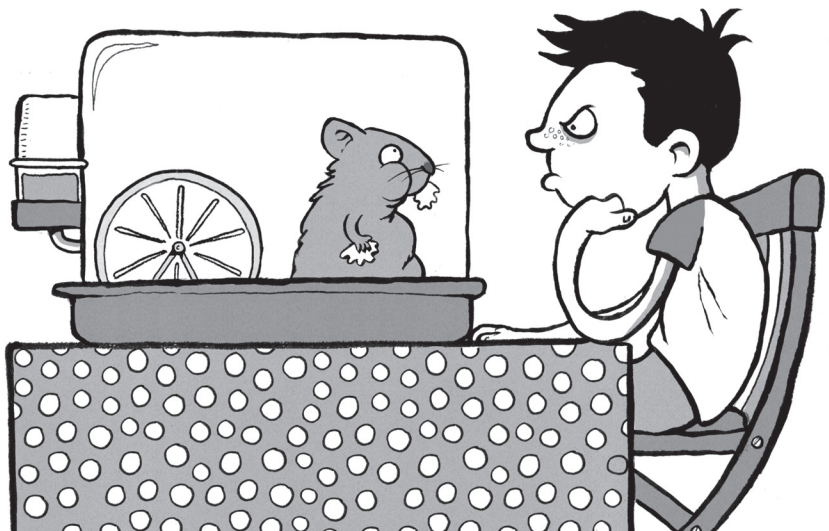


Billy reached into the cage and lowered Hercules onto his exercise wheel. Hercules sat there with a piece of lettuce sticking out of his mouth.

“Come on,” said Billy. “Move.”

Hercules stared at Billy, and slowly started chewing.

“You are a hairy, fat, useless slob,” said Billy in disgust.





Hercules seemed to smile. Billy sighed and switched on the TV.

“Has your get-up-and-go got up and left?” said a voice on the TV. There was an image of an old lady snoozing in a chair. “Has all your vim vamoosed?” continued the voice-over man. “Then you need Booster Bites — the power snack that puts the power back!”