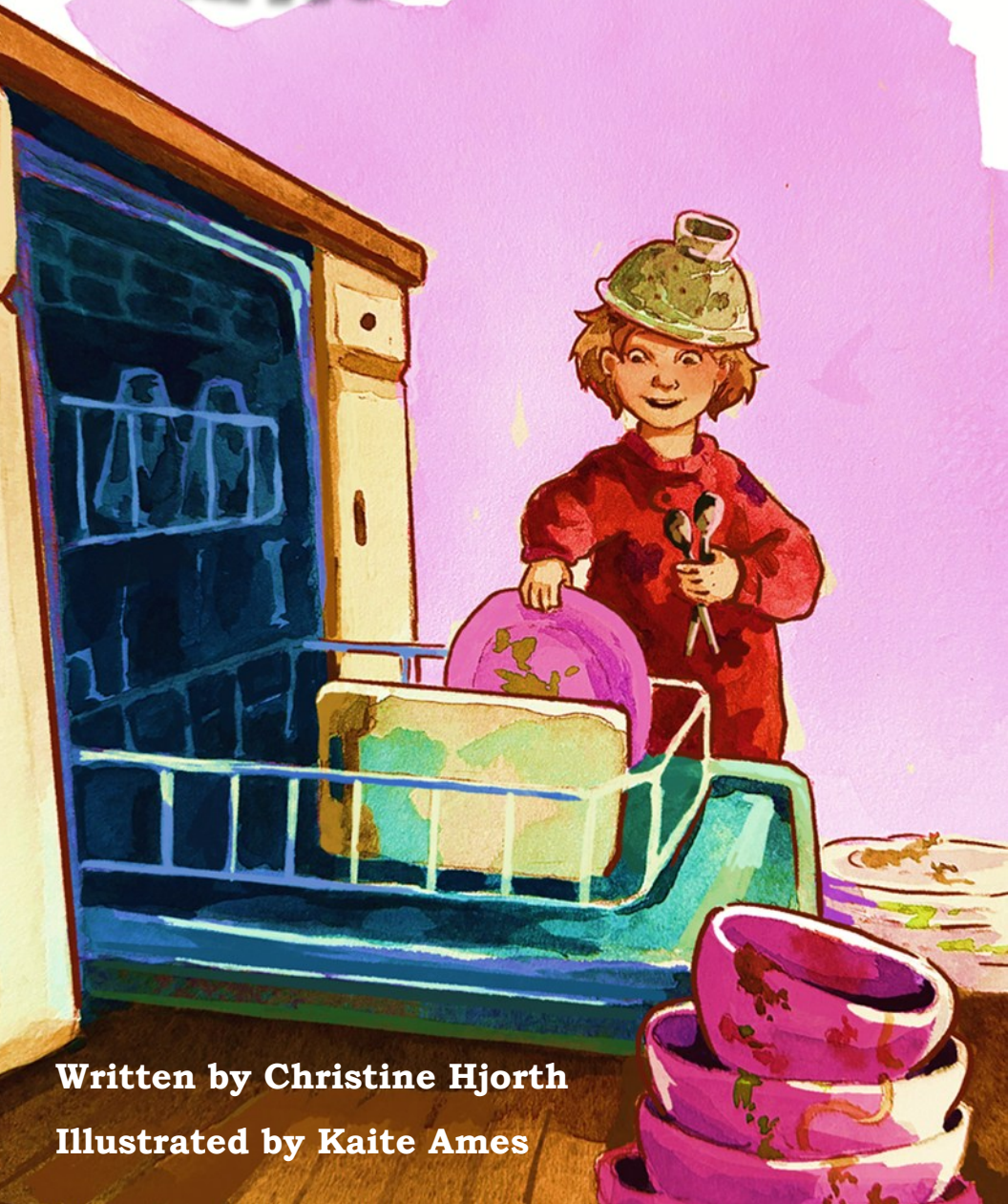


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Do you want to know the
worst way to start your day?

Having your two-year-old sister follow you around and undo everything you do to get ready to leave the house for school! This is what happened to me this morning.

First, I woke up and got dressed. Today I decided to wear my favorite blue shirt with one button unbuttoned at the top. I don't like to leave my room untidy, so I made my bed. So far, so good.

Then, I headed down to the kitchen. I put my bread in the toaster, and while it was toasting, I packed my book-bag. When I turned to butter my toast, I heard *tee hee hee* behind me.

That made me feel uneasy.
What did I see when I turned
around?



Maggie had unpacked my
books all over the floor! Ugh!



I sat down to eat my toast,
and Maggie disappeared.
Where was she? Unknown
and unseen by me, Maggie
had unmade my bed. Double
ugh!

Next, I loaded the dishwasher for my mom.

Maggie unloaded it.



Then, I put the chain on the dog in the backyard. Maggie unchained him, and I had to chase him around the yard, promising him treats to get him back!



I locked the back door.
Maggie unlocked it. I'm starting to feel very unwell.

I felt it was unlikely that I was going to get to school on time. This made me feel pretty unhappy.

Sometimes, I undid things that Maggie had done. She flushed her stuffed cat down the toilet, and I unclogged it. She put piles of pillows in front of the door, and I unblocked it.

She put blankets all over the dog, and I uncovered him.



Just then, Mom came down the stairs carrying my other little sister, Rose. Thank goodness! Rose was just a baby and not old enough to undo all of my work. Not yet anyway.

"I see Maggie has been very unhelpful," Mom said like she had solved some unsolved mystery.



“I wish she would unlearn this behavior,” I replied with a slight smile. Maggie was unhelpful, but she was just a tot. I knew she was unable to just sit still.

“You go and get ready. I’ll watch Maggie and have her finish your uneaten toast,” Mom said with a laugh.

“Thanks Mom,” I replied.



I repacked my bookbag.
I reloaded the dishwasher. I
relocked the back door,
and I put on my coat. I gave
my mom and baby Rose a
hug goodbye.

But where was Maggie?



She was in the bathroom
unrolling the toilet paper.

Triple ugh!



*That will be for Mom to
handle* I thought as I headed
out the door!

Words from the Book

Un-

unfun	undid
undo	unclogged
unbuttoned	unblocked
untidy	uncovered
uneasy	unhelpful
unpacked	unsolved
unknown	unlearn
unseen	unable
unmade	uneaten
unloaded	unrolling
unchained	unlikely
unlocked	unhappy
unwell	

Re-

replied	repacked
reloaded	relocked

Comprehension Questions

1. Name three naughty things that Maggie did.
2. How did the boy get the dog back after the dog got loose?
3. Based on these sentences, what does the word “uneasy” mean? “When I turned to butter my toast, I heard *tee hee hee* behind me. That made me feel uneasy.”
4. Based on these sentences, how does the boy feel about Maggie? “‘I wish she would unlearn this behavior,’ I replied with a slight smile. Maggie was unhelpful, but she was just a tot. I knew she was unable to just sit still.”
5. Have you ever had to deal with a difficult friend or sibling? Write about how you dealt with it (or would deal with it).



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