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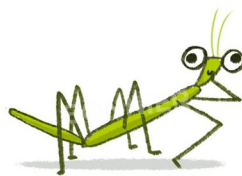
FART

A ~~fact~~-packed science story

burp
This ~~book~~ belongs to:

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For Olivia
and Oscar - S.G.

For Elodie, Arthur
and Fletcher - P.B.

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There I was minding my own business and eating my breakfast when ALL of a sudden with a...

RUMBLE!

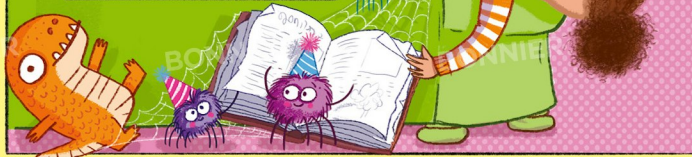
POP!

UUUUURK!

Along came a...

...burp!

But where did it come from?
I looked behind the sofa
(because lots of things
come from behind sofas).



I looked at my pet bug, Burt.



I looked inside the fridge. (Nope!)



So I asked the burp...

Where did you
come from?

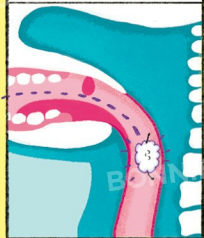
Why, I came from
YOU of course!



You swallowed me up as air when you were eating a spoonful of cereal.



I was PUSHED through a muscle...

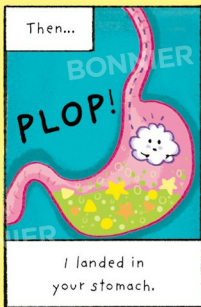


SQUEEZED down a stretchy tube...



Then...

PLOP!



I landed in your stomach.

Hey! You are not supposed to be here, burp.

Let me out!

CEREAL

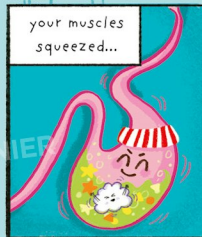
STOMACH



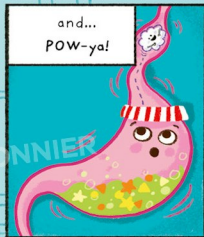
So your tummy stretched...



your muscles squeezed...



and... POW-ya!

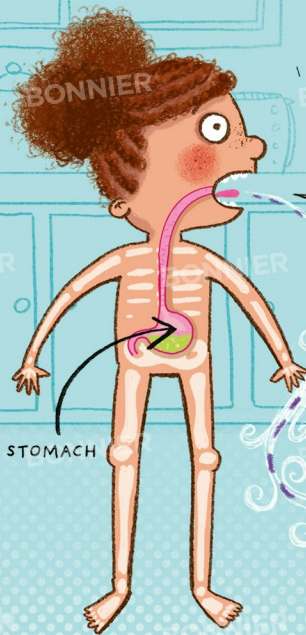


I was pushed right back through the stretchy tube where I trembled, and jiggled, and shook all the way up until...

URK!

Out I come as a BURP.

I'm back in the air with all the other gases now. See you later!



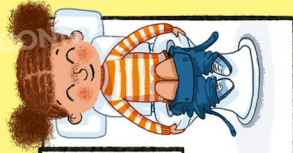
And I was going to wave goodbye, when ALL of a sudden along came a...

...wee!

I rushed to the toilet, because that is where wees usually go.

Oh, came the wee and I wondered, where do wees start? So I asked the wee,

Where did you start?



"I started when you guzzled down that glass of water," said the wee.



The water travelled to your stomach...

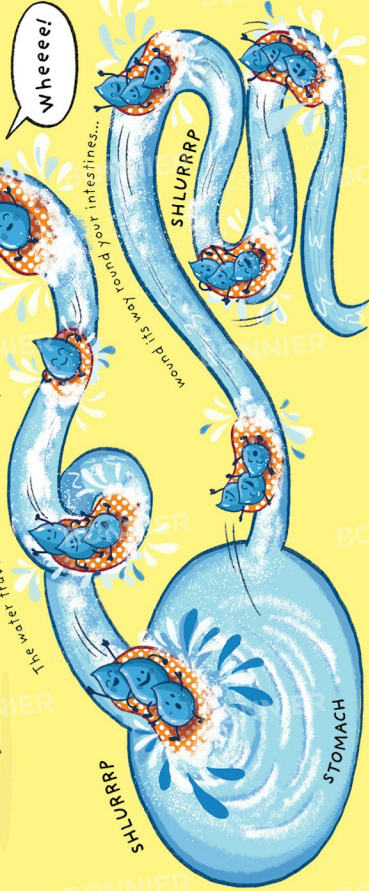
SHLURRP

Whееee!

