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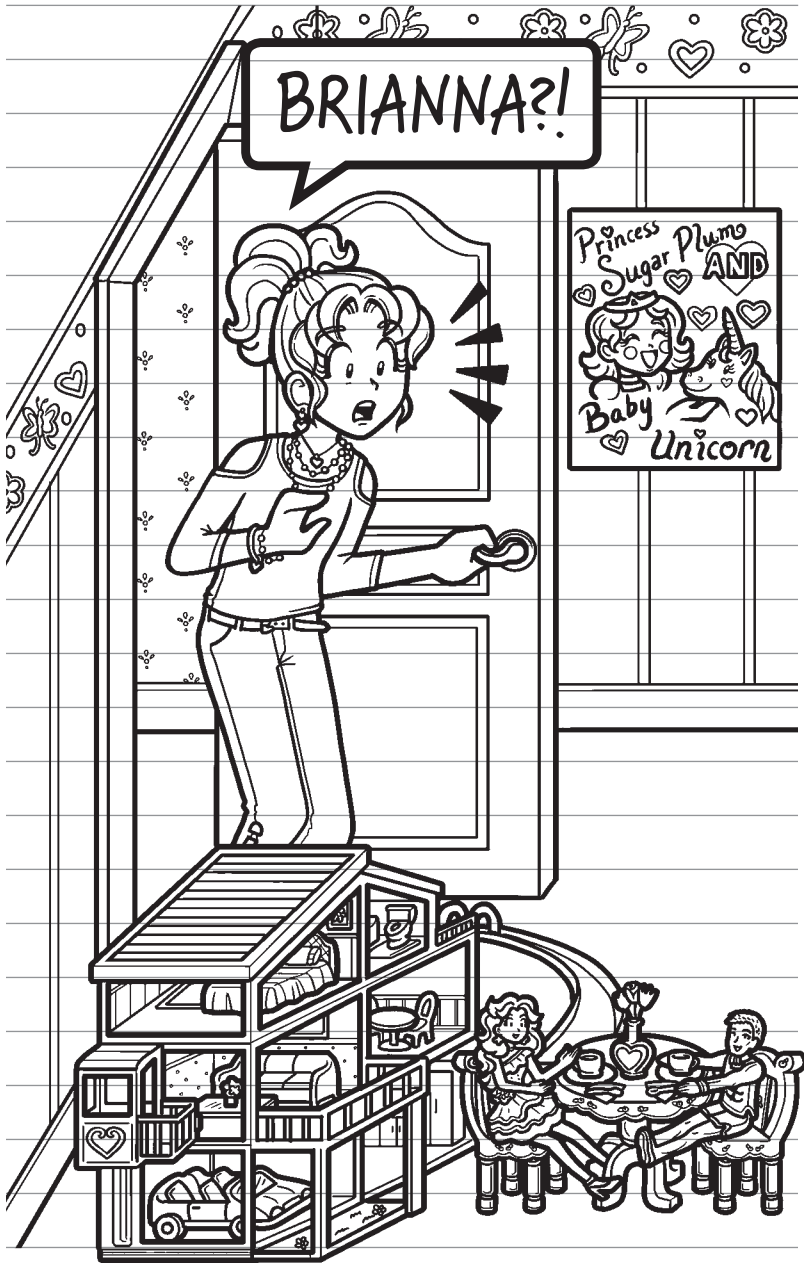
I'm going to have the MOST. EXCITING.
SUMMER. EVER!! SQUEEEEEEE 😊!!!

