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## **CHAPTER 1**

Late on a Friday night, Molly, the cow, was inside the barn because the weather was moving in. The wind was going to be fierce, and Molly was ready to give birth to her new calf. Aggie and Annie, twin farm kids, were hopeful she would have twins. Aggie and Annie each wanted a calf to name.

The next morning, at sunrise, Aggie and Annie went to the barn to check on Molly to see if she calved during the night. Annie opened the big barn door while Bosco, the cow dog, followed quickly, like he always did. Just at that very moment, a fierce, north wind blew the barn door wide open and slammed the door into Aggie, who was standing behind it!

Annie and Bosco looked back, but Aggie was nowhere to be found. They looked behind the door, and there was Aggie – on

the side of the barn – hanging like a picture on the wall! As they stood watching, Aggie slid off the barn and onto the ground, flat as a pancake. Annie could not believe her eyes. As she stood looking at Aggie, the wind caught the creaking door, and WHAM! It slammed into Annie! Her face smashed right into the side of the barn. Now Aggie and Annie were both lying on the ground... FLAT!

Bosco could not believe it. He sniffed around the ground next

to Aggie and Annie. He finally licked their faces because he knew it was really them, even though they were so FLAT! Bosco ran to the house barking hysterically. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur, the twins' mom and dad, came to the door to see why Bosco was barking. They tried to let Bosco inside, but he just stood there barking. Bosco finally tugged on Mr. Arthur's pant leg for him to come outside. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur put on their coveralls and working boots preparing to be out in the wind.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur followed Bosco toward the barn. Bosco ran right up to the flat human figures on the ground!

"My goodness," shouted Mrs. Arthur.

"Gosh! The twins are flat," said Mr. Arthur.

"Aggie," said Mrs. Arthur. "Are you okay?"

"He is breathing and smiling," Mrs. Arthur thought, "so he had to be ok!" "What in the world happened here? Annie, you are flat, too! Are you okay? How on earth did you get so flat?" she asked.



"Aggie," Mrs. Arthur asked, "Can you hear me? Can you get up?"

Aggie answered, "I think so. Let me try!"

Aggie slowly lifted his flat, dizzy head off the ground. Then, he stretched one finger at a time. One... two... three... 10!

"I still have all 10 fingers, Mom!" Aggie shouted.

He then flipped his arms off the ground like a bucking bull, hard and fast! Aggie braced himself on the ground with his arms and then slowly made it to a sitting position. He looked exactly like a 90-degree angle. Finally, Aggie pried his two legs off the ground and jumped up like he was on a trampoline. However, when Aggie landed back on the ground, he was more like a wet noodle trying to stand up! He was so wobbly!

"Whoa!" Aggie shouted, while bracing himself on the door.

"What a whirlwind! Where did Annie go?" Aggie asked. "She's on the ground, Aggie," Mrs. Arthur answered, pointing behind him.

Aggie turned around and looked to find Annie flat on the ground. He touched his foot to her stomach to see if she would move. About that same time, Annie jumped up like a grasshopper and fell right back down again. Annie hadn't realized she was flat, and she fell flat on her face, AGAIN! Annie slowly put her hands on the ground and got to her knees. She braced herself. Then she stood straight up like a pencil.

Annie started to wobble and fall, but Aggie grabbed her arm to hold her up.

"Hey, Aggie, why are you looking so..... well..... FLAT?" Annie questioned.

"Annie, you are flat, too, if you haven't noticed," said Aggie.

Looking surprised, Annie shouted, "What...... I'm FLAT.....?"

"Well, I feel fine," said Aggie. "How about you Annie? Do you feel okay?" Aggie continued. "I feel fine. I'm just really flat!" Annie replied, looking down at herself.

Suddenly remembering why they came to the barn, Aggie asked, "Did Molly have her calf?"

"No, not yet," said Mrs. Arthur, "but the veterinarian is coming this morning to check on her."

About that same time, the local vet, Dr. Gore, pulled into the long driveway. Everyone was at the barn, so she pulled right up to the big doors. She slowly opened her truck door, holding tight, trying not to lose it to the wind. After grabbing a few supplies, Dr. G walked over to the twins and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur.

"Good morning, Arthur family!" greeted Dr. G.

Just then, Dr. G took a good look at Aggie and Annie.

