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'THE GREATEST DANGEROLOGIST IN THE WORLD, EVER'

A handbook for avoiding DANGER



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This book is dedicated to my next-door neighbour Gretel.
I hope she finds out some day.

- Doctor Noel Zone

Many thanks to everyone who gave me feedback
while I was working on this book.

'I tore out the pages and used them to clean my mountain
bike. Now please get out of my shop and never come back.'

— Alfie Donohoe, Local bicycle-shop owner



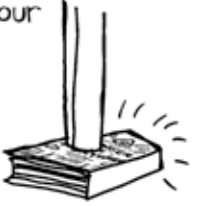
'We couldn't burn your book in the stove in the zookeepers'
hut because a giraffe had already peed on it.'

— Roxanne Cantwell, zookeeper



'I put it under the leg of my desk to stop it wobbling.
That is the only good thing I can say about your
book or handbook or whatever it is.'

— Saskia Hill-Candles, Librarian



'How dare you suggest that any of my teachers are vampires!'

— Mr Staples, school headmaster (POSSIBLY A VAMPIRE)

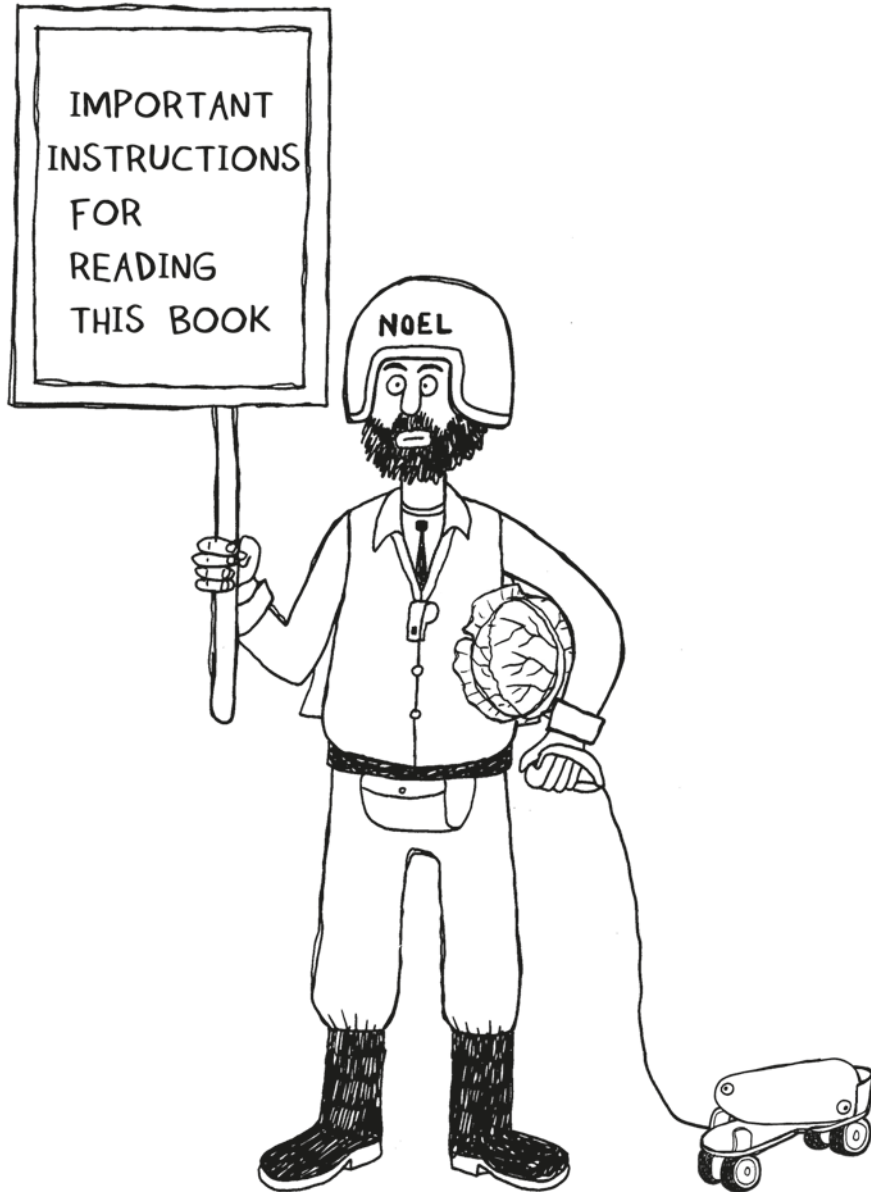


'FURRY FACE! HELMET HEAD!'

