



If you read our last adventure, you may recall the final terrifying scene where Tippy Tinkletrousers ended up cowering beneath the gigantic foot of Zombie Nerd Harold. You were probably horrified when the super-sized shoe slammed down to the ground, leaving behind a squishy, red stain. You may even have commented on the surprising inappropriateness of such a murderous and bloody scene appearing in a children's book. It's fun to feel offended, isn't it?

Unfortunately, I'm sorry to have to tell you that there was no murder at the end of the last book. There wasn't even any blood. What happened at the end of our last story is something called *misdirection*. It's what happens when you are led to believe that something is true, but in reality it's not true at all. Misdirection happens a lot in real life—especially in politics, history, education, medicine, marketing, science, religion, and on the Oprah Winfrey Show.