



Hands Off

Stop Child Abuse



LEO LION PROTECTS CHILDREN

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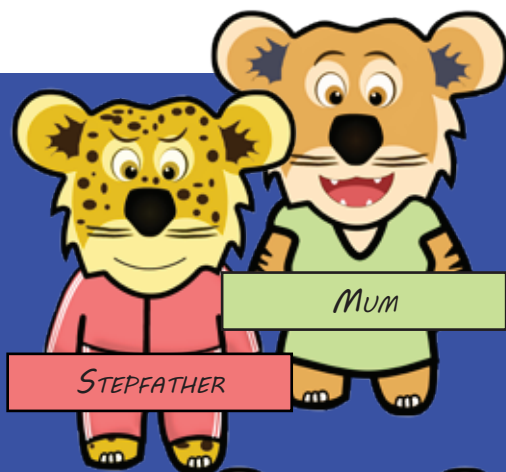
TRIGGER WARNING!

This book explicitly deals with different forms of child abuse that could trigger affected people. If you notice any signs of this while reading, do not be afraid to seek help. Contact points can be found in the appendix of the booklet.



LEO LION is the main character of our guidebook. Little Leo has to go through many terrifying situations in which he learns to seek help.

*Leo's parents are separated. He lives together with his evil **STEPPATHER** and his **MOTHER**, who also neglects him and closes her eyes to her evil partner.*



*Temporarily, Leo is forced to live with his **UNCLE**. The latter takes photos of Leo and touches him in places on his body, although he does not want this, and cuddles with him against his will.*




*Leo's **FATHER** tries his best to bring the little boy to him where he is safe. But it is only through Leo's courageous cry for help that he is finally able to help him.*

PREFACE

This book for children from the age of 3 years is intended to be used in combination with the accompanying booklet for adults. The booklet contains further information on how to use the book as well as texts to read aloud to make it easier for the children to understand.



