

# BEANO

IF YOU'RE HAVING AN  
OPERATION AND YOU NEED  
AN ANAESTHETIC...

**A BEANO MINI  
ADVENTURE!**



...AND IF YOU CAN  
FIND THEM\*...

...THEN YOU CAN USE...

# THE A TEAM!

GEDDIT? THE **A** IS FOR  
ANAESTHETIC -  
AND AWESOME!

\* DON'T WORRY ABOUT FINDING THEM,  
THEY'LL FIND YOU! THAT WAS JUST  
TO MAKE THEM SOUND COOLER!



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**INSIDE!**

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# DENNIS & GNASHER

## "OP, OP AND AWAY!"

**A BEANO MINI ADVENTURE!**



**DENNIS HAS BEEN GETTING A LOT OF SORE THROATS, SO HE AND MUM ARE AT THE HOSPITAL...**

OKAY, DENNIS, I'M JUST GOING TO LOOK AT YOUR TONSILS. SAY 'AAA'...

**AAAAA!**

**EKK!** NOT QUITE SO LOUD, DENNIS!

SO... WHAT'S UP, DOC?

ANOTHER THROAT INFECTION. WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT HAVING YOUR TONSILS REMOVED.

GO FOR IT - I'M NOT ATTACHED TO THEM.

NO, BUT THEY'RE ATTACHED TO YOU!

GOOD POINT! WILL IT HURT?

NOT DURING THE OPERATION. YOU'LL BE GIVEN SOME MEDICINES THAT WILL PUT YOU INTO A VERY DEEP SLEEP, AND WHEN YOU WAKE UP IT WILL ALL BE DONE.

YOU WILL HAVE A SORE THROAT AFTER BUT THE NURSES WILL GIVE YOU PAIN MEDICINE TO HELP MAKE IT BETTER.

WHAT DO YOU THINK, DENNIS? I THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA, BUT HOW DO YOU FEEL?

I THINK IT'S BEST TO GET IT DONE. I DON'T LIKE GETTING SO MANY SORE THROATS.

GREAT. I'LL MAKE YOU AN APPOINTMENT FOR A PRE-OPERATIVE ASSESSMENT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU CAN ASK THEM WHEN YOU COME BACK FOR THAT.

LATERS! THANKS, DOC!

THANK YOU, DOCTOR FAROOQI.

**\*PRE-OPERATIVE = BEFORE THE OPERATION - THE EDITOR**

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT HAVING AN OPERATION, DENNIS?

I'M COOL WITH IT. COOL-COOL. COOL-COOL-COOL.

COOL.

IF YOU MAKE A LIST OF QUESTIONS YOU HAVE, WE'LL GET YOU SOME ANSWERS, OKAY?

**I THINK DENNIS IS OVERDOING HOW COOL HE IS ABOUT HIS OP! - THE EDITOR**

**A FEW WEEKS LATER, DENNIS IS BACK FOR HIS PRE-OPERATIVE ASSESSMENT...**

HELLO, DENNIS, I'M ANDY. YOU'RE HERE SO WE CAN CHECK YOUR GENERAL HEALTH, BUT ALSO TO SEE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS TO ASK.

I'VE WRITTEN A COUPLE DOWN... READY?

FIRE AWAY!

**A COUPLE?! - THE EDITOR**

HOW SAFE ARE ANAESTHETICS?

EXTREMELY SAFE, AND THE ANAESTHETISTS ARE GREAT AT THEIR JOB.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I WAKE UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OP?

YOU WON'T. DOCTOR OSUJI WILL KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON YOU ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE OP. YOU WILL PROBABLY REMEMBER GOING OFF TO SLEEP AT THE START AND WAKING UP AFTERWARDS.

WILL I STILL BE ABLE TO SKATEBOARD WITHOUT TONSILS?

YES, YOU WILL. BUT YOU MIGHT NOT WANT TO FOR A WHILE.

WHAT IF... WHAT IF I DON'T WAKE UP?

YOU WILL. DOCTOR FAROOQI AND DOCTOR OSUJI WILL MAKE SURE OF IT.

HOW WILL I FEEL AFTER THE OP?

YOU MAY FEEL A BIT LIGHT-HEADED, BUT THAT WILL CLEAR UP QUICKLY. YOU MIGHT ALSO FEEL THIRSTY AND HUNGRY, BUT WE WILL GET YOU BACK TO THE WARD QUICKLY SO YOU CAN TRY SOME WATER OR SQUASH.

YOU MIGHT WONDER WHERE YOU ARE AT FIRST AND WHAT HAS HAPPENED, BUT YOU WILL QUICKLY REMEMBER. NOW, LET'S DO A FEW LITTLE TESTS...