Word it's key to your intestines...

SHLURRRP

STOMACH

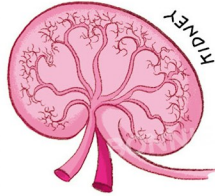


...hitched a RIDE with some BLOOD vessels

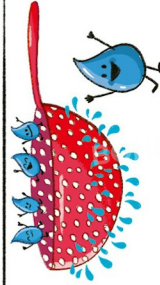


which ZOOMED around your body...

until they were carried into the kidneys.



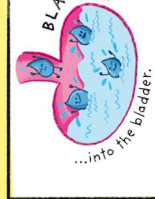
The blood was sieved through ONE MILLION teeny tiny tubes...



before all that was left was ME! A WEE!



Then I dribbled and dripped down these two tubes...



BLADDER

...into the bladder.

The bladder got bigger...



and BIGGER before...

your brain told YOU to...

RUSH TO THE LOO!

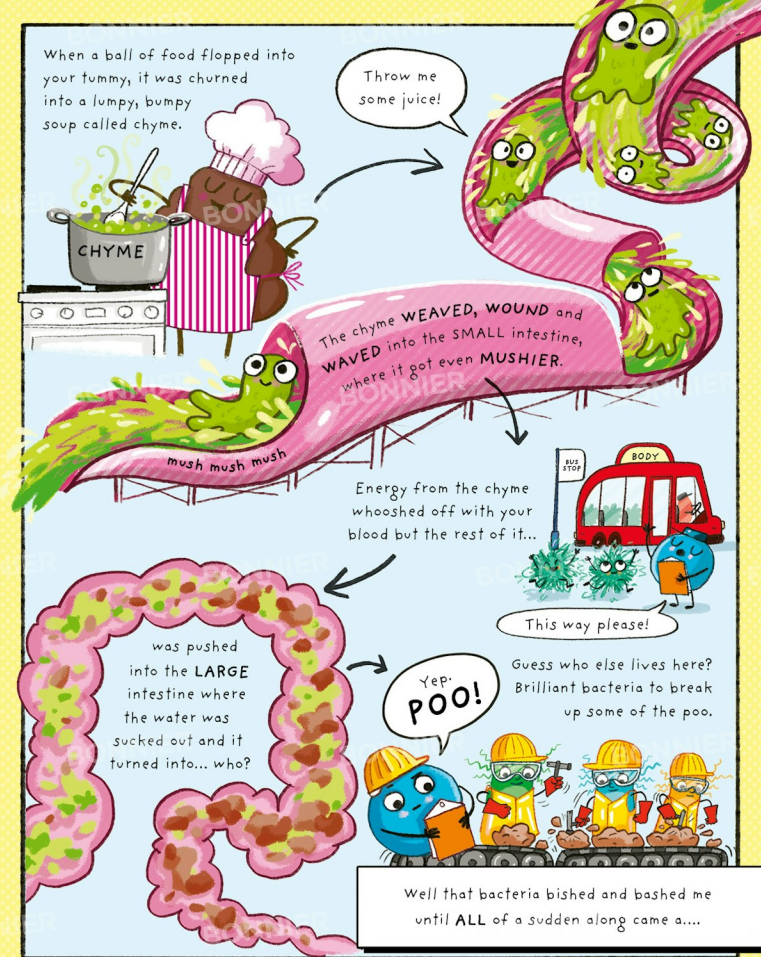


And here I am.

Right, I'm off to be recycled now.

And I was about to ask into WHAT? When ALL of a sudden along came a...

...poo! So I sat and I sat. And I thought and I thought until...



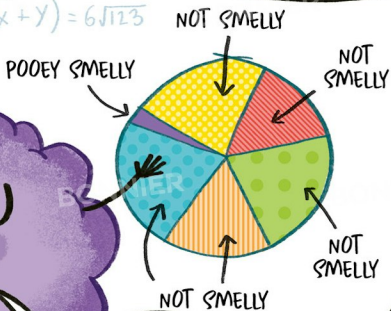
PAAAAARP



...a fart?