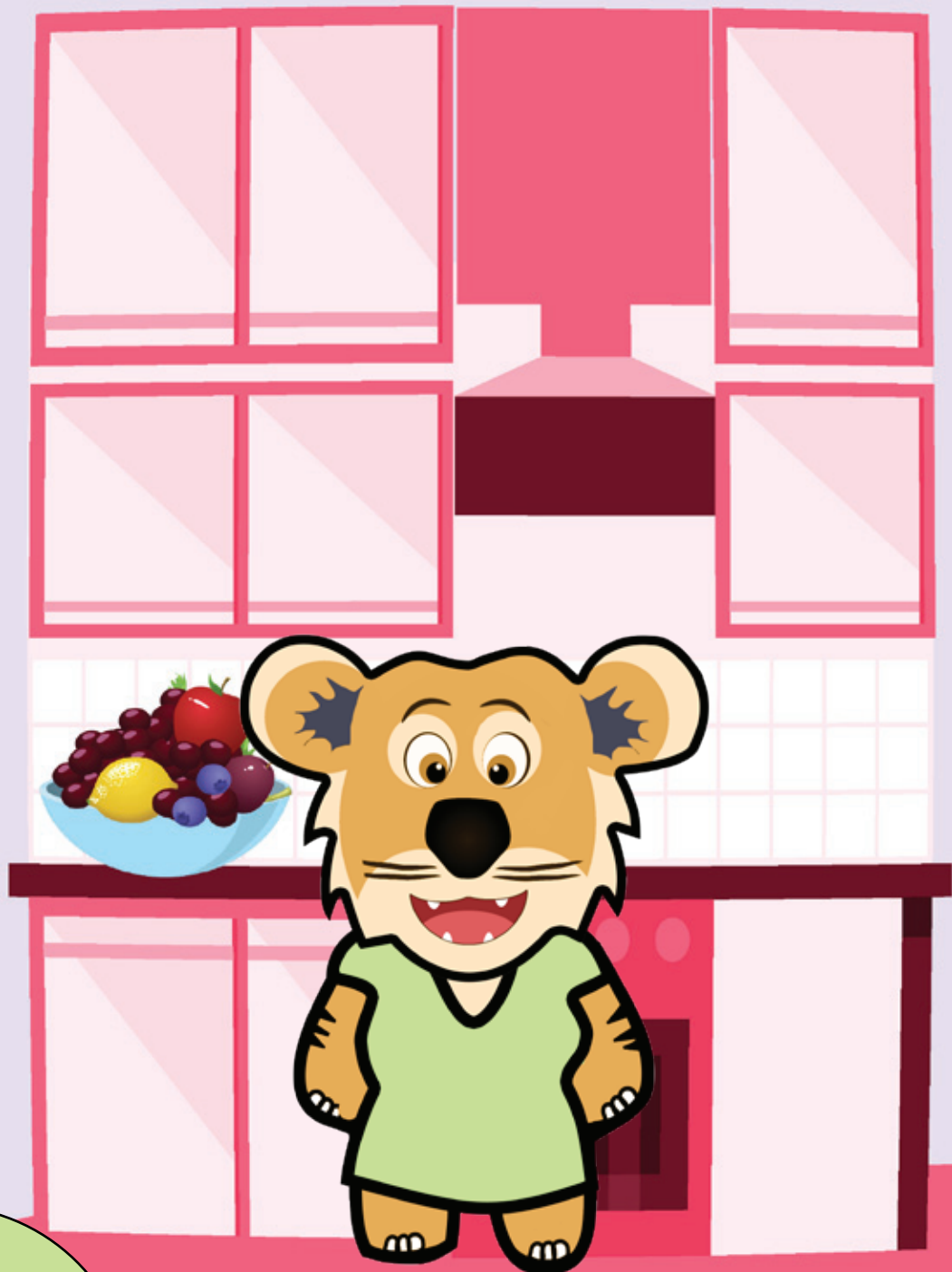




*Hello! I'm Leo
Lion. What's
your name?*

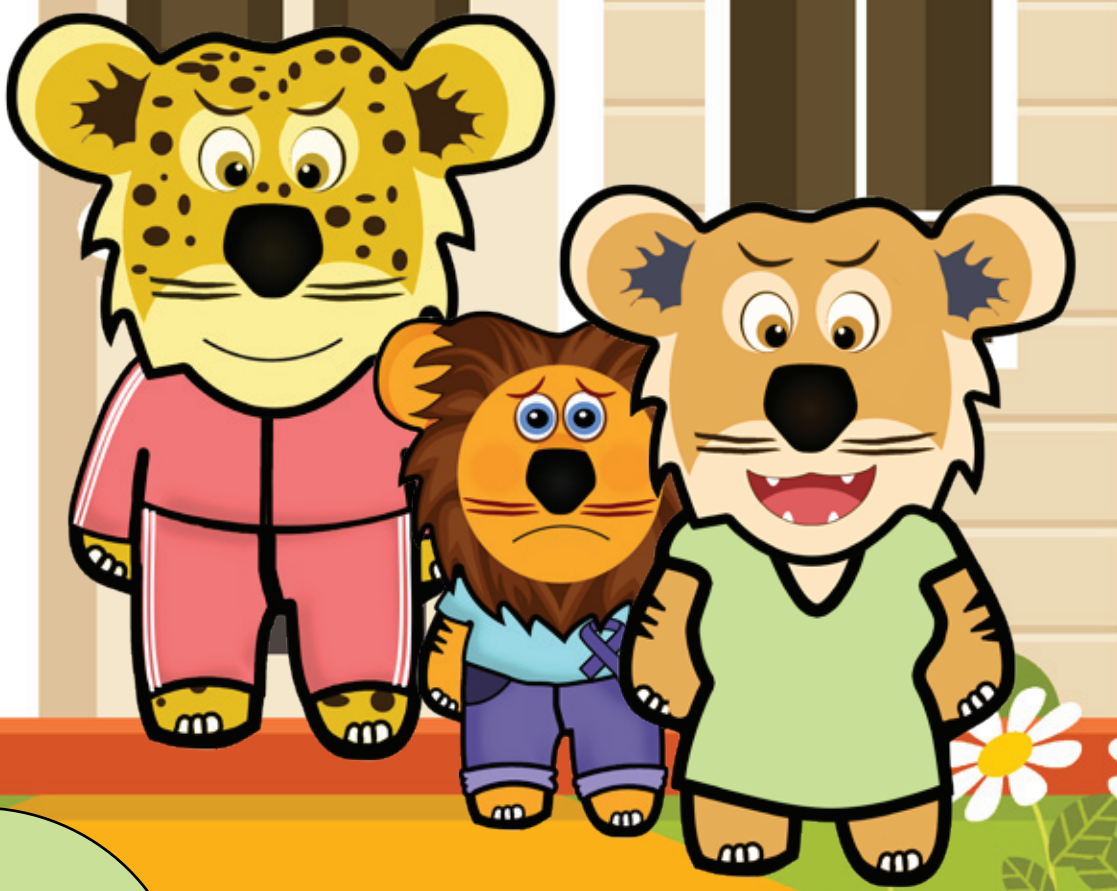
This book belongs to

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First part:

Leo's mother

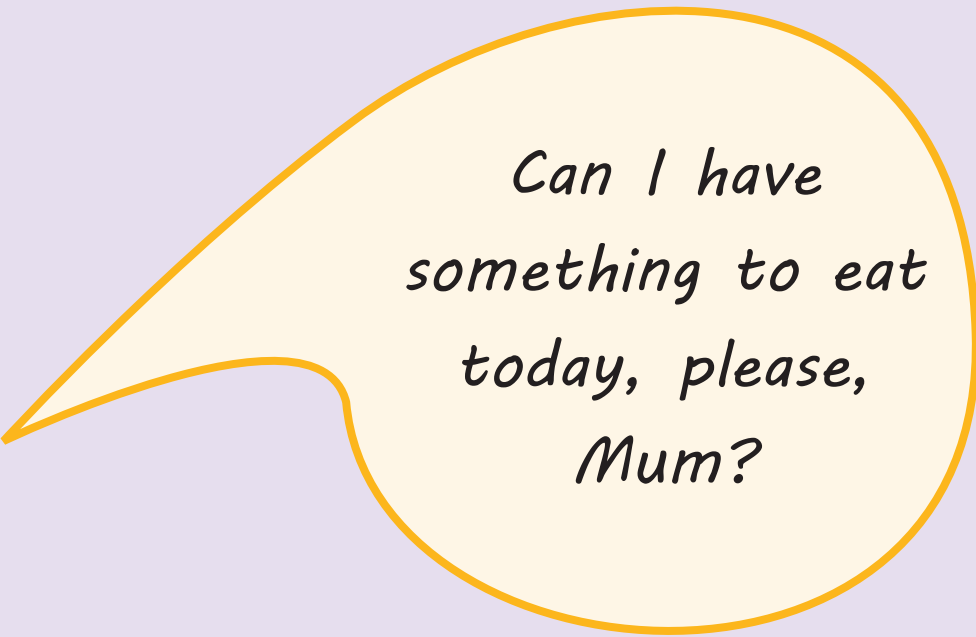


Can Leo stay with me?