OKAY... YOUR HEART RATE AND ALL OTHER CHECKS ARE NORMAL. YOU'RE QUITE FIT, IN GOOD GENERAL HEALTH, AND YOUR WEIGHT IS GOOD TOO. SO THERE'S NO REASON YOU CAN'T HAVE YOUR OPERATION. ANY MORE QUESTIONS?

WILL I LOOK LIKE MY DAD WHEN I'M HIS AGE?

IN YOUR DREAMS, DENNIS!

I'VE GIVEN YOU A FEW THINGS YOU CAN DO TO GET READY FOR YOUR OPERATION. THE HEALTHIER YOU ARE, THE BETTER. YOU CAN STAY FIT, BY GETTING PLENTY OF EXERCISE.

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EAT WELL, GET YOUR FIVE-A-DAY OF FRUIT AND VEG, EAT FEWER SWEETS AND CRISPS, AND CUT DOWN ON YOUR GAMING SO YOU GET LOTS OF LOVELY SLEEP. I'VE GIVEN DAD A LIST OF THINGS YOU'LL NEED TO DO, AND THINGS TO BRING WITH YOU ON THE DAY. ANY QUESTIONS?

X-RAYS  
Y-RAYS

CAN I BRING A TEDDY?

OF COURSE YOU CAN!

REMEMBER, IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW, YOU JUST HAVE TO ASK.

I'M FINE, NURSE ANDY. YOU'VE MADE ME FEEL MUCH BETTER ABOUT EVERYTHING.

I'M MORE WORRIED THAT THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO TO STOP ME LOOKING LIKE DAD IN THIRTY YEARS!

**MEANWHILE, IN DENNIS'S HEAD...**

THE BEST WAY TO GET DENNIS THROUGH THIS IS TO PRETEND IT ISN'T HAPPENING!

I DON'T THINK THAT'S RIGHT...

IF WE IGNORE THE WHOLE THING, IT MIGHT NEVER HAPPEN!

BUT THE DOCTOR SAID DENNIS SHOULD ASK QUESTIONS...

THAT'S RIGHT. PRETEND IT ISN'T HAPPENING.

**HIS NUMSKULLS MIGHT BE IN TWO MINDS, BUT NURSE ANDY'S ADVICE SEEMS TO HAVE GOT THROUGH. WELL, SORT OF...**

COME ON, GNASHER. IF YOU EVER NEED AN OPERATION YOU SHOULD TRY TO BE HEALTHY.

BLERGH! IS THAT SPROUTS I CAN SMELL IN THERE?!

ER... YES, BUT THEY'RE MAGIC SPROUTS! AND WHEN YOU'RE DONE WE'LL GO FOR AN EXTRA-LONG WALK. THAT'LL KEEP YOU FIT!

MAGIC SPROUTS? WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY THAT IN THE FIRST PLACE?!

**AND...**

YOU SEE, BEA? IF YOU GO TO THE HOSPITAL IT CAN BE FUN! YOU CAN PLAY PRANKS ON THE DOCTORS!

ME COULD PUT A WHOOPEE CUSHION UNDER ME'S PILLOW! OR A SPIDER IN THEM'S FACE MASK! OR ITCHY POWDER IN THEY'S HATS! TEE-HEE!

**IT'S ALMOST LIKE DENNIS WANTS EVERYONE TO BE READY FOR HIS OP... EXCEPT HIMSELF!**

BEA'S ASLEEP, BUT I'M GOING TO FINISH 'REES BEAR HAS AN ANAESTHETIC'. IT'S PRETTY GOOD!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO DOWNLOAD OR GO TO THE LINK BELOW!

SCAN ME

**THE DAY OF DENNIS'S OPERATION IS GETTING CLOSER...**

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**INSIDE DENNIS'S HEAD...**

BRAINY, YOU'RE REALLY NOT HELPING DENNIS BY PRETENDING HIS OPERATION TOMORROW ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN.

TOMORROW? OPERATION? WHAT OPERATION?

I KNOW YOU'RE RIGHT, SNITCH. I WAS JUST WORRIED. LUCKILY, I FILED ALL DENNIS'S QUESTIONS SAFELY IN HERE. AHEM!

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**DENNIS TAKES HIS NEWLY-REMEMBERED QUESTIONS TO MUM AND DAD...**

I THINK I HAVE A FEW MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT MY OPERATION...

OF COURSE YOU DO! LET'S SEE IF WE CAN ANSWER THEM. NURSE ANDY GAVE US LOADS OF THINGS TO LOOK AT. REMEMBER?

WHO WILL BE IN THE ROOM WITH ME AND WILL I MEET THEM BEFORE THE OP?

WILL I BE ABLE TO GO TO THE TOILET AFTER?

CAN I GO HOME STRAIGHT AFTER?

FOR ANSWERS TO ALL THESE QUESTIONS AND MORE, SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR DIGITAL DEVICE OR GO TO THE LINK BELOW!