— some local children



I haven't heard anything from Gretel yet.



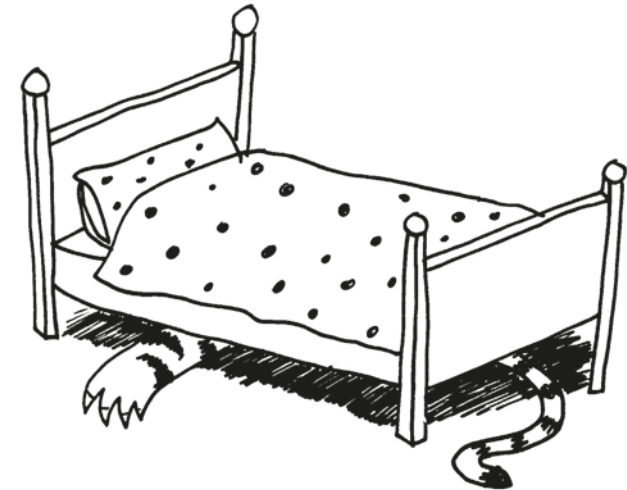
INSTRUCTION 1

Make sure you are reading it in A SAFE PLACE.

EXAMPLES OF A SAFE PLACE TO READ THIS BOOK

1. In bed, having checked underneath the bed for A SLEEPING TIGER.

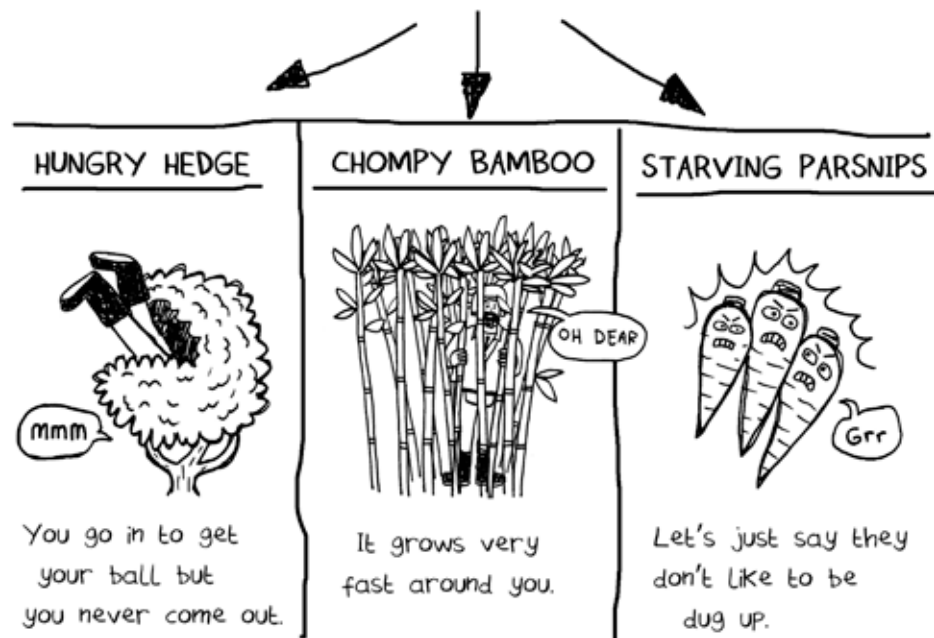
NOTE: If you have a pet cat, MAKE SURE IT ISN'T A TIGER.



