

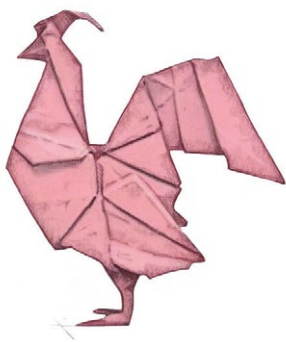
# JAMES

## PART 1

James is a new boy in school in year four. He often comes to class late and has been seen getting dropped off by car. He doesn't talk to his class mates and won't tell anyone where he lives. He says it's a secret.

He goes to the schools after school club and is always the last to leave so no one has seen who comes to get him. Some of the children want to make friends with him and try to be friendly but don't know what to say to him.

Some of the children start to make fun of him and call him names behind his back. James is a bit moody so it's easy to wind him up and hard to be friends with him.



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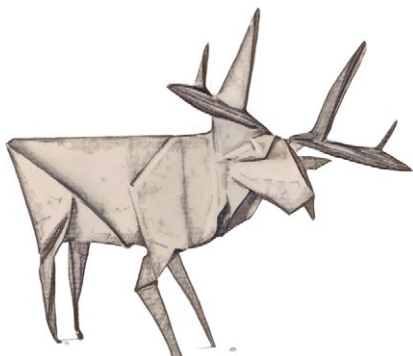
Nicole is in year five and has been coming to the school since reception. She always comes to school.

Recently she has changed from how she was last year and has been very neat and tidy, working extra hard.

She used to invite her friends to her house after school. This doesn't happen anymore and her friends and their parents are wondering why.

When they ask her what's going on she says she can't tell them. That it's a secret.

Her friends don't understand and are starting to think she doesn't like them anymore.



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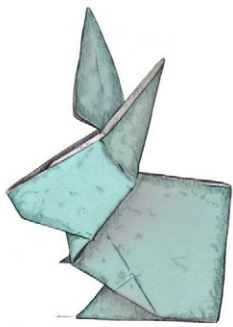
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Amira has been coming into school looking really tired.

Her eyes look red and sore like she might have been crying, which is not like her at all. She is usually really outgoing.

Her friends are worried about her because they have seen a bruise on her arm. She's asked them not to tell anyone. She won't tell them how she got it.

She leaves school quickly at the end of the day and walks home alone.



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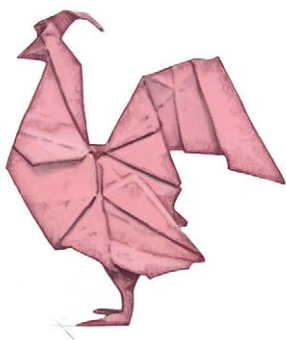
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James has moved into a refuge with his mother because his father was violent to his mother.

He had to move school and left most of his stuff because they had to leave quickly. He can't tell anyone where he lives in case his father finds them.

James want to make friends but he really misses his old friends. The refuge is safe and the people there are friendly, but it's all new and a little strange to him at the moment.

He's angry with his father for hurting her mother and at his mother for making them move away.



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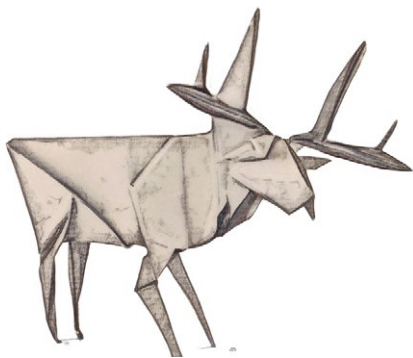
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Nicole's father met a new girlfriend and at first she seemed really nice doing lots of fun stuff with her like cooking cupcakes. She soon moved in with her and her father.

Nicole thought she was really nice and good for her and her father. Soon after she moved in she started getting really mad at Nicole if she left any of her toys lying about and would shout at Nicole if there was any noise.

She started telling Nicole what to wear, what to cook and when she could go out and who she could talk to.

Both Nicole and her father don't see their friends anymore because the girlfriend says they should all be happy just the three of them. Nicole is very worried that his father is scared of his girlfriend and now he doesn't know what to do.



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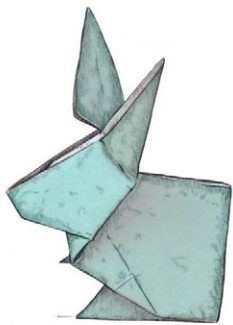
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Amira loves her dad and he can be really good fun, always laughing and joking with her and her two younger brothers.

Sometimes, he comes home late and shouts at her mum and punches walls and doors. Afterwards or the next day, he says he's sorry and it won't happen again. He says he really loves everyone in the family and doesn't want to lose them.

Her father did it again last night but he threatened to hit her mother and Amira tried to stop him. He pushed her out the way and that's how she got the bruise. A neighbour called the police and they came and arrested her father.

Amira has told her best friend because she's really upset, but doesn't want any other friends, or anyone else to know about what happened.



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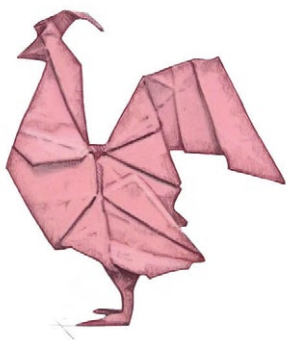
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James is seen crying by his teacher, who knows he's been staying in a refuge and decides he needs some friends so she sets up a small group to be friends with him.

James talks to his mother about how he's been feeling and the children's worker at the refuge helps too. When his mum realises he's lonely she says he can tell his new friends about the refuge but not where it is.

James' mother starts looking for a new home for the two of them near school and promises he can have a new pet. James' friends argue so much over what this pet should be

James starts to laugh and thinks life in this new town won't be so bad after all!



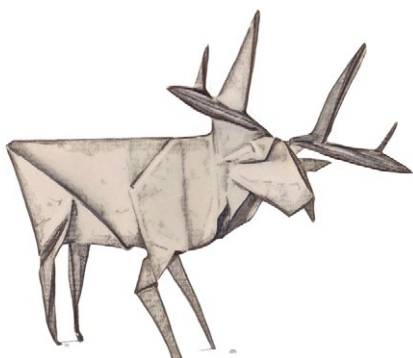
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Nicole thinks for ages what to do. In the end she calls Childline when his father is cooking tea and the girlfriend is out at work. The person who takes the call takes the situation seriously, listens carefully to Nicole and suggests she talks to someone in her family.

She calls her grandmother who comes over and talks to her father about how the girlfriend is upsetting Nicole. After a long talk Nicole's father realises just how much the girlfriend is upsetting Nicole and controlling their lives.

When the girlfriend comes home, he tells her with Nicole's grandmothers' support they ask her to leave. Nicole's grandmother says she will come and visit more often. Nicole is much happier, like her old self. Nicole is so glad she talked to someone and got help.



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Amira's best friend Sophie stays awake all night worrying about Amira.

In the morning her mother asks what's wrong with her and she tells her about Amira's problems. She tells her not to worry and she goes to talk to Amira's mother when Sophie went to school.

When Sophie sees Amira the next day she looks much happier. She says her mum has asked her father to move out. He will still see Amira and her younger brothers at weekends.

Amira isn't sure how it will all end but she's glad Sophie got her mother involved because she knew how to get her mother some help and support .