"What in the world happened to you kids?" Dr. G asked. "Well, Dr. G, we were checking on Molly this morning, and the door smashed me! Then, the door smashed Annie, and now we are both flat!" explained Aggie.

Mrs. Arthur asked Dr. G if she would mind checking Aggie and Annie out before she looked at Molly.

"Sure," Dr. G agreed, "but I've never seen anything like this before." Dr. G pulled out her measuring tape. Aggie and Annie were both about 4 feet tall and 1 inch wide… She listened to both their hearts.

"Both hearts sound great," Dr. G stated.

She then looked in Aggie's ears, nose, and throat.



"All good there," Dr. G declared. She checked Aggie's reflexes on his legs and arms.

Dr. G finally reported, "I can't see anything to be concerned about! He's just FLAT!"

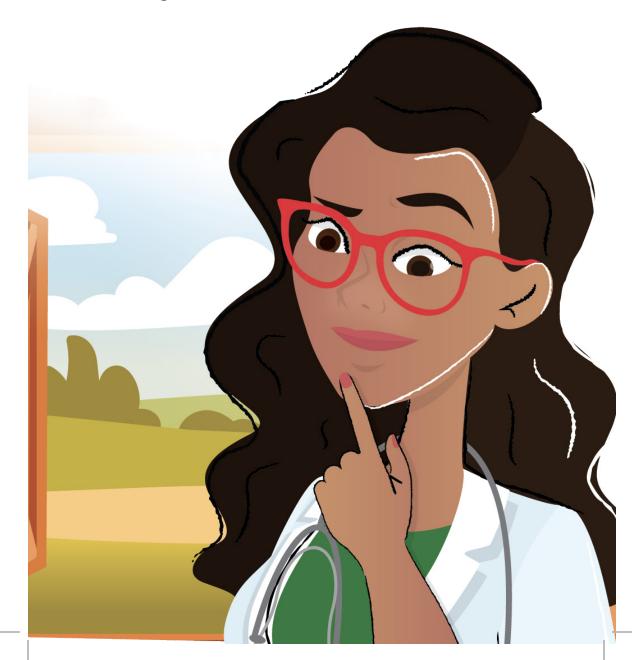
Next after examining Aggie, Dr. G looked Annie over. Dr. G thought Annie seemed fine, too, just FLAT. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur just shook their heads.

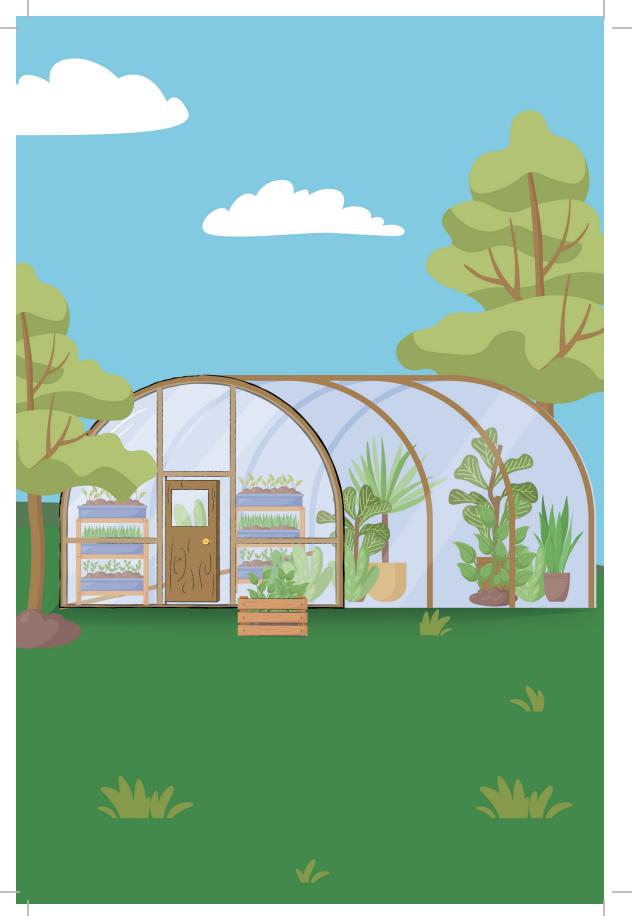
"We're so thankful the twins are going to be fine!" they said. Dr. G started toward Molly to check on her. After examining Molly, Dr. G confirmed, "Molly will have twins!"