We will deal with how to check if your pet cat is a tiger **LATER.**

2. Leaning against a tree.

NOTE: MAKE SURE IT IS A TREE AND NOT A HUGE VENUS FLY TRAP OR OTHER HUMAN-EATING PLANT.



3. Sitting in a chair.

WARNING: SIT UP STRAIGHT! DO NOT SLOUCH!
SLOUCHING IS VERY BAD FOR YOUR BACK.

In the long run, slouching is just as bad as these other things.

Note: also make sure that your chair is NOT on fire.



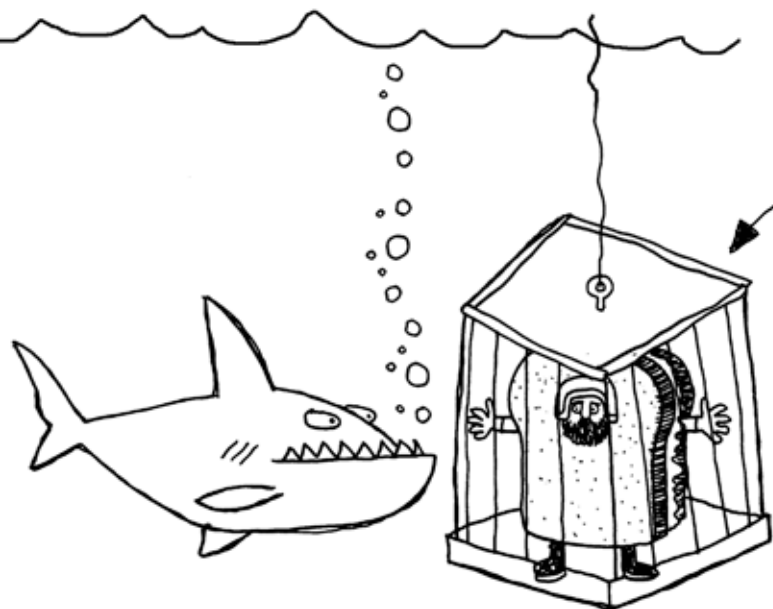
EXAMPLES OF UNSAFE PLACES TO READ THIS BOOK

1. On a bicycle, while being chased by wasps.
Or just ON A BICYCLE. (I HATE BICYCLES!)



2. In a shark cage, while dressed as a sandwich.
(SHARKS LOVE SANDWICHES.)

3. In a chair that is on fire.



INSTRUCTION 2

CHECK FOR SCORPIONS.

You probably think that reading books is a safe thing to do.
Nobody has ever been injured while reading a book, you probably think.

WRONG

WRONG

WRONG

WRONG $\times 1000000 =$ YOU

If you think you're safe, then you have never heard of

THE PAGE 9 SCORPION,

an awful, horrible bug that likes to wait on page 9 of books,
and when you open that page

IT LEAPS ON TO YOUR NOSE AND ATTACHES ITSELF THERE.

So, from that moment on, you have to
explain to everyone you meet that you didn't know about

THE PAGE 9 SCORPION

and that's why it's there, in the middle of your face,
firing poison from its bum.

HOW TO CHECK FOR THE PAGE 9 SCORPION

1. Close this book slowly and put it
on the ground.



2. Now jump up and down on the book
a few times, like it is a small,
disappointing trampoline.



3. If you hear a crunching or crushing sound,
CONGRATULATIONS. YOU HAVE
SAVED YOUR NOSE.



Now continue to INSTRUCTION 3.

INSTRUCTION 3

DO NOT READ THIS BOOK TOO FAST!

This book is full of fascinating information.
You may find it so incredibly interesting that you whizz
from page to page, faster than any book you
have ever read before.

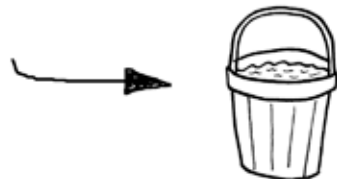
BEWARE!

If you read it too fast, outside, on a hot day
with the sun shining down,

THE WHOLE BOOK COULD BURST INTO FLAMES.



