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YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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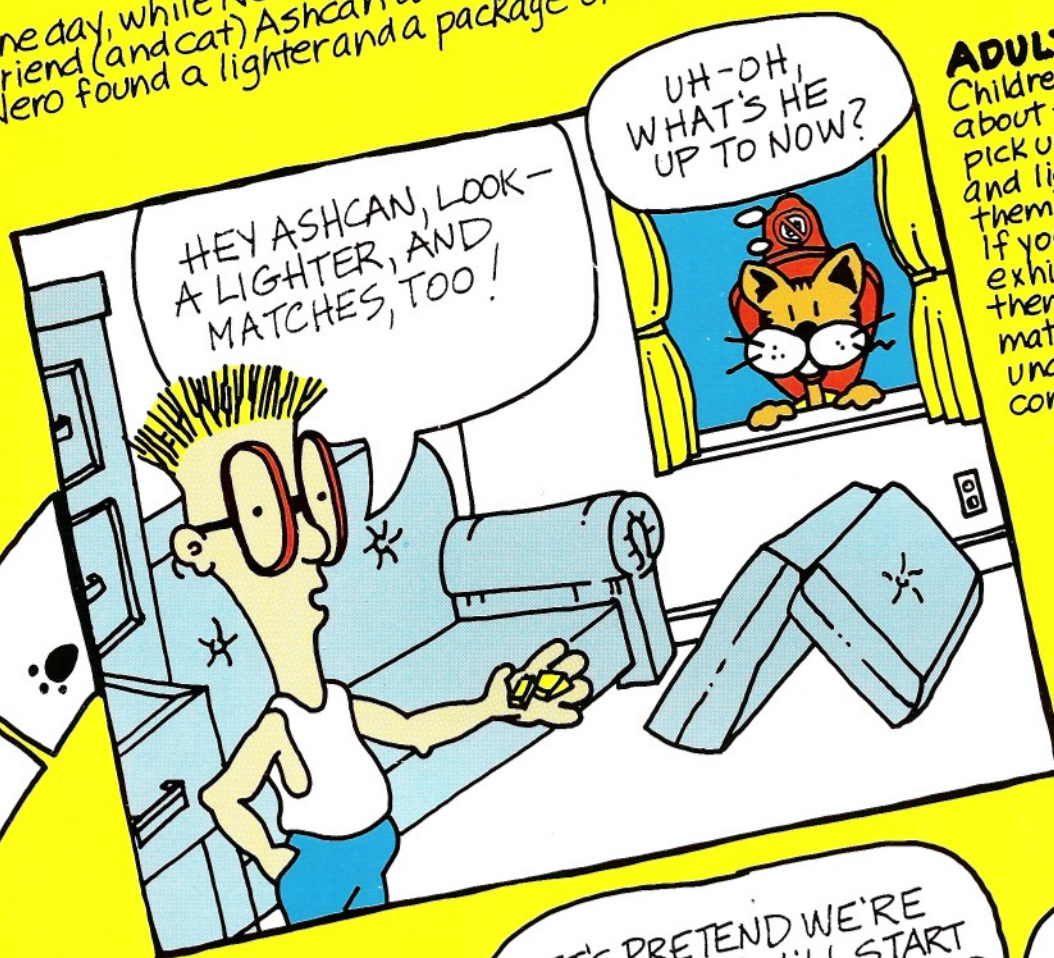
NERO and ASHKAN



A READ-ALONG BOOK

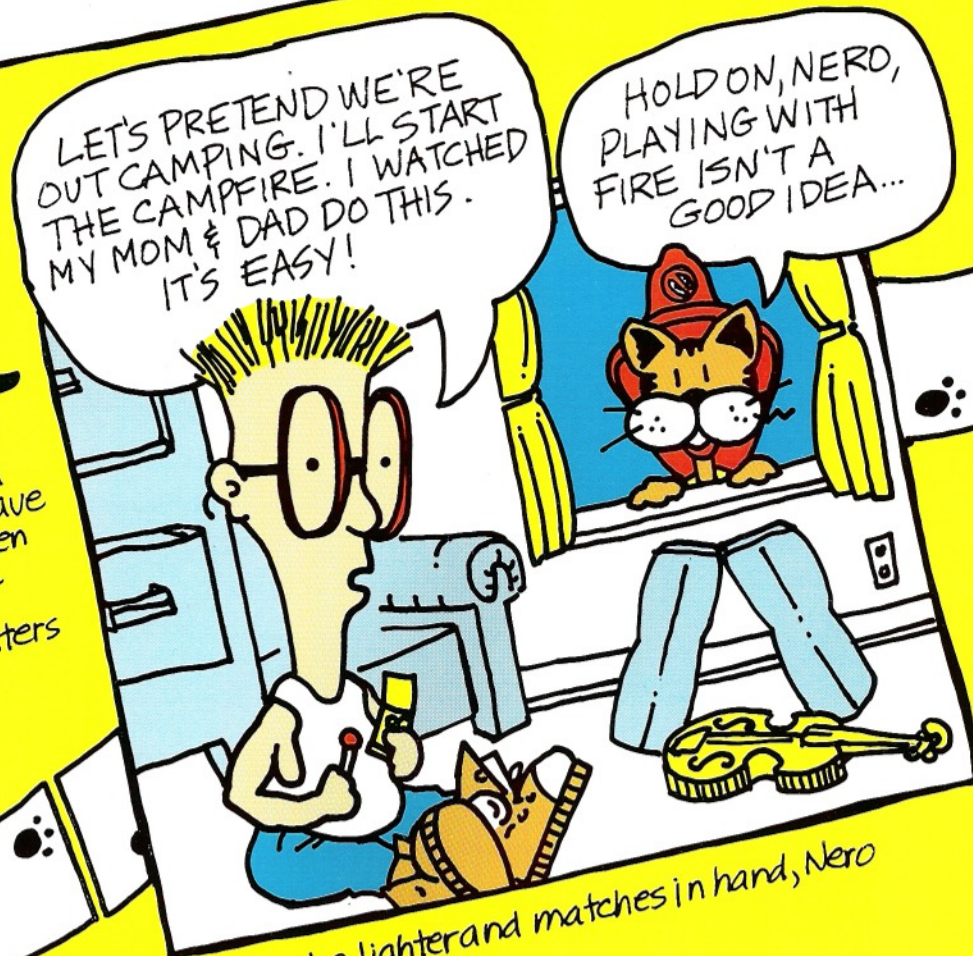
One day, while Nero and his best friend (and cat) Ashcan were playing at home, Nero found a lighter and a package of matches...