Yes. A fart. And then...

Woah, woah, woah. Wait a minute there, poo. I know I'm talking to you but I just have to ask this fart... How can something so smelly come from my belly?



Well, I'm made from different gases and most of them are actually NOT smelly. Look this is me...

Ok. Got it. Back to you, Poo...

OK, so after I was made into poo, I hung out in a waiting room called the rectum.



until finally some friends arrived.



And then PLOP.

And that's the story of me! Remember to flush! And wash your haaaaaaarghhhhhhhhhh....

Well, I also remembered my manners and was about to say "GOODBYE" when ALL of a sudden along came a...

...sneeze!

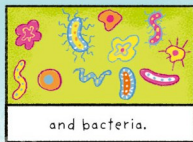
The biggest, blastiest, bogeyest sneeze you ever did hear.



A...A...A.....CHOOOOO!

I wiped it up in a tissue (because that's what you do with a sneeze) but wait! First, I had to know, "Why are you so LOUD?"

Well, when you breathe in, all kinds of stuff gets stuck up your nose like...



And the nose went...

I do NOT like you. Get out!

And inside your nose the nerves went...



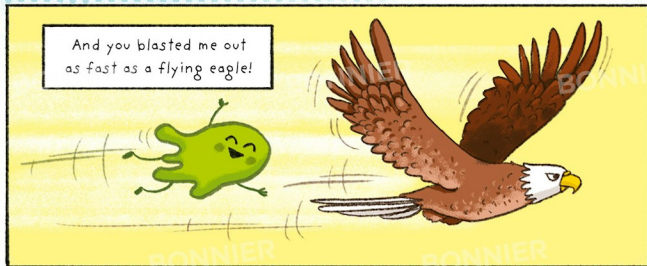
QUICK! Tell the brain there's an intruder!

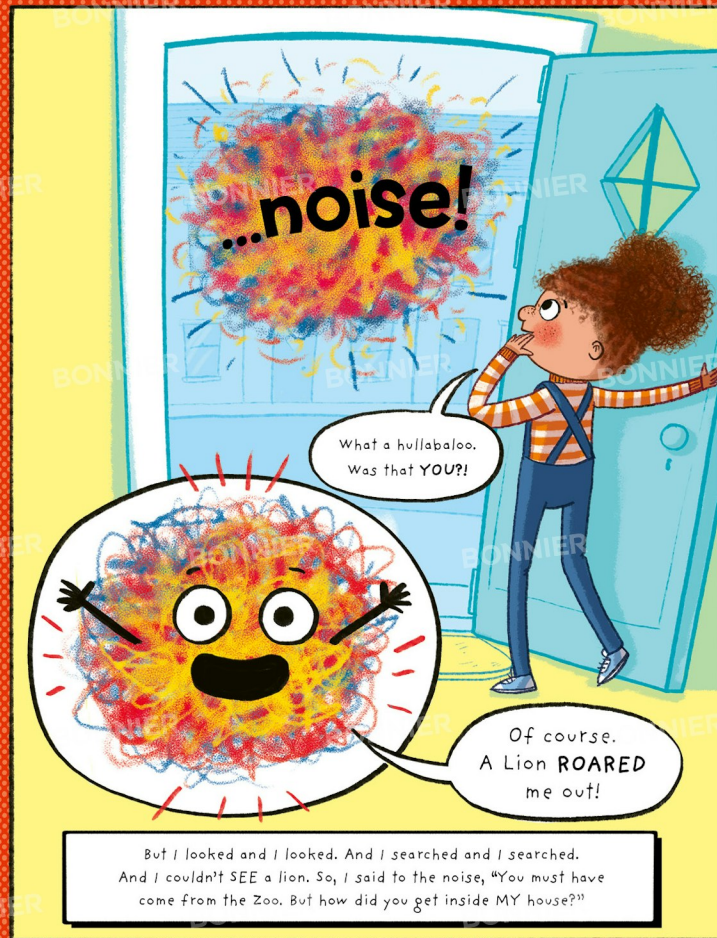
FLASH!

