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**“Zack’s not scared of anything.  
But everyone’s scared of him.”**

Rose wishes Zack wasn’t such a big bully. He’s always teasing her at school. Luckily for Rose, her Uncle Vinnie has a wizard trick or two up his sleeve – maybe he can conjure up a magic solution to her problem?

Soon, with a little help from Uncle Vinnie and the classroom pet rat, Rose is ready to teach Zack a lesson he’ll never forget...

A comical and thought-provoking story by an award-winning author.

Illustrated by Sue Heap, winner of the Smarties Prize Gold Award.

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# Invisible Vinnie

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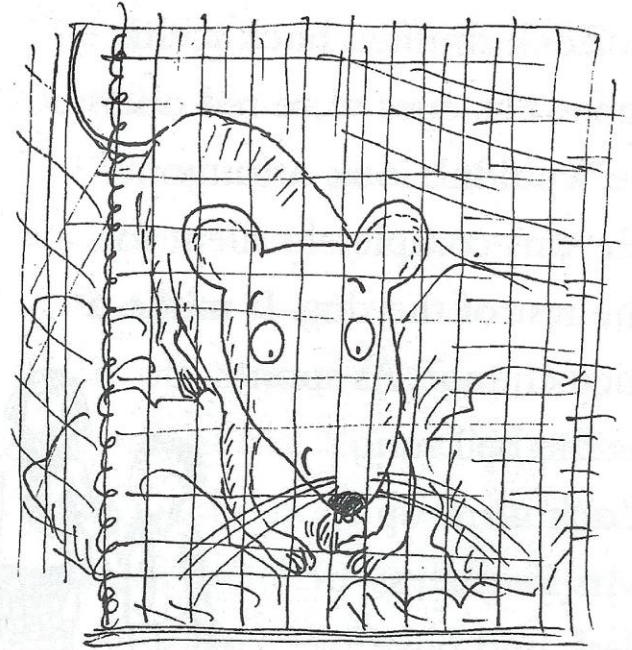
“Course we won’t tell,” said Pete. “That was the best joke ever.”

Lauren leaned over to Rose.

“I reckon Zack’s lost his gang,” she whispered.



## Chapter Five



A few minutes later Mrs Feather came back with Zack.

“I found Ratty,” Ben told her. “He’s back in his cage.”



“Well done, Ben,” said Mrs Feather.

Zack shuffled back to his table. His eyes were red and he wouldn't look at anyone. He was completely silent for the rest of the day. It made a nice change. As soon as the bell rang Zack went up to Mrs Feather's desk and gave her something out of his bag. Then he looked at Rose and left the room.



Mrs Feather called Rose over to her desk. Rose was worried. She thought she was going to be told off.

“I'll wait for you outside,” said Ben.

But Mrs Feather didn't tell Rose off. She said, “Zack thinks you might like to read this.” She held out the book with an alien on the cover. “So we'll swap it for *Sea Storm*, shall we?”

“Yes, *please!*” said Rose. She ran and got *Sea Storm* out of her bag.

Mrs. Feather gave her the alien book.

“Thanks, Mrs Feather,” said Rose.



“Don’t thank me, thank Zack,” said Mrs Feather.

“Oh,” said Rose thoughtfully.

“OK.”

She was about to go when Mrs Feather said, “By the way, that was a very good story you told about Invisible Vinnie. D’you think you could make up another one and write it down?”

“Of course,” said Rose beaming.





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When Rose got home Uncle Vinnie was sitting in the kitchen with Rose's mum, having a cup of tea.



"Well, you look more cheerful, Rose," said her mum.

"How did you get on with the book?" asked Uncle Vinnie.

"Brilliantly!" said Rose. And she told her mum and her uncle the story of Invisible Vinnie.

Uncle Vinnie shook his wild wizard's hair and laughed till he cried.



“You played a trick on me,”  
said Rose sternly, “but I forgive  
you, because it worked like  
magic.”



THE END

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