these words again . . .

in case you giggle. OK?

Don't worry, though. I have a machine that  
makes funny, world-wobbling words into boring,  
unfunny words. So then we will all be safe!



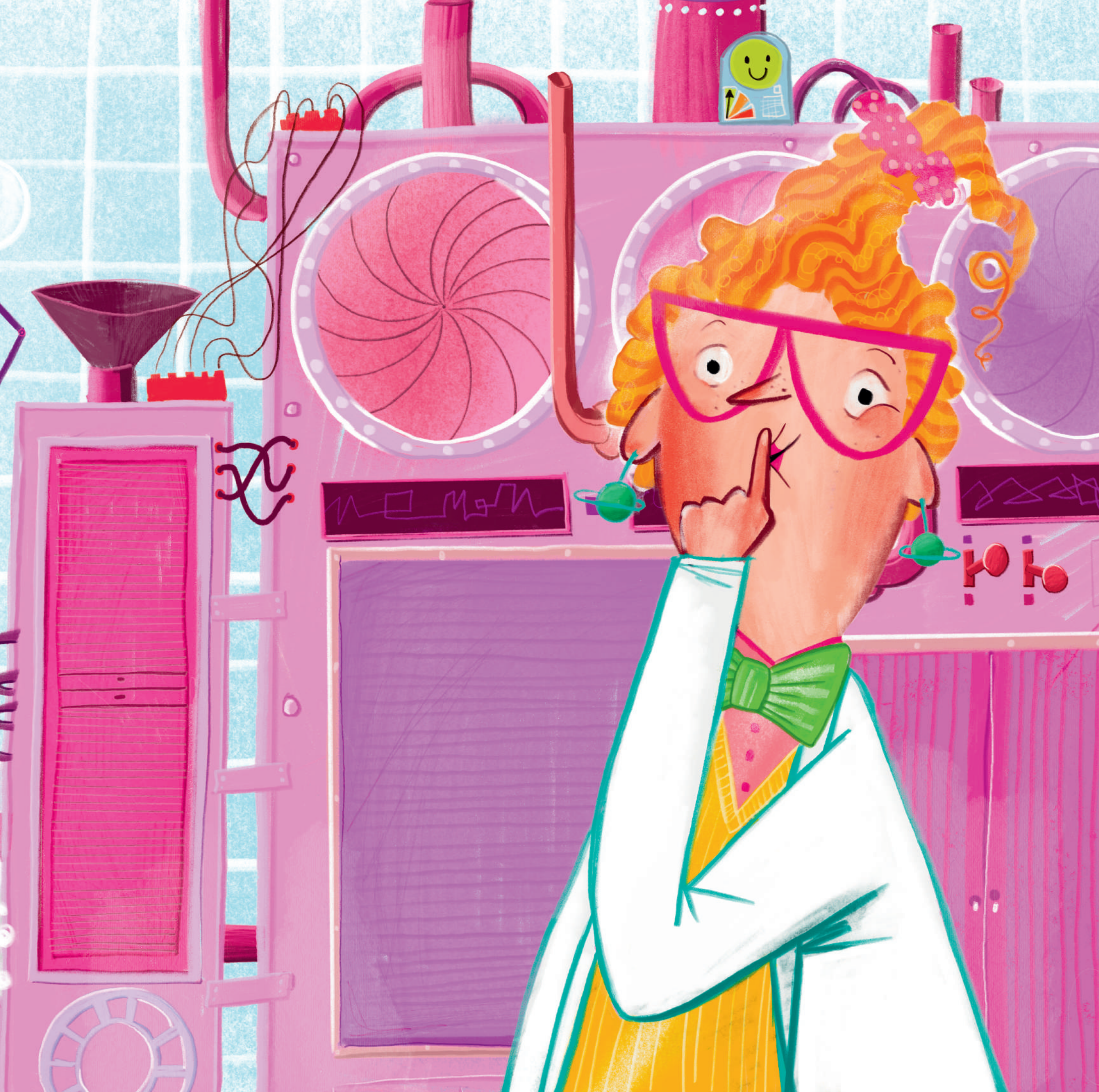
The first world-wobbling word  
I'm zapping with my machine is . . .



**BOTTOM!**

Shhh! Do not say that word!  
And definitely DO NOT giggle!

From now on, the word **BOTTOM**  
is replaced with something totally  
unfunny that will not cause any  
giggling whatsoever. It is now  
known as . . .





# ... FLOPPY PEACH-CHEEKS?

As you can see,  
**FLOPPY PEACH-CHEEKS**  
is not funny at all.

Another word that  
is causing excessive  
giggling and risking  
world safety, is . . .