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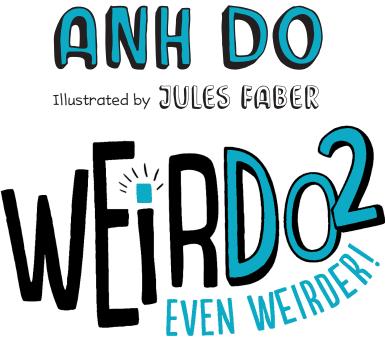


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CHAPTER 1

was out shopping for a **birthday present**, for the seventh-best-looking girl in the class. So why did I have five years' worth of **toilet paper** in the cart?

Because





If something's on sale at the store, Mom will buy **lots** of it.

And guess what was on sale today?

That's right,





There we all were . . . looking like

the family that has the

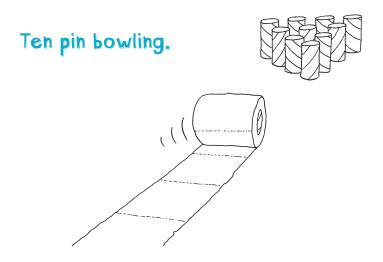


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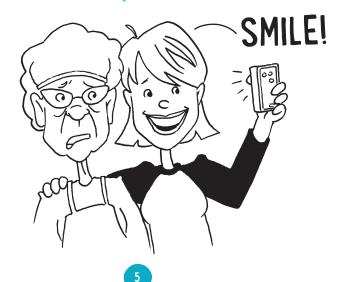


The fact is, we don't just use toilet paper in the bathroom. We use it for other **stuff** around the house . . .



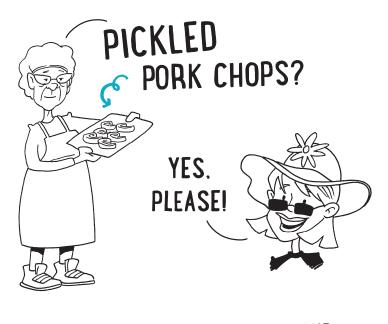


Did I tell you my mom was **thrifty**? She's one of those people who gets a little too excited about the lady in the corner of the shop giving out the **free sausage samples**.



Mom will make us **all line up** for a taste, no matter what the sample is.

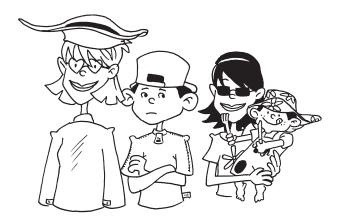








You're only allowed **one** sausage per person, but Mom makes us walk away and then come back looking slightly different, just to get **more food**.



And if the sausages are **REALLY** tasty, she'll make us come back one extra time.





Roger's **the worst** at shopping. Somehow **strange stuff** always ends up in the cart when he's around.