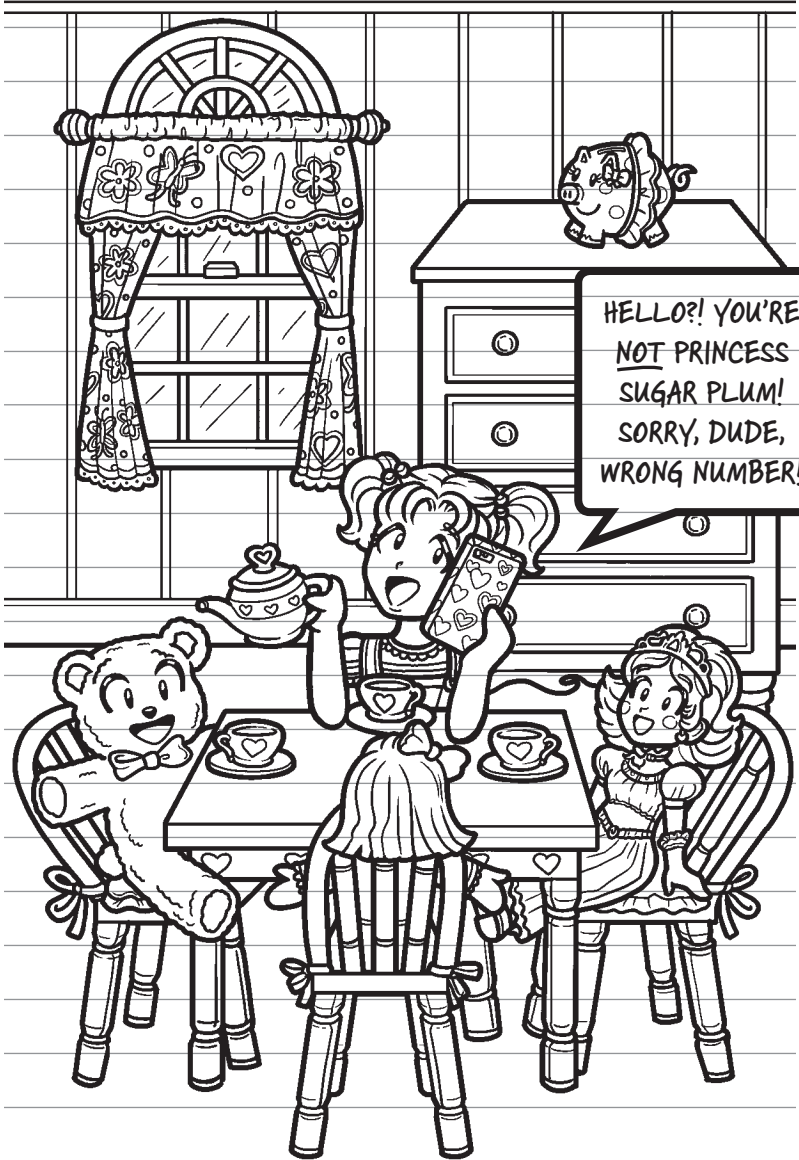
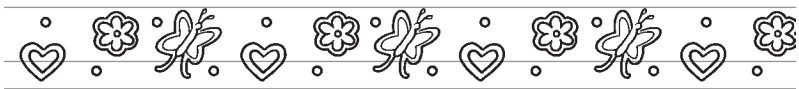
I was in my school's talent show last fall, and the judge was Trevor Chase, a music producer who works with all the biggest POP STARS! He's a graduate of my school, Westchester Country Day. And get this! He actually selected ME and my GROUP to be the opening act for the BAD BOYZ, a world-famous boy band!

We'll be joining them on their national tour for one month. It's a DREAM come true! Any minute now Trevor Chase will be calling ME to confirm our spot on the tour! SQUEEEEE 😊!!

So I have my cell phone right here next to me while I'm writing in my— Hey! What the . . . ?!!

