

A person's legs in blue jeans and brown shoes are visible, walking on a path covered in a thick layer of colorful confetti. The confetti consists of many small, irregular pieces in shades of yellow, white, and blue, creating a vibrant and busy texture. The person's legs are positioned in the lower center of the frame, moving towards the viewer.

What a DISASTER!

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This BOOK should be

BANNED

*But if you're reading it,
you're probably
TOUGH ENOUGH to handle it!*

Dedication

To Geoffrey a fellow adventurer, Jimena, Zac, Xenia, Max, Zoe, Asher, Kianna, Portia, Zyah, Daisy, Lauren, Angelica, Lenita and all the children who know the TRUTH, you know who you are.

THE TRUTH:

You CAN'T control what happens. You CAN control what happens NEXT.
Because no matter what **falls, breaks, crumbles, explodes, or disappears**
under your feet...

You get back up. You adapt. You keep moving.

**EVERY
SINGLE
TIME**



One fine morning,

I decided to go
for a walk,

to
the park.

DISASTER 1

THE SQUASH SQUASH

In the blink of an eye...



Giant
hands appeared from nowhere.

BiG! Powerful!

Determined to SQUISH.

Before I could even say,
"Hey, what's happening?"

SQUASH



I was
Compressed, compacted,
and
crumpled
like a piece of **origami.**

A human **ball.**

I tried to **wiggle free**, no luck!
I tried to **roll away**, no luck!

But then... I **unfurled,**
stretched
and shook it off.
Because **nothing squashes my spirit!**

And I kept walking.



DISASTER 2

The Big Inflation

One second, everything was normal.

The next?
I started puffing up.

I swelled up like a balloon at a birthday party.

Bigger! *Rounder!*

Helplessly

Puffy!



I tried to wave my arms,
too bulky.

I tried to shout,

but all that came out was a squeaky hiss.

Then, just as suddenly,

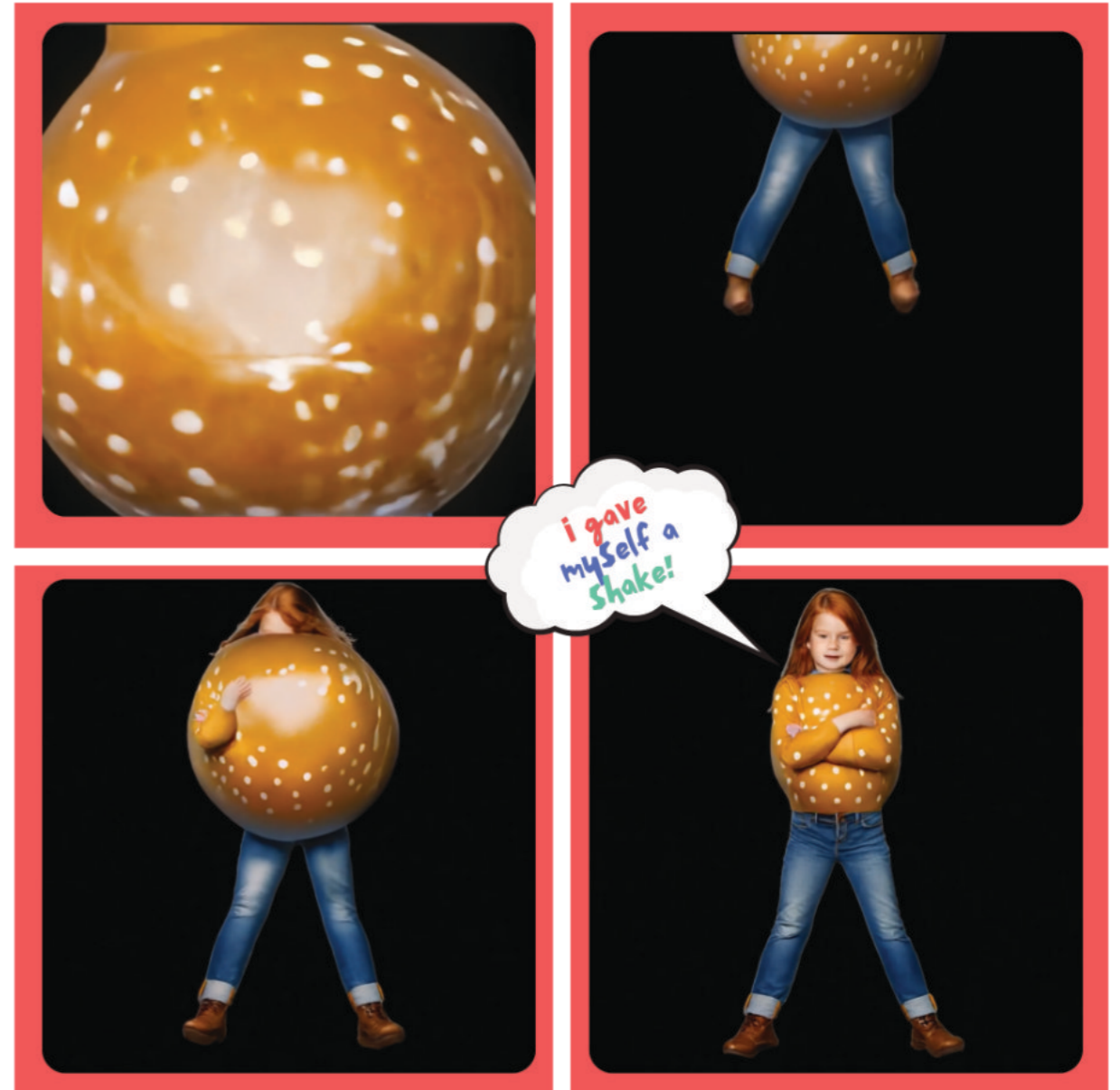
PFFFFFT!