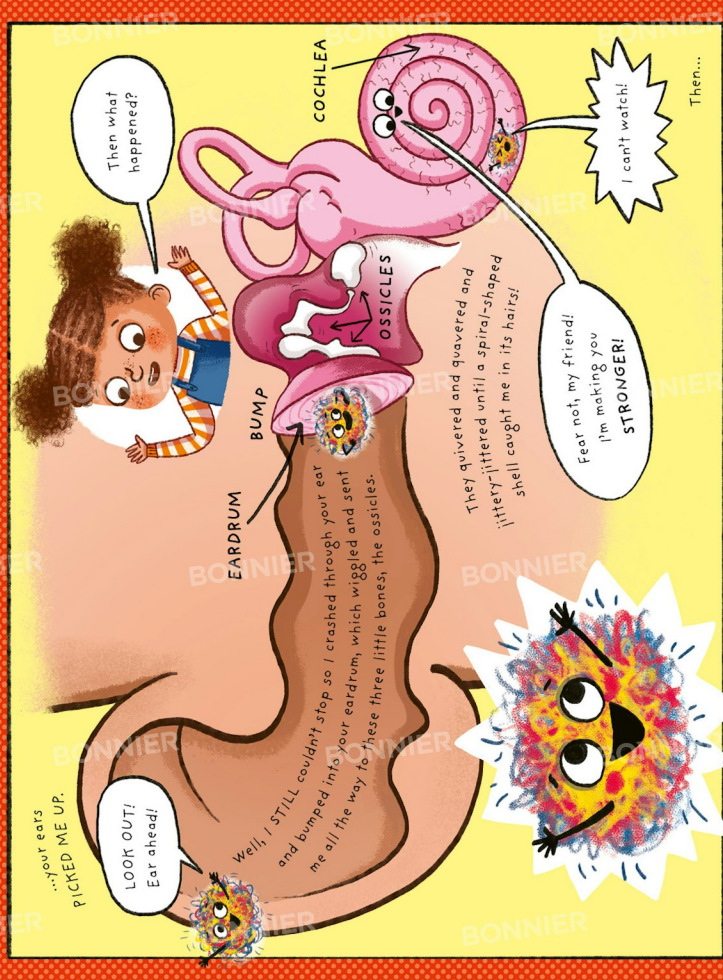
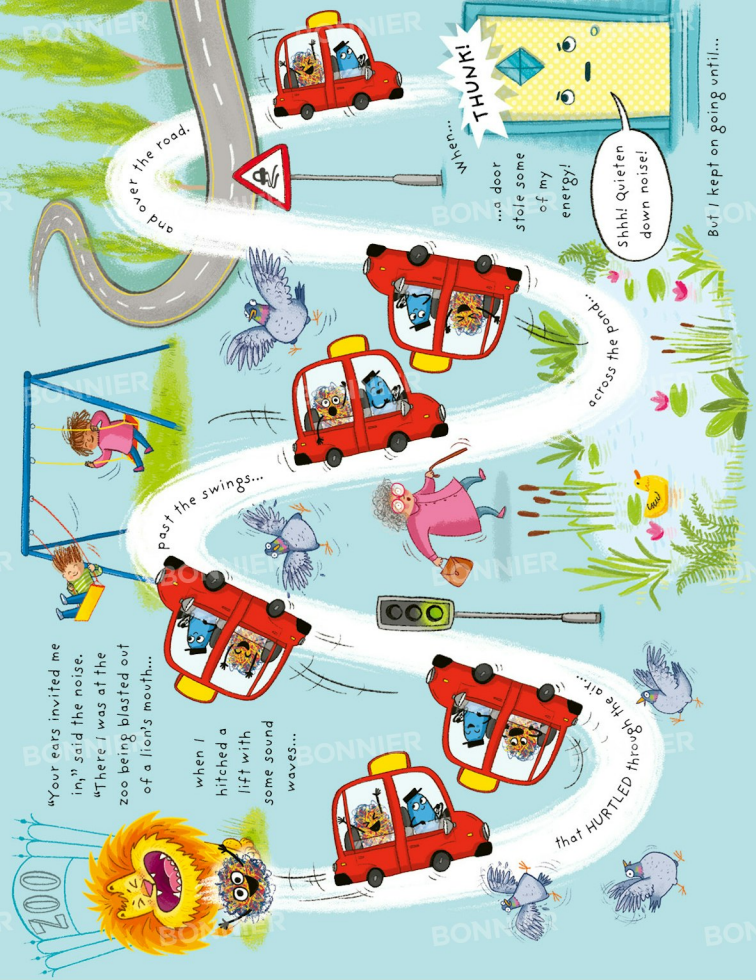
Deep breath please, lungs. The more air you breathe in, the LOUDER the sneeze.