So it is a good idea to have a fire extinguisher
or bucket of water beside you, in case you smell
burning or see smoke rising from the pages.



NOW YOU MAY READ THIS BOOK.

THANK YOU.



I CAN'T BELIEVE
YOU FORGOT
ABOUT THE
PAGE 9 SCORPION
ALREADY.



INTRODUCTION

HELLO, READER.

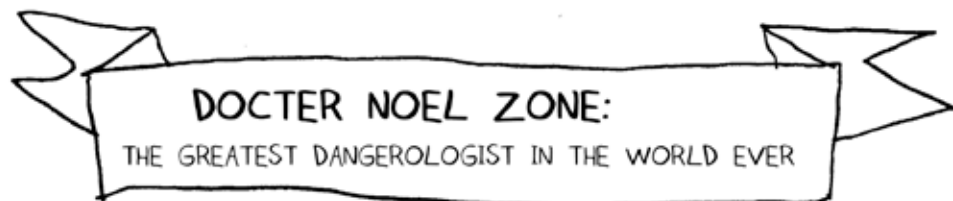
My name is Docter Noel Zone and I am a
DANGEROLOGIST.

In fact I am **THE WORLD'S ONLY DANGEROLOGIST.**

I know this to be true because I invented the word
DANGEROLOGIST.

So you could say
I AM THE WORLD'S GREATEST DANGEROLOGIST.

Or even:



Thank you.

Note also that I am **DOCTER**, not **DOCTOR**.

A doctor has to spend years just Learning to be a doctor.

I gave myself the first name **DOCTER** so I could concentrate

all of my energy on being a **DANGEROLOGIST.**

It saved a lot of time and hardly anyone notices the spelling.

WHAT IS A DANGEROLOGIST?

A **DANGEROLOGIST** is a person who is
an expert in **DANGEROLOGY.**

WHAT IS DANGEROLOGY?

DANGEROLOGY is the area of expertise of a **DANGEROLOGIST.**

**PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT A DANGEROLOGIST IS,
WITHOUT USING THE WORD 'DANGEROLOGY'?**

Oh, OK. While you probably see the world as an exciting place
where you can go on adventures and ride your bike,

a **DANGEROLOGIST** sees it as an awful place
where terrible things can happen, **ALL OF THE TIME.**

ARE YOU AGAINST FUN?

No! No, no, no, no, no! I AM NOT AGAINST FUN. Not at all.
But the problem with fun is it makes you forget that

DANGER IS EVERYWHERE

EXAMPLE: You probably like climbing trees.
That is a fun thing to do, you think.

WELL, TELL ME IF THIS IS FUN?



You climb a tree, but when you are halfway up you come across

A GIANT EAGLE
SITTING THERE.



And you go to climb down but it picks you up in its beak and takes you to its

SECRET EAGLE CAVE
in a forest.



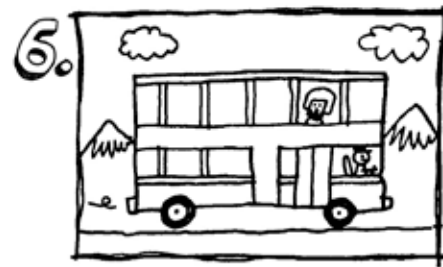
There it makes you sit on its
GIANT EAGLE EGG FOR MONTHS,
occasionally feeding you worms
FROM THE GROUND,
which you have to eat because
THERE IS NO OTHER FOOD.



Till eventually it flies away
and leaves you there in a
cave, very far from
anywhere and past where
the regular buses go.



And then when the baby giant
eagle finally hatches it thinks
you are its mother and hugs
you for another week.



So it takes ages to get home
and IS ALSO VERY
EXPENSIVE
(train + bus fare).

DOES THAT STILL SOUND LIKE FUN?
ANSWER = NO

HOW DID YOU BECOME A DANGEROLOGIST?

An excellent question. I used to work as a

SWIMMING-POOL LIFEGUARD.