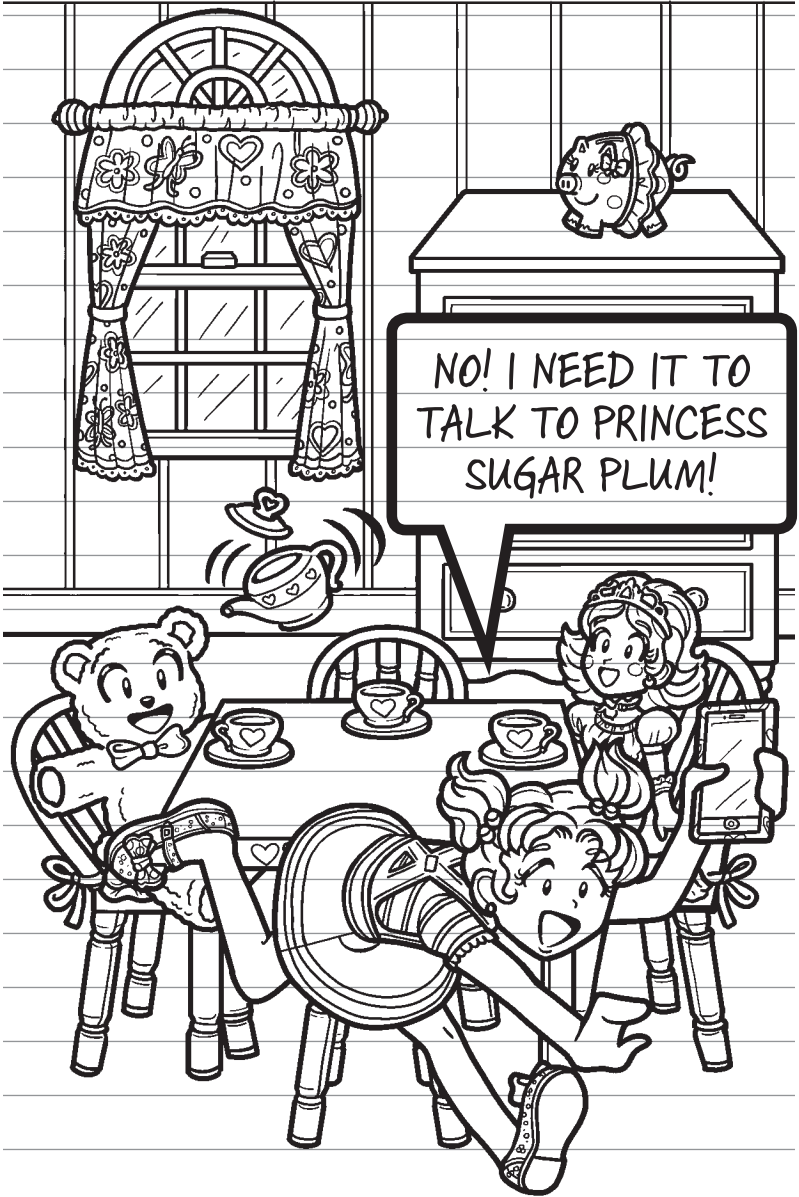
OMG! WHERE IS MY CELL PHONE?!
IT DISAPPEARED 😞!! THIS IS WHAT
HAPPENED NEXT!! . . .





OMG! PLEASE GIVE ME THE PHONE! THAT'S A SUPERIMPORTANT CALL!



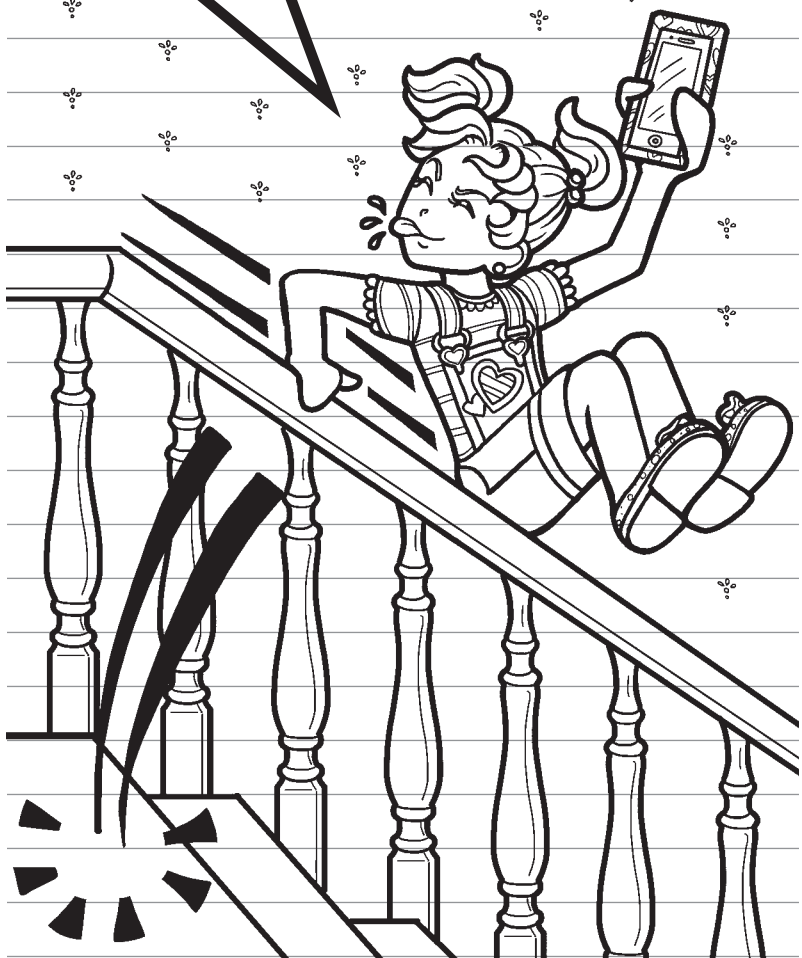








NOOOOO!!