BRAIN

And you blasted me out as fast as a flying eagle!







ZAP! I was finally fired off to the brain,
which turned me into an almighty...

ROOOOARRRRRR!!

Well, I had to see
this ROAR for
myself, so off I
went to the zoo.

But as I arrived, the wind blew wild, the trees threw down some leaves,
the lion leapt into its house and ALL of a sudden along came a...

...shiver!

"Why are you SO COLD?"
I asked the shiver.



I'm trying to warm you UP!
I started when YOU forgot
to put on your coat. It's
cold so the heat escaped
from your body.



Woohoo! FREEDOM!



To stop this
AT ONCE,
your brain
asked your
muscles to
make ME.



Squeeze...



relax...

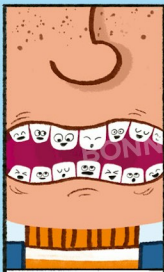
and
shiver!



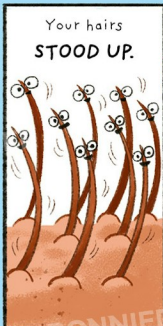
Your body
SHIVERED.



(That's ME!)



Your teeth
CHATTERED.



Your hairs
STOOD UP.



And the heat
was back **ON.**

"If you really want to get rid of me, just move around!"
said the shiver.

I JUMPED...



and my lungs filled with awesome oxygen.

I HOPPED...



and my heart pumped the oxygen and other
important treats around my body to my muscles.

I SKIPPED...



so my muscles, joints
and bones worked together.

And **I RAN** until my body got warmer...



and my heart soared with **HAPPINESS.**

Until **ALL** of a sudden along came an...

...ouch!

Ow ow ow!
OOOOOUCH!
Why did YOU
have to happen?

But before the ouch could
speak, along came a **TEAR**.

And then another...

and another.

"You're making me
feel... sad. **GO AWAY!**"
I told the tear
and the ouch.

We can't do that.
You **NEED** us.

As soon as you fell over, the nerves in your
knee sent **MILLIONS** of messages to your
brain to tell it what happened!

Warning! warning!

This kid needs help!

A knee is out!

And those **MESSAGES** were hurting you so...

WHOOSH!

Your brain sent
out an **OUCH** to
try to stop them!

Tell the grown ups
there is trouble!

But every superhero needs
a sidekick... So the brain
blasted out a tear too!

But now it's time
for us to go.

"Come back!" I called. "My knee is still bleeding."
But then **ALL** of sudden along came a...

...laugh!

A BIG belly-booming, cheek-crunching laugh that made me forget ALL about my tears. So, I asked the laugh,

Why are you SO FUNNY?

Well, I took you by surprise!
There you were at the zoo
with your hurty knee, but
then that goat came over.

It was supposed to be trip-trapping over the bridge like ALL the other goats but instead...

it took
your banana...

then it launched it
at a LLAMA...

who chucked it
at a CHICKEN...

which startled a SHEEP...

who bounced
it off a Bull's
BOTTOM...

all the way back to...
the big billy goat, who
gobbled
it up and...

BURP!

Then out / FLEW! (this time from YOU!)

HAHAHAHAHAHAHA

Because like a nose-scrunching Ninja I am MOST funny when you are least expecting me.

'I wasn't expecting THAT!' said the brain. 'Bananas don't usually bounce off BOTTOMS!'



One minute, you were running around, then you fell over and

PING PONG POW!

Your brain fired off some:



TEARS to show others you're hurt...



feel-better ENDORPHINS to battle the pain...

and LAUGHTER to take on the tears.

I'm outta here!



See, you'd forgotten about your knee. You can pass me to your friends, too! Laughter is catching.



HAHA



HAHAHAHAHA

HAHAHAHAHA



KEEP ON LAUGHING!



And I did. I laughed and I laughed and I snorted and I chortled until ALL of a sudden along came a...

...smell!

I know you! You're a FART!
But WHO on earth did
you come from?

Oh I can't tell you that.
But I can tell you that I was
blown out of someone's bottom where
I floated around in the air until...