Dr. G suggested the Arthurs keep Molly in the barn out of the weather until she was ready to calve.

"Make sure you keep hay and water for her around the clock!" Dr. G instructed.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur thanked Dr. G for coming by so early in the morning. Dr. G shared, "It's puzzling about Aggie and Annie, but I'm sure glad they are going to be okay. Just flat....."







Aggie and Annie went inside and ate bacon, eggs, and toast before rushing out the door for school. They had to catch the bus! Mrs. Smith, the bus driver, only honked once to get them out the door. Aggie and Annie had an eventful morning already, and they sure didn't want to miss the bus! Mrs. Smith greeted the twins, like every morning, except this morning, she gave them both a unique look!

"Are you twins feeling okay this morning?" she asked.

"Yes, Mrs. Smith. We just got smashed by the barn door. Dr. G came by to check on Molly, and she said I was going to be fine! Guess what, Mrs. Smith? Molly is going to have TWINS, just like Annie and me," Aggie shouted.

"That's great news, Aggie," Mrs. Smith chuckled. "Have a seat, Bud, we've got to get to school. Keep those pockets in the seat today," she continued.

After the bus arrived at school, everyone was amazed at how flat Aggie and Annie were. Aggie waved and smiled like always and offered a "good morning" to his teacher, Mrs. Wheatley.

Annie followed right behind him. Annie gave Mrs. Wheatley a high five every morning. Today was just the same except Mrs. Wheatley could not stop staring at how flat Aggie and Annie both were.

Mrs. Wheatley was so shocked. She asked Aggie and Annie if they were feeling okay this morning.

"Yes, Mrs. Wheatley," Aggie stated. "Dr. G said I'm fine, and I feel good!" he continued.

Annie chimed in, "Yep, I feel really good today! Guess what, Mrs. Wheatley? Molly, our cow, is having twins!" Annie said. "Wow," Mrs. Wheatley replied. "Aggie, Annie, get out your morning journal, and let's get this day started," Mrs. Wheatley instructed.

Aggie's morning had been full, so he knew exactly what he was going to write in his journal today! He was going to write all about how excited he was for Molly to have twins! Annie didn't really like to write too much in her journal. She loved drawing pictures instead. Mrs. Wheatley always made her write at least one sentence with her drawing. She wrote, "Molly iz hving twinz."

Mrs. Wheatley's plans were to have class in the greenhouse building today, but there was a problem. The principal made an announcement over the intercom.

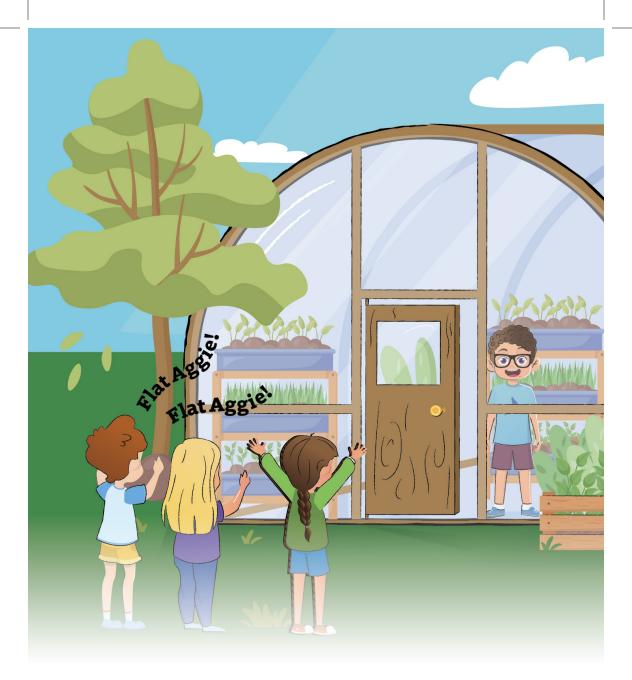
"The door to the greenhouse is locked, and we can't find the key," he stated.

The entire class groaned in frustration because they looked forward to greenhouse day each week! Luckily, Aggie had an idea.

"What if I slide through the side of the door? Do you think I could fit?" Aggie asked.

Mrs. Wheatley shrugged, "We can surely try."