Okay, this is **REALLY** bad!

I can't believe I actually missed Trevor's call. By the time I got the phone back from Brianna, he had hung up!

Trevor wants to set up a meeting with the members of my band and our parents to review the tour schedule and sign contracts! **ASAP!**

But thanks to my **BRATTY** sister, Brianna, he'll **NEVER** call back, because he probably thinks he has the **WRONG NUMBER!**

OMG! I just had the most **HORRIBLE** thought! . . .

WHAT IF TREVOR REPLACES US WITH ANOTHER BAND AS THE OPENING ACT ☹️?!!

This **COULD NOT** be happening to me! I was hoping it was just another really bad **NIGHTMARE** and any minute I would wake up in my bed and it would be over!

But then I realized I was totally overreacting.

I needed to remain COOL and CALM and handle this problem like a MATURE young adult!

I hurried back to my bedroom with my phone. Only this time I LOCKED the door so Brianna wouldn't attempt to SNEAK into my room and totally DESTROY my LIFE! AGAIN 😞!

Then I made a brilliant plan to fix everything, including a backup plan B and an emergency plan C.

STEP 1: Call Trevor Chase, explain that I just missed his call, and let him know how SUPERexcited my band is about the upcoming tour.

STEP 2: Pretend I don't know anything whatsoever about the CRAZY MANIAC who HUNG UP on him!

PROBLEM SOLVED 😊!!

I took a deep breath, gripped my phone, and nervously dialed his number. . . .

HELLO, THIS IS TREVOR CHASE. I'M NOT AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW AND AM OUT OF THE OFFICE ON VACATION. PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE, AND I'LL GET BACK TO YOU AS SOON AS I RETURN. THANKS!



NO PROBLEM 😊! Now it was time to implement my PLAN B! Just leave a detailed MESSAGE! . . .

BEEP-BEEP! I'M SORRY, BUT THIS VOICE MAIL BOX IS CURRENTLY FULL. PLEASE TRY AGAIN LATER. GOOD-BYE!



NO PROBLEM 😊! Now it was time to implement my EMERGENCY PLAN C! . . .

Have a TOTAL MELTDOWN and ASK that deep philosophical QUESTION young people have struggled to answer since the beginning of time! . . .

WHY IS MY LIFE
A BUCKET OF PUKE?!



JUST GREAT ☹!!

Who could possibly be thinking about a VACATION at a time like this?! Doesn't this man REALIZE that he needs to take care of important business matters before it's too late?! WHERE are his PRIORITIES?!

Unfortunately, unless I somehow get in touch with Trevor Chase really soon, it looks like my band and I WON'T be opening for the BAD BOYZ this summer!

Hey! Maybe it's NOT too late for me to change my mind and go on that PARIS trip I turned down for this band tour. If I'm 3,599 miles away on another continent, I WON'T have to break the very BAD news to my BFFs, Chloe and Zoey, that I've DESTROYED their DREAM of touring with the Bad Boyz!

And if THAT wasn't savage enough, I've RUINED their summer and TRAUMATIZED them for life!!

☹!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

I called Trevor Chase a dozen times today, but no luck. His voice mail is **STILL** full!

Part of me is hopeful that everything will work out, while another part of me is already assuming the worst. **WHY?**

Because my boring life can randomly spiral into a total **CATASTROPHE** in just minutes!

So I was a little anxious when my crush, Brandon, and I started hanging out more this summer.

Okay, I'll admit it. We really like each other. **A LOT** 😊!

But that doesn't stop me from stressing out about one day doing something **STUPID** and accidentally sabotaging our friendship!

Like, what if . . .



OOPS! BRANDON,
I AM SO SORRY!