The air rushed out, and I shrunk
back to normal.

I gave myself a

shake,

And, yep! Kept walking.



DISASTER 3

The Explosive Situation

All of a sudden...

BOOM!

One second, I was standing there, minding my own business.

The next? I was a

FIREWORK!

No warning.

No countdown.

Just,

KABOOM



SPARKS FLASHING.

My entire existence, temporarily airborne.

Was it a science experiment gone wrong?

A secret villain pressing a big red button?

A dramatic effect for no reason whatsoever?

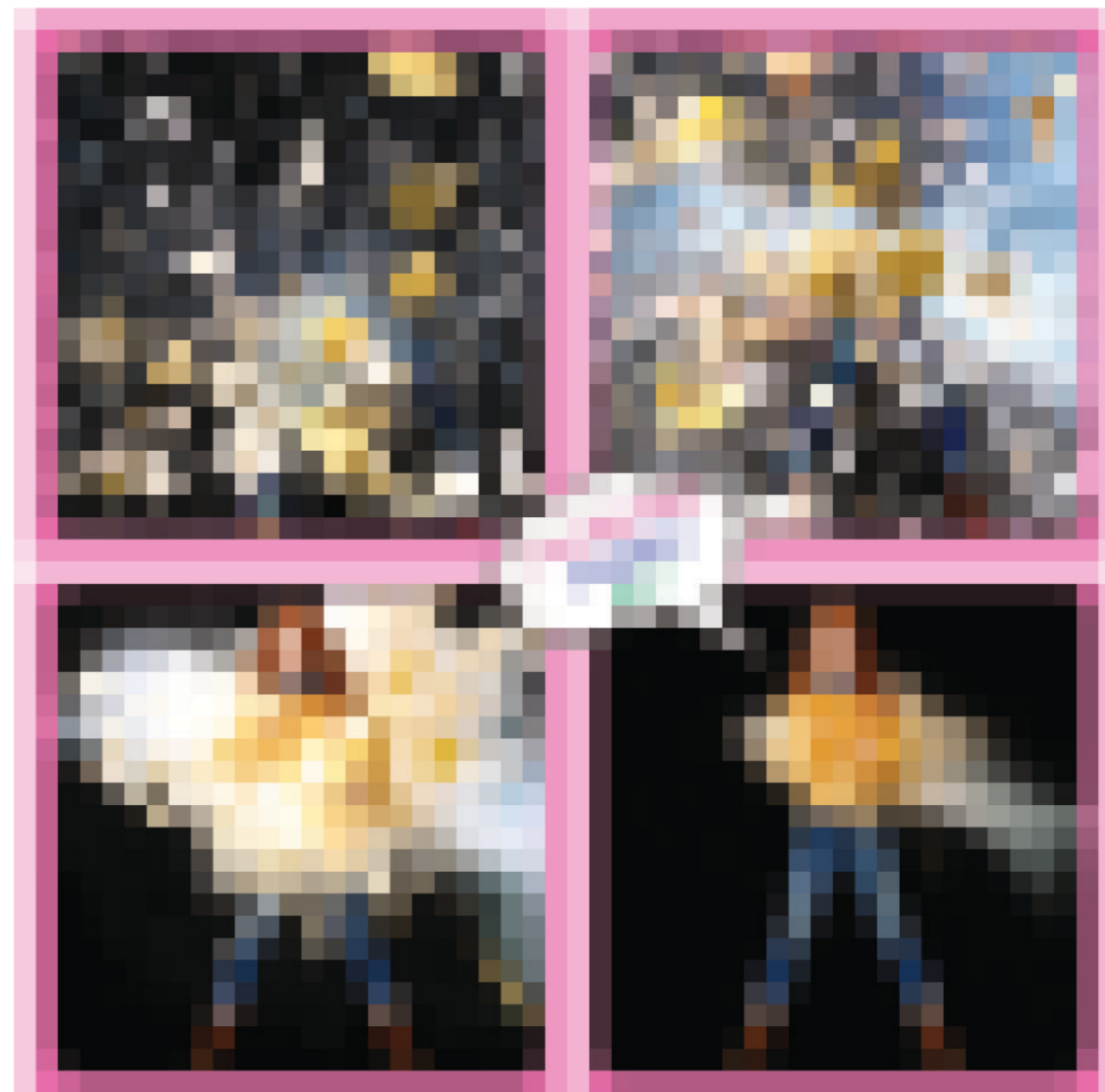
WHO KNOWS.

If I can survive THAT,
I can survive anything.

I reassembled, dusted off the

BLAST ZONE,

and kept walking.



DISASTER 4

The Melty Meltdown

Out of the blue...

