

# 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!



INSIDE!

EXCLUSIVE COMIC! INFO! TIPS!

NIGEL  
PARKINSON

# 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!

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

SO... WHAT'S UP, DOC?

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.

LATER! THANKS, DOC!

THANK YOU, DOCTOR FAROOQ!

**\*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 FAROOQ! 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.



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



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



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



ARE WE THERE YET?



IN THE MORNING...



AT THE CHILDREN'S WARD...



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



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.



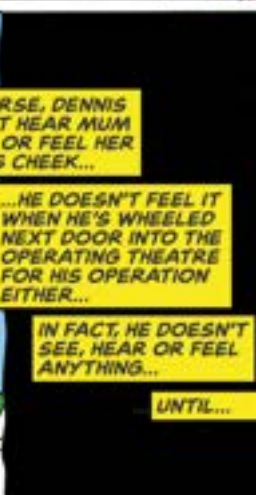
OR, WE CAN USE A FACE MASK FILLED WITH A SPECIAL GAS. EITHER WAY, I'LL BE THERE TO MAKE YOU SLEEPY AND THEN MAKE SURE YOU ARE SAFE AND FAST ASLEEP EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.



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



**IN THE ANAESTHETIC ROOM...**



# 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 maffs!
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!





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

A cartoon character with spiky black hair, a wide smile, and a red and black striped shirt is pointing towards a word search grid. The grid contains the following letters:

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|---|---|
| A | K |
| E | J |
| S | B |
| T | I |
| H | V |
| E | R |
| T | Y |
| I | J |
| C | H |
| M | A |





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