NIKKI, THE BATH
IS FOR DAISY,
NOT ME!

I GAVE MY PUPPY (AND BRANDON) A BATH ☹!



WHOA! THIS IS
AWESOME!

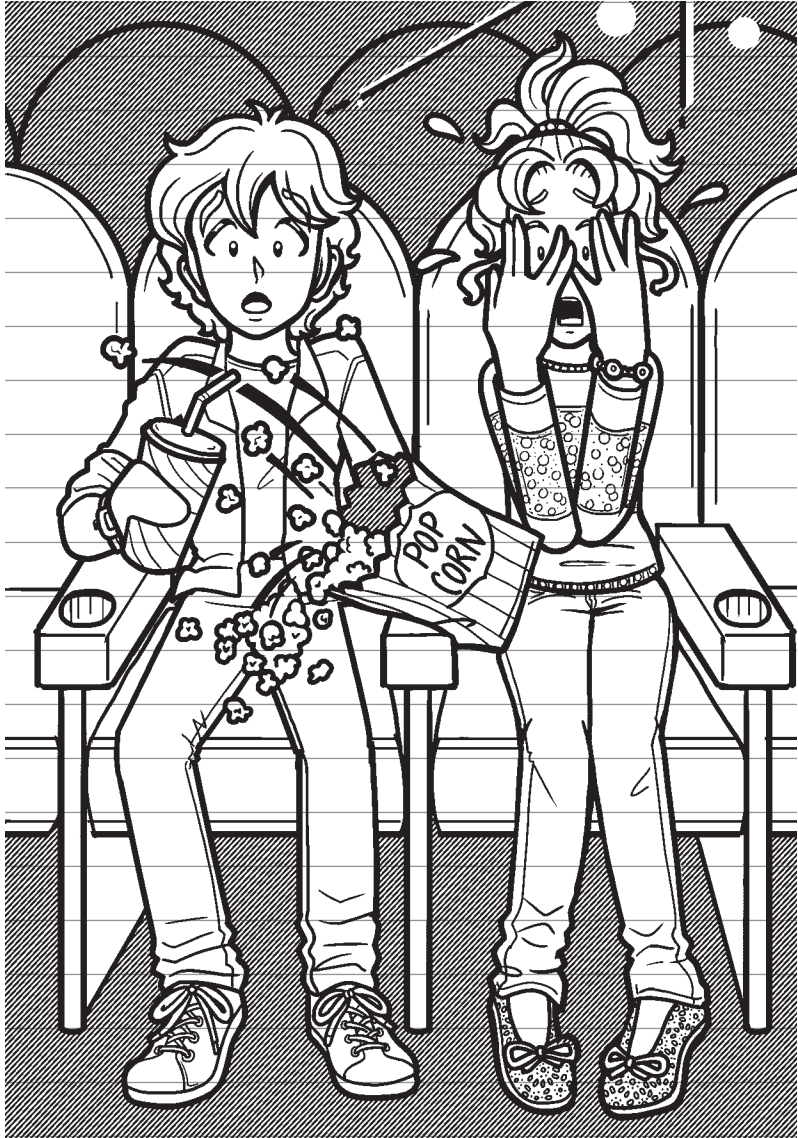
HELP! LET ME
OFF THIS THING!