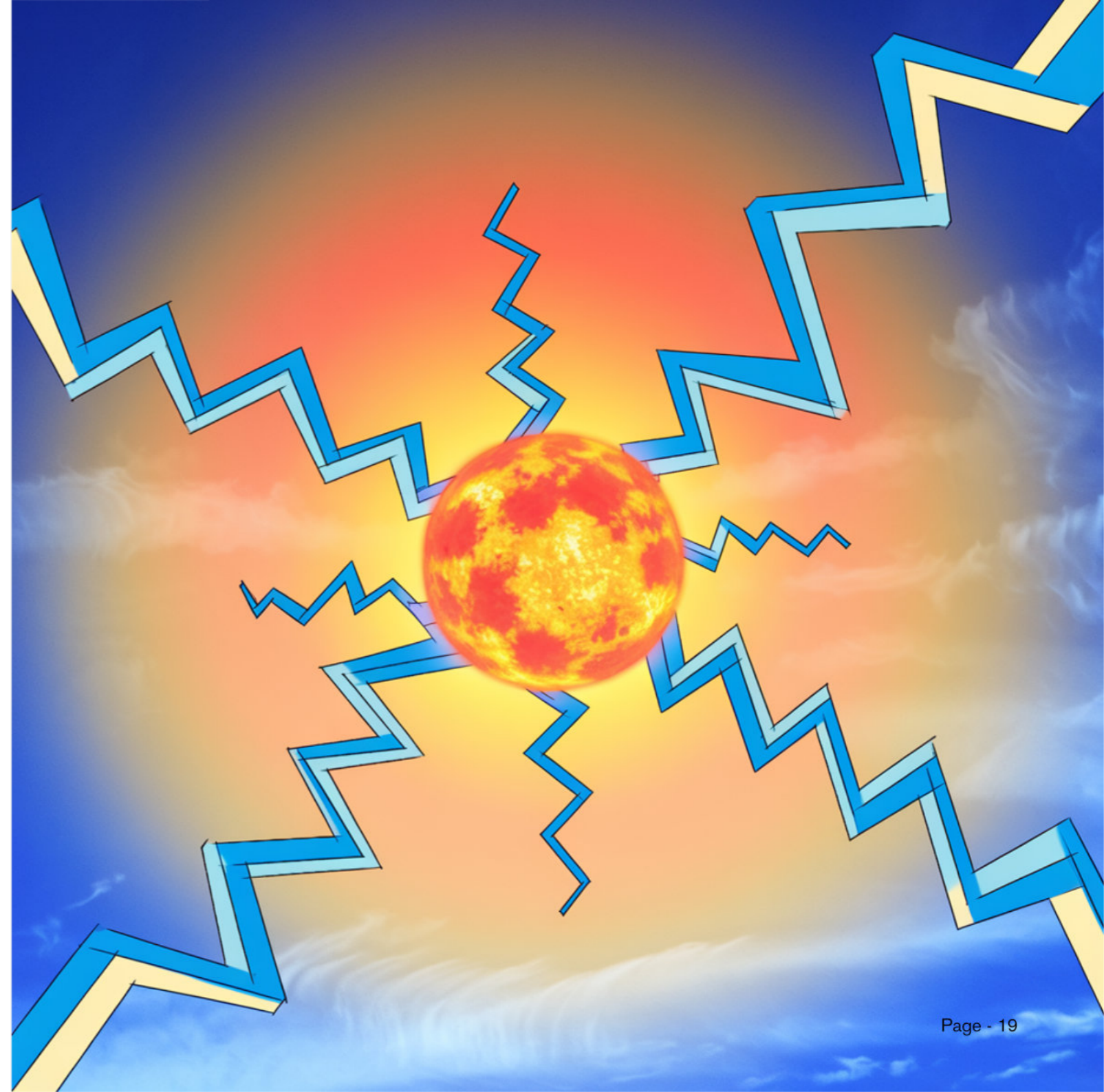
The **sun** cranked up to

1000 DEGREES

and zapped me

like a marshmallow.

I melted.



First my shoes.

Then my socks.

Then... ME.

I was a **puddle person**.

A liquid legend.

A gooey goofer.

But puddles don't quit!

I **sloshed back together,**

grabbed a hat for sun protection,
and kept walking.



DISASTER 5

The Crumbled Catastrophe

Before I knew it...

I crumbled into a million pieces.

CRACK SNAP WHOOPS

I broke apart like a dropped cookie.

One moment, solid and confident.

The next?

Scattered across the floor like a failed LEGO build.



Was I a human cracker?

A puzzle?

A really bad magic trick?

Hard to say.

But no problem!

I wiggled, jiggled,

and snapped myself back together.

Good as new!

Maybe even better.

And, I kept walking.





And, I kept walking.

I finally arrived at the park!

I took a ***Deep breathe!***



Nothing could possibly go wrong now!

Right?

Wrong!





Meet the Unstoppable Protagonist

NAME

No name, because they're YOU, ME, & EVERYONE who never gives up!

AGE

Somewhere between "young enough to believe every problem has a solution" and "old enough to start figuring them out."

APPEARANCE

Impossibly pristine hair that defies a lifetime of disasters.

Scorched boots from the melting meltdown moments.

Stained shirt from the cake explosion? Science experiment gone wrong? Who knows?.

An expression that screams: "Why me?" but also "Challenge accepted!"

PERSONALITY & SURVIVAL SKILLS

Relentless Resilience – Squash them? They bounce back. Melt them? They regroup. Explode them? They walk it off.

