

INSTRUCTION 1

Make sure you are reading it in A SAFE PLACE.

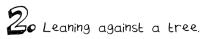
EXAMPLES OF A SAFE PLACE TO READ THIS BOOK

Lo 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.

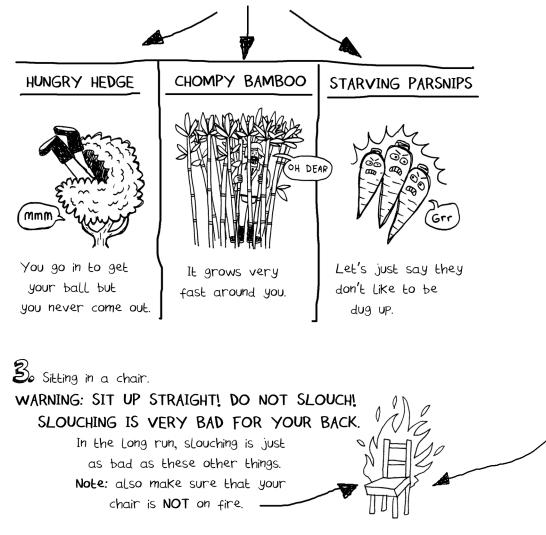
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is a tiger LATER.

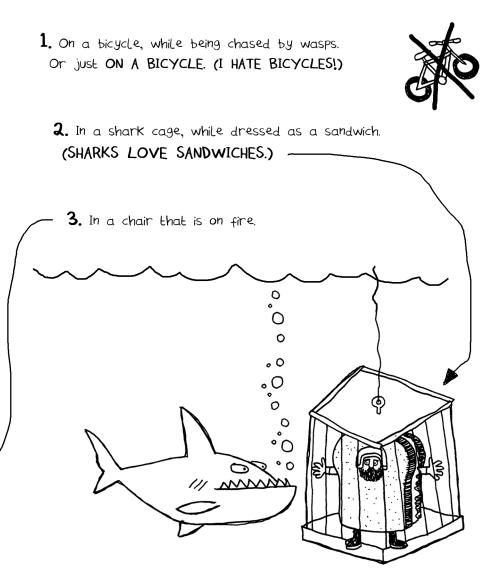
We will deal with how to check if your pet cat



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



EXAMPLES OF UNSAFE PLACES TO READ THIS BOOK



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

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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

 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.







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.

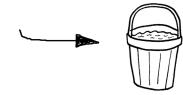


If you read it too fast, outside, on a hot day with the sun shining down,

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.





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.

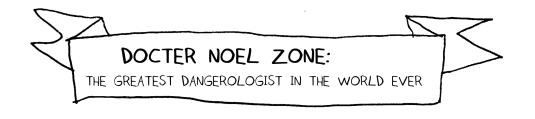
I know this to be true because I invented the word

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.

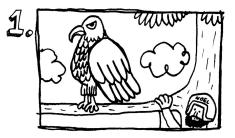
ARE YOU AGAINST FUN?

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



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

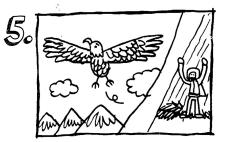
in a forest.



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.



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



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

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.

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SO I BANNED ALL OF THESE THINGS.
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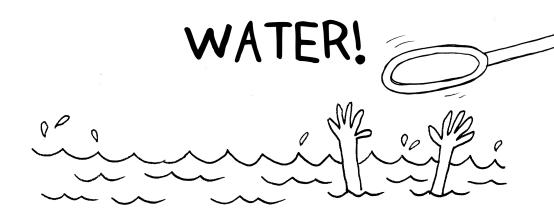
In fact, I banned moving of any Kind.

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.

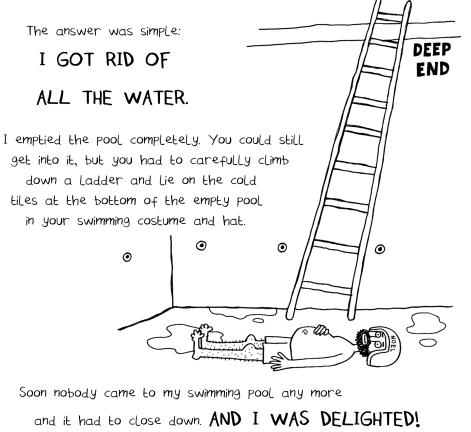
And then I had to rescue them with my long stick with a hoop on the end that looks like a huge version of the thing you blow bubbles through. For a while, I was a very busy lifeguard, blowing my whistle till people stopped moving, and then saving them with the giant bubble thing.

And then I realized the real problem with swimming pools:



Water makes everything wet and slippy. 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.



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:

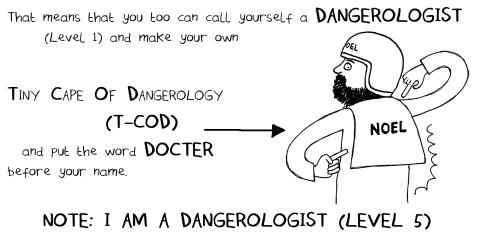
Lo To remind you that



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 (Dangerology Examination To Become A Full-On Dangerologist). If you get all ten questions right, you will be allowed to sign the DOD on page 241 (Diploma Of Dangerology (Level 1)).



SO YOU WON'T BE AS GOOD AS ME,

but, still, it's a start.

And together we can show the world that



Thank you.

Docter Noel Zone

THE GREATEST DANGEROLOGIST IN THE WORLD EVER

(neighbour of Gretel)