KISS OF DEATH

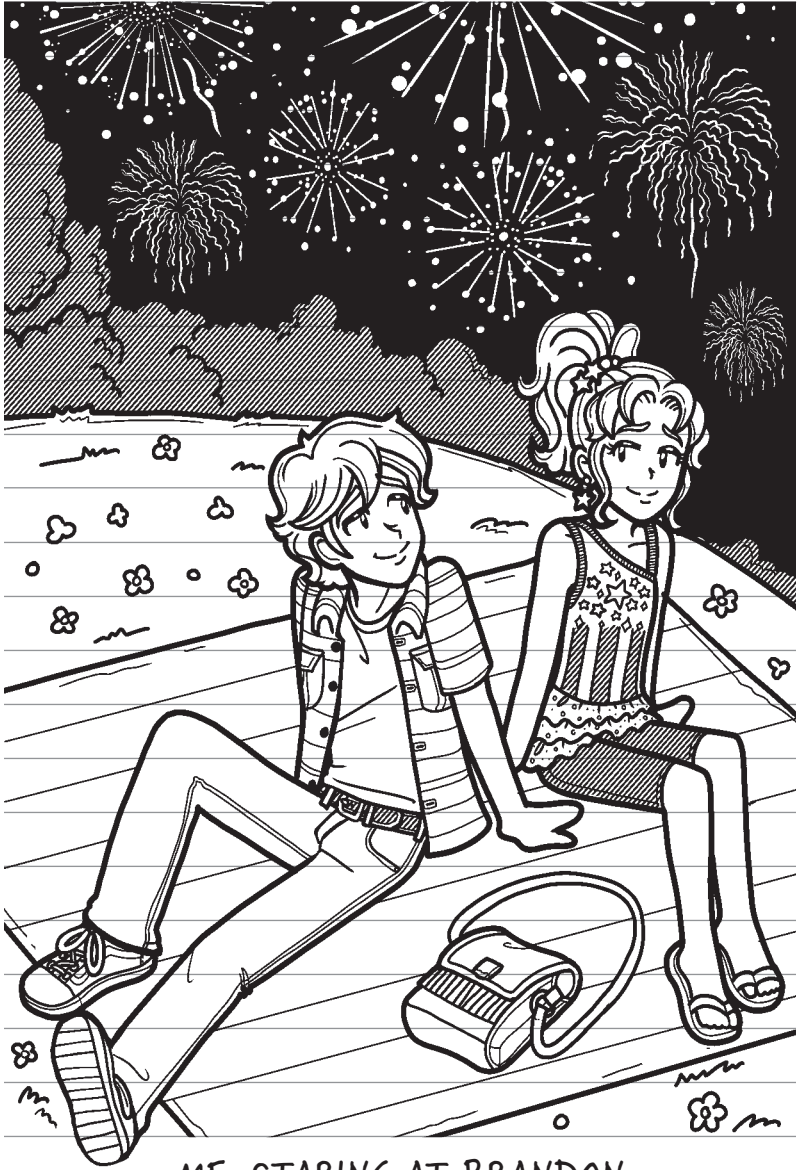
I TRIED TO PICK A ROMANTIC AMUSEMENT
PARK RIDE THAT WASN'T ☹!



MY CUTE IDEA TO SHARE A HUGE ICE-CREAM
SUNDAE TURNED INTO A HOT MESS 😬!



THE HALLOWEEN PARTY ON ELM STREET
MOVIE I PICKED WASN'T A FUN COMEDY ☹!



ME, STARING AT BRANDON
INSTEAD OF THE FIREWORKS

See what I mean?! I can take a perfectly normal situation and make it **EMBARRASSINGLY AWKWARD!**

Sure, I walk around with a big smile on my face like I'm in control and everything is just fine! But the world has no idea **WHATSOEVER** how lost, insecure, and confused I **REALLY** feel.

YES! I KNOW!

I need to just **CHILLAX** and stop **WHINING** about how **AWFUL** my life is (when in reality I'm actually very lucky)!

I wonder if there's an app for that?!

Like, Stop-the-Whine-'n'-Chill.

I would definitely download it to my cell phone and use it every day!