The pool had all the usual safety restrictions:

- No diving
- No running
- No ducking
- No bombing
- No sneaky wees
- No Lovey-dovey Kissing

But soon I began to see lots of other dangers that people weren't being warned about:



WALKING

around the side of the swimming pool is dangerous.



GETTING INTO THE WATER

is dangerous.



SWIMMING ITSELF IS VERY DANGEROUS.

SO I BANNED ALL OF THESE THINGS.

In fact, I banned moving of any kind.

But then there was a new problem. If people don't move while they are in water, they sink to the bottom,

WHICH IS EVEN MORE DANGEROUS.

And then I had to rescue them with my long stick with a hoop on the end that looks like a huge version of the thing you blow bubbles through. For a while, I was a very busy lifeguard, blowing my whistle till people stopped moving, and then saving them with the giant bubble thing.

And then I realized the real problem with swimming pools:

WATER!



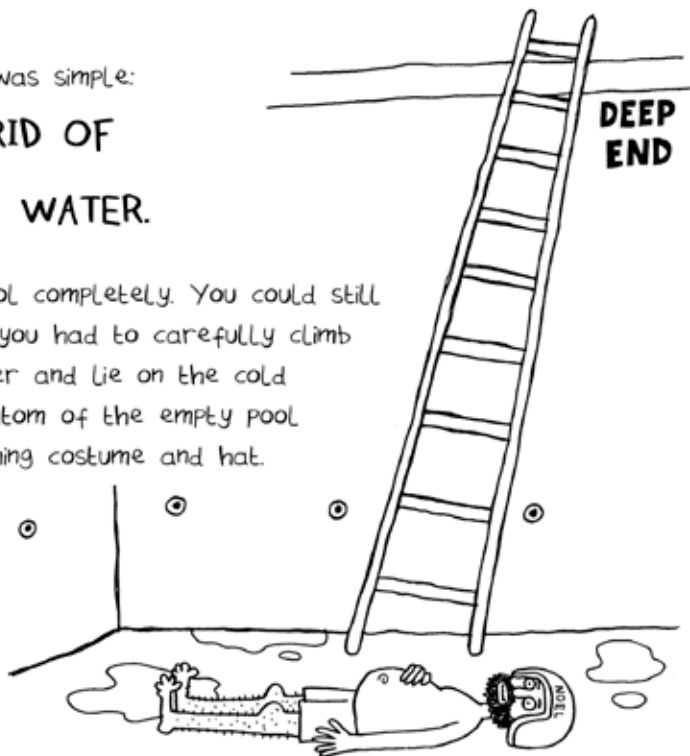
Water makes everything wet and slippery. It can go in your mouth and up your nose and into your ears. It can make you very tired from swimming in it.

Water makes everything **DANGEROUS.**

The answer was simple:

**I GOT RID OF
ALL THE WATER.**

I emptied the pool completely. You could still get into it, but you had to carefully climb down a ladder and lie on the cold tiles at the bottom of the empty pool in your swimming costume and hat.



Soon nobody came to my swimming pool any more

and it had to close down. **AND I WAS DELIGHTED!**

I had managed to make a dangerous place

NOT DANGEROUS AT ALL.

Thank you.

WHAT IS THE POINT OF THIS BOOK?

That is another very good question. **GOOD QUESTIONING!**

There are **TWO MAIN POINTS** to this book:

1. To remind you that

**DANGER
IS
EVERYWHERE**

2. To make **YOU** into a qualified **DANGEROLOGIST** (Level 1).

ME? A DANGEROLOGIST! HOW?

If you manage to get all the way to the end of this book and it hasn't **BURST INTO FLAMES** or you haven't been **ATTACKED BY ANYTHING** and the whole thing hasn't **TERRIFIED YOU TOO MUCH**, then you can take the **DETBAFOD** on page 232 (**D**angerology **E**xamination **T**o **B**ecome **A** **F**ull-**O**n **D**angerologist).

If you get all ten questions right, you will be allowed to sign the

DOD on page 241 (**D**iploma **O**f **D**angerology (Level 1)).