I was sucked through your nostrils,
swept off to the back of your nose...

stuck to an icky,
sticky strip...

trapped by some drippy hairs and
dissolved by some slimy fibres.

Not the
hairs!

Then, I was BLASTED up to your
brain where your memory told you...

FART!
That is a FART!

Other people's farts are always smellier than yours. That's because
you know your own farts the BEST, like an old friend...

Hello friend.

A fart as a friend? Well, that made
me laugh again. And I was STILL
laughing when I bounced through
my front door and my mum said...

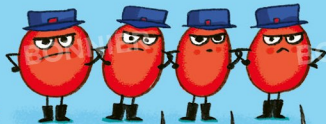
It's time for
a bath!

I was about to say "But I don't really WANT a
bath," when ALL of a sudden along came a...

...scab!

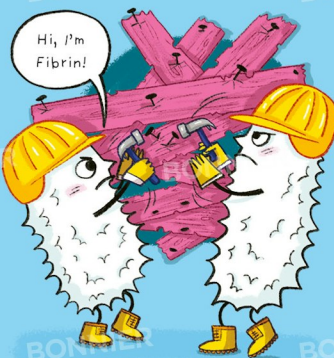
A crusty, craggy, gloopy, gloopy, lumpy, bumpy scab on my knee JUST where I had fallen over.

"I know," said the scab. "I started as **SOON** as you scraped your knee. Some little bits in your blood stuck together super-speedily like this..."

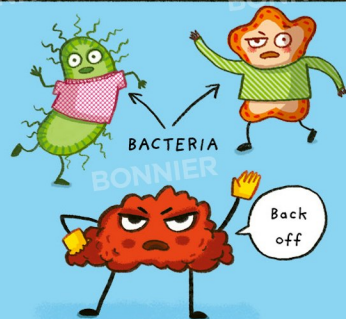


Oh no! I feel air from the outside!
Quick stick together!
Don't let the blood escape!

"Oh", I said to the scab, "You got here **FAST**."



Then my friend arrived to weave a web...



to trap the blood to make... **ME!**
Now if you don't mind I'm very busy!

So I left the scab alone and I hopped in my bath where suddenly I was sailing the stormy seas...



dodging a **GIANT** octopus...



and making friends with a whale until...



All too soon, I was wrapped in a towel.
But then **ALL** of a sudden, along came a...

...tooth!

A teeny, tiny tooth that I wobbled right out.

When will YOU grow back?

I won't! A new tooth will grow. One day it will break through and you'll see it shining in your mouth!

This will happen...



...until ALL your baby teeth have fallen out.

And then another 12 teeth will grow until you have 32 grown-up teeth! Now, remember to BRUSH!



So, I brushed my teeth SUPER well...



popped my tooth under my pillow, and then ALL of a sudden along came a...

...yawn!



"Not now," I said. But the yawn just wouldn't go away.



Just TALKING about me will make you yawn. Wait for it... YOU SEE? Anyway, I take my orders from the brain, not from you!

What a LONG and BUSY day. I need to cool down! Open wide, jaw.



Cold air in!
Warm air out!



Now I'm nice and cool, and ready for bed.

So I slid under the covers, and I thought about going to sleep.
But all that yawning had woken up my BRAIN, so ALL of a sudden along came a...

...question.

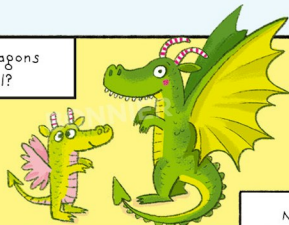
And some more questions...

Do flies sleep?



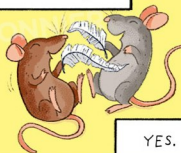
YES.

Are dragons real?



NO.

Do rats laugh?



YES.

Where does the tooth fairy live...



UMM...?

And they just kept popping into my head when all of a sudden along came a...

...dream!

So I asked the dream,

WOW! What made YOU?

"I was made by YOU," said the dream.

"After you fell asleep, trillions of spindly things turned on their lights and made a map of all the things YOU have seen and heard."

AMAZING things you read about in books.

AMAZING things your big brother told you last week.

And AMAZING things that you saw today!

Mix them ALL together and what have you got?

STAR-BURPING DRAGONS.