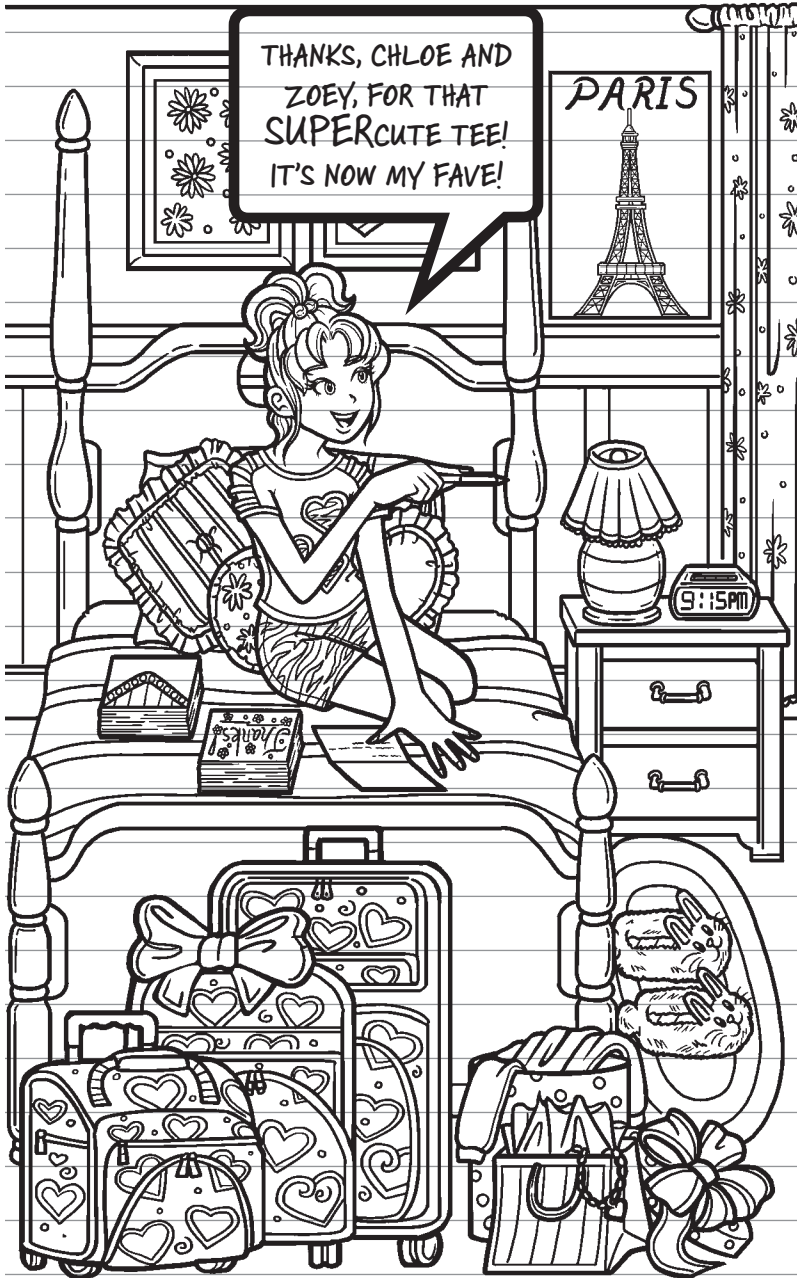
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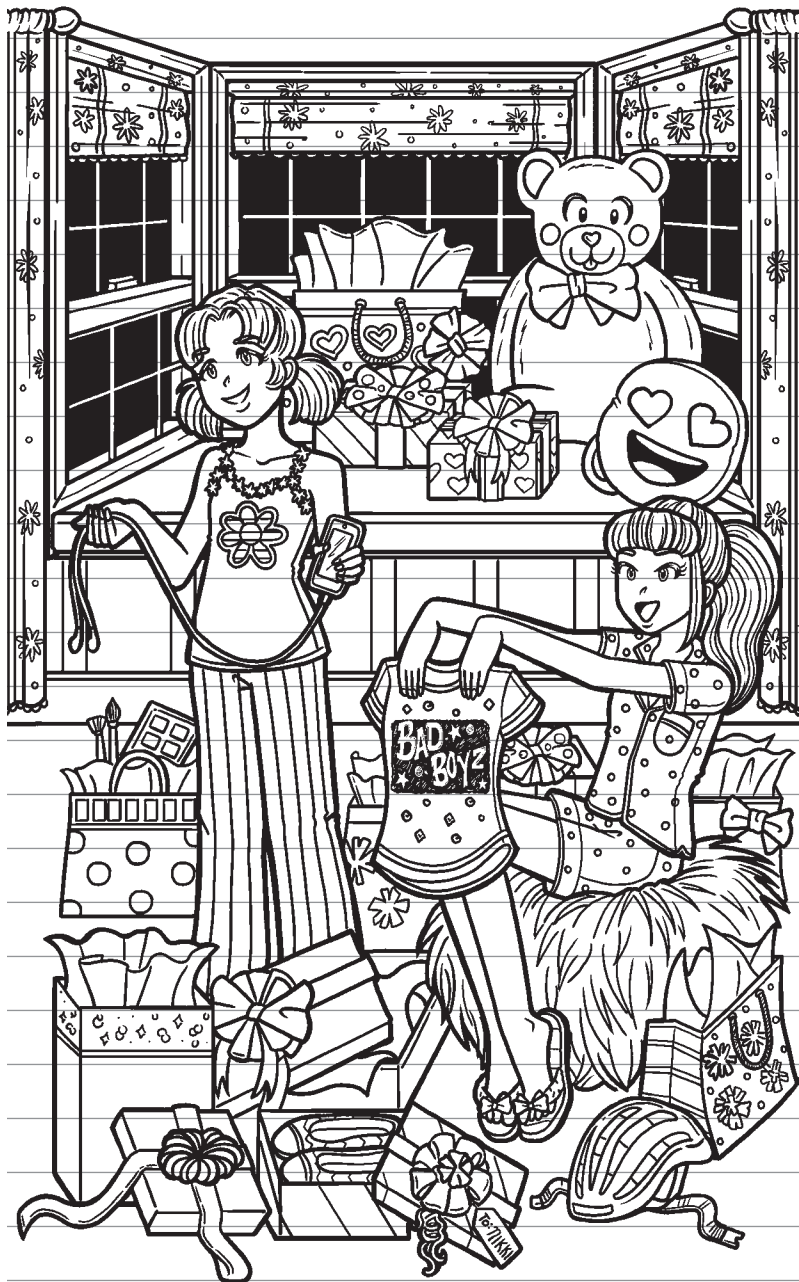
I can totally understand why a person might have a messy bedroom. But a FULL voice mail box for days on end is just . . . IRRESPONSIBLE and LAZY!

