

# TOITOI

STORY SEARCH

Write a story or poem inspired by 12-year-old Amy Bright's incredible artwork on the cover of Toitoi 12.

Send it to [editor@toitoi.nz](mailto:editor@toitoi.nz) and include your name, age, school and a parent/teacher's name and contact details. Include Toitoi Story Search in the subject line.

**Submissions are due on September 28, 2018.**

We will publish the best story in Toitoi 14 with additional illustrations by Amy.





## The Three Dangers

Jason was a very complicated child. Every day he would wake up, yell, pour water on his cat and trash the house. His poor parents didn't know what to do. He ordered them around and commanded them to obey him. Jason even got away with not eating his greens! The boy was in total control.

Jason lived in a small village near the sea beside a huge cliff. At school, he was told off every single hour of every single day. At lunchtime, Jason threatened to throw people off the cliff and take their lunch money. He was one greedy boy.

Let's skip to the interesting part. One particularly gloomy day, Jason had nothing to do. An idea jumped into his head like a cat springing after a bird.

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It was a crazy idea. A cunning, nasty, devious idea. He would cause a series of dangerous happenings. People would run and scream. Finally, Jason would be the King of Terror.

This was his plan.

### Danger 1: Dust Storm

He will gather dirt and dust, put it in a big fan and turn it on. He will put the fan on the cliff and reload it. The dirt will spray and the dust will fly. It will land on the people below, causing a nice reaction of screams and yelps. He will throw buckets of dust and laugh loudly so everyone in the village will recognise him. Hee! Hee! Mud in the eyes!



### Danger 2: Cat Attack

The scratchiest, most painful plan! Jason will steal the most aggressive cats in the neighbourhood and put them at the bottom of the cliff. Then he will throw balls at the crowd on the beach. The cats will run after the balls and, in the process, attack the townspeople with their uncut claws. Hopefully, the people will cry, shriek and spurt with rage so that Jason can laugh. Ha! Ha! Deadly fuzz balls!

### Danger 3: Jason himself

With the deadly cats following behind — Jason will carry cat treats behind his back — he will throw a bucket full of dust and rocks. By deliberately missing, he will create panic and pandemonium. He will charge at the crowd, splitting up groups of friends and breaking up families to instil more terror.

Now, to put this plan into action!

Jason chucks buckets of dust into the fan. Everybody screams. It is working! It's even better than he thought! The dust particles join together creating a dust storm. The local kids run and yell and cry. The perfect result.

The cats are vicious. More vicious than he thought. They attack Jason first before launching themselves at the last few people on the beach. More screaming. Hurrah! Success! The police appear. Uh-oh.

Jason finds his way to the bottom of the cliff. He sprints and yells and screams but the people are long gone, hiding in the far-away meadow, worried that he will return. The cats get bored and disappear one by one. But there are a few people left. The police!

"You're coming with us, mister!" one of them says to him. Is Jason about to pay the price?

As he gets into the police car, he is already wondering what his next plan will be...

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