

**DON'T LOOK AT IT!  
DON'T TOUCH IT!**

A SPOOK-tacular story book



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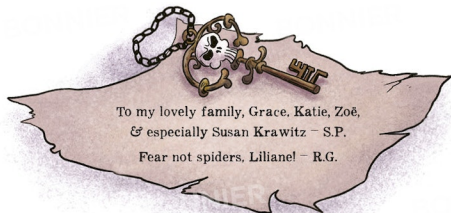


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To my lovely family, Grace, Katie, Zoë,  
& especially Susan Krawitz – S.P.

Fear not spiders, Lilliane! – R.G.

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One dark and scary Halloween night,  
four friends named Sammy, Jenny, Sara  
and Pete found a strange dark box.

Printed across the box, in big black letters,  
were these words:



"We'd better  
not look at it,"  
said Sara.



"We'd better  
not touch it,"  
said Jenny.

"We'd better  
not open it,"  
added Sammy  
and Pete.



so what do you think they did?

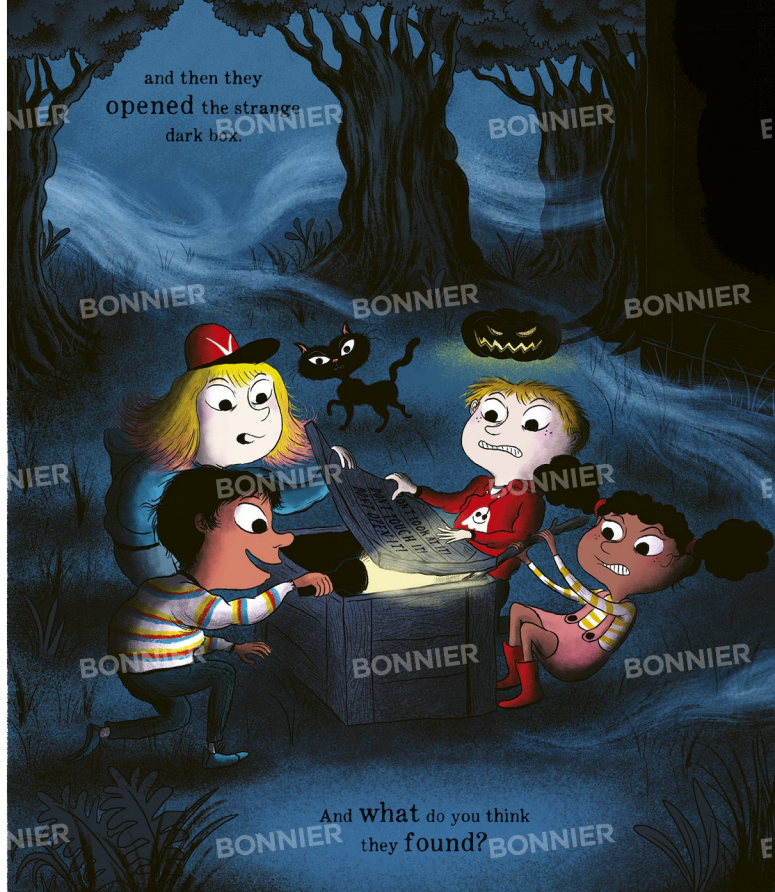


They looked at it,

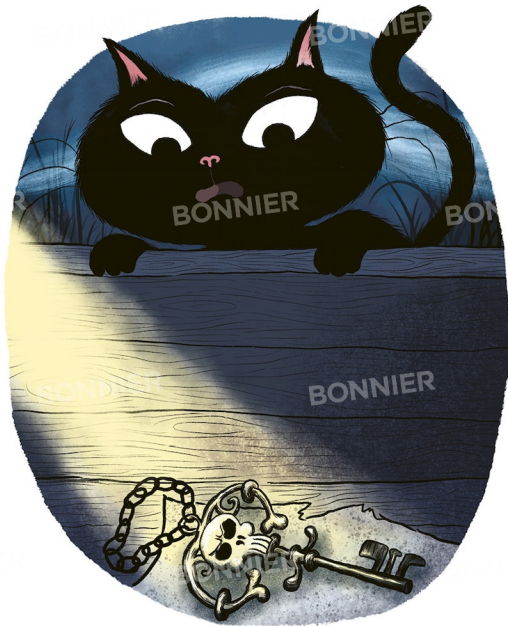


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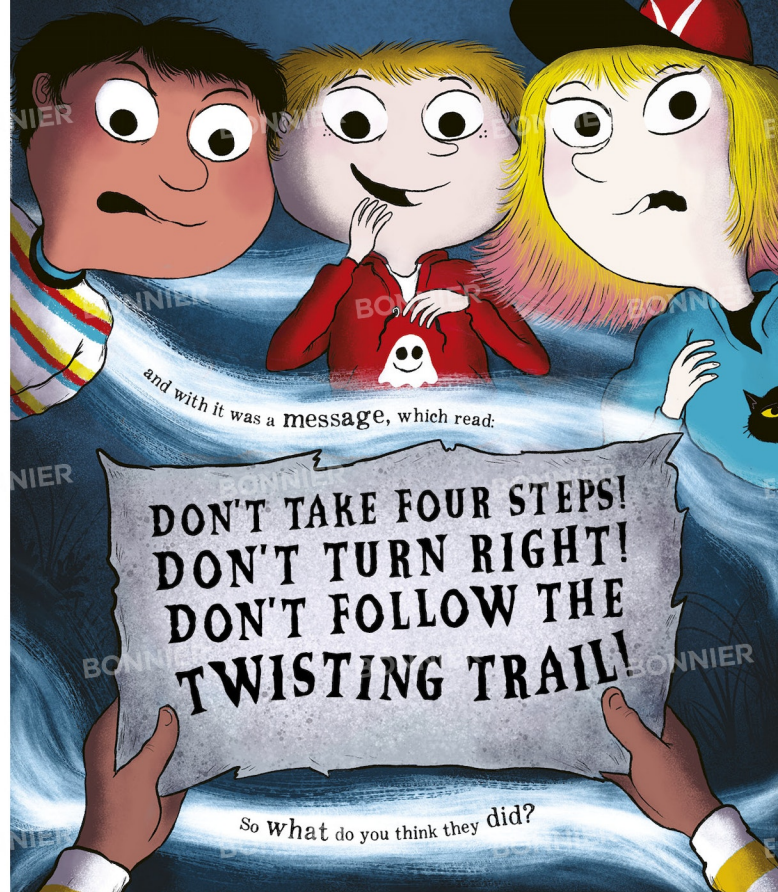
and then they  
opened the strange  
dark box.