Unlike the massive amount of time and energy it takes to clean a bedroom, you can sort and delete phone messages while you're lying in bed listening to your FAVE tunes. Don't record executives have ASSISTANTS to take care of this sort of thing?

Anyway, my birthday was last Saturday, and I had a huge pool party! And today I FINALLY got to see the special birthday present from my grandma.

She actually redecorated my bedroom! SQUEEE 😊! The coolest part is a new bench and cushion for a window seat, where I can snuggle up to read a book and write in my diary! Chloe and Zoey were DYING to see my ROOM and all my birthday presents! So I had the brilliant idea to invite them to sleep over (and help me write my thank-you notes)! . . .





"Don't you just LOVE it, Nikki?! Now all three of us have matching Bad Boyz tees!" Chloe said, admiring my pink glittery shirt. "We can wear them on tour!"

"OMG! Have you heard their newest song?! Listen!" Zoey raved as she blasted "I Love You! (Almost as Much as My Skateboard)" on her cell phone.

Since we were on the subject of the Bad Boyz, this was the PERFECT opportunity for me to do the honest and mature thing and casually mention the slight possibility that, you know . . .

THE TOUR THING IS SO NOT HAPPENING ☹!

But I guess I wasn't feeling very honest or mature right then. It didn't help that Chloe and Zoey were SUPERexcited about the tour and would not SHUT UP about it. And I swear that stupid song was giving me a major migraine.

"I STILL can't believe WE'LL be opening for the Bad Boyz on part of their national tour!" Chloe gushed as she opened her overnight bag. "Take a look

at these! I've been collecting dozens of magazine articles about them!" . . .



CHLOE, SHOWING US HER STASH OF
MAGAZINES ABOUT THE BAD BOYZ

"NIKKI! ZOEY! I just got a FANTASTIC idea!"
Chloe suddenly squealed. "We should read ALL these magazine articles about the band. Then, when we finally meet them, we'll already know practically everything about them!"

"Chloe, I LOVE your idea!" Zoey shrieked. "Let's make a Bad Boyz tour SCRAPBOOK! Then we can add our OWN photos and cool stuff from the tour!"

"We'll CHERISH it for the rest of our lives!" Chloe sniffed and blinked back tears as she clutched the magazines to her chest. "And maybe one day we'll share it with our . . . future CHILDREN!"

JUST GREAT!

Now I felt even more AWFUL ☹!

Because I'd missed one STUPID phone call, now we WEREN'T going to get to meet the Bad Boyz or share the experience with our future children.

Sorry! But I couldn't bring myself to tell Chloe and Zoey the TRUTH and BREAK their hearts like that!

Instead, I did something kind. I made a yummy SNACK of hot buttered popcorn! Then we all flopped across my bed and started thumbing through the magazine articles. . . .



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