*No! Leo stays
with me!*



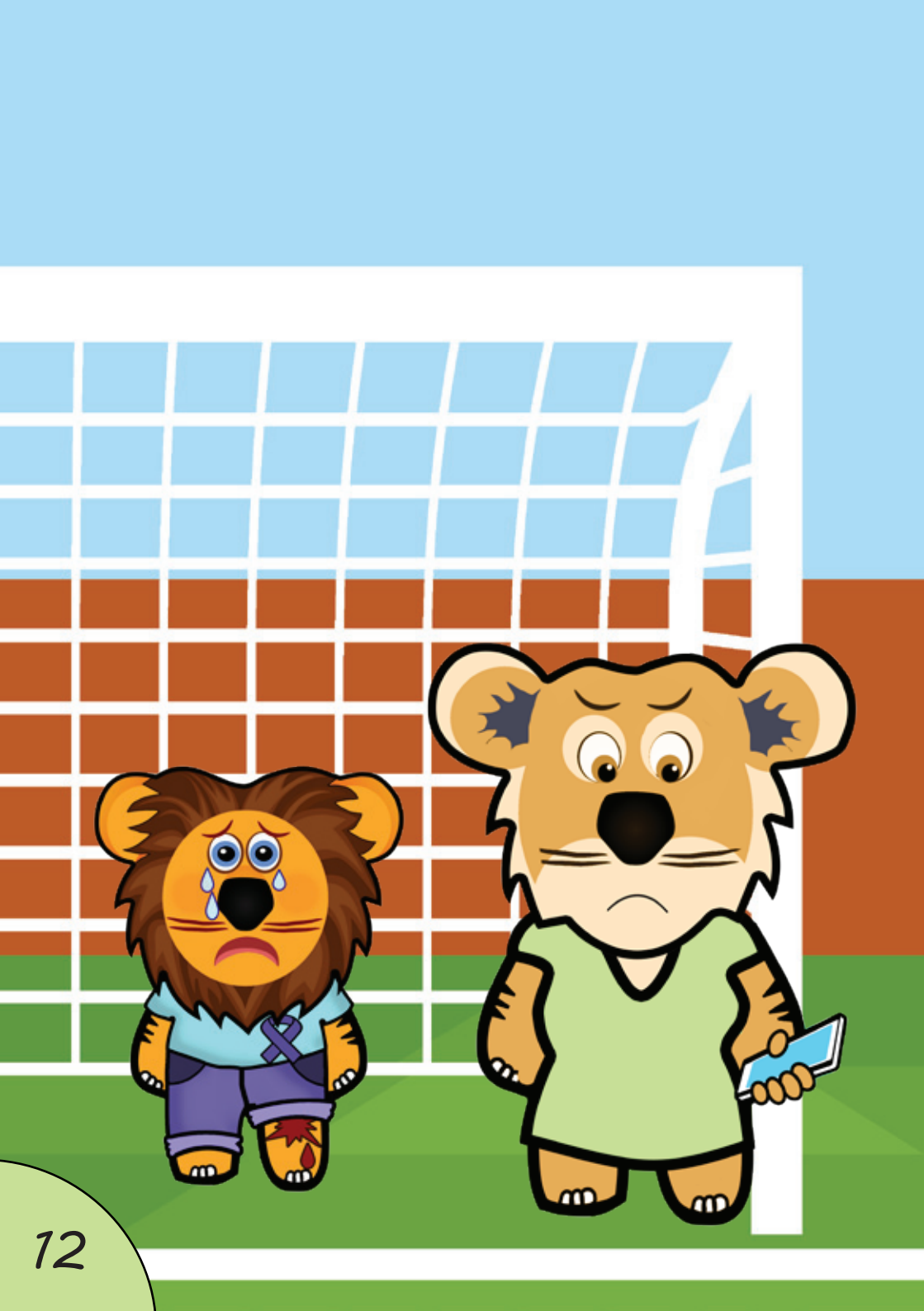



A yellow speech bubble with a black outline, pointing towards the top left.

*Can I have
something to eat
today, please,
Mum?*


A green speech bubble with a black outline, pointing towards the bottom left.

