

**Chet** Where is everybody?

**Adi** I don't know.  
And why have they all gone off and left the front door open?

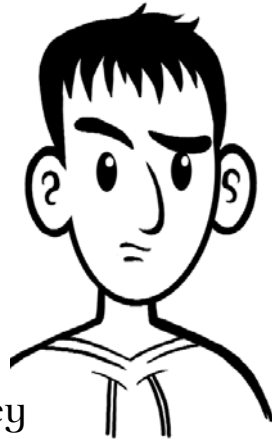
**Chet** This is just soooo weird.  
It's like the Mary Celeste.

**Adi** Who's she?

**Chet** The Mary Celeste isn't a girl.  
It was a ghost ship. It was found floating out on the sea, but all its crew had vanished!

**Adi** Really?

**Chet** Oh yes. There was no sign of them at all. But they'd left their dinner on the table – and it was still hot.



**Adi** Spooky!

**Chet** Too right.

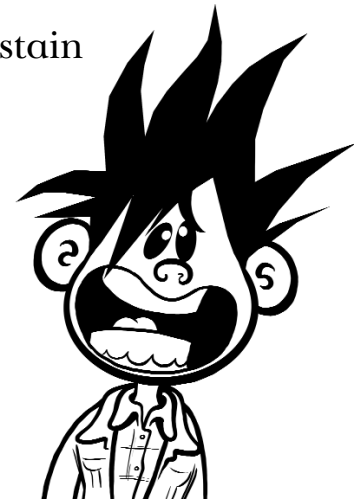
**Adi** But I bet we don't find a hot meal on the table here.

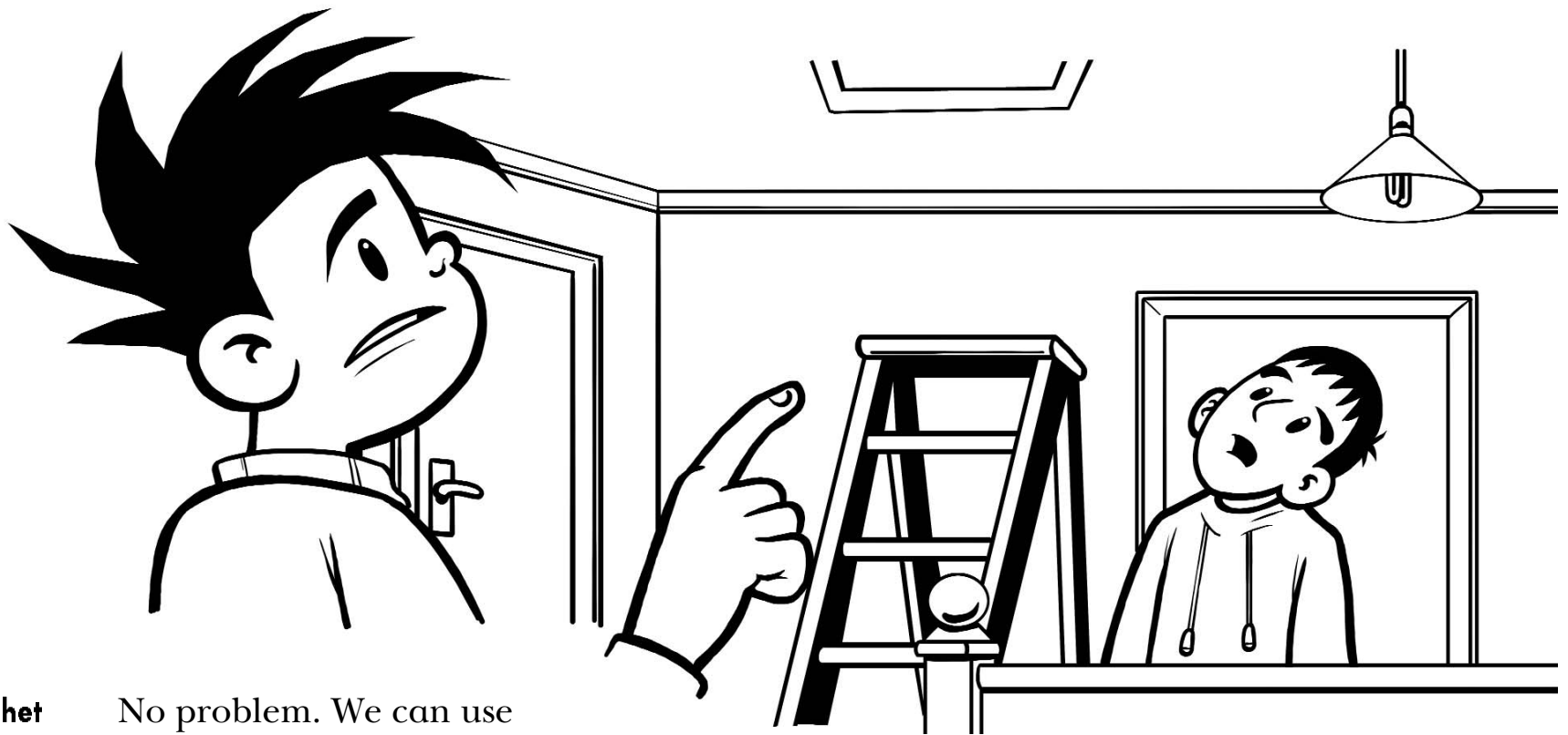
**Chet** Why not?

**Adi** 'Cos Gummy would have gulped down his grub before any ghosts got him.

**Chet** You're right. He's not called 'Gummy the Greedy Guzzler' for nothing.

**Adi** Yikes – look!  
There's a bloodstain on the sofa.





**Chet** No problem. We can use this ladder to climb up to the hatch.

**Adi** Fine – but you have to go first.

**Chet** Why's that?

**Adi** Duh! It's got to be you first because the vampire's going to keel over as soon as he gets a whiff of your stinky breath!

**Chet** But what if the vampire bites me before I can breathe on him?

**Adi** That's okay. While the vampire's busy with you, I'll nip off back down the ladder and fetch help.

**Chet** Oh, you're such a top mate, Adi.