And what do you think  
they found?



A *creepy* skeleton key  
on a rusty chain . . .



and with it was a message, which read:

**DON'T TAKE FOUR STEPS!  
DON'T TURN RIGHT!  
DON'T FOLLOW THE  
TWISTING TRAIL!**

So *what* do you think they did?





They took four steps.

they turned right.

and then they followed the twisting trail...

Soon they came to a **spooky** old house.

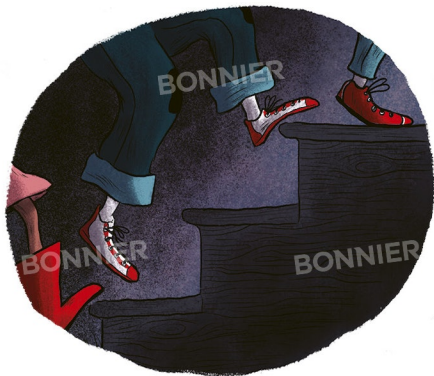


Across the door, in **big black letters**,  
were painted these words:



so **what** do you think they did?

They walked  
up to it,



they  
unlocked it,

and then they *crept* inside the spooky old house.



Spider webs fell across their faces  
like *witch's hats*.

"I'm scared,"  
said Sara.

"Me three,"  
said Pete.

But Jenny said nothing,  
because **suddenly**  
Jenny . . .

"Me too,"  
said Sunny.

had  
**disappeared!**

“Wait,” said Sara. “I saw something  
move down that long, dark hallway.”

And in a muffled voice  
the hall whispered:

**“DON’T LISTEN TO IT! DON’T FOLLOW IT!**

**DON’T WALK DOWN THIS LONG DARK HALL!”**

So what do you think they did?



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They listened to it,

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they followed it.

BONNIER and then they walked down that  
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long, BONNIER  
dark  
hall.

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Soon they reached some steep stairs leading to a **black, cold cellar**:

And from the black, cold cellar *strange* noises could be heard.

"Maybe that's  
Jenny down there,"  
said Sara.

"And maybe it's  
not Jenny at all,"  
said Pete.

But Sammy said nothing,  
because now Sammy ...

had **disappeared** too!

"No matter what we do," said Pete, "we're **NOT** going down these steep stairs, we're **NOT** stepping into that cold cellar, and we're **NOT** following *any* strange noises!"



So **what** do you think they did?

They went down the steep stairs,



She stepped into the cold walls

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and they followed the strange, strange noises.





Soon they saw flickering candlelight coming from beneath a small doorway. On the doorway, in big black letters, were posted these words:



"What should we do?"

Sara asked Pete.

But Pete did not answer.



Because now Pete had somehow disappeared too...  
and Sara was all alone.



So what do you think she did?  
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And what do you think she saw?




# SURPRISE!

# TRICK OR TREAT?!

All of her friends, including Sammy, Jenny and Pete, were throwing Sara a surprise Halloween birthday party!

There were pumpkins, scary costumes and punch. And above one corner of a ghostly table there hung a sign.

What do you think it said?



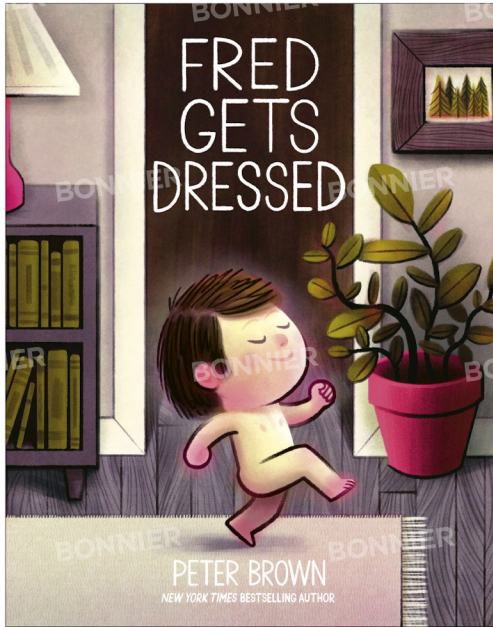
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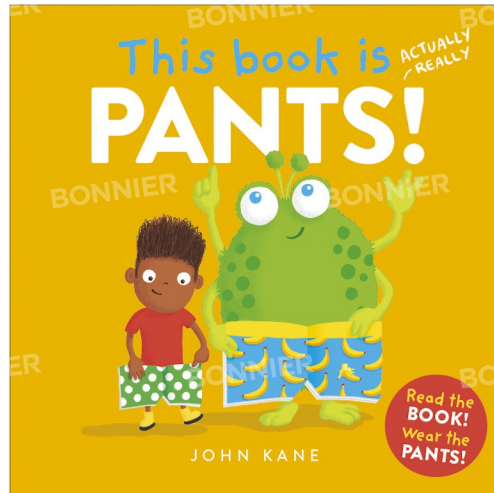
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