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We find **Bertie the Fly** sitting on the picture rail in his living room, watching a James Bond movie which his mother doesn't know about.

His Mum flies into the room and says she has been called back to work, and tells Bertie he will have to look after himself for a while. She gives him some hints.

First of all, he is to look both ways when he flies out of the window. And not to go into Mrs Quick Mix's cake shop even if the cakes look good, as she has a new fly spray. Mr Tender Hind's meat looks good in the butcher shop, BUT, he has a new fly swat.

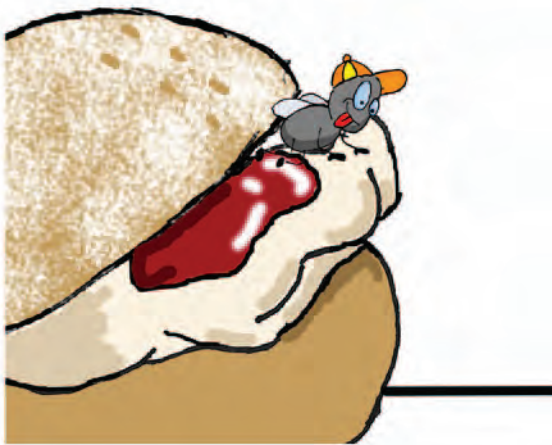


She tells him that if he wants to do some good, to go with Minnie the Fly his girlfriend to Sunday School to hear about heaven, and they can hold wings in the back row.

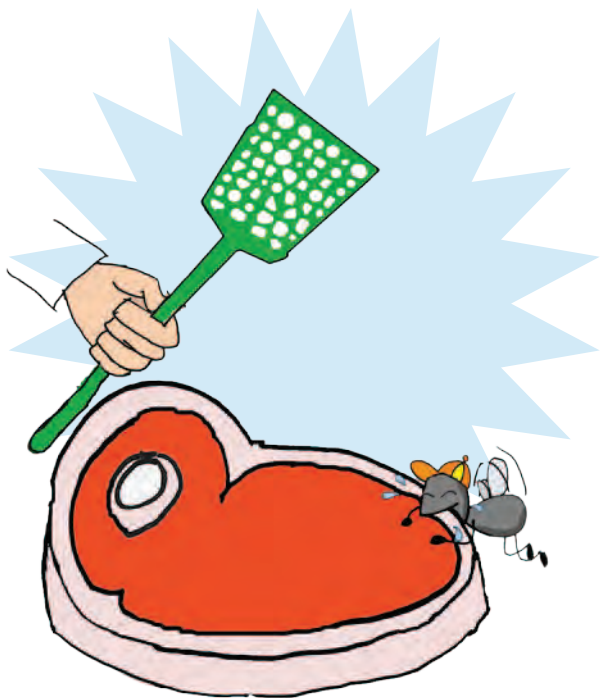
And not to go down to Spooky Avenue, because Snoozy the Spider lives at the end on a spider web, and he is dangerous. "I must be off now" says his mother, and off she flew out of the window.

The James Bond film he was watching was called Living Dangerously. He was dreaming when he flew out the window and just about got run over by a car. He felt giddy so he gets off the road quickly, but to his horror he had turned into the doorway of Mrs Quick Mix's cake shop.

He saw a cream bun and landed sprawled out on the cream. It seemed like heaven but it wasn't, for there was Mrs Quick Mix with her fly spray!



One whiff, and Bertie was on the jam tarts, then flying out the door.



Unfortunately Bertie flew straight into Mr Tender Hind's butcher shop. Bertie saw a piece of steak and started chewing it on his jaw, and Mr Tender Hind was very quick.

Down went the fly swat and Bertie was on the roast beef, down again and Bertie was on the kidneys. "Wow, that was close," and out the window he flew.



Who should he run into but Minnie the Fly going to Sunday School. Minnie said “come with me and you will learn about the real heaven. We could hold wings in the back row, Bertie.” Bertie almost said yes, and then he said “Tomorrow.”

But sometimes tomorrow never comes!

After Bertie had left Minnie, he remembered it was Minnie's birthday the next day, so he flew down to Woolies and got some talcum powder for Minnie for a present.

He had it under his wing, so he was flying lop-sided, trying to get altitude and using lampposts for resting places. One lamppost had Spooky Avenue written on it, and immediately Bertie recognized the name, and the low trees in the avenue. He remembered his Mum saying "Don't go down there whatever you do, because of Snoozy the Spider on his web".

Bertie thought, "I have been living dangerously all day and I have been all right", so he decided to take a gander and what he saw was a spider with a web.

He thought "That's not a web, it's a trampoline, and I could have some good fun jumping on it" - what do you think, boys and girls? I can hear you shouting "**No no, Bertie!**"



Bertie took a second look, which also is a no no.

He thought "This web looks sticky", so guess what he did, boys and girls? He took some talcum powder out of Minnie's present and put it on his feet, then he jumped up and down on the web, having more fun than ever. But good things never



last, the end is bad. Bertie stopped for a rest as it was hard work. Things were getting sticky so he thought of using more talc, but thought Minnie might notice so he didn't. He went down for the last jump, but when he landed, he was stuck fast. Well, boys and girls, that did not look good.

Bertie was scared. He thought "what would James Bond do?" Then he thought "Wait

a minute, James Bond is just a film, its not true. This is real life." By now, Snoozy had both his eyes open and was halfway down the web. Wow! Goodbye Bertie?

Bertie remembered Minnie and prayed to God to help him.

Just then a strange thing happened
- Snoozy slipped on a banana skin and Bertie was able to get away. He flew home as fast as he could to his Mum, and told her the whole story with tears in his eyes. He said he was very sorry and has learned his lesson, and would she forgive him, and asked God to forgive him, and He did.

The Bible says: To be sure, your sins will find you out. The safest way is to pray to Jesus, the Son of the true God, to guide you and look after you, and to go to Sunday School.



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