The class gathered around the greenhouse door and watched as Aggie just slipped right by the door frame and unlocked the door.



Flat Aggie saved the day!"



## **CHAPTER 3**

Mrs. Arthur received a text message from Abby, her sister in Wyoming. She asked if the twins could come visit for her son Jake's birthday party. However, Abby didn't know the twins were flat yet.

"How are we going to get them to Wyoming?" Mrs. Arthur thought. At that same time, Aggie and Annie both walked into the kitchen. Mrs. Arthur told the twins their Aunt Abby wanted them to come visit for Jake's birthday.

"How on earth are we going to get you there? Your father and I can't leave and take you during calving season," thought Mrs. Arthur.

Aggie and Annie smiled big.

Annie asked, "What about mailing us, Mom? We get packages on the porch all the time. What if we just mailed ourselves to Aunt Abby's house?" she asked.

Mrs. Arthur thought for a minute and was very doubtful about this plan. Then, she decided it just might work. Mrs. Arthur prepared one large envelope. Inside, she placed two bags, each filled with two crackers, two pieces of bacon, two square pieces of cheese, and two beef sticks. Next. Aggie and Annie both slid into the envelope.

Mr. Arthur sealed the envelope addressed to Aunt Abby. Then, he placed the envelope in the mailbox and put the flag up! When the mailman came by to deliver the mail, he grabbed the envelope and put the flag down. He waved to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur and drove away!

"I sure hope they make it," sighed Mrs. Arthur.

The next day the phone rang. Mrs. Arthur answered. From the other end, Aggie shouted, "Hey Mom, we made it!" He gave the phone to Annie.

"Hi Mom," Annie said. "It was so cool, Mom! We can travel anywhere now!" Annie exclaimed.

Mrs. Arthur told the twins to make good choices and have fun at Jake's party!

Jake was so excited to see his cousins. He couldn't believe Aggie and Annie were actually FLAT! Once Jake's party started, the kids played chase in the yard. One kid wished Jake had a trampoline to play on. Aggie and Annie looked at each other and had the same idea. They both climbed on top of the fence and stretched out. Aggie and Annie instantly became a trampoline!



The kids at the party were all thrilled. After a while, Aggie and Annie were so tired and sore, so they decided to go inside and rest for the afternoon.

Later that evening, when all the kids were gone, Aggie, Annie, Aunt Abby, and Jake were watching the news. The local news reported someone was stealing cattle from Aunt Abby's neighbor! She couldn't believe it. Everyone jumped in the truck and headed over to Mr. Smith's place. When they arrived, Mr. Smith was standing with Mr. McKey, the sheriff, and they confirmed someone had stolen some cows during the night. However, the rustlers didn't get all the cows. Everyone was worried they might try to steal the rest tonight.

Mr. Smith shrugged, "I just don't know how to catch the rustlers." Aggie and Annie had an idea.

"Mr. Smith, could you get some glue and put Aggie on the back of one of the cows?" asked Annie. "Then after Aggie is loaded in the trailer with the rest of the cows, I will jump on the drone and follow the truck," explained Annie.

"We can find out where all your cows are going and catch the bad guys," said Aggie.

"Well, it's worth a try I guess," shrugged Mr. Smith, and the sheriff agreed.

That night, Mr. Smith grabbed some glue and two cameras from the house. He put the cameras on two headbands for the twins to wear. Then he glued one of Aggie's shoes to the back of his favorite cow, Jessie. She was his favorite because she would eat cubes right out of his hand. Cattle love eating their cubes, which are pellets of feed full of yummy nutrients!

Jessie stood still while Mr. Smith glued Aggie safely on her back. Annie jumped on the drone and flew herself to the top of the electric pole to wait for the rustlers to come back to steal cattle. Then, Mr. Smith made sure they were both safe. He checked both cameras to make sure he could see and hear everything from his phone.



Finally, he headed back to the house to wait with Aunt Abby, Jake, and Sheriff McKey while they took care of other chores.

Aggie and Annie waited patiently. Around 11:30 p.m., headlights came down the dirt road. Sure enough, it was a ground load semi-truck, and they were coming to load the rest of the cows. Aggie was nervous and so were the cows. All the cows started making circles in the pens. Annie waited still and quiet from on top of the electric pole. Aggie was still

and quiet from on top of Jessie. In fact, they were so still and quiet – the rustlers didn't notice Aggie or Annie at all!

