

Let's Talk



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Chapter One

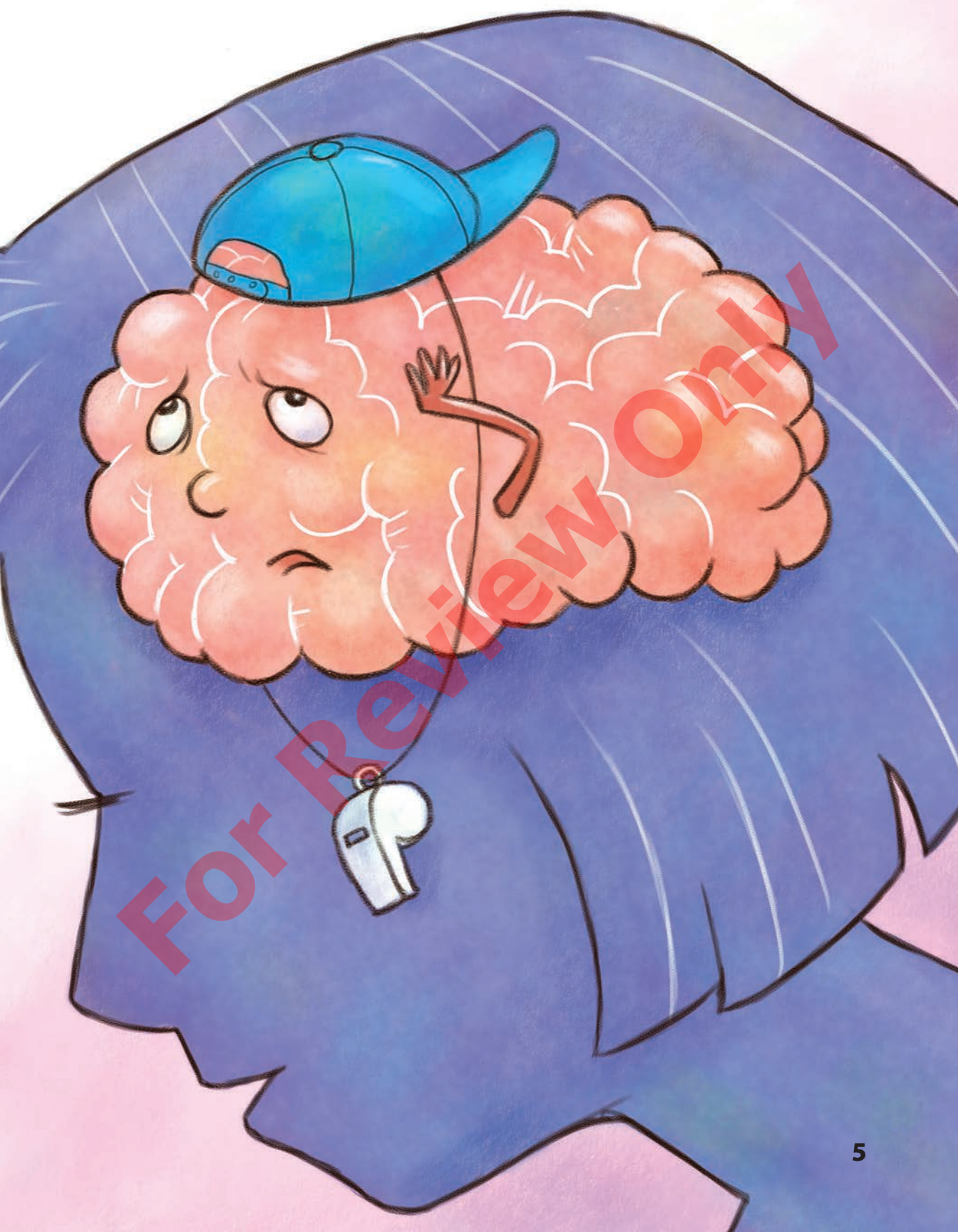


The Brains of the Outfit

It had been a very long day, and Coach B was tired—bone-tired. She had been up since...well, forever. Brainiacs like Coach B never really slept. That was the job, and she didn't mind it in the least. Staying active is what brains do. But she *did* mind the chaos.

She was used to everyone listening to her directions and just *doing* them. She expected no arguments and no fuss. It had always been that way. But today? The whole system had gone haywire! The left hand didn't know what the right hand was doing—literally.





Coach B was still shaking her head over the hullabaloo of this day. It was a tangled mess, and she had no idea what to do. So, she did the one thing she was used to doing: she rallied the troops.

“Listen up!” Coach started to shout. “It’s about time you all worked something out. This kind of chaos is no good for me. Come on and work together!” said she.

Coach B looked at the team, expecting a quick reply and a “sorry” or two. She was sure that everyone would step in line and get back to business. But nothing, *nada*, crickets. Her plea was met with silence. Everyone had a mind of their own, it seemed.

Suddenly, the silence was broken with a loud, stomping echo coming from below. Looking down, Coach B caught a glimpse of a wiggle, a kick, and another stomp. Then, she heard a loud, “Hey!”

What in the world was going on?



Chapter Two



Not Standing for It

Coach B cleared her throat and asked, “Well, do you have something to say?”

“You bet I do,” came the emphatic answer. Then, the angry voice continued.

“Who do you think you are to push us about? I don’t have to stand here while you shout. I won’t play along or get my toes in a bunch!” the left foot jeered with a kick and a punch.

Coach B was shocked and dismayed. No one on the team had ever talked to her this way!



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What happens when all the parts of the body stop cooperating? Well, Coach B is finding out. She's the brains of the outfit! But Coach finds herself stumbling along until she remembers what it really means to be a team.

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