*No! I didn't
have time to
go shopping!*





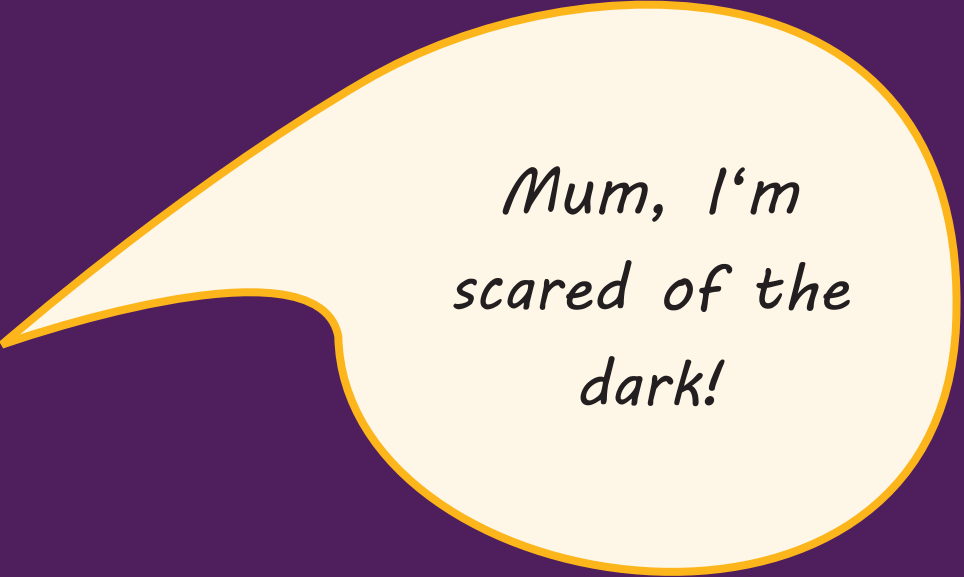
*Mum, ouch!
My knee is
bleeding!*



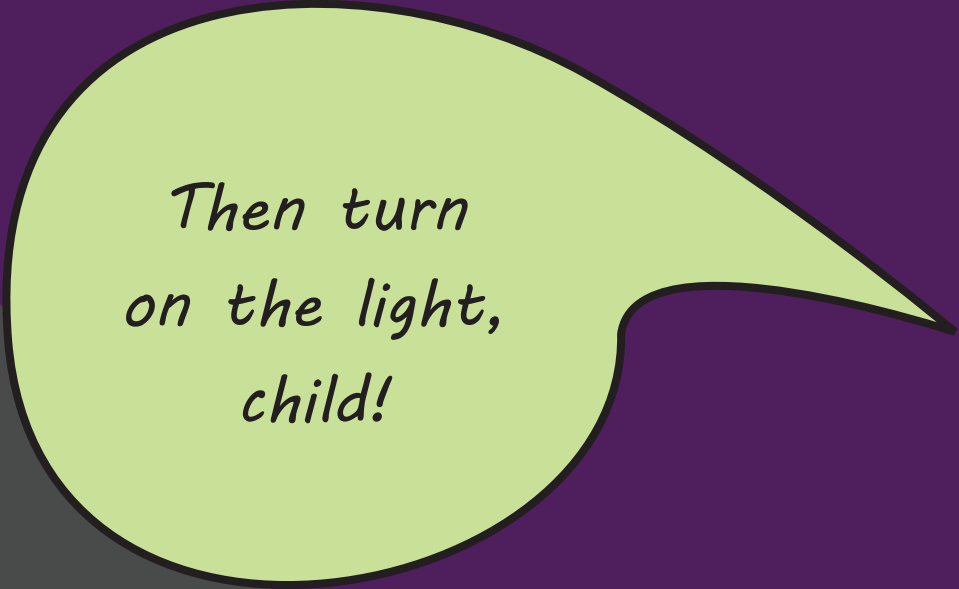
*I'm afraid I don't
have time, child!
I have to answer
messages!*








*Mum, I'm
scared of the
dark!*



*Then turn
on the light,
child!*



A stylized illustration of a child's room. On the left, a bed with a brown frame and a green blanket is partially visible. In the bottom right corner, a yellow and green toy train with red wheels sits on a black track. A large, white, oval-shaped thought bubble with a yellow border dominates the center of the page. To the left of the bubble, three smaller white circles of increasing size are connected by a yellow line, suggesting a thought process. The background is a solid light orange color.

I am always alone

...

I feel lonely

...

It makes me sad


...



Second part:

Leo's stepfather






*Ouch! Ouch!
That hurts
me!*

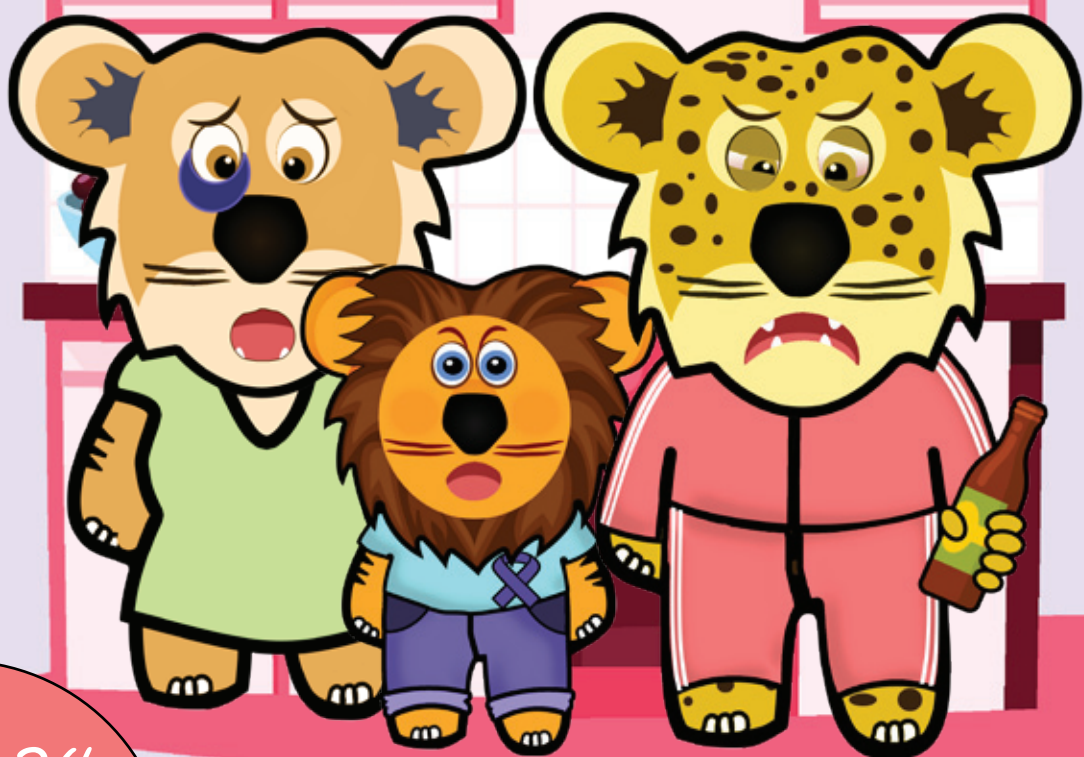
*Go to your
room! I want my
peace!*






*Why are you
hitting me?
I'm in my
room!*

*Shut up!
You're such
a pain!*






*Please
leave mum
alone!*




*Do not disturb!
To your room!*



*No! I'll
protect
Mum!*





*Help, Mum!
Can we please
go back to
Dad?*


*No, child, I'll stay.
But you'd better
go to your uncle
first.*



Third part:

Leo's uncle







*I'm sure you'll
feel better with
your uncle!*

*Please, Mum!
I don't want
to go there!*





*Get undressed,
Leo! I want to
take photos!*




*No! I don't
want this!*




*Why don't
you take your
clothes off too!
We play the
tickling game!*

*No!
Leave me
alone!*

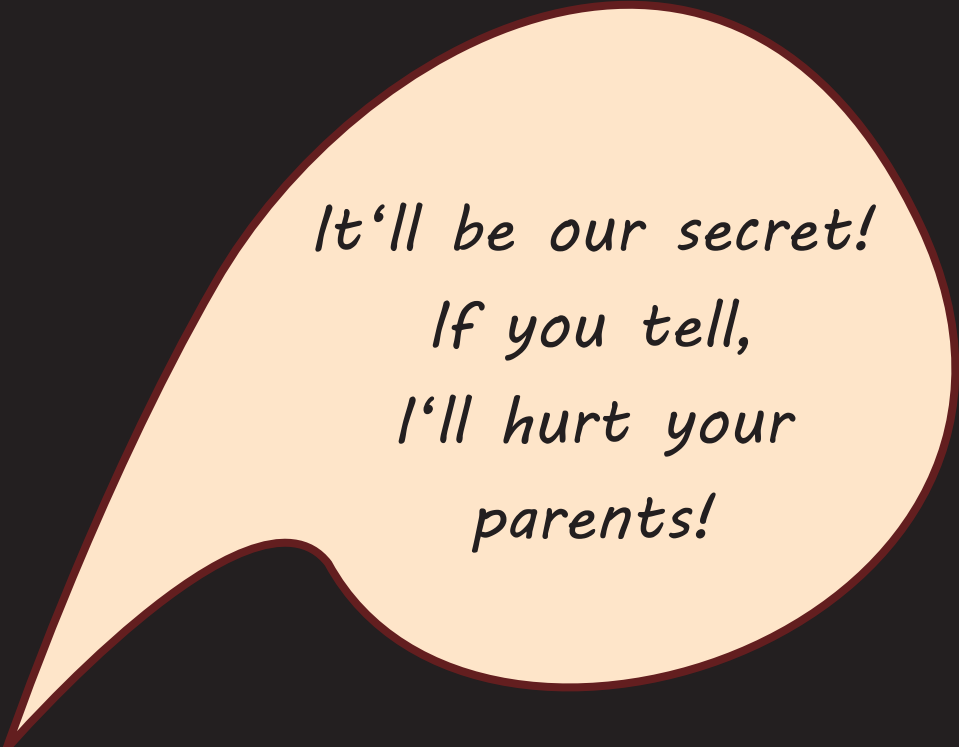




*Let's cuddle
a little
longer!*



*Leave me alone!
This is hurting
me! I don't
want this!!!*



*It'll be our secret!
If you tell,
I'll hurt your
parents!*

*Help, Dad!
Uncle is
hurting me!*



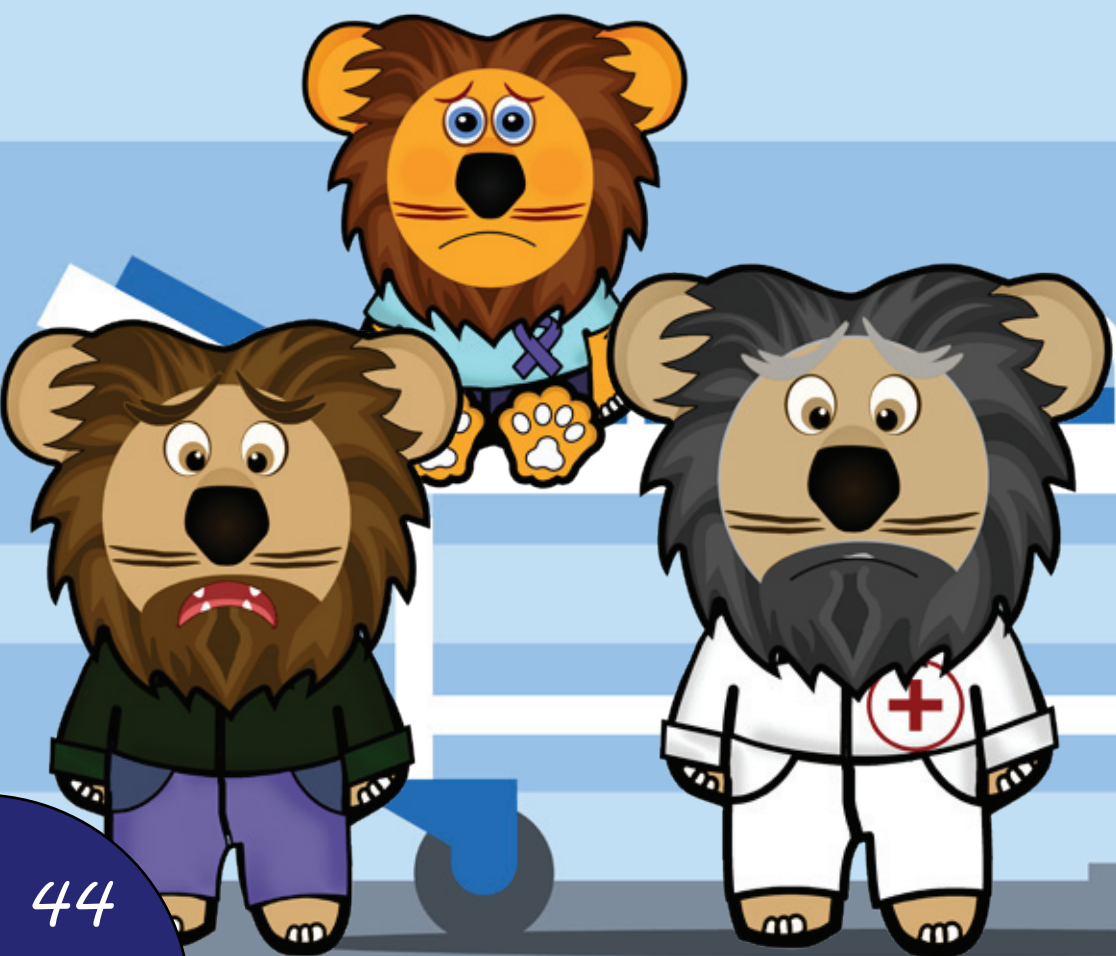
*Don't worry, Leo!
I'm taking you with
me now!*






Fourth part:

Help






*The doctor will
examine you
now, Leo. Don't
be afraid.*

*Poor Leo.
Please tell me
what happened.*






*It's about mum,
stepdad and my
uncle....*

*You're doing
great, Leo!
The police will
help!*






*Because you
were so brave,
you come to
your daddy!*


*I am so
happy!*

*I missed you,
Leo!*






*With Dad at
last! I feel
better now!*



*I'll take care
of you from
now on, my
darling!*





*We are so proud of
you! You said no,
you sought help and
you told everything!
You are a true
superhero!*

*Yay!
I am a
superhero!*



*The bad guys are not
allowed to see Leo
anymore. Leo is safe.*

And Leo's parents talked things through. They are not back together, but they both try to be the best parents for Leo.





Leo to colour in:



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... from abuse. This children's book was specially developed to make children aware of different forms of abuse. The booklet for adults provides information and support to use this book in a responsible way.

For children from the age of 3



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