WHAT IS ACTUALLY GOING TO HAPPEN?

WHAT'S IN THE ANAESTHETIC?

SCAN ME

LATER, WHEN DENNIS HAS ANSWERS TO ALL HIS QUESTIONS, IT'S TIME FOR BED...



HAVE YOU GOT EVERYTHING DENNIS?

I THINK SO... MY NINTENDO ITCH, HEADPHONES, PHONE LOADED WITH MOVIES, SLIPPERS, TOOTHBRUSH, A COMIC TO READ...

I GOT YOU SOME SPECIAL PYJAMAS I'LL JUST POP THEM IN HERE...



NO, MUM DON'T...

HA-HA! YOU CAN'T TAKE GNASHER TO THE HOSPITAL, DENNIS!



ARE WE THERE YET?

FINE! I'LL TAKE MY PLUSHY GNASHER INSTEAD!

IN THE MORNING...



REMEMBER YOU CAN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO EAT THIS MORNING, DENNIS. YOU CAN HAVE A DRINK OF WATER THOUGH.

IF I CAN'T EAT FOR SIX HOURS BEFORE MY OPERATION I'M GOING TO BE STARVING WHEN I WAKE UP!

TRY SOME MAGIC SPROUTS! GNYUM!

WELL, WE CAN PACK LOTS OF SNACKS FOR AFTER YOU WAKE UP, OKAY?



COME ON DENNIS. WE NEED TO GO.

SEE YOU LATER, KIDDO. LOVE YOU!

LOVE YOU TOO, DAD.

LATERS, GNASHER!

BRING ME A HOSPITAL SAUSAGE OR TWO...

AT THE CHILDREN'S WARD...



HI DENNIS! I'M ALINA. I'M A NURSE HERE. YOU FOUND THE CHILDREN'S WARD NO PROBLEM, THEN?

YES, NURSE ANDY GAVE US DIRECTIONS.

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AND YOU, MUM? REMEMBER WE ARE ALL HERE TO LOOK AFTER YOU BOTH. THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO FOR DENNIS IS TO RELAX. JUST THINK - NO PRANKS FOR A FEW HOURS!

I'M FINE. THANK YOU.



NURSE ALINA GIVES DENNIS AN IDENTITY WRISTBAND TO WEAR AND MEASURES HIS TEMPERATURE, HEART RATE, BLOOD PRESSURE AND OXYGEN SATURATION...

THOSE ARE ALL JUST FINE. WHEN DID YOU LAST HAVE ANYTHING TO EAT?

I HAD TOAST AND STRAWBERRY JAM JUST BEFORE BED. YUM!



HELLO, DENNIS. I'M DOCTOR OSUJI. I'M YOUR ANAESTHETIST AND I'M GOING TO BE LOOKING AFTER YOU TODAY.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO HAS TO PUT ME TO SLEEP, RIGHT? WELL, I DON'T GO TO SLEEP FOR ANY GROWN-UP! JUST ASK MY MUM!

SO I'VE GOT MY WORK CUT OUT FOR ME, HAVE I? WELL, I HAVE A COUPLE OF WAYS WE CAN TRY...

WE CAN USE A CANNULA TO GIVE YOU THE SLEEP MEDICINE. A CANNULA IS A TINY PLASTIC TUBE THAT WE PUT IN THE BACK OF YOUR HAND. WE USE A SPECIAL NUMBING CREAM ON YOUR HAND BEFORE WE DO IT, SO YOU WILL FEEL TAPPING BUT IT SHOULDN'T HURT.

OR, WE CAN USE A FACE MASK FILLED WITH A SPECIAL GAS. EITHER WAY, I'LL BE THERE TO MAKE YOU SLEEPY AND THEN MAKE SURE YOU ARE SAFE AND FAST ASLEEP EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.



I THINK THE CANNULA IS THE BEST CHOICE FOR YOU, DENNIS. IS THAT OKAY?

I THINK... YES, WE CANNULA!

GREAT! I WILL SEE YOU IN A LITTLE WHILE THEN. NURSE ALINA, IT'S TIME FOR THE SPECIAL NUMBING CREAM.



THERE YOU GO. NOW THERE ARE A FEW YOUNGER KIDS WHO WILL GO IN BEFORE YOU, SO YOU HAVE AN HOUR OR TWO TO WAIT. I'LL BRING YOU SOME SQUASH, AS YOU CAN HAVE A DRINK UP TO AN HOUR BEFORE THE OPERATION.

I'VE GOT TIME FOR A QUICK GAME OF FARTNITE THEN! I ALREADY DOWNLOADED THE LATEST BURPDATE!

SOME TIME LATER, IT'S DENNIS'S TURN TO HAVE HIS OPERATION...