Deadpan Mastery – No screaming. Just a raised eyebrow & a "Well. That just happened."

Problem-Solving Genius – They duct tape themselves back together like it's no big deal.

Unshakable Optimism – They don't dwell on disasters. They grab a sandwich and move on.

Snack Prioritisation – Will NOT deal with chaos until finishing a snack.

ICONIC CATCHPHRASES

"Nothing Squashes my spirit!"

"I don't quit!"

"No problem!"

Good as New Maybe even better!"

"I'm not letting [insert disaster] get in my way!" (Said. Every. Single. Time.)

WHAT DO THEY FEAR?

Nothing.

...Okay, maybe pop quizzes.

Who Are They, REALLY?

They could be **YOU**.

They could be **ME**.

They could be **THAT KID**

**who keeps standing up again,
every time they get knocked down.**

BUT NO MATTER

who they are,
one thing's for sure...

NOTHING CAN STOP THEM!



The THEME of "What a Disaster!"

Take a deep breath!

You keep going, no matter what ridiculous disasters life throws at you. It's not what happens but what you do about it that matters.

This book is humorous, and over-the-top, packed with absurd disasters, comedic timing and an unshakably resilient protagonist. This book will make kids laugh, gasp & cheer because, as we all know, **it's not what happens to you, it's how you bounce back** (sometimes literally).

This book brings in AI Visual effects (VFX) like squashing, inflating & exploding, while leaning into over-the-top cartoon logic, resilience and humour. A high-energy, laugh-out-loud story where disaster is inevitable, resilience is key and **no matter what happens, you keep going.**

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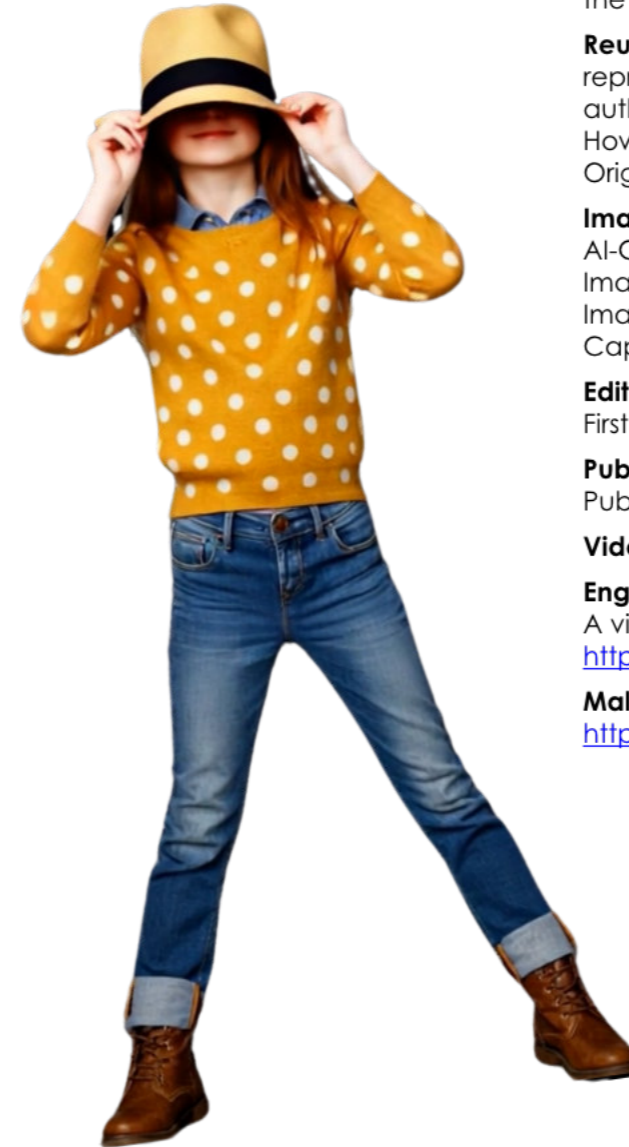
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