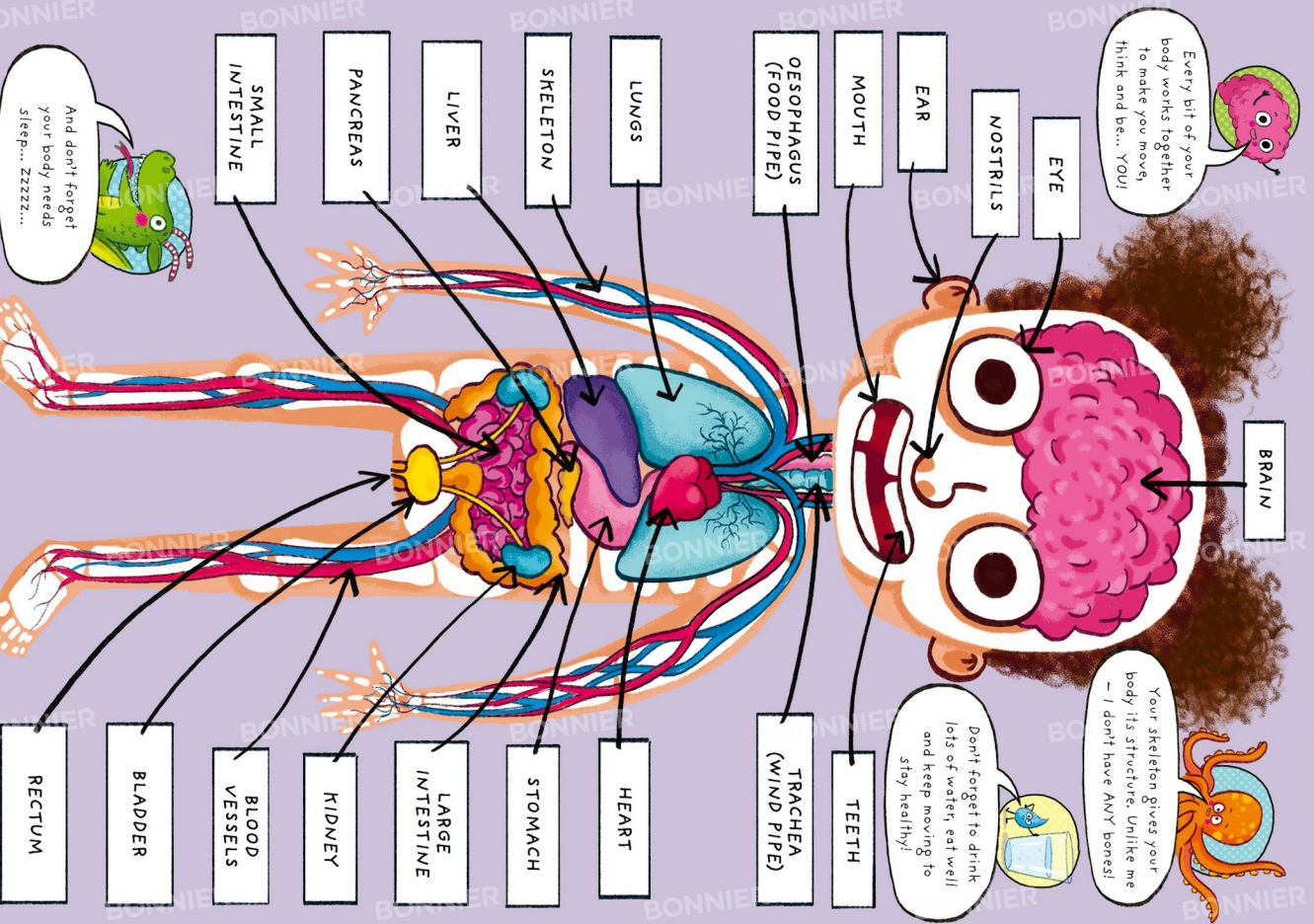
"Dreaming is your body's way of helping you look after the things you've learnt. Thanks to me it will be easier to remember your brilliant BURPY day! Just try not to forget me, ok?" said the dream.

And I was about to say, "I won't!" when ALL of a sudden, along came a ...

...snore!

zzzz

The Human Body



Every bit of your body works together to make you move, think and be... YOU!



Your skeleton gives your body its structure. Unlike me - I don't have ANY bones!



Don't forget to drink lots of water, eat well and keep moving to stay healthy!



And don't forget your body needs sleep... Zzzzz...