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ADULT: Children are naturally curious about fire. They will often pick up things like matches and lighters, and play with them as if they were toys. If your children should exhibit curiosity, let them experiment with matches and lighters under supervised conditions.

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ADULT: Children are great imitators and will imitate the things they have seen adults do. But small children usually do not understand the implications of their actions. Always keep matches and lighters out of their reach and sight.

Taking the lighter and matches in hand, Nero began to play...

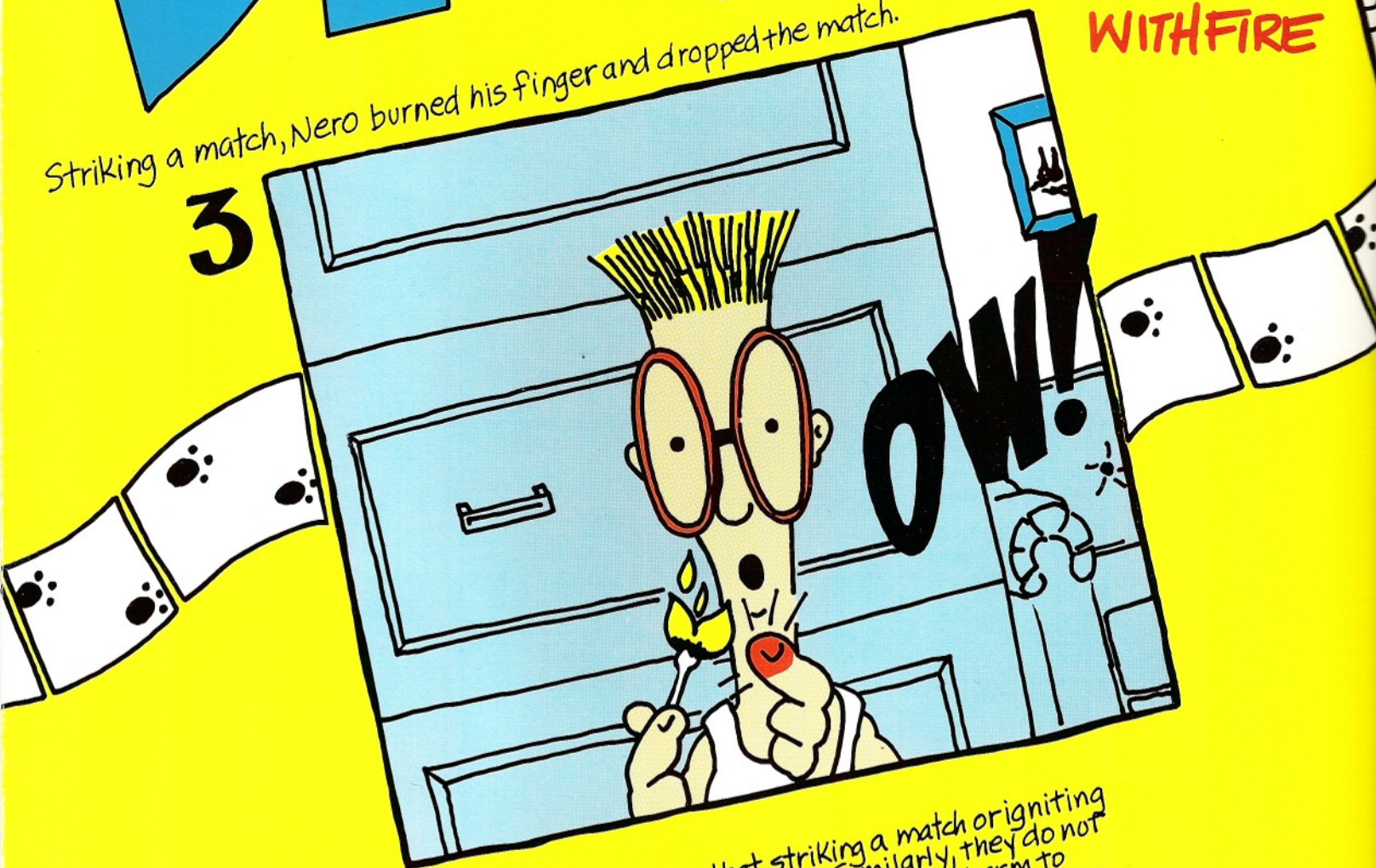
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SAYS:

BE COOL

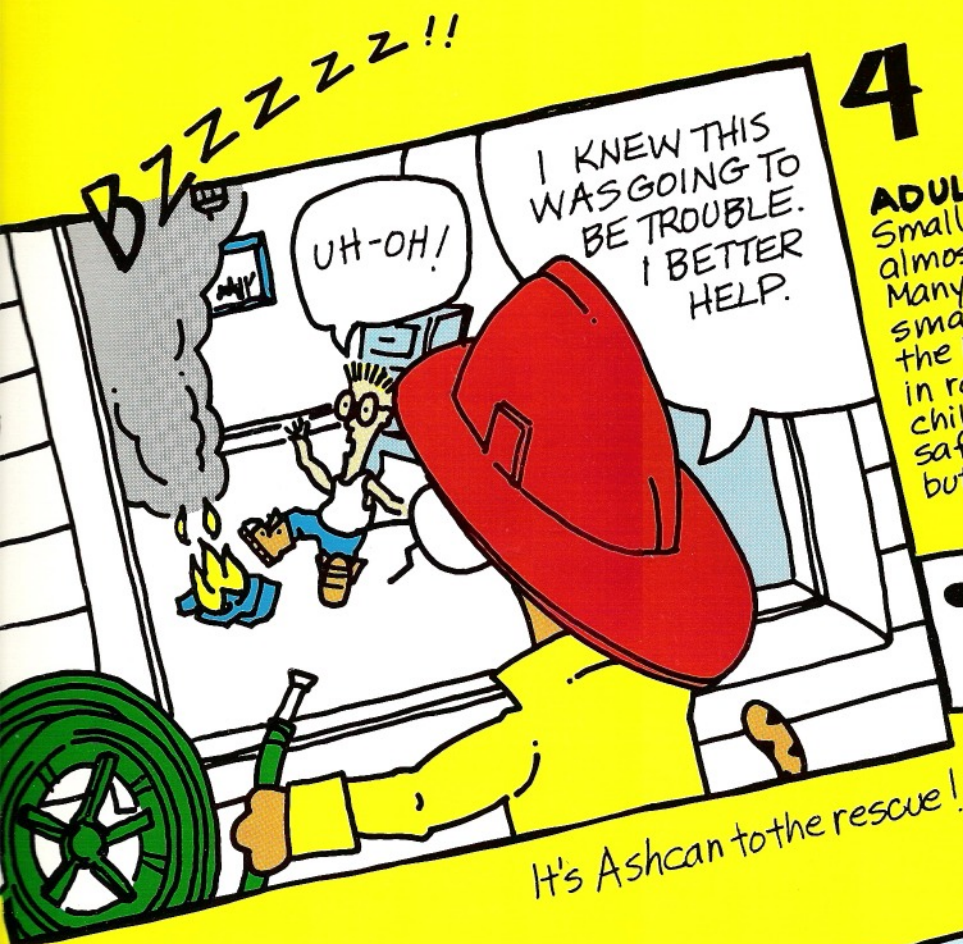
Striking a match, Nero burned his finger and dropped the match.

WITH FIRE

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ADULT: Children do not realize that striking a match or igniting a lighter may cause them pain. Similarly, they do not realize that starting a fire may result in harm to parents, siblings and friends, or damage or destroy toys, clothing and furniture. When teaching fire safety to children, it is important to make them aware of what playing with fire might lead to.



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ADULT:

Small fires may become big fires. In fact, almost 1/3 of all fires are preventable. Many preventable fires are caused by small children. And child fire play is the leading cause of death and injury in residential fires for pre-school children. Teach your children fire safety procedures. Practice simple but effective techniques.

It's Ashcan to the rescue!

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ADULT: Fire safety is one of the most important things every child must learn. Thousands of small and large fires are caused by children playing with matches and lighters, all too often resulting in personal injury and/or property damage. But almost one out of every three fires can be prevented. Teach your children about fire safety when they're small, and they'll remember it a life time.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FIRE SAFETY, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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SAYS:

BE COOL

WITH FIRE
MATCHES & LIGHTERS
CAN REALLY BURN
YOU UP!



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