Mr. Smith, Aunt Abby, Jake, and Sheriff McKey all watched the rustlers from Annie's camera. As soon as the rustlers stopped to unload the stolen cattle, the sheriff and his deputies were there to meet them and take them to jail.

Aunt Abby and Jake looked on as Mr. Smith and Sheriff McKey shook hands with Aggie and Annie. "Thank you for helping catch those rustlers," said Mr. Smith.

"Yes," said Sheriff McKey, "we would still be looking for those cattle if you hadn't helped!"





Mrs. Arthur called to tell the twins that Molly would have her babies any minute. She wanted the twins to come home to help Molly.

Aunt Abby had an idea of emailing Aggie and Annie home because they needed to be home in a hurry. She scanned Aggie and Annie on the computer Next, Aunt Abby drafted an email. She was hopeful Aggie and Annie would make it home quickly.



Mrs. Arthur's computer dinged with an email. She opened the email and clicked on the attachment, and instantly Aggie and Annie were there! She clicked print. Aggie and Annie both printed from the printer and stepped off the paper. Aunt Abby's idea worked! They were home in a flash!

The twins ran quickly out to the barn to check on Molly. She had just given birth to the twin calves and was cleaning them up. Aggie and Annie were so excited. They rushed back to the house to let Mr. and Mrs. Arthur know Molly had her twins.

Aggie and Annie were exhausted from traveling. After supper and chores, they both were ready for bed. Lying there quietly, they both started wondering what adventures they could go on next. Aggie and Annie knew they could travel fast.

Aggie had an idea.

"What if we emailed ourselves

all around the United States?" he asked Annie.

"Let's start with the United States, then the Virgin Islands. Don't forget Hawaii, Alaska, Maine, and then Florida!" Aggie rattled on.

Annie thought for a minute.

"Aggie, I think we better just get some rest for now," Annie said.



## **CHAPTER 5**

The next day at school, Mrs. Wheatley was demonstrating drones and talking about their importance and usefulness. Several students had ideas such as looking for a missing cow, analyzing crops, and looking for wildlife. Annie raised her hand and asked Mrs. Wheatley if she could attach Aggie to the drone to fly around the school. Mrs. Wheatley was unsure.

Annie explained, "We just flew on drones last week to catch some rustlers at our aunt's neighbor's farm."

She knew the twins had traveled to their aunt's by mail and that she had sent them home by email, so she thought, "Why not?"

She attached Aggie safely to the drone, and up and away he went. He flew all around town and several miles away from the school. Aggie began feeling a little sick. He was ready to come back to class. He landed on the playground and jumped off the drone!

Later that evening, Aggie and Annie were lying quietly in bed.

Aggie shared, "I just really want to be a kid again. I am feeling sad. I want to play on the playground at school with my friends. It's been really neat to be flat, but I just want to play with my friends again." The next day Aggie and Annie tried to think of a way to become a normal size again and not flat! "Maybe the hair dryer will work," suggested Aggie. Annie thought for a minute. "No, that won't work. We need a different idea," said Annie.



Annie went to the barn to get the air tank by the flat tractor tire to see if that would work. She put her lips around the hose and turned on the air. When that happened, Annie flew across the barn, and the hose went crazy like a snake. That idea didn't work. The air was way too fast.

Aggie grabbed the leaf blower and directed, "Let's try this, Annie."

Aggie stretched his flat lips around the leaf blower, and Annie turned it on. Aggie's leg slowly started to inflate. His leg was HUGE, but the rest of his body was still flat.



Annie told Aggie to shake his leg to see if the air would move. Aggie shook his leg like a dog, and the other leg inflated. Aggie put his mouth on the leaf blower again! He inflated the rest of the way!

"Annie, it's your turn," coaxed Aggie.

Annie carefully put her mouth on the leaf blower. In just a minute, Annie was inflated just like a balloon. Aggie and Annie were so excited to be back like regular kids again! They both ran to the house yelling for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur to come and see!

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur came running. They hugged both Aggie and Annie. They all cheered with joy!

"Thank goodness you both are back!" they said.

The next morning, Aggie and Annie both went to check on the animals in the barn. The wind was cold and blowing again. Annie opened the barn door

## quickly, and it flew open. Aggie was behind the door.....

