

my dad's car on my bike - and won!



## ESA

Don't be tooled by this three-year-old's innocent face

can scream and cry
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ambulance sirer

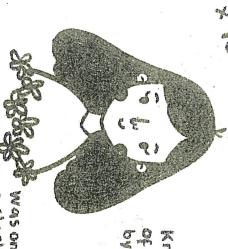
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A L. S. Janes with my stuff
and makes it all sticky
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I love him but don't tell anyone

# MARYAN

(but thinks she's sixteen)



of the Quran

Was once caught hiding a stash of fondant fancies under her pillow

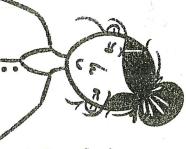
than she loves fondant funcies





to say 'no'

without a cup of coffee in her hands!



This is what she looks like without her hijab on, when there are no men around who would be allowed to marry her if she didn't already have my dad

### DAD

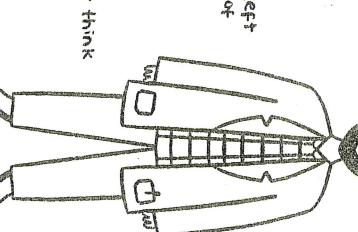
Has a beard because he's copying the greatest man who ever lived—
I've never actually seen his face without it

Will never eat a beetroot

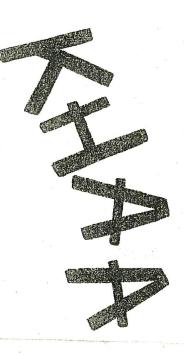
Also a scientist

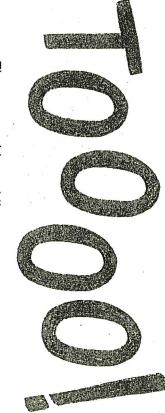
Not too much hair left (he says it's because of his genes)

because she doesn't think it's safe)



Rides a motorbike





There was a big puddle

of spit on my little

brother's forehead.





It was mine.



when suddenly I was being chased through the my bed, attempting to have a good night's sleep, Let me tell you what happened: I had been in

playground by a teacher who nad

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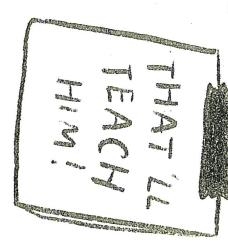
out of his ears and SLUGS for fingernails!

back to normal, instead of like it was on a very happy that I wasn't about to be a monster's dinner. I breathed slowly to get my heartbeat course. When I woke up, I was extremely and It was a dream. A R P dream, of

who is the uglyhead who causes bad dreams.

I REALLY wanted to get rid of my shoulder three times if I have a nightmare. I remembered that my mum told me to spit towards That's supposed to get rid of SHAYTAN,

my mouth 3 and it out over my left Shaytan! So I conjured up a bucketful of spit in



by accident nobody would know I'd spat on my little brother I just hoped it would dry before morning so

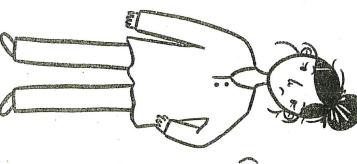
I put my head back on the pillow for an eighth of a second, but then I heard a really loud and really annoying sound.



(See? VERY loud and VERY annoying.)

It was Esa. I guess he'd noticed the spit ball after all and wasn't impressed.

Mum appeared at the door to our room in her pyjamas, looking all bleary-eyed.



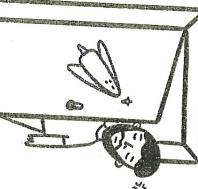
(UNIMPRESSED PARENT CAN BE RECOGNISED BY HAND ON HIP AND FURROWED EYEBROWS. CAN BE SCARY, BUT DO NOT BUN AWAY.)

She said, 'What's the matter, Esa?'

Esa was still busy wailing, so I said, 'Spit ball.' 'Not again, Omar!'

I covered my head with the pillow.

Then Dad came in saying that it would be nice



if we could have

LEAST

\* Haber

in the week where poor

Esa isn't woken up by my

## SHENANIGENS.

I asked him what that means for the B巾L巾OCTU time. He rolled his eyes for the B巾L巾OCTU time.

I heard my big sister, Maryam, growling in her room. (She definitely doesn't like mornings very much.)

Mum said it was almost Fajr time anyway. I wondered if Allah was going to give me a reward for waking them up for Fajr.