OKAY, THIS IS THE ANAESTHETIC ROOM, WHERE YOU'LL GO TO SLEEP.

COOL.

**IN THE ANAESTHETIC ROOM...**

WE'VE DONE ALL OUR CHECKS, DENNIS. IT'S TIME TO START THE ANAESTHETIC AND MAKE YOU SLEEPY. ARE YOU READY?

Operating Theatre

I TOLD YOU ALREADY, THERE ISN'T AN ADULT ALIVE WHO CAN MAKE ME GO TO SLEEP.

CHUCKLE! WHY DON'T YOU JUST LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU FEEL AND WE'LL TAKE IT FROM THERE.

HOW DO I FEEL...?

HERE WE GO...

I'D BE FINE IF THE ROOM WOULD STOP SPINNING LIKE A DISCO BALL...

...AND IF THERE WASN'T A FUNNY TASTE...

...YAWN...

...AND IF... OOH! BABY HEDGEHOG... SOFT PRICKLES IN... MY ARM...

HEH! HE'S FAST ASLEEP ALREADY!

SEE YOU SOON, DENNIS.

NOT OFTEN I GET TO KISS YOU THESE DAYS.

**OF COURSE, DENNIS DOESN'T HEAR MUM SPEAK, OR FEEL HER KISS HIS CHEEK...**

**...HE DOESN'T FEEL IT WHEN HE'S WHEELED NEXT DOOR INTO THE OPERATING THEATRE FOR HIS OPERATION EITHER...**

**IN FACT, HE DOESN'T SEE, HEAR OR FEEL ANYTHING...**

**UNTIL...**

**IN THE RECOVERY ROOM...**

UH? WHERE AM I? WHEN AM I GOING OFF TO SLEEP?

IT'S ALL OVER, YOUR TONSILS ARE OUT! LOOK, I'VE GOT THEM HERE!

UGH! GROSS!

KIDDING! THESE ARE JUST GUMMY SWEETS!

VERY FUNNY!

MY THROAT IS SORE.

**MUM LIKES PRANKS TOO! - THE EDITOR**

THIS MEDICINE WILL HELP WITH YOUR SORE THROAT. THE GOOD THING IS THAT THIS SORE THROAT WON'T LAST LONG AND YOU'LL NEVER GET TONSILLITIS AGAIN! THE OPERATION WENT PERFECTLY AND YOU CAN GO HOME SOON!

**A FEW HOURS LATER...**

WELL DENNIS, YOU'RE DOING WELL, YOU'VE HAD SOMETHING TO EAT AND YOU'VE BEEN TO THE TOILET, YOU CAN GO HOME NOW!

READY DENNIS? DAD'S WAITING FOR US IN THE CAR.

GREAT! BYE, EVERYONE! THANK YOU!

EARS  
NOSE  
THROAT

THANK YOU, NURSE ALINA!

BYE, DENNIS!

**BACK AT HOME...**

YOUR FRIENDS ALL WANTED TO COME OVER TO SEE YOU, DENNIS, BUT YOU MAY WANT TO REST FOR A FEW DAYS UNTIL YOU RECOVER.

AW! I WANTED TO TELL THEM ALL ABOUT THE HOSPITAL!

I'M STILL WAITING FOR MY HOSPITAL SAUSAGE...

YOU DIDN'T LET ME FINISH - THEY'RE OUTSIDE IN THE GARDEN, AND THEY BROUGHT YOU ICE CREAM!

HI EVERYBODY! IT'S ICE TO SEE YOU!

**THE END... OF DENNIS'S SORE THROATS AT LEAST!**

# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

Can you find ten differences between these pictures of the Anaesthetic Room? The answers are below!

TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT ME - SEE ANYTHING DIFFERENT? NO? I'VE GOT NO TONSILS!



1. The doctor is wearing yellow gloves!
2. The doctor has grown a beard!
3. The doors to the Operating Theatre have no handles!
4. Bananaman is on the screen!
5. Someone's got mull!
6. The machine has lost a dial.
7. Dennis's pyjamas are now green and black!
8. Some of the bulbs are missing from the light!
9. The machine is smiling!
10. There are extra buttons on top of the machine!



# WARD SEARCH!

Can you find these words in the grid?  
The answer is at the bottom!

ANAESTHETIC CANNULA MASK  
WARD NURSE OPERATION  
HOSPITAL TONSILS MAGIC CREAM  
DOCTOR ASSESSMENT ICE CREAM

HI READERS! WHEN I WAS IN THE CHILDREN'S WARD TO GET MY TONSILS OUT I HAD TO WAIT FOR THE YOUNGER KIDS TO GO BEFORE ME. IT MIGHT BE THE SAME FOR YOU, SO I MADE YOU A WORD SEARCH TO SOLVE, USING LOTS OF THE THINGS I LEARNED FROM THE A-TEAM!

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